

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 11, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

• **THANK YOU NOTES:**

Thank you so much for your participation in the baby bottle drive. Your faithful giving has helped us serve women and families in our community. We are blessed to be able to partner with you in this ministry. Sincerely, The staff at Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

The total collected from First CRC for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic was \$2197.33.

From everyone at Kidstown International, we want to express our appreciation to the First CRC congregation for the generous Sunday morning offering taken on August 23 for the Snehakunja Home in Calcutta, India. Times are especially tough in India, but we praise God for his protection and blessing for the HIV-infected children at the Snehakunja Home. Despite significant health risks, not a single child has contracted the Covid-19 virus. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and faithful support. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1.

- **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH.** Let's show our appreciation to Pastor Robert as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family.

- **MIKE & SHELBY B**, Associate Pastor beginning November 1, as they pack and prepare to move to Lynden to be part of the ministry here at First CRC.

- **JANET V** has been at St. Joseph since Tuesday and is now on hospice care there.

- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Lamar V (heart valve replacement on October 6), Phama W (knee replacement)

- **DEALING WITH CANCER:**

- John B – continuing chemotherapy

- Susan B – continuing immunotherapy through December

- Rick B – continuing immunotherapy

- Ruth B – meeting with oncologists to determining treatment options

- Vernon S – undergoing more tests, plans to start radiation and immunotherapy

- Al M (First CRC missionary) – back home in Belgium, undergoing more tests

- Pastor K (former First CRC pastor) – continuing immunotherapy and undergoing more tests

- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B

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

- Lynden Manor – 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

- **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, Dustin & Melissa, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY READY!**

The new church directories were in your church mailbox last week. If you are not able to pick up your directory on Sunday, additional copies will be available in the church office Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or contact the church office to make other arrangements.

- **MEN'S STUDY BEGINNING OCTOBER 15:**

Men of all ages are invited to join Pastor Robert in a study of *Job: A Man of Colossal Faith in the Face of Overwhelming Tragedy*. Join other brothers as we explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands, fathers and leaders. The Book of Job may be the oldest book in the Bible, widely regarded as a masterpiece of human literature. It's message is as relevant and practical as ever. This book perhaps more than any other explores the topics of the sovereignty of God in the light of pain, suffering and evil, and how we persevere when life just doesn't make sense. These are topics that aren't satisfied with trite answers, there is no varnish in the book of Job. Join us as we wrestle with the Word of God and seek wisdom for our lives today. And of course we will get to know in a deeper way the Lord and Savior of all the earth who suffered for us. We will meet every other Thursday evening, beginning October 15 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Pastor Robert.

- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT – OCTOBER 24:**

All those in your 50's, 60's or 70's are invited to join us for our annual pumpkin carving night on Saturday, October 24 at the home of Rich & Coni. Enjoy appetizers, delicious soups, pumpkin & apple desserts, and prizes for most creative carving! Bring your own pumpkin, carving tools, and call Liz V or Dawn H to sign up and to find out what to bring!

- **UNITED IN PRAYER:**

Join us on Thursday evenings for a multi-church, community prayer event. Now more than ever we need to humble ourselves before God and ask for his direction. With growing social unrest, racial division and a volatile election season, we want to be united as one body before the Living God. Please join us for a powerful time of prayer and worship. The United in Prayer events will be held at the Lynden Community Church (680 Grover St.) on October 15, October 29, and November 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.lyndenprayer.com.

- **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:**

Cadets (ministry to 1st-8th grade boys) are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Order forms were sent in the announcements email on Friday, October 5 or there are extra copies on the Welcome Center. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 27 in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 22. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything. Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!

- **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:**

TRIBE (First CRC youth group) is putting together care packages for our college age students and would love to have the whole church family be a part of this ministry. You can help by writing a note to one or more students or donating financially for purchase of items and gift cards. Due to the current situation, we are asking for financial help this year instead of donated items. Please have notes and financial donations turned in to the college care box, located in the back of church, or to the church office no later than October 18. If you have any questions, please contact Swandel E, Coni H or Laura B.

- **MOMS@1ST LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

MOMS@1st is seeking ministry workers at Kids@1st to help with childcare every other Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Sade N or Carla Z.

- **HELP FILL SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES:**

MOPS International has partnered with Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child program. MOMS@1st has taken on this ministry as a service project this Fall. We received 50 empty boxes and have a lot left. They will be on a table in the back of church, along with a box label, instructions, and gift ideas for filling your box. You would take one of each. The OCC website is extremely helpful in preparing and packing the shoebox. You can even pack a shoebox on-line. I usually take the box shopping and fill it as I shop to know how much room I have left as go. We already have 7 school supply bundles to pair up with lots more items, like shirts, personal care items, toys, etc. We would also take donations of items, as our mamas will be packing the boxes at one of our meetings the first part of November. Feel free to join us so that we are able to ship off all 50 boxes around the world...you can even track your box to see where it ends up. Boxes and items are also being kept in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Q.

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.*

- **HELPING HANDS:**

Join us Monday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All those who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome! For more information, contact Leona O.

- **OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY):**

All 7th – 8th grade students are invited to join us at OASIS this Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Put your crafty skills to the test as we make gifts for special members of our congregation. Please bring your liability forms, COVID forms and your good attitudes along. We will be having Oasis for the 2nd week in a row to get us on the right weekly schedule. We ask that only 7th and 8th graders attend to allow us to grow closer to each other and God as a group. For more information, please contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

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

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B or Andrew R.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

** *Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus* meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Stephanie R.

** A Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information about this study, contact Jeanne J.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Currently, we are having two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. During the hour between services, the sanctuary and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned, and masks and safe distancing are encouraged at all worship services. The congregation has been divided alphabetically for the worship services. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, you are welcome to attend the other worship service.

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| October 11 | 9:00 a.m. service | last names A – K |
| | 11:00 a.m. service | last names L – Z |
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| October 18 | 9:00 a.m. service | last names L – Z |
| | 11:00 a.m. service | last names A – K |

**** Starting November 1** the second service time will change from 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We will continue to clean between each service and alternate last names each week. If you have questions or concerns please contact your district elder.

- **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 following live stream link:

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). 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. Thank you!

Upcoming Offerings:

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| October 11 – Memli & Luiza |
| October 18 – Jeff & Melissa |
| October 25 – Building the Future |

- **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:**

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

Upcoming flower schedule:

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| October 11 – Janis Z |
| October 18 – Nancy Z |

- **CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION:**

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| Office Hours | Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. |
| 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/) |