

**First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 26, 2020**

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

- Metdy S will be celebrating her 86th birthday on December 11.
- Lamar V will be celebrating his 87th birthday on December 12.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to TRIBE and church family for the care card. The gift card is much appreciated. ~Mikaela H

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Clarice B was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday with a severe blood clot in her leg.
- Those in our community and around the world that are sick with the Covid virus.
- Dave & Dara W and family will sell their home in Illinois soon.
- Nicole B will find a new place to rent for her and her sons in Lynden, Sumas or Everson.
- Nella D: Helene Y's sister, as she continues to cope with MAC bacteria in her lungs.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Liz V is at home recovering following surgery for an infection in her foot.
- John V is out of rehab at the CHCC and John & Jean are now at Meadow Greens.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is now doing a new chemo treatment.
- Susan B is continuing immunotherapy through December.
- Rick B is continuing immunotherapy in Seattle.
- Ruth B is recovering from surgery for her cancer.
- Berny D started chemo this week.
- Vernon S is undergoing immunotherapy.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) will be having ongoing procedures to help with his cancer.
- Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is continuing immunotherapy.

ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
- Lynden Manor – Edie M, Maggie S, Albert V
- Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, John & Jean V, Andy V, Jo V
- Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
- Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N

SHUT-IN MEMBERS that are separated from loved ones and assistance during this time.

CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:

- St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S, Roger P
- Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
- Meadow Greens – John & Karen M, Kirstyn H
- Stafford House – Janice S
- Cascade Connections – Tiffany B

PHASE III BUILDING and God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

MOMS@1st and the moms and children involved that God will nurture a fruitful ministry.

HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP that God would open doors for the Gospel in northern Nigeria.

FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:

Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Dustin & Melissa
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
John & Jean
Ken & Chris
Snehakunja Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS**GEMS ALMOND STICK FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY!**

Come support the GEMS as they sell frozen unbaked almond sticks (\$8) this Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Education Building. This is the last year that Mary Vander Woude is making these delicious pastries for our GEMS group. There will be a limit of 3 almond sticks per person. For more information, contact Gail B.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

At the congregational meeting on Tuesday evening, December 1 the 2021 budget was approved.

CHURCH TREE WOOD:

If anyone is interested in wood from the tree that was just taken down (for firewood or possibly for crafts?), please contact Paul A.

SOCKS AND GLOVE DONATIONS NEEDED:

Cal B and Robert S are collecting **unused, WARM** socks (men's size 7-12) and gloves. Donations can be put in the box in the back of church. They would also appreciate prayer for their Tuesday night street ministry in Bellingham. If you have any questions, contact Cal B.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS:

If you would like to bless those less fortunate in our community this Christmas, you are invited to take an Angel ornament or smaller ornament and purchase the items listed. Angel Tree gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 15. Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

2021 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:

If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries for the church birthday calendar, please contact the church office (360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclynden.org).

MEETING INFORMATION

Everyone is encouraged to wear masks and asked to keep a safe distance at all church meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact your chairperson or group leader.

MOMS@1ST CRAFT NIGHT will be this week Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Lisa Q.

WORSHIP PLANNING will meet this week Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY) will meet Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B or Andrew R.

WOMEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. All women are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Stephanie R.

OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY) will meet Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for our Christmas Party. This will be our last meeting till the new year. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

COUNCIL will not meet in December. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 19.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms stay home until you are symptom free.

We encourage wearing a mask while entering and exiting worship (available at the Welcome Center), and lingering as briefly as possible in the narthex, feel free to fellowship outside.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

Currently, we have two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. During the time between services, the sanctuary and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned, and masks and safe distancing are encouraged at all worship services. The congregation has been divided alphabetically for the worship services. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, you are welcome to attend the other service.

December 6	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

December 13	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A - K

STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

The worship service will be live-streamed at 9:00 a.m. and replayed at 10:30 a.m. using the following link:
https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_5?preview=1

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link or on our website:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1

NURSERY AVAILABLE:

A nursery is now available for children under 3 years at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at the Thanksgiving Day service. The following safe practices will be used for the nursery: no children with a cough or runny nose will be allowed, temperatures will be taken of ALL children, parents, and volunteers before entering, volunteers will be required to wear masks, all toys used and surfaces will be thoroughly sanitized following the service, no food will be allowed and all cups or bottles will need to be labeled.

Upcoming Nursery Schedule:

December 6 – Kelsey G and Brinley R
December 13 – Debbie S and Nicole B
December 20 – Kristin and Jessica H
December 25 (Christmas Day) – Dara W and Swandel E
December 27 – Brenda R and Pam R

OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:

Tithes and offering can be given on Sundays in the back of church, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off at church (place in the outside mailbox), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly). If you have questions about these options, contact any deacon or the church office. Please note, the deacons prefer to have a check designated to each offering, including different ones for weekly offerings. Thank you!

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

December 6 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION:

Office Hours	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.
Office Phone	360-354-4560 (For all office staff)
Church Email	info@firstcrcllynden.org
Church Website	www.firstcrcllynden.org
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden
Church Instagram	firstcrcllynden (https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/)