

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 6, 2022

Lord willing, this Sunday, Pastor Robert W and Pastor Mike B will be leading us in worship at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM. This week is the start of the Lenten season. On Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the 10:30 AM worship service.

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.

March 6 - Weekly Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help with tuition costs for First Church families that choose to send their children to a Christian School (kindergarten - 12th grade). All money received into this fund is split equally on a per child basis (half portion for kindergarten) for all members having children in a local Christian school, unless they have opted out of the program. Payments are made directly to the schools for these families twice a year, generally November and May. For more information or questions about this fund, contact any of the deacons.

March 6 - Love Offering: Luke Society

The Luke Society provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. They empower nationals to use their gifts in medicine as a tool to share the love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace. For more information, visit www.lukesociety.org.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Dick B will be celebrating his 83rd birthday on March 9.
- Grace H will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on March 10.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Len H is in rehab in Arizona following two surgeries on his back. He is undergoing radiation for lung cancer that has metastasized to the bone. Keep Len & Bev in your prayers as they deal with these medical challenges as they are away from home. You can keep updated at Len's [Caring Bridge](#) site.
- Nellie H is on hospice and unresponsive. Pray for her family that remains with her at this time.
- Freda G is in rehab at North Cascade Health and Rehab Center after a fall and partial hip replacement.
- Edie M fell and broke her hip. She is not planning to have surgery and her health is declining.
- John C was in the hospital this past week dealing with an infection. Pray the doctors will be able to successfully treat the infection. Keep Jean in your prayers as the family makes decisions about her care.

NEWS AND UPDATES

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! 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.

- **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. *Check the auction website to see a list of auction items!*

** 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, and search for "Christian Youth Auction".

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, with Envision Mission, First CRC members that work with those in Bellingham dealing with homelessness, and Justin 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, missionaries 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.

On Sunday evening, we welcome Jon to the pulpit. Jon is the pastor of Horizon Community Church in Downers Grove, Illinois, and the prayer shepherd for the Christian Reformed Church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EDUCATION CLASSES

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

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Oasis will meet on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM in the Loft.

SERVE PRAYER GROUP

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

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

Those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, March 8 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

GEMS (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

GEMS meets on March 9 at 6:30 PM in the Ed. Building.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 PM in the church basement.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will meet again on Thursday, March 10 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday, March 10 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.

CADETS (1st-8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

Our Cadet Pinewood Derby will be this Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 AM.