

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 13, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 13 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:18-28 "Waiting for the Redemption of Our Bodies"

October 13 - 6:00 PM

II Chronicles 1:1; 3:1; 7:14, 19-20a; 36:14-17, 19-23 "A Walk Through the Bible - II Chronicles"

October 20 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:28-30 "God's Foreknowledge"

October 20 - 6:00 PM

Walking Through the Bible - Ezra

- **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.firstcrclLynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **October 13** - Aaron D, pastor of Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (formerly Friend of Sinners Reformed Church) a church plant in Maple Falls.
- **October 20** - Building the Future
- **October 20, Love Offering** - First CRC Adoption Fund
- **October 27** - Memli & Luiza M, missionaries to Albania

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 during office hours 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.

REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The September 2024 report from the Deacons is now available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAISE ITEM

- Birthday greetings to Leona O who celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, October 12. There will be cake served following the morning worship service in her honor.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Zac H will preach before the Classis of North Cascades and be examined for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor in the Christian Reformed Church on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC. Pray for his preparation and for a calm spirit as he takes this next important step toward ministry among us. Guests from First CRC are welcome to attend to support Zac.
- Levi B is scheduled for open heart surgery on October 24 at Seattle Children's Hospital to replace a valve. Pray that Levi is at peace with the plan, for Dan & Gail as they travel to be with him and the guidance for the doctors who will be doing the surgery.
- Cheryl R is anticipating surgery on her esophagus on October 24 at Virginia Mason in Seattle.
- Al & Julie M, mission partners in Belgium, continues to be in the hospital dealing with infections and a fever. He is receiving regular blood transfusions and his lungs are weak, but right now he is continuing treatments for his leukemia.
- Myrna B is declining in health.
- Brent B, son of Jennie, is currently on a chemo regiment he can do at home and then a treatment at UW every 3 weeks for about 6 months. Following that treatment, they will determine how to treat the brain tumors.

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Glenn & Diane G with the passing of Glenn's sister, Terry, last week Wednesday, October 2.

THANK YOU

- Dear First CRC Family - we want to apologize for the long delay in sending this. We've been busily retired and I have the best of intentions, and write them down - but lose the papers as well as the memories the paper was supposed to jog. . Enough excuses. Thank you for blessing us with the 500 dollar visa card. We plan to visit our kids and grandkids in February and this will be very handy for travel. Our first retiree newsletter should be coming your way soon with details of what we've been up to. Thanks for all your prayers, encouragement, and grace to us over the last 22 years. ~ Steve & Sandy
- First Church Family - I want to thank all the staff and volunteers that participate in the day to day and Sunday worship times. I watch most Sundays in Arizona and am blessed by the music, sermon, prayers and live stream. Thank you for including me in prayers, it makes me feel apart the church family. God is the supreme Father who loves me and helps me. I was recently diagnosed with macular degeneration and get fatigued easily. God bless you all. ~ Ella Mae W

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Let's remember Pastor Robert W & Phama and Zac & Alicia H in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family.

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. For more information, contact Pastor Robert (rtwoodyared@gmail.com, 360-306-0488) or Phama (phamawoodyard@gmail.com, 360-306-0403). ***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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. 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 B in the Education Building
- 9th grade – 12th grade: Led by Mike S in the Loft

LYNDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

You are invited this Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 PM to a concert hosted by the Lynden Music Festival at First CRC. For more information, see the Lynden Music Festival website (www.lyndenmusicfestival.com/).

TRUTH PROJECT STUDY

All high school seniors and post-high young adults are invited to join Cal & Laura B and Glen B to study the *Truth Project* on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM in the Loft, beginning on 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.

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Monday, October 14 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. We will be discussing the last 2 lessons this week. For more information, contact Joanne K

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is encouraged to join as we pray for America, especially in this season of elections. We will meet every Monday until the elections from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. If we have a larger turnout, we will find another location in church so everyone will fit. For more information, contact Melissa N.

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

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on Monday, October 14 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MINISTRY TEAMS

All Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM, unless you have heard otherwise from your team chairperson.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Contact Cal B if you need more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

UNDERSTANDING AND MINISTERING TO THE SIKH COMMUNITY

On Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 PM the Lynden URC (8650 Benson Road) will host Rev. Tony Z who is going to lead a seminar on the Sikh community. We invite you to join us for this time introducing us more fully to the Sikh community (history, beliefs, practices, and religion) with a goal of understanding them as our neighbors but also how to minister to them as those who need Christ and the Gospel.

WCPC FALL BANQUET

The Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic invites you to our annual Heart of the Clinic Banquet. This fundraiser will be held at the Ferndale Event Center (5715 Barrett Rd, Ferndale), on Friday, October 25. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. There is no cost for you to attend but know we will be asking for support as we don't accept ANY government funding. The keynote speaker will be David W, a former NFL chaplain, who now ministers to men in an arena where men are often forgotten: unplanned pregnancy and abortion. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.whatcomclinic.com/events/>. Registration deadline is October 14.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

The annual Reformation Day Worship service with sister CRC congregations will be Sunday evening, October 27 at 6:00PM at First Christian Reformed Church. Special guest preacher will be Von G, for 25 years a missionary to Albania, one of the first to plant a protestant church in Albania after communism fell in 1991. The offering will go to Memli and Luiza M, a pastor in the Albanian church who is planting churches in Muslim villages in southern Albania.

MINISTRY AMPLIFIED

You are invited to join us online for Ministry Amplified, an opportunity to talk with Resonate leaders and missionaries from all over the world, on Wednesday, October 30, from 8:30-9:30 AM. If you are interested in joining, contact Chris R or the church office.

PRAYER-DEVOTED FAMILY SEMINAR

All ministry leaders are invited to this seminar, sponsored by Light of the World Prayer Center on Wednesday, October 30 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Light of the World Prayer Center (824 W. Smith Road, Bellingham). Cheryl Swill be speaking on re-igniting prayer in the home and training children to pray. A light lunch will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact Light of the World Prayer Center at info@lowpc.org. You are also welcome to talk to Stephanie R if you would like more information.

HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Mark your calendars! Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 3, 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 1. 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.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM