

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 28, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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)

** Directions to Mt. View CRC and a link to the livestream can be found on their website: www.mtviewcrc.org

June 4 - 10:30 AM - Installation/Ordination of New Elders and Deacons

Romans 2:12-29 (Pastor Robert W)

June 4 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:15 "You Shall Not Steal" (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

- **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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering 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

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. Please use a blue envelope (additional available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAYER ITEMS

- Julie S is at home recovering from knee replacement 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 25-27! 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.

THANK YOU

- My heart is overjoyed for the love shown to me and my family. Thank you for all the prayers and gifts. Berny will be missed but we know he is rejoicing in heaven with the saints. Thank you to both Pastor Robert and Pastor Mike for everything. Love you all! ~ Vicky D and family

NEWS AND UPDATES

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - MONDAY, MAY 29

All church offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

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.

THE PINK BUCKET GALS - DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Summit House is collecting personal items to be shared with homeless women living on the streets of Bellingham. A list of items needed is available on the pink bucket. Please place donated items or monetary donations in the PINK BUCKET near the Welcome Center or drop them off at the church office during office hours by June 20. Thank You!

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

FIRST FAMILY CAMP

Did you know that First Church has a church camp in September? And that it is open to any First Church families, singles, young, middle aged or retired? Join us for a fun weekend of relaxation and fellowship with our church family! Come, be yourself, sit back and relax! There is lots of places for kids to ride bike, scooter, skateboard, etc. Meals will be on your own, unless you make arrangements with others, except for a group potluck on Saturday evening and a cookie and coffee fellowship time on Sunday morning. Plan to be there rain or shine!

First Family Camp Details

When: Friday, September 8 - Sunday, September 10

Where: Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, Washington

Who: Everyone! There are spots for those with RV's or with tents!

Cost: \$75 for the weekend

If you are interested in knowing more about Family Camp or would like to make reservations, contact Amy V or the church office. For more information about the location, visit the Howard Miller Steelhead website.

LYNDEN SERVE

Lynden SERVE is coming June 24 - July 1! Watch for ways you can volunteer or donate items for SERVE.

Prayer Partners are also still needed for the students and leaders from Lynden going to Crown Point, Indiana in July. If you are willing to be a prayer partner, contact Laura B.

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 again on Monday, June 5 at 10:00 AM in the Loft for our last meeting of this session. We will be taking the summer off but watch for more information about our next study this fall. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

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).

DEACONS

We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 PM in the Council room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 31 from 7:00-9:00 PM (note the time change!). We will be meeting at church and carpooling to the river for a bonfire and smores. If you have a camp chair, bring it along! 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, June 3. This study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.