First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington August 23, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Klayton S and Kendra B who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 22.
- A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for SERVE@Home this year! The SERVE team was amazed and overwhelmed with the support and eagerness with which people prayed for, signed up and supported SERVE. It is truly a testament to the heart of our church family; our heart to serve others. If you have any stories that you would like to share or questions about the future, please contact Molly H. THANK YOU!
- ADA V is scheduled to have elbow surgery on Thursday, August 27.
- JO V is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- DEALING WITH CANCER: John B (continuing chemotherapy), Susan B (continuing immunotherapy), Rick B (cancer dormant), Ruth B (determining treatment options) Pat M (continuing radiation), Pastor Phil K (former pastor - undergoing immunotherapy), AI M (First CRC missionary - undergoing chemotherapy and 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, 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 Shuksan Healthcare Center – Kristi N, pray for Kristi's adjustment to this new home.

- 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 Stafford House – Janice S Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM: Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading as Mike & Shelby Brummel visit next weekend to candidate for the position of Associate Pastor at First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- MOMS@1st: 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, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

NEWS FROM COUNCIL

• Upcoming dates:

- August 30 we will have an outdoor evening service.
- September 13 Von G will preach.
- October 8 Classis North Cascade meets at First CRC Lynden.
- Approved Ministry Groups plans for meeting this fall.
- Education Classes for 3rd-12th grades have been postponed until further notice.
- Approved to have Mike & Shelby B, candidate for Associate Pastor, to visit First Church the weekend of August 30. Mike will preach that Sunday.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE

• The church council has invited Mike B to come and candidate for the position of Associate Pastor of First CRC from August 28-31. An email was sent with information about Mike and his wife, Shelby, from the church council. If you did not receive the email, please contact the church office to have it resent. The following is the schedule for the weekend. *Please remember that face masks are encouraged, and people are asked to keep a safe distance at all events.*

• FRIDAY, AUGUST 28:

The congregation is invited to meet and have a question and answer time with Mike and Shelby on Friday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

• SATURDAY, AUGUST 29:

The church council will be interviewing Mike on Saturday morning and Mike and Shelby will have lunch with the church staff.

• SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:

Mike will be preaching at both worship services on Sunday morning and bring a short message and children's sermon on Sunday evening (service information listed below). Following both morning worship services there will be a short question and answer time with Mike and Shelby.

** Due to limited time on Sunday, questions for Mike or Shelby will need to be submitted to the church office by Friday, August 28. Questions can be emailed (<u>info@firstcrclynden.org</u>) or call or stop in at the church office on Monday or Thursday during office hours.

• For more information, you are welcome to contact the Associate Pastor Search Team members: Gene T (chair), Susan B, Cal B, Molly H, Larry K, Andrew R, Patty R, Mark T, Brian V, Fred Y, and Robert W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• EDUCATION CLASSES:

All education classes for $3^{rd} - 12^{th}$ grade have been postponed until further notice.

• FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Parents, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education will be emailed to you soon. <u>ALL</u> parents are asked to fill out this form, so we know where First CRC children are attending school. If you do not receive a form, please contact the church office. Please return forms to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) or to the church office (by email, mail or drop it off during office hours).

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP IS STILL ON!

First Family Camp will be September 11-13, 2020 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, (<u>www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm</u>). Limited space is still available to camp for the weekend, so make your plans now! For more information or to make reservations, contact Amy V.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

• IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23:

On August 23 there will be two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. During the hour in between the worship services, touchable surfaces will be 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. If you have any questions, please contact your district elder or the church office.

August 23 9:00 a.m. service last names L – Z 11:00 a.m. service last names A – K

• IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30: ** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE –

On Sunday, August 30 there will be two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., with Mike B, Associate Pastor candidate, preaching at both services. 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.

August 30 9:00 a.m. service last names A – K 11:00 a.m. service last names L – Z

** EVENING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE -

Next week Sunday, August 30, we will also have an outdoor worship service on the church lawn (weather permitting) at 6:00 p.m. Mike B will be bringing a short message and a children's message during the service. After the service join us for Moo-wiches!

Please remember: All those who are able, are asked to bring lawn chairs for the worship service. Face masks are recommended and please place your lawn chairs at a safe distance. An offering will a be received for Building the Future as you leave from the service.

• STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

For those that do not feel comfortable or are unable to attend worship, the worship service will be live-streamed at **9:00 a.m. and be replayed at 11:00 a.m. using the same live stream link.** The service can be viewed at the following link or on our website:

<u>https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehoscddy_5?preview=1</u> Past streamed services are available to view at the following link or on our website: <u>https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1</u>

• OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:

** The Deacons thank First CRC for the generous giving through this pandemic. It truly is a reflection of God's love and is such a reassurance in a difficult time. We, the Deacons, have a small request. In order to keep the "books" straight, it would be preferable to have a check designated to each offering including one for green and one for blue envelopes as it would be if we were attending worship under normal circumstances. Thank you for your consideration.

** Tithes and offering can be now be given on Sundays in the back of church, or you are welcome to mail them to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), drop them off at church (place in the outside mailbox), use a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (<u>www.tithe.ly</u> or on the app). If you have questions about these options, contact any deacon or the church office.

August 23 – Kidstown International/Snehakunja Home August 30 – Building the Future

• FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

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

• FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:

If you have any issues getting your flowers to church, please contact the church office. Upcoming flower schedule: August 30 – Jan B September 6 – Helene Y

• TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS:

The church office will be open on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the voicemail and email will continue to be checked regularly. We encourage you to leave a message or email if you have any needs, prayer requests, or questions.

• CHURCH CONTACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION:

Office Phone	360-354-4560 (For all office staff)
Church Email	info@firstcrclynden.org
Church Website	www.firstcrclynden.org
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden
	(https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-
	Church-Lynden-108591740760643/)
Church Instagram	firstcrclynden (https://www.instagram.com/firstcrclynden/)