

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 10, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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)

September 17 - 10:30 AM

Romans 4:6-8 "God Doesn't Count Our Sins Against Us" (Robert W)

September 17 - 6:00 PM

Luke 11:1-13 "Introduction to the Lord's Prayer" (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.
- **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 10 - Steve and Sandy**, serving with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language.
- **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 the church office
- 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 (available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Ann T will celebrate her 82nd birthday on September 14.

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.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat bone marrow cancer.

NEWS AND UPDATES

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW!

An updated (non-picture) church directory is now available in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center. If you would like an additional copy, please contact the church office.

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION FOR BRUMMELS -

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 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 allows families to choose 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 De Hoog'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 fund.

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.

LYNDEN CHORAL HYMN SING

All are welcome to the Lynden Choral Society for a Hymn Sing at First CRC on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM.

RISE UP & PRAY WHATCOM COUNTY - MOMS IN PRAYER

You are invited to an evening with Moms in Prayer moms to hear about the blessings of praying consistently in a group for children and schools. Connect with moms, be encouraged with hope!

Moms, Grandmothers, Teachers, all interested women are welcome! Join us Monday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Light of the World Prayer Center (824 W. Smith Road). No childcare will be available. Register at lowpc.org.

STUDENT FUNDRIVE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS

Youth Dynamics is having a student Fundrive - clean out your closets and support Nooksack Valley Youth Dynamics! **They are collecting clothes and household items.** 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 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 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 S in the Loft **** High School will meet this week with the adult class.**

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 enfolded 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.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at Meenderincks' Pond on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are all welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, September 13 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. Contact Cal B if you have questions or need more information.

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.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to GLOW this season! Our kickoff will be Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. We will be enjoying pizza and games. For more information about our girls' program, contact Kim A.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, please contact Carly V.

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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