

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for February 26, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 26 - 10:30 AM - First Sunday of Lent, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Romans 1:8-15 "Eager to Preach the Gospel in Rome" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, February 26 - 6:00 PM - Kings Men of Song

Exodus 20:7; Philippians 2:9-11 "Name Above All Names" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, March 5 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Lent

Romans 1:16-17 "The Righteousness of God" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, March 5 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:8-11 "The Fourth Commandment" (David W)

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years in the Education Building during the Sunday morning service.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the Sunday morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service to go to the Education Building.
- **After the Morning Service**, join us for a time of fellowship in the basement.
- **Join us online** if you are unable to worship with us in person. Our morning worship service will be livestreamed from our website (firstcrcllynden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **February 26** - Steve & Sandy, serving with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language.
- **February 26 Communion Love Offering** - Luke Society, which provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. They empower nationals to use their gifts in medicine as a tool to share the love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace. For more info, visit lukesociety.org.
- **March 5** - Christian School Tuition Assistance

You can give to the operating fund at any time; please use a blue envelope (available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the memo line.

OFFERINGS CAN BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

Offering bag on Sunday, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street), dropped off during the week (church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours), or electronically through a bill pay service or Tithe.ly.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- Trey N, son of Dan & Sade, is at home recovering from surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids.
- Karen B is at home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Dave R is at home recovering from heart surgery.
- Freda G is at Stafholt Nursing Home in Blaine for rehab following surgery on her hip.
- Berny D is undergoing cancer treatment.

THANK YOU

- As we consider the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, I'm reminded of Jesus' words from Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Thank you for taking those words to heart and living out your faith. Jesus' words came at a time of transition—it was the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, but only the beginning for his disciples. Here we have Jesus' promise to send the Spirit, and also our instructions to live out his mission! Those instructions are for us, too, and Resonate is here to continue partnering with you as you join God's mission in whatever way he calls you in the new year. Right now, God is working through your support for Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders in your own community and to the ends of the earth. And in the coming year, even more people will come to know Jesus Christ and grow in their faith. Thank you for walking with them! In Christ, Joel H, Interim Director, Resonate Global Mission

NEWS AND UPDATES

DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON

Are you interested in learning more about joining our church, making profession of faith, or finding out more about First CRC? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The Mission Ministry Team (MMT) is looking for more members. The role of MMT is to inspire our congregation to assist in proclaiming the gospel in our community and throughout the world. We are looking for people interested in missions and desiring to know more about the missionaries and ministries our congregation supports. Prayerfully consider if this opportunity is for you. For more information, contact Chris R.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of the Book of Ruth, *Finding God Faithful When You Feel Insecure and Uncertain*. We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft for 8 weeks, starting on March 13. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R. Please order your book in advance as delivery will take a couple of weeks.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION – MARCH 11-12, 2023

Join us on Saturday, March 11 at Faith Community Church for a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from Al & Julie M, with Operation Mobilization in Belgium.

** Registration is required for Saturday evening, but there is **no cost to attend**. Registration forms are available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

On Sunday morning, March 12, Martin & Juanita V and Dan & Marlae N, with Lynden Human Life, will be leading the adult and 7th-12th grade Education Hour. Pastor Tommy H, with Reformed University Fellowship at Western Washington University, will be bringing us the message on Sunday morning, and Julie M, with Operation Mobilization, will be sharing with the children at Children's Church. On Sunday evening, we will wrap up the weekend with testimonies from the mission field during our evening worship service.

Missions Celebration Service Project

As we celebrate the ministry of missions both near and far during the month of March, you are invited to participate in a local work project. On Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we hope to help with yard work, or some form of physical labor, at one or two local homes. Please sign up in the back of church or contact the church office (360-354-4560, info@firstcrclynden.org) if you are willing to participate in this ministry of service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sunday at 9:30 AM.

Adults: Doctrine - Led by Glenn G in 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 in the Education Building

6th grade – 8th grade: Led by Glen B in the Education Building

9th grade – 12th grade: The high school class will meet in the church basement with the adult class for Sunday, February 26, since Pastor Mike is out of town.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The study of the Book of Deuteronomy, *Make it Count - Move Past Your Past and Live with Purpose Today*, **will NOT meet this week**, but will wrap up on Monday, March 6 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, February 27 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

CADETS (1st - 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will have our Spaghetti and movie night on Monday, February 27 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Carly V.

DEACONS

The deacons will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, March 4. This study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Loft. They will be using the book, "It's Good to Be a Man: A Handbook for Godly Masculinity" by Michael Foster. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION**First Christian Reformed Church**

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8:30 AM - 12:30 PM