

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

### Announcements for February 27, 2022

*Lord willing, this Sunday, Pastor Robert W will be leading us in worship at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM.*

*Face coverings are available at the Welcome Center. If you or anyone in your household has symptoms, we ask that you stay home until you are symptom free.*

**Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years in the Education Building during the morning service.

**Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning worship service. Children will be invited to leave during the service to go to the Education Building.

**Fellowship Time** is immediately following the morning service in the church basement.

**Offering for February 27** – Steve and Sandy Frieswick serve with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships with people from this group to open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language. Many of the people suffer from mental health problems and addictions. Covid has exacerbated this and made spending time with people more difficult.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

#### CONGRATULATIONS

- This Sunday morning we welcome little Jessica Joyce, daughter of Ben & Jill, to our church family through the Sacrament of Infant Baptism.
- We praise God with Darin & Jessica with the birth of their daughter, Willa Kaye on Saturday, February 19.

#### PRAYER ITEMS

- Len H is in the hospital in Arizona and anticipated surgery on Thursday to repair a deteriorated disk that has pinched nerves making him unable to walk. Doctors have also found lesions in a few spots that will require radiation and possible chemo.

### NEWS AND UPDATES

#### PAINTED ROCKS = PRIZE!

The GEMS have placed painted rocks throughout the landscaping at church. If you find a painted rock at church, and bring it to the back of church. There will be a prize to everyone that turns in a painted rock!

#### TIRED AND RETIRED - LUNCH IN THE LOFT

All those "Tired & Retired" are invited on Sunday, March 6 to lunch in the Loft following the morning worship service. We are supplying and serving sloppy joes! Sign up now on the kiosk in the back of church and indicate if you can bring a salad or dessert. Hope you'll join us! For more information, contact Liz V.

#### ELDER GREETING

Beginning Sunday morning March 6 the elders will resume their practice of greeting us as we exit from worship. They respect any who feel uncomfortable shaking hands and would prefer just a verbal greeting.

#### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Baby bottles will also be collected on Sunday, March 20. Additional bottles are available in the back of church. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER AND AUCTION – MARCH 12**

The students and leaders of the First CRC Youth Group are volunteering their time and efforts to raise money and serve the Lord. They have decided to put together an auction and dinner/dessert in order to raise money for activities, food, and possible future mission trips for the group.

These kids also recognize that they have been blessed beyond measure and have decided to give a portion of all money raised to the International Justice Mission, to help those around the world living in slavery and dealing with online exploitation. For more information on this ministry, visit [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org).

- **Dinner & Dessert** - A casual dinner, cooked by members of First CRC, will be served at 5:30 PM.
- **Silent Auction** - Throughout the evening, there will be silent auction tables with numerous items to bid on, donated by the church and the community. There is something for everyone and in everyone's price range, so don't miss these tables!
- **Live Auction** - Then stay for the "main event" as auctioneer, Carl, leads the evening in a live auction filled with great items donated by students, our church family, and the community members dedicated to supporting our youth.

\*\* Tickets are just \$5.00 for adults (children under 10 are free!) and includes dinner, dessert, and an evening of entertainment! All proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward covering the cost of the auction and dinner. To order tickets, visit the auction website, [www.eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite), and search for "Christian Youth Auction" or stop by the church office.

## **MISSION CELEBRATION – MARCH 19-20**

Join us on Saturday, March 19 at Faith Community Church for a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from Mitchell S, with Envision Mission, First CRC members that work with those in Bellingham dealing with homelessness, and Justin R with Lighthouse Mission Ministries.

\*\* Registration required for Saturday, but there is no cost to attend. Forms available on the Welcome Center.

On Sunday morning, March 20, a missionary with East-West Ministries International, will be leading the adult and 7th-12th grade Education Hour, bringing us the message on Sunday morning, and sharing with the children at Children's Church.

On Sunday evening, we welcome Jon H to the pulpit. Jon is the pastor of Horizon Community Church in Downers Grove, Illinois, and the prayer shepherd for the Christian Reformed Church. Jon is also the son of First CRC member, Perlene H.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **EDUCATION CLASSES**

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

\*\* This session, the adult class is a video/discussion series called "The Truth Project", which teaches how to have a Christian world view. The discussions cover everything from science, art, apologetics, literature, history, archaeology and more and is led by David W.

### **CADETS (1st - 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

### **PRAY FOR SERVE**

We will meet on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 PM in the prayer room.

### **MOMS@1ST**

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Sade N.

### **MINISTRY TEAMS**

Ministry Teams will meet Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 PM, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

**DEACONS**

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 PM in the Council Room.

**ELDERS**

Elders will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 PM in the Church Basement.

**TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)**

Join us on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B, or Pastor Mike.

**DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Daughters of Zion will meet again on Thursday, March 3 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. We will do lesson 10. The servers will be Elsie D and Shirley B.

**THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 PM in the Loft as we continue to study, *Alone with God: Rediscovering the Power and Passion of Prayer* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions contact Jeanne J.

**MENS BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. For more information contact Pastor Robert.