

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for July 9, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

July 9 - 10:30 AM - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

II Chronicles 7:1-4, 14-15 "Our Culture and Prayer" (Bill R)

July 9 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:17 "You Shall Not Covert" (David W)

July 16 - 10:30 AM

John 17:21-23 "Oneness" (Saji O)

July 16 - 6:00 PM

Isaiah 55:1-6 "Would You Like a Drink?" (Pastor Austin M)

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **July 9** - Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. Al is the Director of Operations and is involved in building and maintenance, ZavCentre 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.
- **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
- **July 16** - Missions and Outreach Fund, is used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- **July 23** - Gideons
- **July 30** - Benevolence

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

CONGRATULATIONS

- Vernon S will celebrate his 86th birthday on Wednesday, July 12.
- Greta E will celebrate her 88th birthday on Friday, July 14.

CONDOLSENCE

- We extend our sympathy to Grace H and Doris B with the passing of their brother and brother-in-law, John B, last week in Idaho.

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

- **Marsha Ms** 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

- **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

- Thank you to all those who came to help celebrate Ron and Jane S's 65th anniversary. The cards and well wishes were very much appreciated! ~the S Family

NEWS AND UPDATES

WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT

July 9 AM

We welcome Bill R, director of Light of the World Prayer Center to our pulpit this Sunday morning, July 9. Bill oversees development, training, equipping and growth of the prayer culture within Whatcom county through LOWPC. Light of World Prayer Center is located in Bellingham. For more information visit www.lowpc.org.

July 16 AM

We welcome Saji O for Kidstown International to our pulpit. Saji is the Executive Director of Kidstown International and is based in their Bellingham office. As of 2020, Kidstown International is helping to care for nearly 1,000 children living in 49 orphanages in Romania, India, and Nepal.

July 16 PM

We welcome Pastor Austin M to our pulpit in the evening. Pastor Austin M served with Pastor Robert as an associate pastor in his church in OKC for about 7 years. Then Austin & Beverly left to serve as missionaries in Albania with Von & Sue G. They are retired in Arkansas, have three married daughters and a bunch of grandkids.

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. You can sign the petition by contacting Glen B.

INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPLIES

On Thursday, July 6, four boxes of medical supplies were dropped off at the church. If you have any information about who dropped them off or what they are intended for, please contact the church office. We would love to get them to their proper destination!

TIRED AND RETIRED

Everyone "tired and retired" is invited to a potluck dinner and an outdoor movie at Wes & Liz V's home on Friday, July 21 at 6:00 PM. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Please sign up in foyer. For more information, contact Liz.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the church picnic on Monday July 24 with dinner starting at 6:30. You are invited to come earlier to enjoy the park. Church will provide paper plates and plastic forks. Drinks will be provided. This is also a shared potluck so families with last names A-M bring salads (First CRC Potato Salad will be provided) and N-Z bring your favorite desserts. The main course will be pulled pork sliders. We are also having once again a soft ball game with Margaret D as our game official. Please sign-up to be part of the game. Don't forget your lawn chairs. A donation box will be available to offset some of the expenses. If you need a ride or more information call the church office at 354-4560.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, July 10 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

ROCK THE BLOCK PLANNING TEAM

The Rock the Block Planning team will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 11:00 AM in the Prayer Room. Questions, please contact Stephanie R.

SERVE LEADERSHIP TEAM & SITE SUPERVISORS

Serve leadership and site supervisors will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM in the Education Building for the SERVE 2023 debriefing meeting.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive team will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

CROWN POINT SERVE TEAM

The Crown Point SERVE Team will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 PM in the Loft in preparation for our trip. **** PLEASE RETURN YOUR CONSENT TO TRAVEL FORMS ON THURSDAY!**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, July 15 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

MOMS@1ST SUMMER MEET-UPS

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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8:30 AM - 12:30 PM