

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for March 19, 2023*  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 19 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday, March 19 - 6:00 PM**

*Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12 "Fourth Commandment, Enjoy Your Chocolate" (David W)*

**Sunday, March 26 - 10:30 AM - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Romans 1:18-23 "The Wrath of God" (Pastor Robert W)*

**Sunday, March 26 - 6:00 PM**

*Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12 "Fifth Commandment, Honor Thy Parents" (Pastor Robert 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 ([firsterclynden.org](http://firsterclynden.org)) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**UPCOMING OFFERINGS**

- March 19 - Samaritan's Purse - Turkey Earthquake Relief - Samaritan's Purse stands ready to respond at a moment's notice whenever and wherever disaster strikes. We specialize in meeting critical needs for victims of conflict, disaster, famine, and epidemics throughout the world, often working through ministry partners on the ground. We provide food, water, shelter, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. For more information on the efforts in Turkey, visit [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org).
- 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](http://Tithe.ly).

**PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS**

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- Cal B did not need emergency on Tuesday but will have surgery scheduled sometime in near future.
- Karen M is at home recovering following gall bladder surgery on Monday.
- Ada V is home again following testing and treatment for congestive heart failure.
- Dave R is at home recovering from heart surgery.
- Berny D is undergoing cancer treatment.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- We rejoice with Luke & Kathy A, with the birth of their daughter, Kinsley Wren on March 6.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

- Jennie B will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Wednesday, March 22.

## THANK YOU

- We are so grateful for our church family for the love you have shown us. Thanks for all the cards, letters and visits. To Pastor Robert and Pastor Mike and all who continue to pray for healing, thank you. We give all Glory to God! ~ Jodi and Bill V
- Thank you to the Missions Ministry Team and all the volunteers that helped make the Missions Celebration such a wonderful weekend.
- Dear friends at First Christian Reformed Church, Thank you for partnering with the global church! Just like here at home, churches in more than 40 countries where your missionaries and church planters serve are asking tough questions. What does the future look like? Who will be our leaders? But thanks to mission-minded people like you, Resonate ministry leaders are there to help them work toward a sustainable future. Around the world, new Christians, new pastors, and new churches are grateful that you gave to help them. That's the impact your gift has through Resonate: more people in more places living out the gospel. We couldn't do it without you. The history, tradition, and faithfulness of the Christian Reformed Church here at home are the foundation of our impact worldwide! Supporting God's mission through Resonate is a vital way you help strengthen and grow churches both at home and overseas—thank you for putting your faith into action through your prayers and gifts. In Christ, Joel H, Interim Director
- Friends in Christ, thank you for your recent gift! Your church's generous support, enables us to support doctors and nurses who are living out their calling to make Jesus know in the world. ~ the Luke Society

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### CROSS CONNECTIONS NEWLETTER

The spring edition of the Cross Connection Newsletter is in your church mailbox now. Additional copies are available on the Welcome Center or in the church office.

### 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 will be available to be picked up on Easter Sunday, April 9 following the morning worship service or during office hours the following week. Order forms are available in your church mailbox, on the Welcome Center, or you can order through any Oasis student.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults meet on Sundays 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

### 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 20 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 20 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, Pastor Mike.

### PRAYER FOR AMERICA

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

**MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Moms@1st Leadership Team will be meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 9:30 AM. For more information, contact Carly V.

**COUNCIL**

Council will meet this week Tuesday, March 21 at 7: PM in the church basement.

**GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

GLOW girls and their moms are invited to our annual Mother-Daughter Tea on **Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft**. 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 22 at 7:30 PM **in the Church Basement**. For more information, contact Pastor Mike B.

**DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Daughters of Zion will be meeting this Thursday, March 23 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building, and be studying lesson 12. Servers for this week are Joyce H and Leona O.