

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 23, 2022

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)

Sunday, October 30 - 10:30 AM

Message - Acts 27:27-44 "Paul Shipwrecked on Malta" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, October 30 - 6:00 PM - Joint Reformation Service at First CRC

Message - Colossian 1:15-23 "Christ Alone" (Pastor Bryan D)

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.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- **October 23:** Building the Future Fund is for future building projects of our church.
- **October 30:** Christian School Tuition Assistance
- **October 30 PM:** World Renew disaster relief Hurricane Ian.

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

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.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Brian & Nelda S with the passing of Brian’s mother on Friday, October 14.
- We extend our sympathy to Ron & Jane S and Julie S with the passing of Jane's brother, Sherm B, on Saturday, October 14.
- We extend our sympathy to Jo V and the rest of the family and friends of Mary K, who passed away on Sunday, October 16.

THANK YOU

- We would like to say thank you for the outpouring of love and prayers during the sudden passing of our beloved husband, Dad, and Grandpa, Doug V. We have been and are so blessed through this church community. - The VW family

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's remember Pastor Robert Wand 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

**** Reminder all announcements are due by Wednesday at noon. ****

JOINT REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us next week Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 PM, at First CRC, for our Reformation Day worship service with area Christian Reformed Churches. Pastor Bryan D, pastor at Bethel CRC, will bring us the message. An offering will be received for World Renew disaster relief for Hurricane Ian.

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 Ek 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 by **November 1** 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. Please invite others who enjoy studying and sharing thoughts as we continue our quest for deeper understanding of the Bible. It is truly a blessing to interact with each of you!!!! 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:

- 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.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**** There will be no adult or children's education classes on Sunday, November 6 because of the Harvest Dinner. ****

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

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT & PARENT - SERVE MEETING ON SUNDAY

After the wonderfully successful auction last year, students excitedly stated they wanted to use some of the proceeds to go on a mission or SERVE trip. Of course, we loved hearing their desire to serve, and we were super delighted we had a wonderfully successful auction that made it all possible!! We are having a 15-20 minute parent/student meeting **this Sunday (10/23), just a few minutes after our AM church service, in the Loft** to answer any questions you may have about SERVE. The deadline snuck up on us and we need to select a site and let Therefore Go know how many students and adults will be going - by NOVEMBER 1ST.

Come to the meeting to: 1) Help select the dates and location of SERVE, 2) Secure your student's spot with a \$50 deposit (refundable only if they go on SERVE trip), 3) Answer any questions about SERVE. We hope a lot of kids can go on SERVE this year. The focused spiritual development and service is often a huge catalyst for spiritual growth.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our regular meeting. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

MOMS@1ST (WOMENS MINISTRY)

We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information or if you have any questions about either of these events or about Moms@1st, please contact Carly V.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. We will be working on the College Care Packages and gift bags for our members in the care facilities. For more information about Tribe, contact Pastor Mike B.

SERVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The SERVE leadership team will meet on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 PM in the Loft.