

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 24, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 24 - 10:30 AM

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

September 24 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:7-8; 31-34 "Why Pray?"

October 1 - 10:30 AM - World Communion Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Romans 4:13-17 "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"

October 1 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9 "Our Father God"

October 8 - 10:30 AM David W preaching

Deuteronomy 6:1-12 "The Blessings and Dangers of Christian Education"

October 8 - 6:00 PM Rev. Bryan D, pastor of Bethel CRC, preaching

Hebrews 11:8-16 "Looking Forward in Faith"

- **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 in the basement.
- **Join us online** if you are unable to worship with us in person. Our morning and evening worship services can be livestreamed at www.firstcrlcynden.org or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **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

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- Our condolences to the family and friends of **Ann Y**, who died peacefully at home on July 1 in Palm Dessert, CA. Ann moved from Lynden to Palm Dessert in 2012 to live with her son, Richard. ** Ann's son, Richard is looking for pictures of Ann. If you have any, please bring them to the office to be scanned and sent to Richard.

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

- **Cheryl R** was diagnosed with a rare swallowing disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat aggressive bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is having more difficulty swallowing but has declined a feeding tube.
- **Ella Mae W** (member now living in Arizona) is struggling with health issues and will be starting a stronger chemo medication with more severe side effects.

NEWS AND UPDATES

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 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. If you are interested in becoming a part of a Life Group, contact the church office or sign up at the kiosk. **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 office.

LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00-3:00 PM on Meridian Street in Bellingham (between Stuart and Bakerview Roads). Bring your family and be a light in the darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! The event will happen rain or shine, so water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, etc. are encouraged. For more information, contact Lynden Human Life at 360-201-8630.

STUDENT FUNDRIE 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. **Donations must be dropped off by October 2!**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th 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

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The study of the Book of Book of Esther, *Right Where You're Supposed to Be*. We will meet on Monday, September 25 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our regular meeting. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

MOMS@1ST (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms@1st will be meeting on Tuesday, September 26 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, September 27 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft.
Contact Cal B if you have questions or need more information.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Pastor Search Team will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. Please look in your email for information. If there are any questions, contact Brian V.

CHURCH INFORMATION**First Christian Reformed Church**

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