

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 12, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 12 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday of Lent, Missions Celebration

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

Sunday, March 12 - 6:00 PM - Missions Celebration

Testimonies from the Mission Field (Ken & Chris V, Robert & Debbie S)

Sunday, March 20 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 20 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12 "Fourth Commandment, Enjoy Your Chocolate" (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 (firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- March 12 - Dustin & Melissa, serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.
- 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 [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly).

DEACON REPORT AVAILABLE

The report from the deacons for February 2023 is now available in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- Ada V was in the hospital for testing and treatment for congestive heart failure.
- 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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Perlene H will celebrate her 85th birthday on Monday, March 13.

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.

EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER

Support Oasis (7th & 8th grade youth ministry) by purchasing an Easter lily in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. Lilies can be picked up on Easter Sunday, April 9 following the 10:30 AM worship service or during office hours the following week. Order forms will be available next week.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION – MARCH 11-12, 2023

During our Education Hour, Michelle and her daughter, Autumn will be joining us to talk about the Pro-Life movement. Michelle is the Bellingham leader of 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil and Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Her daughter, Autumn, is the senior spokesperson for Students For Life of America. They will share from their experience with pro-life issues in our county, state and nation. *encourage everyone to come and hear this inspiring story and especially urge parents to bring their middle school, high school and post-high students.*

During the morning worship service, we will have the procession of flags, blessing of the missions partners, and Pastor Tommy H, with Reformed University Fellowship at Western Washington University, will be bringing us the message. Julie M, with Operation Mobilization, will be sharing with the children at Children's Church.

On Sunday evening, we will wrap up the Mission Celebration weekend with testimonies from the mission field from Ken & Chris V and Robert & Debbie S during our evening worship service.

Missions Celebration Service Project

Our service project for Saturday, March 11, is now postponed until a later date. Please prayerfully 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 Ruth, *Finding God Faithful When You Feel Insecure and Uncertain*. We will be meeting on Monday, March 13 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our regular meeting. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

SERVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

SERVE leadership team will meet on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the Ed. Building.

MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Carly V.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 15 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 18. 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

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