

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

### *Announcements for October 27, 2024*

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**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"*

**November 3 - 10:30 AM**

*Romans 8:28-30 "God's Work in Us"*

**November 3 - 10:30 AM**

*"A Walk Through the Bible - Esther"*

- **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.firstcrclinden.org](http://www.firstcrclinden.org).

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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##### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **October 27** - Memli & Luiza are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the Muslim villages in southern Albania
- **November 3** – Christian School Tuition Assistance

##### 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 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

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##### PRAISE ITEM

- Ruth O will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Wednesday, October 30.

##### PRAYER ITEMS

- Marilyn M is at home recovering from surgery.
- Levi B's open heart surgery to replace a valve has been postponed until November 8.
- Cheryl R is recovering from surgery on her esophagus.
- Al M, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness.
- Myrna B is declining in health.

##### THANK YOU

- Thank you very much for all of the cards, gifts, expressions of love and appreciation and especially for the generous gift certificates for pastor appreciation month. We are tremendously thankful to our church family for your prayers, love, and support you give us. We are humbled and grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him here at First CRC. You are all a blessing to us, and we appreciate you too! ~  
Pastor Robert & Phama W

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PASTOR APPRECIATION

Let's remember Pastor Robert Woodyard & Phama and Zac & Alicia Harrison 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. *Life Group facilitator* – what do they do and could you be one? 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.

## 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.

## CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS

The First CRC Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling red, 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.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### 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

### 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. 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.

### JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

The annual Reformation Day Worship service with sister CRC congregations will be this Sunday evening, October 27 at 6:00 PM 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, a pastor in the Albanian church who is planting churches in Muslim villages in southern Albania.

### 125th ANNIVERSARY TEAM

The 125th Anniversary team will meet on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Galen L.

## **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 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.

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

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to Forged@First on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

## **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

The Fellowship Ministry Team will meet on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30 PM . For more information, contact Galen L.

## **DEACONS**

The deacons will meet on Tuesday, October 29 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.

## **TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

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

## **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. Registration is required. 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 S 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](mailto:info@lowpc.org). You can also 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.

## **CADET SKATING PARTY - NOVEMBER 4**

We will have our annual Cadet Skating Party on Monday, November 4, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Lynden Skateway. Please bring/pick up your cadet at the Skateway - there will be no one at First CRC. Cost: \$5.50 with own skates, \$8.50 with rental skates. Please do not wear the cadet shirt/uniform. You can invite grandparents, parents, sisters, brothers, cousins, friends and girlfriends (LOL). Everyone is welcome. This is a fundraiser for the Northwest Cadet Council.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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