

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for June 5, 2022

Lord willing, this Sunday Pastor Bert H will be bringing us the message at 10:30 AM and David W will be leading us in worship at 6:00 PM.

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost (50 days after Easter), the day when the Holy Spirit came and filled the believers, as a gift from heaven. Red is the color of Pentecost and signifies the tongues of fire rested on the heads of those gathered. We encourage you and your family to wear something red to help celebrate Pentecost.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years in the Education Building during the Sunday morning service.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the Sunday morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service to go to the Education Building.

Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the Sunday morning service, in the church basement or on the church lawn (weather dependent).

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

June 5: Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

June 12: Pacific Island Ministry - Eric & Penny

June 12 - Communion: Bridges of Hope

June 19: Helping Hands for Babies

June 26: SERVE

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

CONGRATULATIONS

- Dick & Jennie B celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past week. You are invited to help them celebrate with cake during the fellowship time this Sunday morning.
- Don & Rose S also celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past week. They will be having an open house on Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Rotary Building.

CONDOLENCE

- We express our sympathy to Bev H and family with the passing of her sister-in-law, Grace, on May 17 in Quincy, WA.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Jarred, son of Jeff & Renee, is recovering from his accident.
- Jo V has returned home to Meadow Greens and will continue rehab following hip replacement surgery.
- Berny D is undergoing radiation for his cancer.

TOGETHER SEEKING GOD'S FACE - 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

The CRC's Council of Delegates decided at its May 2021 meeting to consider the period leading up to synod 2022 as a special year of prayer called "Together Seeking God's Face." Executive Director Colin Watson expressed the hope that as a culmination of this, synod would erupt into one continuous prayer meeting.

How can you join in?

Each day, prayer prompts will be sent to those that sign up (click on the link below, enter email, and select "Together, Seeking God's Face - 40 Days of Prayer"). We encourage everyone to join us as together we seek God's face. The theme for this week will be "May Your Kingdom Come and Your Will Be Done".

Remember to especially be in prayer this coming week as Synod will be meeting in person June 10-16. This year there are a number of contentious items on the agenda. Pray for wisdom and for God to guide and direct those attending Synod this year.

NEWS AND UPDATES

PASTORS ON VACATION

Pastor Robert W and Pastor Mike B will be out of town this week. Please contact your district elder if there any questions or concerns.

FARMERS DAY PARADE - SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Please note, the church parking lot will be closed on Saturday, June 4 to allow for the Farmers Day Parade.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - JUNE 12

Join us next Sunday in celebrating our high school graduates. This year are graduates are Hayley, Levi, Leah and Trinity.

COLLEGE AND TECH GRADUATES

Are you graduating from college, community college or tech school this year? Let us know where you are graduating from and what degree or certificate you will receive. Contact the church office (360-354-4560, info@firsterclynden.org) with your graduation information.

PHASE III PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

A letter from church council is in your mailboxes about Phase III Building Project update and extra copies are available on the Welcome Center.

GREETER AND COOKIE SCHEDULE

The church office is reimplementing our scheduling practice for greeters and cookies. Before COVID we scheduled ALL family units for greeters and cookies UNLESS you asked to be removed from the list. The office is asking again for you to contact the office if you would like your name to be taken OFF the list. Thank you in advanced to those who are willing and able to serve and bless our church family in these ways.

LYNDEN SERVE COMING JUNE 25 - JULY 2, 2022

SERVE PRAYER TIME

Please join Laura and other SERVE leaders to pray for SERVE at 9:30 AM in the Education Building pm Sunday, June 12 and 19. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience required, just a willingness to hold up our congregation in prayer as we prepare to SERVE!

HOST HOMES

Host homes are still needed for our SERVE students and leaders on Sunday, June 26. As a host, you would pick up the students at church on Sunday morning at 8:15 AM, feed them breakfast, provide a shower, and then bring them back for the morning service by 10:15 AM. If you are interested, contact any SERVE leader to sign up.

FIRST CHURCH FAMILIES

We are excited for your family to experience "SERVE 2022: GRATEFUL" with a devotional lesson, craft, Bible verse poster, song sheet, and coloring pencils (suggested ages 6-12). Order your SERVE box NOW. Kit pick up will be Sunday, June 19 and 26 in the foyer or M-F (6/20-6/25) at the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, June 6 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

SERVE LEADERSHIP

SERVE leaders will meet on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the Loft.

PRAYER FOR SERVE

SERVE prayer group will meet on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will meet this week Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.