

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
JUNE 14, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

• **THANK YOU:**

I would like to my church family for remembering me with cards, visits and acts of kindness for my birthday and during my illness. A special thank you to Pastor Robert, he called me often. My daughter, Kathy, posted "Happy Birthday" on Facebook and I received so many well-wishes besides what I received from my church family. I couldn't believe it. Thank you again for all the prayers and acts of kindness, it meant so much to me. All my love, Edie M

I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, and encouragement extended to me following my recent surgery. Blessings to all, Joanne K

- **DEALING WITH HEALTH ISSUES:** Ron H (newly diagnosed with Parkinson's), Beth B (recovering from shoulder replacement surgery), Ruth B (recovering from a fractured hip), Jean V (recovering from pneumonia)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** John B (continuing chemo), Susan B (starting radiation), Rick B (cancer is dormant and subsiding), Pastor Phil K (starting immunotherapy)
- **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, Janet V, Cora V, Albert V
Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V
Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
Silverado Care – Casey V
- **SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Pray for our members who are separated from loved ones and assistance.
- **CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:**
St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S Roger P (Construction)
Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
Meadow Greens – John & Karen M
Stafford House – Janice S
Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's will and leading to bring us the man of His choosing. The team is in the interview phase of the process. Pray for wisdom for the team as they make the decision on how to proceed, especially in a time where travel and larger meetings are difficult.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE:** Even though SERVE won't be the same this year, the team is planning on participating in SERVE@Home. Watch for more information on how you can be part of SERVE this summer!
- **MOMS@1st:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to all the moms and children involved, especially now as they minister to them remotely.

- **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, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home
 ** Pray especially for our missionaries, Al & Julie, as Al was diagnosed with myeloid leukemia this week.

NEW INFORMATION

- **EVENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE ON-LINE/LIVE STREAMING:**
 Join us this Sunday evening, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of praise and worship with Ken & Lisa Q. The service can be viewed by the following link:
https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehoscdy_5?preview=1
- **LIMITED IN-PESON WORSHP SERVICES TENTATIVELY SET FOR JULY 5:**
 At the last elder's meeting it was agreed to tentatively set Sunday, July 5 to open for a limited in-person morning worship service. Our live-stream service will continue through August. There still needs to be a lot of details to be sorted out for this to happen. Please remember to prayer for our leadership as they work out the details that will be best for our members.
- **NEW TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS:**
 The church office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. You are welcome to stop by and use the library, drop off your giving envelopes, or pick up a copy of the Today or Table Talk devotionals. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the church voicemail and email will continue to be checked regularly. We encourage you to call and leave a message or email if you have any needs, prayer requests, or questions (church contact information listed below).
- **FACEMASKS:**
 There are more facemasks available at the office. If you are interested in some, call or email the church office and we can set them aside for you to pick up on Monday or Thursday mornings.
- **NON-PICTURE DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST:**
 The office has been working on updating our non-picture directory. You will be receiving an email in the next couple of weeks with your directory information. Please look over the information and let the office know if there are any corrections, deletions or additions.
- **ORGAN UPDATE:**
 Starting on Monday, June 22, Hollander Construction will be working in the sanctuary preparing the space where the additional organ pipes will be installed.
- **SEARCH TEAM:**
 The Search Team will meet on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **COUNCIL:**
 The Council will meet on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the change of date.
- **ELDERS:**
 Elders will meet on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. to work on details of reopening for worship.
- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 11-13:**
 There is still time to join us at First Family Camp September 11-13 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete (www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm)!
 For more information or to make reservations, please contact Amy V.

- **COVID ASSISTANCE FOR REHOBATH, NEW MEXICO:**

From Ron P, project coordinator:

Good morning Friends--here's the story. Most of you have read about the spread of the virus on the Navajo reservation. There seems to be no relief--the infection and death rate is up there with New York and New Jersey per capita.

We need your help--there is a desperate shortage of cleaning supplies, Clorox, wet-wipes, hand sanitizers and spray bottles. With a few of my Christian brothers, we are hoping to collect a big trailer full of supplies for transport to some of our churches, who in turn share them with their parishioners and neighbor, most of whom are poor and live in very remote places on the Rez. We will also need money for fuel for the trip, and to buy more product.

Would you be willing to buy or gather any of the supplies listed above and bring them to my garage, (behind Project Hope, off BC Lane) If you were to write a check, write to Rehoboth Christian School, Food Distribution. We hope the truck and trailer to leave in a week, June 17.

Rehoboth has become a major distribution center on Eastern Navajo, and they have contacts and a process to share with our churches. Would you believe that 40% of folks on the Rez do not have running water, and 30% do not have electricity--this is in America, folks! They live in close quarters, pile into one vehicle/pick-up, travel on dirt roads from these remote areas to get to the highway. Mckinley and SanJuan counties are amongst the very poorest in our country.

This may seem like a strange request, but having lived there for 23 years, I know so many of these dear folks and their churches--we would sure appreciate your help. And prayers!

If you are inclined to write a check, you can send to Box 41, Rehoboth, NM 87322

CHURCH INFORMATION

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Worship services will continue to be live-stream only until further notice. Sunday worship service begin at 10:30 am, with prelude beginning at 10:15 am., and can be viewed by the following link:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_5?preview=1

If you are not able to join us live on Sunday mornings or if you would like to re-watch or share a service, past streamed services are available to view at either of the following links or on our website:

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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w17T5LLWjzclKxxAeUx3End3DZCLORyb>

- **OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:**

June 14 – Eric & Penny

June 21 – Mission and Outreach

June 28 – Envision Mission

Just a reminder that if even though we are not having worship services together, the needs of the church operating expenses remain the same. Titles and offering can be mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off (place in the mailbox, envelopes will fall to the bottom and be secure), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly or on the app). If you have questions about any of these options, contact any deacon or the church office.

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

If you or someone in our church family needs financial assistance during this economic crisis, please do not hesitate to contact a deacon. They are ready to help in any way they can.

- **CHURCH CONTACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION:**

Office Phone 360-354-4560 (For all office staff)

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Church Website www.firstcrcllynden.org

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