

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 20, 2022

Sunday, November 20 - 10:30 AM

Message - *Acts 28:30-31 "To Be Continued, Acts 29"* (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, November 20- 6:00 PM

Message - *II Kings 22:11-20 "Huldah the Prophetess"* (Pastor Robert W)

Thanksgiving Day, November 24 - 10:00 AM

Message - *II Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Saying Grace When Every Meal is a Miracle"* (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, November 27 - 10:30 AM

Message - *John 3:16 "The Revelation of Christmas - For God So Loved the World"* (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, November 27- 6:00 PM

Message - *Luke 2:36-38 "Anna the Prophetess"* (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.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- **November 20:** First CRC Building the Future Fund, which is always in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Council.
- **November 24:** Thanksgiving Envelopes
- **November 27:** Benevolence
- **November 27 - Love Offering:** First CRC Adoption Fund

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAYER ITEMS

- Jeff S had major back surgery last week and is at home recovering.
- Ted S is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Dave L is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Greta E has moved to Lynden Manor. Her room is 240.
- Mary V is at home healing from a broken shoulder.
- Berny D cancer has returned.
- Dara W will have kidney stone surgery on Wednesday.
- Hank R will have bladder cancer surgery on Monday morning.
- Ada Vo is at the CHCH for rehab on her broken arm.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Bruce & Ann T and Marv H with the passing of their brother and brother-in-law, John P on November 1.
- We extend our sympathy to Jason & Amy, Trinity and Jordyn V with the unexpected passing of their Aunt Carol V on Tuesday.

THANK YOU

- Dear First Church, We are exceedingly grateful for your recent generosity (10/16 offering) toward our young church! It is a great blessing to partner with likeminded congregations in the proclamation of Christ crucified for sinners, and the work of discipling people in the Reformed faith and practice throughout communities in the eastern part of the county. Humbly, Pastor Aaron D

NEWS AND UPDATES

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a town hall meeting on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 PM. This will be an informal gathering to hear new details and to ask questions about the revised Phase III building project.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on Thursday, November 24 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day service will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building. The deacons have put together a list of suggested causes for Thanksgiving, available on the Welcome Center, and will hand out Thanksgiving envelopes on Sunday, November 21 following the morning service. Envelopes are also available on the Welcome Center. These envelopes will be collected during our offering time on Thanksgiving Day (donations can also be sent to church or given on a following Sunday). Any loose money collected on Thanksgiving Day will go to the Benevolence Fund. If you have any questions, contact any deacons.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE AND BULLETIN DEADLINE

The church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25. All announcements need to be to the church office by Tuesday, November 22.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2023 budget will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your church mailboxes in a few weeks.

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 \$12.00. 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.

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.

2023 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclinden.org.

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURN

There are several library books that have checked out for an extended time. Please take a look around your house and return any books that you are not currently using. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER LISTS

As a new year approaches, the lists of volunteers will begin to be updated. So many things in this church are accomplished by volunteers, and for these people we are truly thankful! If you would be willing to be added to any of the following volunteer lists, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the church office at 354-4560 if you would like to be added or removed from any of the following volunteer lists.

Flowers	Nursery
Ushers	Greeters
Cookies	Bus Drivers
Drivers for John Mead	Sound
Video	

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**** All Pre-K through 5th grade children are asked to come to Children's Church during the service . We will be practicing for the Christmas program.**

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EDUCATION CLASSES

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

**** All Pre-K through 5th grade children are asked to come to Children's Church during the service for practicing for the Christmas program.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The new study of Matthew meet on Monday, November 21 at 10 AM in the Loft. We will study week 3 for this week. For more information or to sign up and order your book, contact JoAnn R.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

This prayer group will meet this week Monday, November 21 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MOMS@1ST (WOMENS MINISTRY)

We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 22 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a town hall meeting on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 PM. This will be an informal gathering to hear new details and to ask questions about the revised Phase III building project.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information about Tribe, contact Pastor Mike B.