

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 21, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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 B)

May 28- 10:30 AM – Pentecost

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, *Romans 2:6-11 "God Shows No Partiality" (Pastor Robert W)*

May 28 - 6:00 PM - Joint CRC worship service at Mt. View CRC

Philippians 3:1-11 (Pastor Bryan L)

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **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.
- **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.
- **May 28 - Joint PM Service at Mt. View - Lighthouse Mission**, a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. For more info, visit www.thelighthousemission.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

PRAYER ITEMS

- Cal B is at home recovering from double hernia surgery this past Monday.
- Julie S is at home recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Jean V moved to Silverado Care Center this week.
- 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 25-27! Pray for the planning team as they finalize details and pray that God would raise up volunteers willing to serve in this ministry to children in and around Lynden this summer.
- Cadet International Camporee - Pray for the cadets and leaders from First CRC and from all over as they plan and prepare for the Cadet International Camporee in Dunnville, Ontario from July 19-26.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Vicky with the passing of her husband Pastor Berny D on Wednesday, May 17. A memorial service is planned for Monday, May 22 at 2:00 PM at First CRC. For obituary information, see the Jerns Funeral Home website.

THANK YOU

- **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE DISBURSEMENT:** The second payment of 2022-2023 school year was recently made from the Christian Education program. For this payment, \$354 was given per student in 1st-12th grade (half amount given for Kindergarten students). The total given per student \$811 for this school year. Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

NEWS AND UPDATES

CHANGE IN MINISTRY TEAMS AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

A motion was passed to have bi-monthly Ministry team and Council meetings. This will go in effect June 1. **Please note that the ministry teams will now meet on the Third Tuesday every other month, unless another meeting is called by the ministry team chairperson.** The following is the schedule for the meetings:

- **Ministry Teams** - 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December
- **Council** - 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Benefits include instant hero status, all you can eat Goldfish crackers, exercise during worship, unlimited high fives and free crayons. Join our **Children's Ministry Team** for our summer session from **June 4 - August 27** by contacting Stephanie R.

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. If you are willing to be a prayer partner, contact Laura B. Here's what we need prayer partners to do:

1. Pray regularly for one SERVE student or leader from May 21-July 8.
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 lunch on Sunday, June 25 after church to meet your student.

ROCK THE BLOCK 2023

Coming July 25-26 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and on Thursday, July 27 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! Pray and consider how you can help make a KINGDOM IMPACT this summer as we will join other local churches to host an outdoor day camp for kids. * Childcare provided. If you are willing to volunteer, contact Stephanie R, Shelby B or the office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft, our next meeting is Monday, May 22. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):

This week Monday, May 22 is the Cadet's Year End Fishing Extravaganza at Meenderinck's pond. We will start at 6:30 PM and go till dusk (around 8:30 PM). All fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers are invited to enjoy a night of fishing, swimming, and food! Bring your fishing gear (if you have some) and swim shorts (if you want to swim). Cadet shirts are not needed...please leave them at home. If you have any questions, call Brian S.

DISCOVERY CLASS

There will be no class on May 22 or 29. We will resume again on June 5. For more information, contact Pastor Robert (360-354-4560).

WORSHIP PLANNING

Worship Planning will meet this week Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 PM in the Council room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.