

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 20, 2022

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

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 March 20: Dustin & Melissa with Converge Ministries

Missions Celebration - This Weekend!

On Saturday, March 19, we will be meeting with our mission partners at Faith Community Church to share a meal and hear from Mitchell with Envision Mission, the "Bucket Boys" with Bellingham Street Ministry, and Justin with the Lighthouse Mission.

On Sunday morning, March 20, missionaries with East-West Ministries International, will be leading the adult and 7th-12th grade Education Hour. During the morning worship service, we will have a flag procession, blessing of the missionaries, and a missionary will be bringing us the message. A missionary will be sharing with the children at Children's Church. Following the morning worship service, be sure to come to the church basement for a special fellowship time with our mission partners.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Belated birthday greetings to John E who celebrated his 93rd birthday on March 18.
- Jennie B will be celebrating her 81st birthday on March 22.

OUR SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy Fred & Helene Y, Randy & Kara H, and their families with the passing of Helene's sister, Nella D, on Saturday, March 12.
- We also express our sympathy to Brady and Amy B, Yvonne B, and the rest of the family and friends of Rick B, who passed away on March 17.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Vicki L now at home still dealing with sciatic pain in her leg and a bulging disk.
- John V has moved to the Christian Health Care Center and Jean is now living at Lynden Manor. John has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to his liver and kidneys.
- Len H is in rehab in Arizona following surgeries. He will be undergoing treatment 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.
- Freda G is in rehab at North Cascade Health and Rehab Center after a fall and partial hip replacement.
- Dale A is undergoing speech therapy following a stroke.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to our church family and community for your amazing support of the First CRC Youth Group! We are blown away by the generosity of everyone with auction donations, help at the auction, and with all those that bid and purchased items. We are also thankful that so many of you showed up to the dinner and auction. Your presence is a great reminder to the students that they are a loved part of this church family. ~ Tribe Leaders and Students
- Thank you so much for your gift last month of \$661. This boost is much needed and appreciated. With your help we will continue to bring the truth and love of Christ to local young people. ~ Tim N, Youth Dynamics
- Dear First CRC, Thank you for your support! We are in our 4th year of living and working in Oman. Although the pandemic limited our outings and interactions, we still see the goodness and relationship-building that long-term presence brings. We have good community at school and work. We have friendships that encourage deep conversations. Pray with us that we continue to learn and grow in our understanding of our environment that we are salty and walk as children of the Light (Matt. 5:13 & Eph. 5:8). In Christ, Jeff & Melissa

NEWS AND UPDATES

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Baby bottles will be collected this Sunday, March 20. Bottles can be brought to worship on Sunday morning or evening or can be delivered to the church office this coming week. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. * Note – if writing a check to put in the baby bottle, please make the check out to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

TOWN HALL MEETING FOR PHASE 3 BUILDING PROJECT

There will be a Town Hall meeting about the building project on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a time for you to ask questions and hear more about the building project.

DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON

Are you interested in learning more about joining our church, making profession of faith, or finding out more about First CRC? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

STUDENT FUNDRIVE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS

Youth Dynamics is having a student Fundrive - clean out your closets and support Nooksack Valley Youth Dynamics! This is a chance for Youth Dynamics participants to raise money toward their trips and events. Donations can be put in the labeled box next to the church office or contact Tim N for larger donations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EDUCATION CLASSES

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

**** For Sunday, March 20, the adult class, 7th-8th grade class and 9th-12th grade class will all be meeting in the church basement to hear from our mission partners.**

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Oasis will meet on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R, Pastor Mike B.

MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Moms@1st Leadership Team will meet this week Tuesday, March 22 at 9:30 AM . For more information, contact Sade N.

GEMS (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

GEMS girls and their mothers are invited to the GEMS Mother-Daughter Tea on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Kim A, or Sara B.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B, or Pastor Mike B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, March 24 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. We will do lesson 12. The servers will be Gert B and Ethel V.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday, March 17 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.