

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 3, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 3 - 10:30 AM

Bible Presentation for Children's Church Promotion

Romans 4:1-12 "God Counts Faith as Righteousness" (Robert W)

September 3 - 6:00 PM

Joint Worship Service at Second CRC

September 10 - 10:30 AM

Matthew 25:31-46 "What About Hell" (Mike B)

September 10 - 6:00 PM

Revelation 21:1-4 "What About Heaven" (Mike B)

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **September 3 - Christian School Tuition Assistance**, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **September 10 - Steve and Sandy**
- **September 17 - Ray and Angie**
- **September 24 – Benevolence**

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 (at the office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through [Tithe.ly](https://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.

The August 2023 report from the deacons is available in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

CONGRATULATIONS

- We rejoice with Jordan & Abbie S as they welcomed a son, Edmund Buchanan on Wednesday, August 23.

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

- **Cheryl R** was diagnosed with a rare swallowing disorder that affects the esophagus. She will have a consultation in September at Virginia Mason in Seattle.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat aggressive bone marrow cancer.

NEWS AND UPDATES

COMBINED SERVE TONIGHT AT SECOND CRC

Join us tonight at 6:00 PM for a combine service at Second CRC. An offering will be received in the box in the lobby for Word Renew Disaster Relief. Nursery will be provided. Be sure to stay for pie and coffee following the service!

BIBLE PROMOTION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

On Sunday, September 3, during the morning worship service, we will recognize the 4th graders that have moved up from Children's Church with a presentation of a Bible.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

In honor of Labor Day, all church offices will be closed, and buildings locked on Monday, September 4. If you need access to the church that day, please make arrangements ahead of time. Thank you!

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 15

The congregation is invited to join us in a Farewell reception for Pastor Mike, Shelby and Soren B. We will have an open house on Friday, September 15 from 5:30 -7:30 PM at the church with dessert and coffee served. There will also be a basket for your written notes of well-wishes. We hope to see you all there!

PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

All members with school age children should have received a sheet in your church mailbox from the Christian Education Ministry Team. This allows the team to know where children from First Church are attending - whether it is a Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance provided to members of First CRC and allows families to chose whether to participate or not. If you have any questions, please contact Jake D or any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team. **All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake D's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 24. If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out of the Christian School Tuition Assistance.**

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

As the August 10 meeting of Council, nine names were recommended to serve on the newly formed Search Committee. All nine people were asked and all nine accepted. The new Search Committee members are Susan B, Cal B, Margaret D, Bev H, Andrew R, Gene T, Mark T, Brian V, Kathryn V. In the weeks to come, the members will meet and review their mandate, job description and ways to move forward. Please keep the committee in your prayers during the next chapter in the future of First CRC.

STUDENT FUNDRIE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS

Youth Dynamics is having a student Fundrive - clean out your closets and support Nooksack Valley Youth Dynamics! **They are collecting clothes** (men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.) **and household textiles** (bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.) Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition. Donations can be put in the labeled box next to the church office or contact Tim N for larger donations. **All donations must be dropped to the box by Monday, October 2!**

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in Church Basement. *The Apostle John* is a video series focusing on his gospel and Revelation.
- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Education Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Education Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Education Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Education Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike Sn in the Loft

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

All women are invited to join us for a study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. We will begin on Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Books are in the Education Building kitchen. Please sign up on the paper when you take a book. For more information, contact Eleanor V.

LIFE GROUPS

First CRC "Life Groups" are once again being organized to help our church family build fulfilling friendships through small groups. Besides being a valuable ministry for enfolding new members and guests to our church family, small groups will encourage long-time members to move beyond friendly greetings on Sundays to deeper connection and involvement. Life Groups provide regular fellowship, mutual encouragement, Bible study and prayer. Making a commitment to a Life Group is a commitment to intentionally share life with other believers on an exciting journey of growing together in our walk with the Lord. If you are interested in becoming a part of a Life Group, contact the church office or sign up in the back of church, starting September 10.

Life Group facilitator – what do they do and could you be one? Facilitators are not teachers, nor will they do most of the sharing within the Life Groups. They seek to give everyone an opportunity to participate and will guide the closing prayer. All questions and discussion material are provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Life Group facilitator, contact Pastor Robert.

DINNERS 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up now at the kiosk or contact Marilyn M or the church office to sign up.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ELDERS

The elders will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, September 6 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. Contact Cal Buys (360-815-2254) if you have questions or need more information.

FIRST FAMILY CAMP

First Family Camp Details

When: Friday, September 8 - Sunday, September 10

Where: Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, Washington

If you missed the deadline for signing up, please contact the campground directly to see if there are sites available. For more information about the location, visit the [Howard Miller Steelhead website](#).

TIRED AND RETIRED LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 17

The Tired and Retired group are having a luncheon on Sunday, September 17 following the morning service in the Education Building. Please sign up at the kiosk to bring a salad or dessert! Hot sandwiches and beverages will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Liz V.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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