

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 30, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Jo V (rotator cuff), Lamar V (heart procedure), Ada V (elbow)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** John B (continuing chemotherapy), Susan B (continuing immunotherapy), Rick B (cancer dormant), Ruth B (determining treatment), Pat M (continuing radiation), Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor - undergoing immunotherapy), Al 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 this 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

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 last week 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.

Please take some time to be involved in this search process as we seek to call another pastor to help shepherd the flock at First CRC. Some ways to be involved:

- **Be in prayer** this week for our church and for Mike and Shelby, asking God for wisdom, guidance and discernment as we seek to affirm God's calling to the man of His choosing for First CRC.
- **Meet Mike and Shelby** and ask them questions! You are encouraged to submit questions for the Q&A time following both worship services on Sunday morning or come and ask them yourself on Friday evening (more information below).
- **Listen to Mike** as he brings us the Word of God at both services on Sunday morning and at the evening service. If you can't be with us in person, the morning worship service will be live-streamed or available to stream or listen to later in the week. Or, if you would like to hear more, you are welcome to listen to additional sermons; a link was provided on the previous email from council.

If you still have questions or would like more information, you are welcome to contact any of 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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28:

Everyone 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 brief question and answer time with Mike and Shelby.

**** Due to limited time on Sunday, we ask that questions for Mike or Shelby be submitted to the church office by Friday, August 28.** Questions can be submitted to the church office by email (info@firstcrlcynden.org) or phone (360-354-4560) or can be given to Gene T by Saturday.

Please remember that face masks are encouraged, and people are asked to keep a safe distance at all events.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Voting to call the Associate Pastor will be done entirely by absentee voting, with absentee ballots mailed by Tuesday, September 1 to be returned by Thursday, September 10. The ballots will be counted by council at their September 15 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ORGAN PIPES ARRIVING!**

The new pipes for the organ addition are arriving on Wednesday, September 2 around 8:30 a.m. We could use many extra hands to help carry them up to the Loft. Please stop by the church at that time if you are available to help. For more information, contact the church office.

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Parents, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education was emailed this past week. ALL 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 fill out and sign the form electronically, or print out and return to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) or to the church office.

- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP IS STILL ON!**

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

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.

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**

All education classes for 3rd – 12th grade have been postponed until further notice.

- **DEACONS:**

The deacons will meet on Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **ELDERS:**

The elders will meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

The MOMS@1st Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday, September 2 in the Education Building. For more information, contact Sade N.

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

All high school students are invited to join us for Pizza in the Park on Wednesday, September 2. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Berthusen Park and will go over the plans for the upcoming year. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura B or Andrew R.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

- **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 –**

This 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 morning 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:

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

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link or on our website:

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

• OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:

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 (www.tithe.ly or on the app). If you have questions about these options, contact any deacon or the church office. Please note, the deacons prefer to have a check designated to each offering, including different ones for weekly offerings and blue and green envelopes. Thank you for your consideration.

Upcoming Offerings: August 30 – Building the Future

September 6 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

• 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

September 13 – Kara H

• UPDATED TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning this week, the church office will be expanding the office hours to Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. As with everything in this current environment these hours are subject to change if the situation changes. Thank you for your patience with us!

• CHURCH CONTACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION:

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
(<https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-Church-Lynden-108591740760643/>)

Church Instagram [firstcrcllynden \(https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/\)](https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/)