

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 30, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 30 - 10:30 AM

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

April 30 - 6:00 PM – Prayer Service for Election of Elders and Deacons

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

Psalm 139:1-18 "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 can be livestreamed at www.firstcrlcynden.org or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- April 30 - 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.
- May 7 – GLOW Girls Ministry
- May 14 -Christian School Tuition Assistance
- May 21 – SERVE Project for Christian Hope Association
- May 28 – Benevolence Fund

TITHES

You can give to the operating fund at any time. Please use a blue envelope (available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on 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

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Brian K and Jeff, Kaylee, Hudson, and Andrea K with the passing of their mother and grandmother, Joyce K, on Friday, April 21 in California. Joyce was also the wife of Phil, pastor to First CRC from 1987-1997. A memorial service is planned for Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 AM at Almond Valley CRC in Ripon, CA.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Nicole B has a 4-6 week recovery from her surgery last week.
- Sam K is recovering at home recovering from surgery for a burst appendix.
- Jean V is back home at Lynden Manor, following a stroke last week.
- Carol P is recovering at home 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.

THANK YOU

- We would like to thank our caring First Church family for your expressions of love, compassion, thoughts, prayers and all the sympathy cards given to us recently after the passing of Peg's brother and dear mother. What a blessing you all are to us! 2 Cor. 1:3-4. ~ Chuck & Peggy B
- Thank you for all the cards and flowers I received for my 89th birthday. It meant so much to me! ~ Tina D

NEWS AND UPDATES

SENIOR DINNER - MAY 12

Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior Dinner on Friday, May 12. Social hour is at 5:00 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM. This year's theme is "Remembering MOM". If you would like to attend, please sign up in the back of church or contact the church office at 360-354-4560 by Tuesday, May 9. For more information contact Galen L

**We are looking for a brief story or memory of your mom. Please submit a favorite memory by writing it out and placing it in the church mailbox of Galen Laird.

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.

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! **Mark your calendars - registration opens on Monday, June 5!** For more details about Rock the Block visit: www.rocktheblocklynden.com.

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. * Childcare provided. If you are willing to volunteer, contact Stephanie R, Shelby B or the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GLOW (2nd-6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All GLOW girls and leaders are asked to meet briefly following the morning worship service this Sunday to practice for GLOW Sunday. For more information, contact Kim A.

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, our next meeting is Monday, May 1. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R.

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, May 1 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Monday, May 1 at 7:30 PM.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

ELDERS

Elders will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, May 6. This study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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