

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 25, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 25 - 10:30 AM Christmas Day

Matthew 1:18-25 "Joseph Monologue" (Pastor Robert W)

** No Children's Church or evening service

Sunday, January 1 - 10:30 AM - New Year's Day

Prayer Service for the Old and New Year, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Colossians 1:9-14 " Filled with the Knowledge of His Will" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, January 1 - 6:00 PM

John 3:1-8 "The New Birth" (Pastor Mike B)

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years in the Education Building during the Sunday morning service.

If you are unable to worship with us in person, we invite you to join us online. Our morning worship service will be livestreamed from our website (firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

December 25 - Building the Future, a fund in place to help finance future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Council.

TITHES

You can give to the operating fund at any time; please use a blue envelope (additional available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

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 (at the 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

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- Pastor Les VE is declining in health and now on hospice care.
- Berny D is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Jeff S is recovering 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.
- Ada V is now back at home and continues to recover from a broken arm.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Jane S will celebrate her 85th birthday on December 24.

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Fred and Helene Y and Randy and Kara H with the passing of their brother-in-law and uncle, Jack B, this past Monday in Manhattan, MT. Pray for Fred and Helene as they plan to fly to Montana, Lord willing, on Monday evening, that they may have safe travels to and from Bozeman.

THANK YOU NOTES

- To our First Church Family, We have been so blessed by your acts of kindness, from your prayers, hugs, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, meals and goodies. The list could go on, but most of all we are so thankful for your Christian friendships, and we know that our Dad was so grateful for his church family! God is faithful, and He is good! Praise be to Him! Love you all, Mike & Denise K family, Jeff & Donelle F family, Gene & Lillian VB, Leona O, Sharon VB, Lee & Shelly VB Family
- Dear First Church Family, What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. What a great church family you are. We are looking forward to experiencing God's steadfast love and grace with you in 2023. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you. ~ Pastor Robert & Phama and Pastor Mike & Shelby
- Thank you to all of you who helped make this Advent season special in so many different ways, from those who decorated the church, put up the lights outside, read the Advent readings and lit the candles, provided special music, sang in the choir, and many other ways behind the scenes. The use of your time and talents blessed us as a church family this Christmas season.
- II Corinthians 9:7 says, "God loves a cheerful giver." It's within that context that the Luke Society expresses our gratitude to First Christian Reformed Church for your recent gift to our ministry. Your cheerful gifts are helping to build Christ's kingdom across the world by supporting important medical work and even more important evangelistic efforts. May your gifts be multiplied as we witness the spread of the Gospel to all peoples on earth. ~ The Luke Society

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for all ages are now on Christmas break and will resume again on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, December 27 at 7:00 PM in the Council room.

TRIBE (9TH-12TH GRADE MINISTRY)

We will not be meeting this week but hope you have a wonderful time off of school. See you in January!

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Save the Date! We will be having a Senior Christmas Luncheon "Soup and Song" on Thursday, December 29 starting at 12:00 PM. Please sign up in the back of church or contact the church office to RSVP.

TIRED AND RETIRED (40+ MINISTRY)

Mark your calendars! We will be having a night of games, desserts, fun and fellowship on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. Please bring a dessert to share, beverages and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Liz VP.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of the Book of Deuteronomy, *Make it Count - Move Past Your Past and Live with Purpose Today*. We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Loft for 8 weeks, starting on January 9. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R. We encourage you to order your book soon as delivery will take a couple of weeks. JoAnn does have 2 extra books in case anyone would like to attend and have trouble ordering.