

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 22, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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.firstcrclinden.org or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- October 22 - **Ken & Chris** recently moved to Michigan from where Chris continues to serve Wycliffe in member care. For more information, visit wycliffe.org.
- October 29 - **Building the Future Fund**
- October 29 Reformation Service (PM) - **Amor Viviente CRC**
- November 5 - **Christian School Tuition Assistance 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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Bert K** celebrates his 89th birthday on October 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Cal B** anticipates having sinus surgery on October 27.
- **Chris H** is back at home recovering from surgery.
- **Ken L** is now at Shuksan Care Center in Bellingham for rehab.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- **Cheryl R** is dealing with a disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Andy V** is declining in health.

NEWS AND UPDATES

MISSIONARIES VISITING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday we welcome Eric & Penny, missions partners with Pacific Island Ministries (PIM). They will be sharing during our morning service.

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.

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.

JOINT REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us next Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 PM, at First CRC, for our Reformation Day worship service with area Christian Reformed Churches. Pastor Robert will bring us the message. An offering will be received for Amor Viviente.

HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 5, following the morning worship service. *Everyone* is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 no later than Friday, November 3. Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up ahead of time. The Harvest Dinner is free for all, but donations will be accepted to help cover costs.

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.

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. 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.

CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS

The First CRC Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$15.00 each. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 24 & 25 in the Education Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 19. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything. *Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!*

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. *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

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.

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 23 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 23 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

LYNDEN SERVE 2024 LEADERSHIP

We will meet on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 PM in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Molly H.

MOMS@1ST (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, October 25 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, October 25 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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