

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 6, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to Mick V who celebrated his 85th birthday on September 2 and Albert V who celebrated his 86th birthday on September 4.
- **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 – 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
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading as we as a church family confirm who we believe God is calling to be 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **VOTING FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Voting to call the Associate Pastor will be done entirely by absentee voting. Absentee ballots were mailed last Tuesday and need to be returned by Thursday, September 10. If you are a member of First CRC and did not receive a ballot in the mail, please contact the church office or stop by during office hours to pick up a ballot. Ballots will be counted by council at their September 15 meeting.

- **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.

- **UNITED IN PRAYER – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:**

Join with us on Sunday, September 13 from 1:00-1:30 p.m., as people from every Lynden church and every background line Front Street, from downtown to Fairway, seeking God's protection and giving thanks for His continued grace. Starting at the Phoebe statue at 6th Street and Front Street, spread out, being sensitive to COVID distancing guidelines. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs. We would love to see Front Street lined with praying people from downtown to Fairway and beyond! A suggested prayer outline can be found at www.lyndenprayer.com or contact the church office for a copy. The bells of First Reformed Church will signal the beginning and close of the prayer time.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES STARTING SOON!**

Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus – Thursday afternoons

All women are invited to join *Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus* Bible study by Angie Smith on Thursdays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. starting September 17. This 8-week study can be done in-person or remotely. There is also a companion book available for teen girls. Childcare will be provided. Contact Stephanie R with any questions and to sign-up.

Suffering and the Sovereignty of God – Thursday Evenings

A new Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* begins on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. We invite you to join us... praying that in our study/sharing together we see God's grace and love more clearly in our lives and that indeed brings us a spirit of hope. The sign-up sheet and books are in the narthex before and after Sunday worship service. Looking forward to this time together! For more information, contact Jeanne J.

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.

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

All high school students are invited to join us next week Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura B or Andrew R.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:**

On Sunday, September 6 there will be two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 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.

September 6	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	11:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
September 13	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z

- **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 given on Sundays in the back of church, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off at church (place in the outside mailbox), through 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: September 6 – Christian School Tuition Assistance
 September 13 – Steve & Sandy
 September 20 – Ray & Angie
 September 27 – Benevolence

- **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:**

If you have any issues getting your flowers to church, please contact the church office.

Upcoming flower schedule: September 6 – Helene Y
 September 13 – Kara H
 September 20 – Susan B

- **UPDATED TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS:**

The church office will be open on 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.

- **CHURCH CLOSURE:**

The church building and all church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

- **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/)