

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 14, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 14 - 10:30 AM – Mother's Day

Romans 16:1-16 "Sisters, Fellow Workers, Mothers of Us All"
(Pastor Robert W)

May 14 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:14 "Purity and the Will of God" (Pastor Mike B)

May 21- 10:30 AM

Romans 2:1-5 (Pastor Mike B)

May 21 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:14 "You Shall Not Commit Adultery, II" (Pastor Mike B)

- **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.firstcrclinden.org or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **May 14 - Christian School Tuition Assistance**, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **May 21 - Lynden SERVE Project at New Way Ministries/Christian Hope Association** - Lynden SERVE is planning to put in playground equipment at New Way Ministries this summer. This offering will go towards the purchase of that equipment. See the link below for more information on the equipment they hope to purchase.
- **May 28 - Benevolence Fund**, used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.
- **May 28 - Love Offering - Bridges of Hope**, a ministry assisting men released from jail, prison, and substance abuse rehabilitation centers. Through discipleship with mentors, they help with vocational and life skills training, educational opportunities, and encourage restoration to a successful and autonomous lifestyle and becoming responsible members of society. For more information, visit www.bridgesofhopewa.org.

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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- Cal B will have double hernia surgery on Monday, May 15.
- Julie S had successful knee replacement surgery and is at home recovering.
- Harold H is home recovering from his stay in the hospital
- Berny D moved to Alderwood Manor for rehab after being in the hospital for a time.
- Nicole B is at home as she recovers from surgery.
- 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

ELECTION RESULTS FOR ELDER AND DEACON

Following the elections and drawing of lots on Sunday, May 7, three elders and three deacons were selected to serve on the First CRC Council.

- **Selected to the office of Elder:** Glen B, Blaine K, Roger P
- **Selected to the office of Deacon:** Tabin B, Mark T, Jason V

Please remember these men in prayer as they take on these leadership roles. The Council thanks all who allowed their names to be placed in nomination.

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!

SERVE PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to join the SERVE team and regularly pray for one of the 30 SERVE students/adults coming to Lynden? When you sign up, we'll give you ONE SERVANT to pray for by name. These students and leaders will be delighted to learn that we have been holding them up in prayer by name, and we are so excited to see what God will do in each of their lives. During SERVE, we've had kids commit to following Christ, recommit their lives, grow spiritually, and be refreshed, challenged, and encouraged by God.

Here's what we need prayer partners to do.

1. Pray regularly for six weeks for one SERVE student or leader from May 21-July 8. We will assign you your student/leader.
2. Consistently check your email for prayer updates.
3. Write at least one encouraging note to your SERVE student/leader and drop it off at the church **before June 23**.
4. Optional - but strongly encouraged - attend a lunch on Sunday, June 25 after church to meet your student.

If you are willing to be a prayer partner, contact Laura B.

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 or 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, our next meeting is Monday, May 15. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R.

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Please join us on Monday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. Questions...talk to Pastor Mike B.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Discovery class will meet this week Monday, May 15 at 7:00 PM at the parsonage. If you would still like to sign up or have questions, please contact the office or Pastor Robert. There will be no class on May 22 or 29. We will resume again on June 5.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

Pray for America will meet on Monday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM

Moms@1st Leadership Team will be meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30 AM. We will meet at Melanie's home for our final meeting of the year. For more information, contact Carly VW.

COUNCIL

Council will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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