

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 8, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 8 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - David W

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

October 8 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Rev. Bryan D, pastor of Bethel CRC

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

October 15 - 10:30 AM

Pastor Appreciation

Romans 4:17-25 "The God Who Makes Promises"

October 15 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Rev. Scott R, pastor of Hope in Christ CRC

Psalms 9 "Praise God!"

- **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

- October 8 - **Memli & Luiza** are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania. For more information, talk to Pastor Robert.
- October 15 - **Aaron - Friend of Sinners CRC**
- October 22 - **Ken & Chris**
- October 29 - **Building the Future Fund**

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 during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox)
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to the many friends and family of **Shirley B**, who passed away suddenly on Monday, October 2. We especially remember her sister, Betty S, and Shirley's extended family at First Church. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 AM at First CRC.

THANK YOU

- Thank you for prayers, cards and kind words with the passing of Christie. Thank you Pastor Robert for your visits and wonderful message. Thank you also to the ladies that helped prepare and serve the lunch. It was all appreciated. ~ Cora S and family
- Thank you for your part with the Youth Dynamics Fundrive! We collected over 1300 lbs. of soft goods. This will help offset the cost of adventure trips for local youth, so they hear about the love and truth of Jesus. ~ Tim N, Youth Dynamics

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Andy V** is declining in health. Keep Andy and his family in your prayers.
- **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.

NEWS AND UPDATES

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's remember Pastor Robert and Phama in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family. We will be recognizing them as a church on Sunday, October 15 during the morning worship service.

SEARCH TEAM NEEDS YOU

The Search Team needs you! As we look for an Associate Pastor, one of the things we need most are names. If you (or your friends and family, ask around!) have heard solid, reformed, preaching from someone who you think would be a good fit for our congregation please give the name to Brian V or any member of the search team.

HALLOWEEN REMINDER FROM PASTOR ROBERT

As Halloween approaches, we urge you to do two things.

First, do not let the world push you into its mold. Avoid anything that is demonic, evil or monstrous. Jesus taught us to pray, "deliver us from evil." The spirit world is not something to treat lightly and dressing up as ghosts, witches, or demons does, in fact, trivialize serious spiritual realities. As Christians indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, what we do should be clean, pure, joyful and in the light.

And second, within this church family, our brothers and sisters may hold different views on this whole matter. A person's or a family's participation in Halloween falls under the area of a freedom of conscience, not legalism. So all of us should avoid smug self-righteousness and guard our tongues and avoid judgments and criticisms of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Whatever we do, whether we participate or not, let's live together in love and peace and let's remember that whatever we do, we do it to the glory of God.

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 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. 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. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 29.

TIRED AND RETIRED OR NOT!

Come join us for a night of snacks, soups, and desserts on Friday, October 20 at 6:00 PM at the "Smit's Shop" across the road of Robert & Debbie S ** Bring a pumpkin to carve and your own knives-prizes for best, worst and most creative pumpkin! Sign up at the kiosk with what you will bring or contact Liz V.

LYNDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT

On Thursday, October 12 at 2:00 PM you are invited to a benefit concert hosted by the Lynden Music Festival at First CRC, Lynden. Donations will be accepted for Lahaina, HI fire aid.

MOMS@1ST FUNDRAISER - CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Purchase a box of 30 greeting cards + coordinating envelopes, all in a keepsake box – for just \$30. Choose from 5 designs: Kids' Birthday, All-Occasions (1 or 2), Thanks & Blanks and Holiday. Cards will be delivered by the end of October. You can preview and order in person on the evening of October 10 in the Loft. If you have any questions, contact Katie J or Carly V.

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, October 7 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th grades and adults meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join 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 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* will meet on Monday, October 9 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, October 9 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, October 10 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, October 17 at 7:45 PM in the Council Room for annual staff reviews.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISRTY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, October 11 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us for a study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Prepare lesson 2 for our meeting. Servers for this week are Doris B and Joyce H. For more information, contact Eleanor V.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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