

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 13, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

- Tony H is celebrating his 89th birthday on December 13.
- Jennie B will be celebrating her 105th birthday on December 16.

THANK YOU:

Dear church family, it is with much appreciation we thank you for the cards received, expressions of compassion and prayers offered on our behalf since our mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was taken to Glory. Your concern and encouragement was most welcome during this time. Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." ~ The family of Cora V

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 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.

RECOVERING:

- Clarice B is back at home recovering from a severe blood clot in her leg.
- 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 is undergoing chemotherapy.
- 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 declining in health.

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

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:

Last week for corrections! 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@firstcrlinden.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.

OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY) – Join us for our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Loft! We will be playing games and serving snacks. This will be our last meeting till the new year. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MOMS@1ST will be meeting Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY) will meet Wednesday, December 16 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.

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

December 20	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

** Join us next Sunday evening, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. for a Traditional service of nine lesson and carols with candlelight.

** Join us on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. (please note there will only be **one** service) for a time of joy and celebration because of the gift God has given us with the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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/F9Dehoscdy_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 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), or electronically through Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly) or a bill pay service. The deacons prefer to have a check designated to each offering, including different ones for weekly offerings. If you have questions, contact any deacon or the church office.

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

December 13 – Mission and Outreach Fund

December 20 – Thereforego Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited)

December 25 (Christmas Day) – Christian Hope Association

December 27 – Building the Future Fund

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@firstcrclinden.org
Church Website	www.firstcrclinden.org
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden
Church Instagram	firstcrclinden (https://www.instagram.com/firstcrclinden/)