

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**October 4, 2020**

**CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET**

• **PASTOR APPRECIATION:**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take a moment to think about those two words – pastor and appreciation. Let's show our appreciation to Pastor Robert as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family.

- **MIKE & SHELBY B**, Associate Pastor beginning November 1, as they pack and prepare to move to Lynden to be part of the ministry here at First CRC.

• **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to the following:

Andy VV celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 2  
Jean VH celebrated her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 2  
Wilma N celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 4

- **LAMAR VG** will heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday, October 6.

- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Phama W (knee replacement)

• **DEALING WITH CANCER:**

John B – continuing chemotherapy  
Susan B – continuing immunotherapy through December  
Rick B – continuing immunotherapy  
Ruth B – meeting with oncologists to determining treatment options  
Vernon S – undergoing more tests, plans to start radiation and immunotherapy  
Al M (First CRC missionary) – returning home to Belgium and then will undergoing tests to determine effectiveness of his treatments  
Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is continuing with the 3<sup>rd</sup> infusion of his immunotherapy and having some tests to determine if some of the problems he is experiencing may be cardiac related. He and Joyce are so grateful for your prayers, cards and sincere concern and are trusting God for His loving care.

• **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, Janet VS, Cora VW, Albert VD  
Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie Heeringa, Andy VV, Jo VV  
Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z  
Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N

- **SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Pray for those separated from loved ones and assistance.

• **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:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **MOMS@1<sup>st</sup>:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to all the moms and children involved.
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP:** Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- **FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:** Jeff & Melissa, Ray & Angie, Steve & Sandy, Gary & Mary, Dustin & Melissa, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup> LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:**  
MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> is seeking ministry workers at Kids@1<sup>st</sup> to help with childcare every other Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Sade N or Carla Z.
- **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY READY!**  
The church office has been hard at work putting together a new (non-picture) church directory. The new directories will be in your church mailbox this Sunday. If you are not able to pick up your directory on Sunday, additional copies will be available in the church office Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or contact the church office to make other arrangements.
- **CLASSIS NORTH CASCADE:**  
Classis North Cascade will meet on Thursday, October 8. It will be hosted by us, here at First CRC.
- **FALL MEN'S STUDY AT FIRST CRC:**  
Men of all ages are invited to join Pastor Robert in a study of **Job: A Man of Colossal Faith in the Face of Overwhelming Tragedy**. Join other brothers as we explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands, fathers and leaders. The Book of Job may be the oldest book in the Bible, widely regarded as a masterpiece of human literature. It's message is as relevant and practical as ever. This book perhaps more than any other explores the topics of the sovereignty of God in the light of pain, suffering and evil, and how we persevere when life just doesn't make sense. These are topics that aren't satisfied with trite answers, there is no varnish in the book of Job. Join us as we wrestle with the Word of God and seek wisdom for our lives today. And of course we will get to know in a deeper way the Lord and Savior of all the earth who suffered for us. We will meet every other Thursday evening, beginning Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please email Pastor Robert to sign up.
- **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:**  
Cadets are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. The order forms were sent in the announcements email on Friday, Oct 5 or there are extra copies on the Welcome Center. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 27 in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 22. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything. Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!

## 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 (JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY):**

All Junior High students are invited to join us at OASIS on Monday, October 5. We will be meeting on the church lawn at 7 pm for an outdoor movie night (weather permitting). If it rains we will be in the church basement. Please dress warm if we are outside. Feel free to bring blanket/lawn chair and friends along, we will have some blankets out as well. Be ready to have a great night social distance bonding as a group.

\*\* Heads up: we will have Oasis 2 weeks in a row. Make sure to check next week's announcements to see what we will be doing on Monday, October 12.

- **MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup>:**

MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> will be meeting this week Tuesday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact your chairperson if you have questions.

- **ELDERS:**

The elders will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. We are excited to have Mitch Senti share with us. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura B or Andrew R.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

***Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus – Thursday afternoons***

*Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus* Bible study meets on Thursdays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. Childcare provided. For more information about this study, contact Stephanie R.

***Suffering and the Sovereignty of God – Thursday Evenings***

A Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information about this study, contact Jeanne J.

## WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

- **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY:**

This Sunday, October 4 we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together for World Communion Sunday at both worship services. To do so in as safe a manner as possible the elders will distribute the elements to each person. They will wear facemasks and gloves as they walk down the empty pews and hand out the elements.

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Currently, we are having two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. During the hour between services, the sanctuary and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned. The congregation has been divided alphabetically for the worship services. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, you are welcome at the other worship service.

October 4	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	11:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
October 11	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z

