

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 15, 2022

Lord willing, this Sunday Pastor Robert W and Pastor Mike B will be leading us in worship at 10:30 AM and at 6:00 PM. The Kings Men of Song will also be sharing with us during the 6:00 PM worship service.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years in the Ed. 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

May 15: Ken & Chris - Ken is part of the team that gives the JAARS Center a welcoming look for all who come to work or visit. He also joins the Missions at the Airport team, sharing about JAARS and Bible translation at events. Chris is a member of the member care team and ministers to Wycliffe colleagues, serving overseas or transitioning to life in the U.S. For more information, visit www.jaars.org or www.wycliffe.org.

May 22: Christian Hope Association

May 29 AM: Benevolence Fund

May 29 PM (at Mt. View CRC): Engedi Refuge

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.

DEACON'S REPORT - APRIL 2022

The Deacon's Report for April 2022 is now available. Copies are in your church mailbox or you can find additional copies on the Welcome Center.

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. Please return the pledge cards to the Treasurer, Paul A (Box A8), the church office or put in the offering bags. **The deadline has been extended to Sunday, May 15.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAYER ITEMS

- Jarrod, son of Jeff & Renee, was in a car accident this past week and in the ICU at St. Joseph's to treat multiple serious injuries and broken bones.
- Hank R is recovering from surgery. Pray for his recovery and guidance for decisions in treatment.
- Jo V is recovering from hip surgery this past week. She is at North Cascades Rehab Center for a couple of weeks while she recovers.
- Berny D has completed his first round of chemo and is now making decisions about further treatment of his cancer.
- John V is dealing with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to his liver and kidneys and is now on hospice care at Lynden Manor.
- Dale A is at home and continuing therapy following a stroke.
- Freda G was admitted to the hospital this week with Covid.

THANK YOU

- To all of our church family who sent cards, flowers, prayers, and loving support in the passing of our Father and Grandfather, we want to say thank you so very much. We could not be more blessed. First CRC church family, you are a shining example of God's love and care through your actions, words and deeds. ~ Larry & Debbie S, Mike S, Mark & Michelle T and family
- Thank you to 1st Church for your recent gift to Samaritan's Purse for Ukraine Relief. We appreciate you partnering with us and pray that God will use the monies for His glory.

TOGETHER SEEKING GOD'S FACE - 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

The CRC's Council of Delegates decided to consider the period leading up to synod 2022 as a special year of prayer called "Together Seeking God's Face." Executive Director Colin W expressed the hope that as a culmination of this year of prayer, synod would erupt into one continuous prayer meeting. We encourage everyone to join us as together we seek God's face. The theme for the week of May 15-21 will be "Desiring that the World May Know Jesus".

NEWS AND UPDATES

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE DISBURSEMENT

The second payment of the 2021-2022 school year was recently made from the Christian Education program. For this payment, \$239 was given per student in 1st-12th grade (half amount given for Kindergarten students) with \$719 per student for school year. Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

AGAPE HOUSE OPPORTUNITY

The Agape House, the women's shelter for the Light House Mission, is trying to put together classes for the residents. If you are interested in facilitating a class at the Agape House, contact Cal B.

LYNDEN SERVE COMING JUNE 25 - JULY 2, 2022

LYNDEN SERVE IS ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY!

We want to keep you up to date on how you can help with SERVE, so check the announcements each week for ways for YOU to be involved!

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to join the SERVE team and regularly pray for one of the 63 SERVE students/adults coming from California, South Dakota, Michigan, Minnesota, and Washington? If you sign up, we'll give you *ONE SERVANT* to pray for by name. There are no requirements except an email address and a willingness to pray. We'll email you the information and you can pray regularly in the comfort of your home. If you are willing to be a prayer partner, contact Laura B or Debbie M.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

This ministry team will meet on Sunday, May 15 after the morning service in the Ed. Building.

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Oasis will meet this week Monday, May 16 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patty or Pastor Mike B.

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our country on Monday, May 16 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, May 17 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

COUNCIL

Council will meet this week Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the church basement.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B, or Pastor Mike.