

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 27, 2022

Sunday, November 27 - 10:30 AM – First Sunday in Advent

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)

Sunday, December 4 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Advent

Message - *John 3:16 "The Reality of Christmas - that He gave His only begotten Son"* (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, December 4 - 6:00 PM

Joint service at Third CRC

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 27:** First CRC Benevolence Fund which is used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information talk to any deacon.
- **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

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Mike & Carla H with the passing of Mike's sister, Clarice K on November 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Robert VB is declining in health. He is at the CHCC.
- Hank R had successful surgery last Monday for bladder cancer and is doing well.
- Dara W is recovering from surgery for kidney stones.
- Jeff S is recovering at home from back surgery.
- Ted S is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Dave L is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Mary VW is healing from a broken shoulder.
- Berny D cancer has returned.
- Ada Vis at the CHCC for rehab on her broken arm.

NEWS AND UPDATES

START OF ADVENT SEASON - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

We invite you to join us this Advent as we look at John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."* The first Sunday of Advent will be Sunday, November 27 and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY SETUP

Ken H is looking for people to help install the Christmas light display (young men are encouraged to help) . He would like to put it up next week Tuesday, November 29 starting at 8:30 AM. Please let Ken or the church office know if you are willing to help! Thank you!!

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

If you would like to bless those less fortunate this Christmas, you are invited to *take an angel or an ornament and purchase the items listed*. Gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 15. Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

JOINT WORSHIP AT THIRD CRC – DECEMBER

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4 as we join with area Christian Reformed Churches for an evening of Christmas praise and worship, including the Kings Men of Song. This service will start at 6:00 PM at Third CRC.

MINISTRY TEAMS AND COUNCIL

Please note that unless you hear otherwise from your chair, ministry teams and Council will NOT be meeting in December.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2023 budget and to approve spending up to \$100,000 from the Building Fund to get architectural and engineering plans to a firm estimate of the building cost can be obtained will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your mailboxes this week. Absentee ballots are on the information center or the church office.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Save the Date! We will be having a Senior Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 29 at 12:00 PM. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

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@firstcrlcynden.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

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The study of Matthew will meet on Monday, November 28 at 10:00 AM in the Loft, and study week 4 for this week. For more information or to sign up and order your book, contact JoAnn R.

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All 7th-8th graders are welcome to join us on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, Pastor Mike (mikeb@firstcrclinden.org).

DEACONS

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information about Tribe, contact Pastor Mike Brummel (mikeb@firstcrclinden.org).

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will be meeting this Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building, and be studying lesson 6. Servers for this week are Joyce H and Leona O.