

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 16, 2022

Sunday, October 16 - 10:30 AM

Message – Acts 27:1-12 “Paul’s Mediterranean Cruise” (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, October 16 - 6:00 PM

Message – Isaiah 40:9-31 “Behold Your God” (Pastor Scott R)

Sunday, October 23 - 10:30 AM

Message – Acts 27:13-26 “Paul’s Mediterranean Cruise Nightmare” (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, October 23 - 6:00 PM

Message - Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 “Life Under the Sun , God Has Done It” (Pastor Robert W)

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, children are invited to leave during the morning service to go to the Ed Building.

After the Morning Worship Service, join us for a time of fellowship.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- **October 16:** Friends of Sinner Reformed Church, Pastor Aaron De Boer - Thank you, First Church for your continued partnership in the ministry of making disciples of Jesus in the foothills communities! We are presently holding four meetings a week, morning and evening on the Lord’s Day, Tuesday night, and Thursday night. Marvelous things are happening in our midst even with our simple means. We continue to covet your prayers and financial partnership. If you would like to connect one-on-one, I will be at Classis on the October 20 making a presentation about the fruits and goals of the ministry, or call anytime! Your servant, Pastor Aaron D
- **October 23:** Building the Future
- **October 30:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

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 (church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours), or electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly.

** To give the operating fund please use a blue envelope or write in the memo line “Operating Fund”.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY

- Bert K will celebrate his 88th birthday on Saturday, October 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Nelly V is declining in health. Pray for Nelly and her family at this time.
- Bob V is at Christian Health Care Center undergoing rehab.
- Brian S' mother had a stroke on Friday and is now on hospice. Keep Brian and Nelda and their family in your prayers as they go to California to be with her.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Mary V, Brian & Carly, Reagan, Lane & Nathan V and the rest of the family and friends of Doug, with his passing on Monday, October 10.
- We extend our sympathy to Jacob & Valerie A and their family with the passing of Jacob's mother, Janet A, on Wednesday, October 12.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's remember Pastor Robert W and Pastor Mike B and their wives in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family. We will be recognizing them as a church on Sunday, October 23 during the morning worship service.

NEWS AND UPDATES

COLLEGE AND CAREER CARE PACKAGES

The College and Career Care Packages Team is looking for monetary donations to buy supplies and gift cards and would also love to have encouraging cards written for the college and career kids. The first four years out of high school are challenging and we want them to know that we are with them! Could you write a note to our "first year out" adults, Hailey, Levi, Trinity, and Leah? If there's another student you would like to write a note to, will make sure it gets to them! Letters and donations can be given to Swandel E or dropped off at the church office **before October 26**. If you have any questions, contact Swandel E or Laura B.

DINNERS 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people ...singles or couples of any age... meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up NOW in the back of church or contact Marilyn M or the church office to sign up.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of the Book of Matthew, "A Better Way: How Jesus' Life Guides Us to Peace in a World That Steals Our Sanity". We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft for 8 weeks, starting on November 7. For more information or to sign up and order your book, contact JoAnn R.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

It may only be October but the Christmas season is right around the corner! The Children's Christmas Program, called "Behind the Manger Scenes" is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 PM.

Parents - Please look for a packet with more information for you and your children and be sure to add the following dates to your calendar:

-- Saturday, December 3 - Full Rehearsal - 10:00-11:30 AM

-- Saturday, December 10 - Full Dress Rehearsal -10:00-10:30 AM

-- Sunday, December 11 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and ready by 5:45 PM

Musical Performers Wanted!

Has your child been practicing hard for a musical recital or concert? We are looking for some kids who would share a song during the prelude for the Christmas Program. Kids can perform alone or in groups and all ages are welcome (YES, you middle and high school students are welcome!). We would even love family/intergenerational performances. If you would like more information, contact Stephanie R.

CUSTODIAL NEEDS

If you will be having a meeting or event, please note that Galen L will be acting custodian for a few weeks while Nelda and Brian are in California to be with Brian's mother. A BIG thank you to Galen for being willing to sub on short notice!

DRIVERS OR A VAN NEEDED!

The Oasis Youth Group is planning to go the the Summit Adventure Park in Bellingham on Monday. Unfortunately, the church van is being repaired and probably won't be ready by Monday. Do you have a van or large vehicle they could use? Or would you be willing to drive some kids to/from Bellingham on Monday night? If you can help, please contact Pastor Mike ASAP, he would like to have the transportation arranged by Sunday night if possible. Thank you!

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sunday mornings 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 Education Building

1st grade - 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Education Building

4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R in the Education Building

6th grade – 8th grade: Led by Glen B in the Education Building

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

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us this week Monday, October 17 for a fun evening of jumping around at the Summit Adventure Park in Bellingham. **We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:30 PM and returning to church around 8:30 PM.** The cost will be covered, but bring \$\$ if you would like to buy snacks. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

**** Parents** - please remember to sign a waiver before Monday night! Waivers can be signed at the following: <https://summitbellingham.com/sign-a-waiver/>

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

This prayer group will meet this week Monday, October 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM

Moms@1st Leadership Team will be meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Carly V.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 18 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

GEMS (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

GEMS will meet on Wednesday, October 19 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information about our girls' program, contact Kim A.

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning team will meet on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us for the Pumpkin Olympics on Wednesday, October 19 from **7:00 - 9:00 PM at Robert & Debbie's shop** on Guide Meridian (across the road from their home - east side of the road, just north of Badger Rd.). Please note, drop off and pick up will be at the Smits. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will be meeting this Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building, and be studying lesson 3. Servers for this week are Gert B and Shirley B.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet this week Friday, October 21 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

TIRED AND RETIRED (40+ MINISTRY)

Tired & Retired is planning our annual soup supper & pumpkin carving night! It will be Friday, October 21 at Robert & Debbie's shop on Guide Meridian (across the road from their home - east side of the road, just north of Badger Rd.) at 6:00pm, bring a pumpkin & carving tools. Sign up in the back of church and let us know what food you will bring to share!