

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 1, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 1 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:18-21 "Suffering and Glory"

September 1 - 6:00 PM

Joint Worship Service at Second CRC

September 8 - 10:30 AM

Guest Pastor - Jim V

Ephesians 5:15-17 "Why I am Not a Pessimist"

September 8 - 6:00 PM

Guest Pastor - Jon Y

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Education Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship on the lawn or in the church basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **September 1 AM** - Christian School Tuition Assistance
- **September 1 PM Joint Worship Service** - Friend of Sinners Reformed Church is now Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP) after being gifted the historic Bethany Chapel on the Mount Baker Hwy. In response to the Lord's incredible kindness to us, blessing our foothills ministry beyond what we could ask or imagine, we are beginning a fund raising campaign to restore this landmark building and cemetery property. The offering from the combined service will be the earliest seeds of this effort. For information about our needs and all that is transpiring in and around our ministry, contact Pastor Aaron or visit www.BethanyARPDeming.org.
- **September 8** – Steve & Sandy
- **September 15** – Ray & Angie
- **September 22** – Mission & Outreach
- **September 29** – Memli & Luiza

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, dropped off at church during the week, or electronically through Tithe.ly.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Joyce H with the passing of her brother-in-law, Bill H, on August 10.
- We express our sympathy to Wayne & Nicki G and Darren & Kelsey G and their families with the passing of their father and grandfather, Peter G on August 25.
- We express our sympathy to Ben & Jill Kocourek and family with the passing of Ben's father, Milo on August 27.

PRAISE

- Mick V will celebrate his 89th birthday on Monday, September 2.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Ethel V as she deals with a severe case of Covid.
- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Nathan S, son of Robert & Debbie, as he recovers from an extensive surgery.

THANK YOU

- Jerry, Meredith & Janis Z and Joan M would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the illness and passing of our brother Joe. Surely He has borne our griefs and carries our sorrows. Isaiah 53:4.
- Thank you to the church council and the congregation for the gifts given to the staff during staff appreciation.
~ Susan B, Rob H, Kara H, Stephanie R, Nelda S, Nancy Z

ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE

On Tuesday, August 20, the Council voted to recommend a congregational vote to extend a call to Zacchary H and called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 1, following the morning worship service. Absentee ballots are available on the Welcome Center. All absentee ballots must be in a signed, sealed envelope and given to the Council Clerk, Brian V (box O8) before the start of the congregational meeting. Information about Zacchary, his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Olivia is available on the Welcome Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE PROMOTION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

On Sunday, September 1, during the morning worship service, we will recognize the 4th graders that have moved up from Children's Church with a presentation of a Bible.

COMBINED EVENING SERVICE AT SECOND CRC

Join us this Sunday, September 1 at 6:00 PM for a combine service at Second CRC.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

In honor of Labor Day, all church offices will be closed, and buildings locked on Monday, September 2. If you need access to the church that day, please make arrangements ahead of time. Thank you!

CHILDCARE NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st has been blessed to have lots of moms wanting to attend and with them comes lots of children! We are looking for people willing to help with childcare on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 AM. Can't commit to every other week but willing to help occasionally? We can work with that! We would love to have you sign up to help for 2, 4, or 10 Tuesdays - whatever works into your schedule! This is an important aspect of the Moms@1st ministry and your time allow these women - many that do not attend our church - the time for Bible study and fellowship with other women. If you are willing to help, please contact Kim A.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

All members with school age children should have received a sheet in your church mailbox from the Christian Education Ministry Team. This allows the team to know where children from First CRC are attending - whether it is a Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance program provided to members of First CRC and allows families to choose whether to participate or not. If you have any questions, contact Jake De Hoog or any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team. **All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake D's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 29. If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out of the Christian School Tuition Assistance.**

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 4th - 12th grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in the 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 Bs in the Education Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups, our small groups ministry, are designed for connecting with others at First CRC through fellowship and Bible study, meeting in homes or other locations. Discussions focus on questions about the next sermon coming up. Sign up now at the kiosk in the narthex or contact the church office.

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. All questions and discussion material are provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Life Group facilitator, contact Pastor Robert.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on the first and third Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. ** Note, we will not be meeting on September 7, due to Family Camp, but will be meeting on September 21. For more information, contact Patrick J.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There is a Women's Bible Study entitled "Where Do I Belong?" starting on September 9. We invite all the women in our church to join us as we meet on Mondays at 10:00AM in the Loft. This study is a 6 week Bible Study and will end October 14.

Where Do I Belong? Finding Our True Home Through the Study of Exile in the Bible

Even when we feel like we're wandering, we don't have to wonder where God is. When we experience loss or change in our lives, we ache with a kind of homesickness, a longing for things to return to how they once were. Longing for things to be familiar and comfortable again. Longing to feel like ourselves again. Longing to connect with God again. The good news is that Scripture is filled with people who understand what it feels like to be a little misplaced. By reading their stories and tracing the biblical theme of "exile," we can know with settled assurance that God is with us, even if He seems harder to find. And not only is He present today, He's working on our behalf until we reach our eternal home one day. Let the church office know if you are interested in a study guide (\$10 each). For more information, contact Joanne K.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

All women are invited to join us for a study of Prayer: An Adventure with God. We will begin on Thursday, September 26 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Books are available in the Education Building kitchen. Please sign up on the paper when you take a book. For more information, contact Eleanor V.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ELDERS

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

TRIBE

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

FIRST FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 6-8

Join us for a fun weekend of relaxation and fellowship with our church family! Come, be yourself, sit back and relax! Meals will be on your own, unless you make arrangements with others, except for a group potluck on Saturday evening and a cookie and coffee fellowship time on Sunday. Plan to be there rain or shine!

When: Friday, September 6 - Sunday, September 8

Where: Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, Washington

Who: Everyone! There are spots for those with RV's or with tents!

Cost: \$75 for the weekend

If you are interested in knowing more, contact Amy V.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at Meenderincks' Pond (2216 Hampton Road) on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are all welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

LYNDEN CHORAL HYMN SING

All are welcome to join the Lynden Choral Society for a Hymn Sing at First CRC on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.