

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

## Announcements for September 17, 2023

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### September 17 - 10:30 AM

Celebration of Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith

*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)

#### September 24 - 10:30 AM (Robert W)

*Romans 4:9-12 "When Did God Count Faith as Righteousness?"*

#### September 24 - 6:00 PM

*Matthew 6:7-8 "Why Pray?"* (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](http://www.firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **September 17 - Ray & Angie** serve with East-West Ministries International. Ray is the Head of Formation Conferences at Pars Theological Centre.
- **September 24 - First CRC Benevolence Fund** is used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.

#### 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](http://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

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#### WELCOME

- We welcome the following becoming members of First CRC by Profession or Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, September 17: Levi T, Reagan V, Leo & Linda B, Ryan & Fritzie E, Dennis & Jeanne J, Jordan & Abbie S, Brent & Kristi W, and Madison W.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Luke T and Leah P who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

#### 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

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### **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 De Hoog 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 fund.**

### **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.

### **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, 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). Register at lowpc.org.

### **STUDENT FUNDRIVE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS**

Youth Dynamics is having a student Fundrive **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!**

### **CROSS CONNECTIONS NEWLETTER**

The fall edition of the Cross Connection Newsletter is available in your mailbox, on the Welcome Center or in the church office.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and adults meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. 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

### **TIRED AND RETIRED FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The Tired and Retired group (for anyone ages 40+) 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.

### **MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies of any age are welcome to the Monday morning Bible Study using the Proverbs 31 series of Esther -- *Right Where You're Supposed To Be*. A study guide is used each day to review a small section of scripture. In addition, one can refer to an app on the Proverbs 31 website to enhance understanding of the scripture covered. One should allot 15 - 30 minutes of time during each day to complete the study guide and review the app. If you would like to attend please order your book from the following link: Book of Esther. Contact the office if you have questions or need help ordering.

### **HELPING HANDS**

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, September 18 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

### **PRAY FOR AMERICA**

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

### **OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Oasis will kick off their new season on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

### **COUNCIL**

Council will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in the council room.

### **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 with pizza and games. For more information about GLOW, contact Kim A.

### **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY)**

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, September 20 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. Contact Cal B if you have questions or need more information.

### **DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All women are invited to join us for a study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, beginning Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Books are in the Education Building kitchen, please prepare lesson 1 for our first meeting. Servers for the first week are Gert B and Shirley B. For more information, contact Eleanor V.

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

### **First Christian Reformed Church**

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