

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 30, 2022

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)

Sunday, November 6 - 10:30 AM

Message - *Acts 28:1-10 "Paul on Malta"* (Pastor Robert W)

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Message - *Exodus 15:19-21 Miriam the Prophetess"* (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.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- **October 30 AM:** 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.
- Mary V fell last week and broke her shoulder. She was admitted to the hospital with blood clots on her lungs and is now at home recovering.

BIRTHDAY

- Freda G will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Wednesday, November 2.
- You are invited to an open house for Ruth O's 80th birthday on Sunday, November 6 from 2-4 at NCCTK Family Center.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the congregation for the cards and words of care with the passing our sister, Corkie. It was appreciated. ~ Betty S and Freda G
- Thank you for all the donation and cards for the college-age care packages. We appreciate your support for our students and Tribe. ~ Tribe and Care Package Team
- Thank you very much for all of the cards, gifts, expressions of love and appreciation and especially for the generous gift certificate for pastors' appreciation month. We are tremendously thankful to our church family for your prayers, love, and support that you give us. We are humbled and grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him here. You are all a blessing to us, and we appreciate you too! ~ Pastor Robert & Phama W, Pastor Mike and Shelby B

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.

HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Our annual Harvest Dinner is returning next Sunday, November 6, following the morning service. *Everyone* is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 by Friday, November 4. Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up ahead of time. The Harvest Dinner is free for all, but donations will be accepted to help cover food costs.

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. 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.

MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE!

These amazing cookbooks are available to purchase in the back of church or at the church office any Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cookbooks are only \$20 and \$5 goes to New Way Ministries! They would be great for teacher gifts, Secret Santa and Christmas.

CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS

The First CRC Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$11.00. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 25 & 26 in the Education Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 20. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything. *Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!*

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

OASIS is canceled for this week, October 31. We will meet again on Monday, November 14. See you then!

MISSION PRAYER GROUP

The Mission prayer group will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 AM in the prayer room.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 PM in the church basement.

ELDERS

Elders will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 PM in the Council Room.

GEMS (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

GEMS will meet on Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church basement. We will have our annual Father/Daughter night, and COWBOY is the theme.

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning team will meet on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM in the council room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information about Tribe, contact Pastor Mike B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will be meeting this Thursday, November 3 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building, and be studying lesson 4. Servers for this week are Elaine S and Sharon V.