

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for July 16, 2023*  
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### 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)*

### July 23 - 10:30 AM

*Romans 3:19-20 "The Importance of the Knowledge of Sin" (Pastor Robert W)*

### July 23 - 6:00 PM

*Deuteronomy 5:21; I John 2:15-17 "Friends of the World; Enemies of God" (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.
- **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 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 allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- **July 23** - Gideons, an organization with the primary purpose to win souls for Christ. One of their main ministries is the placement of Bibles in "human traffic lanes", placing almost 63 million scriptures annually. For more information, visit [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org).
- **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
- Electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Joyce H will celebrate her 88th birthday on Monday, July 17.
- Shirley B will celebrate her 88th birthday on Wednesday, July 19.
- Don S will celebrate his 81st birthday on Wednesday, July 19.

### CONDOLSENCE

- We extend our sympathy to the friends of Ron H who passed away on July 3 in Great Falls, Montana.

### PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

- **Isla T**, daughter of Evan & Amber, is recovering from a successful surgery to remove her tonsils and adenoids. We praise God for answered prayers!
- **Jane S** is recovering at home following a stay at the hospital. Pray for renewed strength and healing for Jane.
- **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

- **Crown Point SERVE 2023** - Pray for the team of students and leaders from First CRC that are in Crown Point, Indiana, until Saturday, July 22 to participate in a SERVE week there. The team consists of leaders, Pastor Mike B and Molly H, and students, Emily A, Miranda B, Aubrey B, Tessa B, Trey K, Levi M, and Avery V. To follow their progress during the week, visit the Crown Point SERVE Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CrownPointSERVE>.
- **Cadet International Camporee** - Pray for the cadets and leaders from Lynden and from all over as they travel to Dunnville, Ontario for the Cadet International Camporee. They will be leaving very early on Tuesday, July 18 and returning late in the evening on Wednesday, July 26. The cadets from First CRC/Bethel CRC attending are Micah K, Levi T, Lane V, Carson D, and Isaac D. They will be traveling with counselors and other cadets from Lynden and attending with cadets from around the US and Canada. To see news and updates from the week, visit <https://camporee.calvinistcadets.org/news/>.
- **Rock the Block 2023** – Pray for the planning team as they finalize details, train volunteers, and set up for camp on July 25-27.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT

- **July 16 AM** - We welcome Saji O to our pulpit during the morning service. 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, Thailand, and Nepal.
- **July 16 PM** - We welcome Pastor Austin M to our pulpit in the evening. Pastor Austin McCaskill served with Pastor Robert as an associate pastor in his church in OKC for about 7 years. Then Austin and Beverly left to serve as missionaries in Albania with Von and Sue G. They are retired in Arkansas, have three married daughters and a bunch of grandkids.

### ROCK THE BLOCK PREP PARTY

Join us on Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Sonlight Church to prepare for the children. Many hands make light work! Please help us prepare crafts, supplies and decorations.

### ROCK THE BLOCK TRAINING – REGISTRATION AND LEADERS

Training for Rock the Block volunteers/leaders and registration will be on Monday, July 24 at 11:00 AM at Sonlight Church. For more information talk to Stephanie Rennie.

### 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.

### “TIRED AND RETIRED OR NOT” CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Everyone "tired and retired or not" is invited to a potluck dinner followed by a movie in the barn at Wes & Liz's home on Friday, July 21 at 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the foyer of church or contact Liz and bring a salad or dessert to share. Beverages and all paper supplies are provided. For more information, contact Liz V. \*Don't forget to wear your **green** and **red** clothes and bring a coat for when it cools down!

### 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

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR AMERICA

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, July 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

### 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 18 - Berthusen Park, Lynden

August 1 - Marine Park, Blaine

August 22 - Cordata Spray Park, Bellingham

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

### MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM

Moms@1st Leadership Team will be meeting on Wednesday, July 19 at 9:30 AM. We will meet in the Education Building. For more information, contact Carly V.

### WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### **First Christian Reformed Church**

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