

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 20, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 20 - 10:30 AM - Pastor Robert W
Romans 8:28-30 "God's Foreknowledge"

October 20 - 6:00 PM - Pastor Robert W
Ezra 1:1-4; 7:1a, 6, 9-10; 9:1a, 4-6; 10-12 "A Walk Through the Bible - Ezra"

October 27 - 10:30 AM - Pastor Zac H
Ruth 1:1-14 "From Brokenness to Redemption: A Journey Through Ruth"

October 27 - 6:00 PM - Joint Reformation Day Service - Guest Pastor, Von G
Romans 8:35-39 "The Genesis of Romans 8"

- **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 in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrcllynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **October 20** - Building the Future is a fund in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Long-Range Planning Team.
- **October 20, Love Offering** - First CRC Adoption Fund for helping those in the congregation with the high cost of adoption. For more information on the adoption fund talk to any deacon.
- **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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- 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 (available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the memo line.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAISE ITEM

- Birthday greetings to Bert K who celebrates his 90th birthday on October 22.
- We praise God that Zac H passed his examination this past Thursday with Classis North Cascades. He is now able to become a commissioned pastor in the Christian Reformed Church and will be ordained at First CRC in the near future (date to be determined).

PRAYER ITEMS

- Marilyn M had successful surgery to put in a stint for an aortic aneurysm in her abdomen.
- Levi Bis 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.

THANK YOU

- Thank you everyone who helped make my birthday special. For the cards, gifts and messages, I say thank you but above all I thank my Lord for the many years He has given me. God is good all the time! ~ Leona O

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. For more information, contact Pastor Robert or Phama.

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

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 PM the Lynden URC (8650 Benson Road) is going to host Rev. Tony Zwho 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.

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 Ed. Building
- 1st grade - 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- 6th grade – 8th grade: Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building
- 9th grade – 12th grade: Led by Mike S in the Loft ***No high school education class this week.***

SERVE 2025 PARENT MEETING

Do you have a 8th-12th grade student that might be interested in attending SERVE in 2025? Join us on Sunday, October 20 immediately following the morning worship service in the Loft. We will be talking about SERVE, costs, and decide when and where we are going. If you cannot be at the meeting, but would like more information, contact Molly H.

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, on October 20. 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.

HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, October 21 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

CADETS (1st -8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will have our movie and spaghetti night on Monday, October 21 from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information, contact Brian S.

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is encouraged to join as we pray for America, especially in this season of elections. We will meet on Monday, October 21 and 28 (please note we will not meet on November 4) from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. All are welcome! If we have a larger turnout, we will find another location in church so everyone will fit. For more information, contact Melissa N.

MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, October 22 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

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.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 23 for BINGO night at Meadow Greens for a service night. Either meet in the church parking lot at 6:50 PM or you can meet us at Meadow Greens at 7:00 PM. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

Join us for a study of Prayer: An Adventure with God. We will begin on Thursday, October 24 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Jennie B and Gertrude H. For more information, contact Helene Y.

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 is 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/>. 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 Sacks will 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