

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for July 2, 2023*  
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### July 2 - 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Baptism *Romans 3:9-20 "Guilty As Charged"* (Pastor Robert W)

### July 2 - 6:00 PM

*Exodus 20:16; 23:1-3 "The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth II"* (Pastor Robert W)

### July 9 - 10:30 AM

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*II Chronicles 7:1-4, 14-15 "Our Culture and Prayer"* (Bill R - Director of Light of the World Prayer Center)

### July 9 - 6:00 PM

*Exodus 20:17 "You Shall Not Covert"* (David 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 on the lawn or in the basement (weather dependent).
- **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](http://www.firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **July 2** - Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **July 9** - Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. They live in Zaventem Village in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. Al is the Director of Operations and is involved in building and maintenance, ZavCentre (a 60-bed hospitality and conference center supporting both local and global missions and ministry) and a church plant. Julie is the OM bookkeeper and Al has been battling leukemia. For more information, visit [www.om.org/be/be\\_en](http://www.om.org/be/be_en).
- **July 9 Love Offering** - Luke Society, which provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. They empower nationals to use their gifts in medicine as a tool to share the love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace. For more information, visit [lukesociety.org](http://lukesociety.org)
- **July 16** - Missions and Outreach
- **July 23** - Gideons
- **July 30** - Benevolence
- **August 6** – Christian School Tuition Assistance

### 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

### DEACON REPORT

- The report from the deacons for June 2023 is now available in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

### CONGRATULATIONS

- This Sunday morning we welcome little Lila Mae, as Nick & Julia present their daughter for baptism.

### CONDOLSENCE

- We express our sympathy to Marilyn M and Patrick J with the passing of Marilyn's brother, Bill M, on Saturday, June 24 in Blaine, WA.

### PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

- **Bill Q**, father of Ken & Lisa, was not well enough to travel and needs to stay home for another 3 weeks.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat aggressive bone marrow cancer.
- **Carol P** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.

### PRAY FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lynden SERVE 2023** – Pray for Lynden SERVE students, leaders and volunteers as they recover from a very busy (and productive) week of work, worship and fellowship.
- **Crown Point SERVE 2023** - Pray for 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 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.
- **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 dear church family, the Lord showered me with so many blessings for my milestone birthday! Thank you for making this day/week extra special through your lovely cards, kind words and warm greetings! I am praising the Lord for another year of His daily grace and for you my dear church family! With love and appreciation, Phama

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED

The church offices and building will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

### SEEKING REFERENDUM 101 SIGNATURES

During the spring of 2023, Washington state legislative session, a highly partisan bill, ESSB 5599, was passed regarding homeless or runaway youth seeking what's referred to as "protected health care services." These services provide gender-related medical intervention, such as puberty blockers, sex change surgeries, and mastectomies, as well as abortions. In the bill, certain shelters and organizations are exempt from the requirement to contact the parents when the child enters the shelter.

Referendum 101 seeks to overturn this bad law. By signing the petition for Referendum 101 by July 15, citizens will have the opportunity to Reject SB 5599 on the November ballot. Find more information at [www.reject5599.com](http://www.reject5599.com). You can sign the petition by contacting Glen B.

### LYNDEN SERVE 2023 - CLEAN UP HELP NEEDED

We would love for anyone who is available to show up starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 1, to clean up the church, put everything away, and get the buildings ready for church the next day. No need to sign up, just come and help out!

### ROCK THE BLOCK, JULY 25-26 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A day camp of this size takes an incredible force of amazing volunteers. Teens and Adults - WE NEED YOU! **We are specifically looking for more junior leaders (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.

## **FIRST FAMILY CAMP**

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. 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.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

### **MOMS@1ST SUMMER MEET-UP**

Join us this summer for playing at the park and Moms Night Out! ***THESE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE - you do not need to be part of MOMS@1st!*** Park dates usually start at 9:30 AM. Feel free to bring snacks, treats or picnic lunch to share. \*\* Schedule is subject to change; rainy day backup plans will be Summit or playdate in the mall.

#### **Summer Meet-Up Schedule**

July 11 - Everson Park, Everson

July 13 - Mom's Night Out - game night in Lynden

July 18 - Berthusen Park, Lynden

August 1 - Marine Park, Blaine

August 22 - Cordata Spray Park, Bellingham

August 24 - Mom's Night Out - dinner in Lynden

### **TIRED AND RETIRED - SAVE THE DATE!**

All those 40-70ish are invited to join us on Friday, July 21 for our annual Potluck and Movie Night in the barn at the VanderPol's. More details in the coming weeks.

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

### **First Christian Reformed Church**

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