

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 24, 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 Sunday morning at 10:30 AM, TRIBE (High School Youth Group) will help lead us in worship at our "Youth Service".

Sunday evening, April 24 at 6:00 PM will be a prayer service as we consider the election of elders and deacons. Jesus prayed before choosing the apostles and the apostles prayed before choosing a replacement for Judas. Scripture calls us to pray and ask God to set apart those whom He has called.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

April 24: Kidstown International – Romania/Ukraine Relief

An hour from the Romania-Ukraine border children and leaders from a Kidstown supported home are throwing themselves into service for fleeing refugees. They are providing food, beds, and transportation for individuals and families to recuperate after escaping disaster. The home needs money to cover the cost of transportation, food, supplies, and travel tickets. You can give to help refugees find safety and comfort through the aid of the amazing Romanian team and kids.

May 1: GEMS Girls Club

PLEDGE CARDS for Phase III Building Project

The Council encourages every household to return the pledge cards that were put in your mailboxes at the end of March. These pledge cards will help Council determine if the current concept is economically feasible. Please note that we will never put the church into more debt than can be reasonably repaid. Our current policy is that the debt would not exceed 25% of the cost, and we may lower this to 20% if the debt seems too high. Also, there will be one final vote from the congregation before any contract is approved and construction is started as this is a requirement for all capital projects of this magnitude. If needed, there are extra pledge cards on the Information Center or you can print from the link below. Please return the pledge cards to the Treasurer, Paul A (Box A8), the church office or put in the offering bags no later than Sunday, May 1st.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- John V has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to his liver and kidneys and is now on hospice care.
- Dale A is at home continuing therapy.
- 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 Pray for Hausa Islamic leaders as they lead their people in Ramadan prayers. Pray that God will open their hearts to the truth of the Gospel and that they will lead their people in the way of Jesus.

THANK YOU

- We would like to thank all of you who prayed for our grandson, West, who was having seizures. We praise God for answered prayers that he is home now and on medication. ~ Chuck & Peggy B

NEWS AND UPDATES

GEMS SUNDAY – MAY 1

Next Sunday, May 1 is GEMS Sunday and the GEMS will help to lead us in worship during the morning service. The theme this year is “Unshakeable”, based on Psalm 62:2.

GREETING AT WORSHIP SERVICES RESUMING SUNDAY, MAY 1

On Sunday, May 1, we will resume having greeters at the entrances for our worship services. We respect anyone who does not feel comfortable shaking hands and greeters will offer a verbal greetings if you prefer.

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 Bn, 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 signed, sealed envelope, and returned to council clerk, Doug V (box O 10), prior to the 10:30 AM service on May 1.

TIRED AND RETIRED

Tired & Retired are having a Cinco De Mayo night - Friday, May 5 at 6:00 PM in the Loft. We will have a Taco bar & Fiesta fun. Please sign up if you are coming. We are asking for money donations for the dinner & future event costs. For more information, contact Liz V.

SENIOR DINNER - MAY 10

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

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 d 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 Buys (360-815-3030).

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

HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES

All those who love to sew, knit or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, April 25 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

CADETS (1st-8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will be meeting on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

SERVE LEADERSHIP

The SERVE Leadership Team will meet on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 PM in the Education Building.

MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st will meet this week Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Sade N.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet this week Tuesday, April 26 at 7 PM in the Council room.

GEMS (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

GEMS will meet this week Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A or Sara B.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B, or Pastor Mike.