

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 27, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our First Church family for all the prayers, cards, and offers of assistance for our entire family while I was undergoing treatment. Your love and support have been amazing through this journey.

~ Susan & Kevin B

Long ago, shepherds were filled with joy as they were introduced to the new baby Jesus in Bethlehem. That same kind of joy still exists today when individuals are introduced to Jesus for the first time through a Luke Society ministry partner. We are so glad First Christian Reformed Church has played a role in helping to make those introductions possible through your gifts and prayers. You are helping to change the world one life at a time. May you have a Merry Christmas! ~ Thank you for your support, The Luke Society

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is undergoing a new chemo treatment.
- Rick B has completed his immunotherapy but is continuing additional treatment.
- Ruth B continues to recover from surgery and plans to start chemotherapy in January.
- 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:

- Bellingham Adult Family Home – Metdy S
- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
- Lynden Manor – Edie M, Nellie H, Maggie S, Albert V
- Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace 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
- Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
- Meadow Greens – John & Karen M, Kirstyn H
- Northwest Laboratory – Kendra S
- Stafford House – Janice S

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

DEACONS will meet on Monday, December 28 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES STARTING IN JANUARY:

** All women are invited to join us in studying "*Ephesians: The Thoughts We Think, the Words We Speak*". We will be meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building, starting on Thursday, January 7. For more information or sign up, contact Stephanie R.

** All women are cordially invited to join us in studying "*Be Amazed: Restoring an Attitude of Wonder & Worship*" (readings from six of the Minor Prophets). We will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft, starting on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Sign up in the church foyer, or for more information contact Jeanne J. Looking forward to sharing & growing with you!

CHRISTMAS CARD SEASON and a reminder that you may want to check your church mailbox on Sunday or any weekday morning to pick up Christmas cards that have been placed in your mailbox.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: As most of you are aware, the Denominational Shares Fund has now become part of the Operating Fund starting in 2021. As a result, you will just have 12 envelopes in your church mailbox for the Operating Fund. We are planning to use up all the envelopes eventually, so you will likely see green envelopes (with new labels) at some point in the future once we use up the blue ones. Remember, the total budget between both funds has not changed - they are just combined into one fund.

SOCKS AND GLOVE DONATIONS NEEDED as Cal B and Robert S are collecting **unused, WARM** socks (men's size 7-12) and gloves for the street ministry in Bellingham. 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

*If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms stay home until you are symptom free.
The state mandates that masks are required (available at the Welcome Center).
Please linger as briefly as possible in the narthex.*

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS MORNING at 10:00 a.m. 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. Please note there will only be **one** service.

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. For Sunday, December 27, Mike B will be bringing us the message.

December 27	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K

January 3	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

The Christmas Day service will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. and the Sunday worship services will be live-streamed at 9:00 a.m. and replayed at 10:30 a.m., all using the following link:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccddy_5?preview=1

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link:

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

WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

The office will try to send an email if a church service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader for more information.

NURSERY AVAILABLE:

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

Upcoming Nursery Volunteer Schedule:

December 25 (Christmas Day) – Dara W and Swandel E
December 27 – Brenda and Pam R
January 3 – Bev H, Nathalie and Shannon T
January 10 – Sara B and family
January 17 – Jill B and family
January 24 – Michelle S and family
January 31 – Carly and Lane V

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 25 (Christmas Day) – Christian Hope Association
December 27 – Building the Future Fund
January 3 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

**** END OF THE YEAR GIVING** – If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can use any of the means above but it must be received by the church office or deacons no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

CHURCH OFFICE AND STAFF SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Due to these closures, the deadline for announcements will be Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for the next two weeks.

Pastor Robert plans to be on vacation from December 25 – January 4. If you have a need during that time, please contact your district elder or the church office.

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/)