

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 9, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

Good Friday, April 7 - 7:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture and Song Service (Pastor Robert W)

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 10:30 AM

Romans 6:1-11 "A Resurrection Like His" (Pastor Robert W)

Easter Afterglow, April 9 - 6:00 PM - The Sumas Christian Reformed Church invites you to a service of worship and praise April 9 at 6:00 PM. There will be an offering taken for Northwest Hispanic Ministries. There will be a meditation on *Revelation 1: 4 - 6* entitled *Jesus, Worthy of Worship*.

April 16 - 10:30 AM – Youth Sunday

Colossians 3:1-4 (Pastor Mike B)

April 16 - 6:00 PM

Colossians 2:16-23 "Christian Freedom" (Pastor Scott R)

- **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 during the Sunday morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service to go to the Education Building.
- **After the Morning Service**, join us for a time of fellowship in the basement.
- **Join us online** if you are unable to worship with us in person. Our morning and evening worship service will be livestreamed from our website (firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **Easter Sunday Morning Service, April 9 at 10:30 AM - Helping Hands**, a ministry that sends homemade blankets and clothing to those in need or dealing with medical issues.
- **Easter Afterglow service at Sumas CRC, April 9 at 6:00 PM - NW Hispanic Ministries**, a ministry to Spanish speaking peoples in Whatcom and Skagit counties.
- April 16 - TRIBE (First CRC High School Youth Group)
- April 23 - Ken & Chris with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- April 30 - Building the Future

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAISE ITEM

- Congratulations to Mick & Lena Marie V who celebrates their 65th Anniversary on Sunday, April 9. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness and goodness to the Vander Griend's.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Sam K is in the hospital for surgery and an infection due to a burst appendix.
- Mary P is at home recovering following surgery on Monday to remove her gallbladder.
- Eleanor Z is at home recovering from kidney stone surgery this past Wednesday.
- Carol P had a minor stroke while on vacation with Jerry in Las Vegas. She is recovering in a rehab facility.
- Remember Ken Q's father, Bill, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Peggy & Chuck Berendsen with the passing of Peggy's brother, Jack Maarhuis last week and also with the passing of Peggy's mother, Winnie Maarhuis, on Monday, April 3 at the CHCC.
- We express our sympathy to Greg & Sara Tolsma, Shannon, Nathalie, Landon and Caitlyn and their extended family with the unexpected passing of their mom and grandma, Sheryl Tolsma on April 3.

THANK YOU

- I would like to give a big thank you to our church family at First for all the thoughts, prayers and cards during my heart surgery and recovery. Thank you to Pastor Robert, elders, Fred Y and Jacob A, and deacon, Randy L for their visits. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring and loving church family. Above all glory to God for his protective hand and healing mercies. God is good! ~ Dave R and family

NEWS AND UPDATES

- **EASTER LILY**

Thank you to all of you that ordered lilies to support the Oasis Youth Ministry. **If you purchased an Easter lily, remember to pick it up following the Easter service.** A list of Easter lilies in remembrances is available in your mailbox.

- **SUMMIT HOUSE BAKE SALE**

The Summit House will have a bake sale this Saturday, April 9 from 10-2 at the Bethel CRC house carport.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING MAY 8**

The Discovery Class for new members and profession of faith will begin on Monday, May 8 at 7 PM. If you are still interested please contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Dig out those baby bottles and get them returned to church ASAP! We will be turning them in to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Center soon. Bottles can be deposited in the basket on the Welcome Center or at the church office.

- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!**

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of I & II Corinthians, *Wisdom for the Questions You Have and Hope for the Discouragements You Feel*. We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft for 7 weeks, starting on April 17. Real help when the Bible feels far from your reality. When we are faced with personal hardships or relational challenges, the Bible doesn't always seem like it could be relevant to us because it was written in a different time and culture. But when we study 1 and 2 Corinthians, we find that Paul wrote to real people much like you and me — who wrestled with real questions, real relationships and real sin in their church. If you're looking for wisdom when you don't know what to do, you don't have to wonder what God would say or think, because He has already given us the answers in His Word. If you're searching for hope when it feels like nothing will ever change, you have somewhere to turn. We have access to a real God, who has given us real solutions to our real-life struggles. For more information, contact JoAnn R. **Please order your own book in advance as delivery will take a couple of weeks.**

- **KIDSTOWN INTERNATIONAL - LADIES DESSERT TEA**

Ladies, you are invited to our first ever Dessert Tea in support of Kidstown International on Saturday, May 6 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM at Sonlight Church. This event is free of charge. A \$10 donation is suggested and there will be an opportunity to donate, if desired. For more information, contact Melissa at melissa@kidstown.org.

- **COLLIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - MAY 19**

Join us for an encouraging night of stories, speakers, artists, worship, dessert and more! Speakers for this amazing evening are Lisa Harper and Willow Weston. Sign up by April 9 to take advantage of our group rate! Sign up in the back of church or contact Sade N.

- **LYNDEN SERVE 2023**

The SERVE team is planning out worksites! Some of the favorite worksites in the past have been at peoples' houses, where they have the opportunity to get to know the people who they are serving and see how their hard work makes a difference. If you or someone you know could use help with their yard or other outdoor projects, contact Steve L, Gene T, Glen B, or Cal B. They would love to help!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Please join us on Saturday, April 8 from 11-1 at church to set up the Easter lilies, enjoy some pizza and a fun activity!

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The study of the Book of Ruth, *Finding God Faithful When You Feel Insecure and Uncertain*. We will be meeting on Monday, April 10 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement.

- **MOMS@1ST**

Moms@1st will be meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

- **GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Education Building.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING**

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

- **TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)**

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM in the Loft.

- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, April 15. This study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.