

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 15, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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, Hope in Christ CRC

Psalms 9 "Praise God!"

October 22 - 10:30 AM - Missions Sharing - PIM

Romans 5:1-5 "Joy in Hope and Suffering"

October 22 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9; John 5:17-23 "Our Father God, II"

October 29 - 10:30 AM - Baptism of Edmund, son of Jordan & Abby

Romans 5:6-11 "The Extravagant Love of God"

October 29 - 6:00 PM - Joint Reformation Day Service

Ezekiel 36:22-23; Matthew 6:9 "Hallowed Be Thy Name"

- **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 15 - **Aaron** - Friend of Sinners Reformed Church, is a church plant in eastern Whatcom County. The ministry consists of outreach and discipleship in Maple Falls and Kendall through a Thursday night worship and teaching service in Maple Falls and Sunday services in Everson.
- 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
- 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 memo line.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

THANK YOU

- Thank you for all your support of the Pink Buckets. The items have blessed so many people. May God bless you and keep you always.
~ Aleta and Amber, Summit House
- Thank you all so much for your recent gift and for the many, many years that you have been faithful partners in missions with Kidstown. We pray you all be deeply blessed as you are a bless to so many. On behalf of all the kids of Kidstown, thank you. ~ Fred, Kidstown International

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Ken L** was admitted to the hospital with multiple health issues.
- **Andy V** is declining in health.
- **Cheryl R** is dealing with a disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy for 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 this Sunday, October 15 during the morning worship service.

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, give the name to Brian V or any member of the search team.

HALLOWEEN REMINDER FROM PASTOR ROBERT

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.

TIRED AND RETIRED OR NOT!

Join us for an evening 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 creative pumpkins! Sign up at the kiosk with what you will bring or contact Liz 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 enrolling 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, 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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.
- **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 16 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, October 16 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, October 16 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Forged@First (formerly Oasis) will meet on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MOMS@1ST (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms@1st Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30 AM in the Ed Building. For more information, contact Carly V.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will be meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 PM, unless you have heard otherwise from your team chairperson.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

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

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, October 18 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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