

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 5, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

Sunday, March 5 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12 "The Fourth Commandment" (David W)

Sunday, March 13 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday of Lent, Missions Celebration

Matthew 16:13-28 "To Be a Missionary" (Pastor Tommy H)

Sunday, March 13 - 6:00 PM - Missions Celebration

Testimonies from the Mission Field

- **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 (firsterclynden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- March 5 - Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- March 12 - Dustin & Melissa
- March 19 – Samaritan Purse – Turkey Earthquake Relief
- March 26 - Envision Mission

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 Tithely.

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.
- Dave R is at home recovering from heart surgery.
- Freda G is at Staffholt Nursing Home in Blaine for rehab following surgery on her hip.
- Berny D is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Dan N, husband of Marlae, son-in-law to Gert H, and part of the Lynden Human Life team, is recovering from spine surgery at Swedish this past Thursday.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Dick B will celebrate his 84th birthday on Thursday, March 9.
- Grace H will celebrate her 83rd birthday on Friday, March 10.

CONDOLENCES

- We express our sympathy to Mick & Lena Marie VG with the passing of Lena Marie's brother, John C, on Sunday, February 26.

THANK YOU

- Thank you 1st Church Family for your prayers and loving acts of kindness shown to me during my recovery from hip surgery. ~ Karen B

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 info, 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.

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 and the team from the Christian Hope Association.

** 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. ***Deadline for registration is Monday, March 6!***

On Sunday morning, March 12, Martin & Juanita V and 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

Our service project for Saturday, March 11, is now postponed until a later date. Please pray fully consider if you would like to participate in this three hour work project at a local home. More information coming later.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sunday mornings 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: Led by Pastor Mike B in the Loft

***** Please note that next Sunday, March 12, all 6th-12th grade students and adults will meet together in the church basement and hear from a team with Lynden Human Life.***

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The study of the Book of Deuteronomy, *Make it Count - Move Past Your Past and Live with Purpose Today*, will wrap up on Monday, March 6 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R

OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, Pastor Mike B

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

ELDERS

Elders will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 PM in the Council Room.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet this Wednesday, March 8 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will be meeting this Thursday, March 9 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building, and be studying lesson 11. Servers for this week are Elaine S and Ethel VB.

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