

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 12, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 12 - 10:30 AM - Observing Veterans' Day

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

November 12 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9-10; John 4:34; 5:19, 30 "Thy Will Be Done"

November 19 - 10:30 AM

Romans 5:18-21 "Abounding Grace"

November 19 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9-11, 25-34 "Our Daily Bread"

November 23 - 10:00 AM - Thanksgiving Day Service

Psalms 136 "Give Thanks for His Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

- **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

- November 12 - **Reformed University Fellowship** (RUF at WWU) ministers on the campus of WWU. For more information, visit their website at www.ruf.org.
- November 19 - **Forged at First** (formerly Oasis), 7th-8th Grade Ministry at First CRC
- November 23, Thanksgiving - **Thanksgiving Envelopes**
- November 26 - **Benevolence**

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 or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- ~ 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 Gene & Lillian VB with the passing of Lillian's sister, Betty Jean, on Monday.

THANK YOU

- It is with a heartfelt of thanks I write this note. Thank you for all the cares, concerns and prayers that have expressed for me these past months. Above all I thank the Lord for His strength, for some healing and adjusting to new eating habits. ~ Thanks again, Cheryl R
- A big thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the wonderful Harvest Dinner served to the congregation last Sunday. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook, setup, and serve.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Levi M** is having a cardiac ablation to correct the heart rhythm problem they've found recently. It will be an outpatient procedure at Seattle Children's hospital on Monday morning.
- **Linda F** is at home recovery from a fall and blood clots in her lungs.

- **Marsha M** continues to undergo treatment five days in a row, every three weeks to treat bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- **Ken L** is back at home.
- **Andy VV** is declining in health.

NEWS AND UPDATES

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

CHANGE OF PLANS! We will be meeting *in person* with Coffee and Conversation about the study, *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust*. You can order the book on the Proverbs 31 website (clicking on the study title). We will meet on Mondays at 10 AM in the Loft for 5 weeks starting on Monday, November 20 and going until December 18. For more information or if you have any questions, 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 (stephanier@firstcrclinden.org).

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on Thursday, November 23 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day service will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building. The deacons have put together a list of suggested causes for Thanksgiving, available on the Welcome Center, and will hand out Thanksgiving envelopes on Sunday, November 19 following the morning service. Envelopes are also available on the Welcome Center. These envelopes will be collected during our offering time on Thanksgiving Day (donations can also be sent to church or given on a following Sunday). Any loose money collected on Thanksgiving Day will go to the Benevolence Fund. If you have any questions, contact any deacon.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE AND BULLETIN DEADLINE

The church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24. All announcements need to be to the church office by Tuesday, November 21.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2024 budget will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your church mailboxes in a few weeks.

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 VW or any member of the search team.

CHURCH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

The church office is beginning to update the annual birthday calendar. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions, or 80+ birthday for significant anniversaries you would like included, contact the church office (360-354-4560, info@firstcrclinden.org).

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

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

We will meet this week Monday, November 12 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, November 13 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us at Tribe on Wednesday, November 15 for a night of bowling! **Meet at church at 7:00 PM.** We will be back at church at 9:00 PM. Bring money if you would like snacks, otherwise the cost of bowling is covered! 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 16 at 10:00 AM in the Ed. Building. Prepare lesson 5. Servers are Gertrude H and Eleanor VG. For more info, contact Eleanor VG.

MOMS@1ST CRAFT NIGHT

Moms@1st will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM for a craft night. For more information, contact Carly VW.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM