

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for September 4, 2022*  
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## **Sunday, September 4 - 10:30 AM**

Message - *Acts 25:1-12 " Paul Before Festus"* (Pastor Robert W)

## **Sunday, September 4 - 6:00 PM**

Joint service at Second CRC (Pastor Ben d)

## **Sunday, September 11 - 10:30 AM**

Message - (Pastor Mike B)

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Message - Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8 (Pastor Mike B)

**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 morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service to go to the Ed Building.

**After the Morning Worship Service**, join us for a time of fellowship in the church basement or on the church lawn (weather dependent).

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

- **September 4 AM:** Christian School Tuition Assistance. Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **September 4 PM:** The joint service offering will be World Renew, Disaster Relief for Kentucky Floods.
- **September 11:** Steve and Sandy
- **September 18:** Ray and Angie
- **September 25:** Benevolence

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS**

### **SYMPATHY**

- We express our sympathy to Ken & Connie, Daniel, Patty, Brenda, Pam, and Carl R and Vernon S and their families with the passing of Johanna R, last week.

### **PRAYER ITEMS**

- Jacob B is at the Christian Health Care Center for rehab following his stroke.
- John E has transitioned to hospice care at the CHCC. He has moved to the long-term care section. He enjoys visitors, cards and everyone's prayers.

### **THANK YOU**

- Thank you to the church council and the congregation for the generous gifts given to the staff during staff appreciation. ~ First CRC Staff – Susan B, Rob H, Kara H, Nelda S, Nancy Z
- Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well-wishes while I was recovering from shoulder surgery. ~ Beth B

## **NEWS and UPDATES**

### **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

In honor of Labor Day, all church offices will be closed, and buildings locked on Monday, September 5. If you need access to the church that day, please make arrangements ahead of time. Thank you!

### **LIFE GROUPS**

First CRC "Life Groups" are now being organized to help our church family build fulfilling friendships through small groups. Besides being a valuable ministry for enfolding new members and guests to our church family, small groups will encourage long-time members to move beyond friendly greetings on Sundays to deeper connection and involvement. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

## **FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 9-11**

We would like to invite you for a fun weekend of relaxation and fellowship with our Church families. Come be yourself, sit back and relax with your book if you like. Lots of blacktop for the kids to ride bikes, scooters, skates or skate boards. We go rain or shine. At the Howard Miller Steelhead Park at Rockport on Friday, September 9 – Sunday, September 11. Cost is \$75.00 for the weekend. (Some of us go for a longer stay) reservation made with Amy. You are invited to a potluck dinner at the camp on Saturday at 6 p.m. – day visitors are welcome to join us! Fellowship on Sunday at 10 a.m. Cookies and coffee will be served. Contact Amy V if you have questions.

## **EDUCATION CLASSES STARTING SEPTEMBER 18**

Education Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 AM.

**Adults:** The Truth Project (Part 2) Led by David W and Glenn G in church basement.

**Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Ed. Building

**1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R

**4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building

**6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building

**9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Pastor Mike B in the Loft

## **TEACHERS WANTED!**

We are seeking teachers looking to invest in an hour of intentional child discipleship to show kids the truth that God knows their names, needs, cares and situations. We want kids to understand that God sees them fully, loves them deeply, and forgives them completely because of His Son, Jesus. We do this through trustworthy biblical teaching and relational discipleship. We want you to partner with another leader to invest in building relationships with a specific group of kids from ages 3+ through 5th grade over the next 3 months to help us accomplish this goal. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry team from Sept 4 - November 27 during education hour or Children's Church. Please contact Stephanie R for more details and information.

## **CHILDCARE FOR MOMS@1ST**

Moms@1st is looking for a few more childcare helpers, for twice a month meetings, and people willing to fill in occasionally. Please contact Carly V if you are interested in serving in this way.

## **LEADERS FOR TRIBE**

Are you organized? Do you like planning and organizing events? Ever felt called to work with youth? If you said "Yes" to any of these questions, be in prayer to see if YOU are a good fit to help in our high school youth ministry. The Tribe leaders are looking for one or more people to help with this growing ministry. The biggest needs are people to help organize and run the administrative part of the ministry and also people to be at meetings and to mentor and connect with students. If you feel called to help, please contact Pastor Mike.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup>** - Moms@1st will be meeting for a family BBQ at Berthusen Park on Monday, September 5 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Carly V.

**MINISTRY TEAMS** - Ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

**ELDERS** - Elders will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 PM in the council room.

**TRIBE** - All high schoolers are welcome to our Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be at Berthusen Park (in the next space over from where we had the church picnic this year). Meet us **at the park** for pizza and games at 6:00 PM. Pick up time **from the park** will be 8:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Mike if you need help arranging transportation. We're all eagerly looking forward to kicking off the year with you!!!

**LIFE GROUP FACILITATORS** - Life Group leaders will meet on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM in the Loft.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - We will meet this week Friday, September 9 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.