

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 17, 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.

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

April 17: Northwest Seafarers Ministry

In 2020, Seafarers Ministry included volunteers visiting ships at Cherry Point, WA and in Florida under the same ministry umbrella, serving seaman from many countries who travel all over the world on ships. That summer, those visiting ships at Ferndale, WA saw the need to separate the two ministries. The team visiting ships at Cherry Point became **Northwest Seafarers** and the ministry in Florida, **Seafarers Mission**.

Some ships arriving locally carry crude from various countries to the refineries at Cherry Point. Others, load finished products from these refineries and transport them to other nations. When the local Seafarers visit crew members aboard ships, they listen to them talk about family back home and their work on the ship. They, with open arms, receive us and we are blest to distribute Gideon Bibles, New Testaments and APP cards. The APP cards allow the crew to download the APP onto their phone enabling them to receive the Bible in their native tongue! We are encouraged when we ask if we can pray with them and how responsive they are to this request.

April 17 PM – Joint Worship Service at Sumas CRC: An offering will be received to help with the restoration of Sumas CRC following the flooding this past fall and winter.

April 24: Tribe - First CRC High School Youth Group

May 1: GEMS Girls Club

Tithes and offerings can be given the following ways:

Placed in the offering bag on Sunday, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours), or electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly.

Update on Offering for Samaritan's Purse - Ukraine Relief

The offering collected for Samaritan's Purse was over \$4500. If you are still interested in giving to this cause, just be sure to add a note for Ukraine Relief on the memo line of your check.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- John V is dealing with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to his liver and kidneys and is now on hospice care.
- Dale A anticipates being discharged from United General in Sedro Wolley this weekend and continue therapy at home.
- Freda G is in rehab at North Cascade Health and Rehab Center partial hip replacement.
- As Muslims fast and pray during the month of Ramadan, pray that they will come to the realization that good deeds can never earn salvation. May they meet the God who gives salvation through Jesus the risen Lord and experience His grace.

THANK YOU

- We are thankful to God for His faithfulness, thankful for all of you and your heart, your commitment in prayers, love and financial support. Thank you so much for your precious sacrifice, everyone's sacrifice for His sake. This is not just money, it is much more, especially in this hard time. We have a request, please thank all the Church for their precious sacrifice and love! May God bless you all, according to His grace and love for you! ~ Memli & Luiza

NEWS AND UPDATES

WORSHIP SERVICES THIS EASTER SEASON

- **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 17** - Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 AM as we gather to celebrate his joyful victory over death.
- **EASTER AFTERGLOW SERVICE, APRIL 17** - The evening service will be at Sumas CRC at 6 PM.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all of you that ordered lilies to support the Oasis Youth Ministry. If you purchased an Easter lily, remember to pick it up following the Easter morning worship service.

Some purchased Easter lilies in remembrance of someone. The list of those remembrances will be in your boxes on Sunday.

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

The Lord has led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacon names. Pray God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 3 elders and 3 deacons out of the nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 1 following both morning services. A profile of nominees will be sent out next week.

- **Elder Nominees:** Galen L, Robert S, Gene T, Wes V, Brian V
- **Deacon Nominees:** Kevin B, Ryan B, Alan D, Rob H, Greg T, John V

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center, from the church office, or can be requested by contacting the church office. Absentee ballots must be placed in a sealed envelope, with a signature on the outside, and returned to council clerk, Doug V (box O 10), prior to the 10:30 AM service on May 1.

SENIOR DINNER - MAY 10

Anyone 70+ is invited to an "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing", our Senior Dinner on Tuesday, April 10. at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, sign up in the back of church or contact the office at 360-354-4560 by May 2.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

If you still have a baby bottle for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, please return them to the box in back of church or to the office ASAP!

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 interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR SERVE SPEAKER

Are you out of town June 25-July 2? Would you be willing to share your empty home with our SERVE speaker and his wife? Ron is the Ministry Ambassador for the ThereforeGo Ministry, which leads SERVE. Ron will be working and his wife is taking vacation to come along to Lynden. The First CRC SERVE team would like to find a quiet place in the Lynden city limits for them to stay during the week of SERVE. If you're willing to volunteer your home, contact Laura B.

WORKSITES NEEDED FOR SERVE 2022

The SERVE team is looking for an additional worksite or two. If you or someone you know will need help with a big project (yard work, moving, etc.) in late June, we would love to help! Reach out to Molly or Steve if you have some work for us to do!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Oasis will meet on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Mike B.

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our country on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 19 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

COUNCIL

Council will meet this week Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the church basement.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B, or Pastor Mike.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday, April 21 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. For more information, contact Jeanne J.

MENS BIBLE STUDY

We will meet again on Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. For more information contact Pastor Robert.