

First Christian Reformed Church

May 2023 News & Updates

Worship Services

Join us on Sunday at 10:30 AM and at 6:00 PM. For anyone unable to attend in person, both worship services are live streamed on our website.

Education Classes and Nursery

NURSERY

A nursery is available in the Education Building during the 10:30 AM worship service, with a separate room for infants and toddlers.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is available for children 3 years - 3rd grade during the 10:30 AM worship service. Children begin the service in the sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Ed. Building.

Prayer & Praise Items

DEALING WITH ONGOING MEDICAL ISSUES

- Berny D is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- John M is undergoing kidney dialysis three days a week.
- Bill Q, Ken's father, is undergoing chemo treatment for cancer.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Lynden Adult Family Home - Vernon S
- Lynden Manor – Greta E, Agnes R, Jean V
- Meadow Greens – Grace H, Andy V
- Orchard Park – Eleanor and Carol Z
- Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N
- Stafholt Nursing Home - Freda G

SHUT-IN MEMBERS that are struggle with ongoing health issues or the effects of aging and keep in your prayers those that need significant assistance and their caregivers.

PHASE III BUILDING as we seek God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

SUMMIT HOUSE

The Summit Houses are a program of Envision Mission. There is one house for women and two houses for men in Bellingham and Lynden.

Council News

- Monthly reports from the various ministry teams and Pastor Mike were reviewed.
- Pastor Mike B informed the council that 7 students, Molly H and himself will be going to Crown Point, Indiana on a SERVE mission trip from July 15 - 22.
- The Council supported the motion made by the Fellowship team to change the funeral lunch program. The church will now pay for ham buns and beverages; cookies and bars will be prepared by church members if the family is unable. No more outdoor funeral receptions will be allowed. If potato salad is desired, it will need to be ordered and paid for by the family.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday, May 7 - GLOW Sunday
- Sunday, May 7 - Election of new elders and deacons
- Friday, May 12 - Senior Dinner
- Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day
- Thursday, May 18 - Ascension Day
- Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday - Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, May 28 - Joint Worship Service at Mt. View CRC, 6:00 PM
- Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day - Church offices closed
- Sunday, June 4 - Rock the Block registration opens
- Saturday, June 24 - Saturday, July 1 - Lynden SERVE
- Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day - Church offices closed
- July 15 - July 22 - First CRC Students to Crown Point SERVE
- July 19 - July 26 - International Cadet Camporee in Ontario, Canada
- Tuesday, July 25 - Thursday, July 27 - Rock the Block
- Friday, July 28 - Rock the Block, Family Block Party
- Sunday, August 20 - Outdoor Worship Service, 6:00 PM

Tithes and Offerings

TENTATIVE MAY OFFERINGS

- May 7 - GLOW Girls Club
- May 14 - Christian School Tuition Assistance
- May 21 - Christian Hope Association
- May 28 - Benevolence
- May 28 Love Offering - Bridges of Hope

Tithes and offering can be given the following ways:

- placed in the offering bag on Sunday
- mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, 98264)
- dropped off during the week (at the church office or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly.

Bible and Prayer Resources

HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS

As we strive to commit scripture to memory, our monthly verse for May is **Psalm 139:13-14**. We challenge you to find some way to get this verse in front of you this month. You are encouraged to print out the verse or save it as your phone or computer wallpaper! Printed copies are available on the Welcome Center.

BIBLE READING PLAN

For 2023, we will be reading through the Old Testament in chronological order. You are encouraged to use the Bible reading personally or as a family, and feel free to share this plan with others! Bible Reading Plan is available at the link below or printed copies are available on the Welcome Center.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

TODAY is a daily devotional produced through ReFrame Ministries. Copies available on the Welcome Center.

TABLETALK magazine is daily devotional/Bible study resource. Copies available on the Welcome Center.

PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH

The Christian Reformed Church of North America provides a daily prayer guide with prayer requests for ministries and their needs. Visit <https://www.crcna.org/get-involved/pray> for a monthly prayer guide.

Volunteer Schedules

BUS DRIVERS

May 7 - Hank R
May 14 - Robert S
May 21 - Bryan A
May 28 - Willie A

GREETERS

May 7 - GLOW Girls
May 14 - Randy & Vicki L, Eric & Lori M
May 21 - Neil & Debbie M, Brad & Jill M
May 28 - Jack & Wendi P, Roger & Mary P

USHERS

May 7 - GLOW Girls
May 14 - Larry K, Blaine K
May 21 - Galen L, Neil M
May 28 - Ken Q, Dan R

SAFETY USHERS

May 7 - Randy L, Brian K
May 14 - Ryan B, Nick S
May 21 - Jacob A, Gene T
May 28 - Darren G, Jason V

VIDEO

May 7 - Brandon K
May 14 - Jeff K
May 21 - Brant H
May 28 - Jordan H

FLOWERS

May 7 - Helene Y
May 14 - Kara H
May 21 - Peggy B
May 28 - Susan B

BABY NURSERY

May 7 - Sara B, Makayla S
May 14 - Kelsey G, Samantha T
May 21 - Jenna K, Reagan V
May 28 - Debbie S, Avery V

TODDLER NURSERY

May 7 - Dora and Brooklyn B
May 14 - Bev H, Levi T
May 21 - Ardelle K, Makenna T
May 28 - Jill K, Ella M

COFFEE SERVERS

May 7 - Larry & Joanne K
May 14 - Alan & Pat D
May 21 - Dennis & Jeanne J, Marilyn M
May 28 - Tabin & Jenny B

COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

May 7 - Jan B, Jenny B, Jennie B, Sara B
May 14 - Dora B, Laura B, Margaret D, Pat D
May 21 - Elsie D, Swandel E, Donelle F, Kim E
May 28 - AnnaLee F, Linda F, Diana G, Sandy G