PRAYER CLOSET

- RUTH W is in the hospital dealing with blood clots and pneumonia.
- **JEANNIE** L is in the hospital for severe dehydration.
- ISAAC T (infant son of Mark & Michelle) is at home recovering from heart surgery.
- DEALING WITH CANCER: Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:

Cascade Christian Home – Amy B

Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V

Cordata Court - Diane S

Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V

Meadow Greens - Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W

Orchard Park - Eleanor & Carol Z

Silverado Care - Casey V

- ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pray for God's will and leading to bring us the man of His choosing.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE 2020:** Pray for God to bring the right students, leaders, volunteers and work sites together for Serve to be a blessing.
- MOMS@1st: Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to 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.
- REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES: Jeff & Melissa, Ray & Angie, Steve & Sandy, Gary & Mary, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

CHURCH FAMILY

- The council has decided to change who performs our outside custodial duties. Over the years we have hired employees to take care of our trees, plants, flowers, lawn and other aspects of the outside of our facility. With the help and advice of our Properties Ministry Team we have hired an outside vendor to complete these tasks. Garcia Lawnworks will start April 1, 2020 to maintain our grounds.
- We want to recognize and sincerely thank Ron D for his many years of service making this facility, this place of worship and fellowship, a gathering spot each of us benefited from. We as a council and a church body want to acknowledge that all his efforts and hours and care of our facility are much appreciated and not forgotten. Ron's last day as our Outside Custodian will be March 31.
- Dear friends at First Church,

We want to send our greetings and let you know how thankful we are for your partnership with us in Bible translation. We will be praying for you as you join together through the Spirit to celebrate what God is doing throughout the world. Even in the midst of a pandemic, we are confident that God remains in control and will continue to grow his kingdom. Thank you for all you are doing as kingdom builders there in Lynden and around the world.

Serving with you, Ken and Chris, serving with Wycliffe and JAARS

COUNCIL TIDBITS

- It was approved to cancel morning and evening worship services through March 2020.
- It was approved to reduce the church office hours to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- It was approved to discontinue evening service nursery with the exception of Good Friday, Children's Christmas Program and joint services, effective April 1, 2020. The evening worship service will be streamed to the council room for parents who need to leave the sanctuary.
- New cleaning procedures for toys in nursery will be implemented. Volunteers will be asked to put all
 used toys in a "dirty bin" and after the children have left, they will wipe all dirty toys with disinfecting
 wipes and be left out to dry. These new procedures will be posted in all nurseries for volunteers to
 follow.
- Ministry Teams will not meet until further notice, unless absolutely necessary to meet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office will have modified hours until further notice. The office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m.—12 p.m., closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions or need something done after hours, please email (info@firstcrclynden.org), leave a voicemail (360-354-4560), or if necessary, contact either Kara or Susan at home. The church email and voice mailbox will be checked regularly during the week.
- CHURCH BUILDING HOURS: The church will also have modified hours until further notice. The building will be unlocked on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
- **CHURCH USE**: The church office will not be any scheduling any extra events that use the church facilities (open houses, parties, meals, concerts, etc.) until further notice.

• CHURCH EMAIL, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE:

- ** With this fluid situation, the church office will be sending out regular email updates on schedule changes, sending out link to live service and bulletins, announcements and box items, and prayer updates. If you know someone from church that is not receiving our emails, contact the church office to get them added to our email list. For those without email, the church will be mailing bulletins and announcements.
- ** If you want more information, check out the church website (<u>www.firstcrclynden.org</u>)! The website has bulletins, announcements, sermons, and lots of other information posted.
- ** If you have Facebook, be sure to head over to our Facebook page (First Christian Reformed Church Lynden) for information and updates.
- **CHURCH OFFERINGS:** Just a reminder that if even though we are not having worship services together, the needs of the church operating expenses remain the same. We encourage you to mail (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), or drop off at the church office your tithes and offerings.
- MISSIONS CELEBRATION: Our annual Missions Celebration for 2020 has been cancelled.

 ** BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER Please hang on to your baby bottles until further notice.

 We will collect them at a later date. Thank you!
- **POTATO SALAD ORDERS:** The Potato Salad ladies have suspended their operations and are not taking new orders until further notice.

• THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The deacons have come into possession of another motorized wheelchair. It isn't doing much good sitting unused, and we want to put it to good use! If you know someone who could use it, whether they be inside the congregation or out in the community, contact any of the deacons.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 11-13:

Join us at First Family Camp September 11-13, 2020 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete (www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm).

This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family and you can be a part whether you come for the day, an evening, or stay for the entire weekend! Cost for hook ups for the weekend is \$65.00. For more information about Family Camp or to make reservations, please contact Amy V.

MEETING INFORMTATION

• EDUCATION HOUR:

All adult and student education classes are cancelled until further notice.

• MINISTRY TEAMS:

All ministry teams will not meet until further notice, unless necessary. Please contact your chairperson if you have questions or are unsure if you will be meeting.

MOMS@1ST:

MOMS@1st will not meet on March 31 but hopes to resume on April 14. The leadership meeting scheduled for March 25 has also been cancelled. For more information about MOMS@1st, contact Stephanie R.

• CADETS (1st - 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):

Cadets have suspended cadet meetings until further notice. Also note that the International Cadet Camporee, scheduled for July has also been cancelled. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

• GEMS (1ST - 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):

Watch announcements and emails for more information about future GEMS meetings. For more information about GEMS, contact Gail B.

OASIS 2.0 (JR. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

Our pizza party scheduled for Monday, March 23 has been cancelled. Watch your email for more information on how we plan to connect during this time. For more information about Oasis 2.0, contact Jeff or Renee L or Patty R.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

Watch your email for more information how we will be "meeting" for Tribe. For more information about Tribe, contact Cal or Laura B.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study is cancelled for this semester. For more information about Women's Bible Study, contact Phama W.

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Men's Thursday evening Bible study is cancelled until the further notice. For more information about Men's Bible Study, contact Pastor Robert.