

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 29, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 29 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:26-29 *"All Things for God's Glory and Our Good"*

September 29 - 6:00 PM

I Chronicles 1:1-4; 2:1-2; 3:1; 4:1; 9:1-2, 10; 29:10-19
"A Walk Through the Bible - I Chronicles"

October 6 - 10:30 AM

Guest Pastor, Jon B
I Thessalonians 4:9-12 *"The Quiet Life"*

October 6 - 6:00 PM -

Guest Pastor, Scott R
Genesis 2:25-3:10, 3:21 *"Shame and Divine Acceptance"*

- **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 basement (weather dependent).
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrclinden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- September 29 – Forged@First is a ministry to 7th-8th grade students.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

THANK YOU

- Thank you to my church family for helping me celebrate my birthday with cards, visits, phone calls and gifts. It was all so much appreciated and loved. ~Love Ada V

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Sam and Kristin K and their children with the passing of their grandmother, Theresa H. M on Sunday, September 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Zacchary H, our new Associate Pastor, his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Olivia, as they are traveling to Lynden and as they get settled in a new house, new school, and a new job in the coming weeks.
- Myrna B is in rehab after a time in the hospital.
- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Brent B, son of Jennie Berendsen, started chemo this week. He has a chemo regiment he can do at home and then a treatment at UW every 3 weeks for about 6 months.
- Al & Julie M, mission partners in Belgium, continues to be in the hospital to recover from infections and restarts chemo treatments for his leukemia.
- Nathan S, son of Robert & Debbie, continues to recover from extensive surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION

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 on Sunday, September 29 during the morning service.

WELCOME TO THE HARRISONS

The Harrisons are currently driving from Indiana to Washington! They anticipate being in Lynden sometime this week. We encourage you to warmly welcome them these next few days and weeks with cards, emails, texts, etc.

GUEST PASTORS - OCTOBER 6

During our morning service on October 6, we welcome to our pulpit Jon B who has been the Executive Pastor of Christ Church (PCA) in Bellingham for the past year and a half. He has an MA and is pursuing his MDiv from Knox Seminary. He is married to Anah and they have two children. They grew up in Spokane.

During our evening service, we welcome to the pulpit, Scott R, who has been the Senior Pastor of Hope in Christ Church (CRC) in Bellingham since 2007. Scott and his wife, Jennifer, have 8 children.

TRUTH PROJECT STUDY

All high school seniors and post-high are invited to join Cal & Laura B and Glen B to study the *Truth Project* on Sunday evenings at 5 PM in the Loft. We will begin on Sunday, October 13 Trying to figure out what the Bible says is true? The Truth Project is an excellent starting point for looking at life from a Biblical perspective. Each lesson looks at the importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

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.

** All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 29. *If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out.*

HELP NEEDED WITH THE GLOW MINISTRY

Would you consider being a part of our GLOW ministry? We are looking for 1 or 2 new leaders to join our group! You do not need to have a daughter in GLOW! We are looking for women willing to be full-time leaders OR women willing to come just once in a while to help with lessons or activities. Please give this some thoughtful consideration, and pray that God would provide for this need within our church! Please reach out to Kim if you have any questions about what this involves.

FIRST CRC - 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are looking forward in joyful anticipation of 125th anniversary of our church in July, 2025, and are beginning to plan how we will be celebrating this event. The Council has approved the following members as part of the 125th Anniversary Ministry Team: Fred Ypma, Mary Vander Woude, Galen Laird, Kara Humphreys, Coni Hoolsema, Tate Bos, Leah Brouwer, Carl Roosma. Be watching in the next few months for more information on this celebration.

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 office.

Life Group facilitator – Facilitators are not teachers, nor will they do most of the sharing within the Life Groups. All questions and discussion material are provided. If you are interested, 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 or the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join at any time!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Monday, September 30 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. We will be discussing week 3 of "Where Do I Belong, *Finding our True Home through the study of Exile in the Bible*" For more information, contact Joanne K.

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

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

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

ELDERS: The elders will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 PM in the Loft.

DEACONS: The deacons will meet on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 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.

WORSHIP PLANNING

Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, October 2 at 7 PM in the Council Room.

TIRED AND RETIRED (40+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)

Come out to support Dennis J and Margret DV and the LC volleyball team on Wednesday, October 2. It's a home game against Meridian and starts at 7:00 PM. Meridian looks to have a strong team so it could be a good match up. For more information, contact Dawn H.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more info 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 5 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Place.

CADETS (1st -8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will have our annual Bike Day on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please note that helmets are required! For more information, contact Brian S.