

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 29, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 29 - 10:30 AM - Sacrament of Baptism - Edmund S

Romans 5:1-5 "Joyful in Suffering"

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

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

November 5 - 10:30 AM -

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

November 5- 6:00 PM - Preaching - David W

Matthew 6:9-10 "Thy Kingdom Come"

November 12- 10:30 AM

Romans 5:12-17 "The Tale of Two Adams"

November 12- 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9-10; John 5:20 "Thy Will Be Done"

- **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 29 - **Building the Future Fund** is in place to help finance future building projects of our church.
- October 29 Reformation Service (PM) - **Amor Viviente Church**, a Spanish-speaking church in Lynden, supported by local Christian Reformed Churches and the Northwest Hispanic Ministry. Amor Viviente has grown significantly and is now meeting in the Hope Center on BC Avenue.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Ruth O** celebrates her 81st birthday on October 30.
- **Freda G** celebrates her 93rd birthday on November 2.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to my church family for the cards, kinds words, phone calls and especially the prayers with the passing of my dear sister, Shirley. It was so appreciated. ~ Betty S

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Kara H** anticipates out-patient foot surgery on Tuesday.
- **Cal B** is at home recovering for sinus surgery.
- **Chris H** is 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 swallowing disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Andy V** is declining in health. Keep Andy and his family in your prayers.

NEWS AND UPDATES

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.

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. Recognition of Pastor Robert and Phama has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 29 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.

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

As we look for an Associate Pastor, one of the things we need most are names. If you have heard solid, reformed, preaching from someone who you think would be a good fit for us, please give their 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 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. 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 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. 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 the church office to sign up. *Deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 29.*

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our new Bible Study, *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust*, is a 6 week study that takes us through the holidays. We have decided that it may be difficult to meet through the holidays, so we suggest that you order the book, use the app, and **study independently** on this beautiful study about Jesus Christ. If you would like to order a book (\$10 each), contact the church office by October 31. We plan to resume our group study after the holidays. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars and remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

**** Program Practice** - Starting on Sunday, November 12, kids from **3 years through 5th grade** will be asked to leave during the morning worship service to start practicing during the Children's Church time. For more information about the Children's Christmas Program, contact Stephanie R.

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, 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 at any time!

**** Please note - there will be NO EDUCATION CLASSES on Sunday, November 5 because of the Harvest Dinner.**

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in the basement. *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 30 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

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

We will meet this week Monday, October 30 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

DEACONS

We will meet on Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Wednesday, November 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM for our Father/Daughter Night **in the Loft**. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us at Tribe on Wednesday, November 1 from 7:30-9:00 PM **in the church basement**. For more information, contact Cal B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a study of 1&2 Peter and Jude, on Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 AM in the Ed. Building. Prepare lesson 4. Servers are Lillian V and Sharon V. For more info, contact Eleanor V.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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8:30 AM - 12:30 PM