

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 23, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 23 - 10:30 AM

Romans 1:24-32 "Therefore God Gave Them Up" (Pastor Robert W)

April 23 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22 "You Shall Not Murder, You Shall Do No Harm" (Pastor Robert W)

April 30 - 10:30 AM

Romans 1:24-32 "God Gave Them Up" (Pastor Robert W)

April 30 - 6:00 PM

Prayer Service for the Election of New Elders and Deacons (Pastor Robert W)

May 7 - 10:30 AM - GLOW Sunday, Election of Elders and Deacons

Psalm 139 "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" (Pastor Robert W)

May 7 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:13; Galatians 6:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 "You Shall Not Murder, You Shall Do Good"
(Pastor Robert W)

- **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 on our website (firsterclynden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

April 23 - Ken & Chris V. They recently moved to Michigan from where Chris continues to serve Wycliffe in member care. For more information, visit wycliffe.org.

- 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

PRAYER ITEMS

- Tatum N, daughter of Dan & Sade, was unable to have surgery to remove her tonsils this past week due to illness; surgery will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Nicole B is recovering from surgery this past Friday.
- Sam K is recovering from surgery and infection due to a burst appendix.
- Jean V is back home at Lynden Manor, following a stroke last week.
- Carol P is back from Las Vegas and continues to recover from a small stroke.
- 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 2023 – coming July 25-28! Pray for the planning team as they begin to finalize details and pray that God would raise up volunteers willing to serve in this ministry to children in and around Lynden this summer.

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!

- **ROCK THE BLOCK 2023**

Coming July 25-27 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and on Friday, July 28 we invite the whole family to join us for an evening of fun! A day camp of this size takes an incredible force of amazing volunteers. Teens and Adults - WE NEED YOU! We are looking for helpers ages 12+. From group leaders, junior leaders, registration, set-up/take-down, nurses, etc.- we need you! Please pray and consider how you can help make a KINGDOM IMPACT this summer as we join other local churches to host an outdoor day camp for kids entering K-5th grade. For more details about Rock the Block visit: www.rocktheblocklynden.com. If you are willing to volunteer, contact Stephanie R, Shelby B or the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a new Bible Study of the Book 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 24. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R.

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

We will meet on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

- **MOMS@1ST**

Moms@1st will be meeting on Tuesday, April 25 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 26 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING**

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

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

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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