

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 16, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 16 - 10:30 AM *Colossians 3:1-4 "Where is My Mind"* (Pastor Mike B)

April 16 - 6:00 PM *Colossians 2:16-23 "Christian Freedom"* (Pastor Scott R)

April 23 - 10:30 AM (Pastor Robert W)

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- **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**, you are invited to 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 services will be livestreamed from our website (firstcrclynden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- April 16 - Tribe (First CRC High School Youth Group) is a ministry to 9th-12th grade students and is led by Pastor Mike and others from First CRC.
April 23 - Ken & Chris with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- April 30 - Building the Future

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.

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 at church during the week (office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- Electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- Sam K is recovering from surgery and infection from a burst appendix.
- Carol P had a minor stroke while on vacation with Jerry in Las Vegas and is recovering in a rehab facility.
- Remember Ken Q's father, Bill, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and started chemo on April 13 for 12 weeks while in Mesa, AZ.
- SERVE 2023 – Pray for Lynden SERVE and the leadership team as they continue to plan for students and leaders to come to First CRC, June 24-July 1. Also remember in prayer the team of students and leaders from First CRC that are going to Crown Point, Indiana, July 15-22 to participate in a SERVE week there.
- Rock the Block – coming July 25-28! Pray for the planning team as they begin to finalize details.

NEWS AND UPDATES

• **TIRED & RETIRED PIZZA PARTY**

All those that are "tired" or "retired" are invited Friday, April 21 at 6:00 PM in the Loft for a pizza party! Pizza, salad, beverages and root beer floats for dessert are all provided. We ask you to donate to cover the food expenses. Please sign up so we have enough pizza by calling/texting Liz V or Dawn H. Come join us for a fun evening of good food and great fellowship!

- **NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON**

The Lord has led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacon names. Pray God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 3 elders and 3 deacons out of the nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7 following the morning service. A profile of nominees is available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center

Elder Nominees:

Glen B
Lloyd F
Blaine K
Roger P
Gene T
John V

Deacon Nominees:

Kevin B
Tabin B
Kyle E
Sam K
Carl R
Mark T
Jason V

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center, from the church office, or can be requested by contacting the church office. Absentee ballots must be placed in a sealed envelope, with a signature on the outside, and returned to council clerk, Neil M (mailbox J4), prior to the morning service on May 7.

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

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, starting on April 24. 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 or to sign up, contact JoAnn R.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING MAY 8**

A 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.

- **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. For more information, contact Melissa at melissa@kidstown.org.

- **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 Monday, April 17 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. Questions...talk to Pastor Mike B.

- **PRAY FOR AMERICA**

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

- **COUNCIL**

Council will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement.

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

Join us on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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