

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 2, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2- 10:30 AM - Palm Procession and Praise with the Children

Romans 1:18-23 "Without Excuse" (Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, April 2 - 6:00 PM

Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4 "5th Commandment, Honor Thy Parents" (Pastor Robert W)

Good Friday, April 7 - 7:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture and Song Service (Pastor Robert W)

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 10:30 AM

Romans 6:1-11 "A Resurrection Like His" (Pastor Robert W)

Easter Afterglow, April 9 - 6:00 PM - The Sumas Christian Reformed Church invites you to a service of worship and praise April 9 at 6:00 PM. There will be an offering taken for Northwest Hispanic Ministries. There will be a meditation on *Revelation 1: 4 - 6* entitled *Jesus, Worthy of Worship*.

- **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 and evening worship service will be livestreamed from our website (firsterclynden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- April 2 - Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- April 9 AM - Helping Hands, PM – NW Hispanic Ministries
- April 16 – TRIBE (First CRC High School Youth Group)
- April 23 - Ken & Chris V with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- April 30 - Building the Future

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).

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- Carol P had a minor stroke while on vacation with Jerry in Las Vegas. She is recovering in a rehab facility for two weeks. Jerry has come home and will return to bring her home.
- Marilyn V's surgery went well. There was a good prognosis following the removal of a mass. She is expecting to return home by Friday. Thank you for your prayers for a successful surgery.
- Remember Ken Q's father, Bill, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. He will start chemo on April 13 for 12 weeks while in Mesa, AZ.
- Ramadan can be a difficult time for believers from Muslim background. Pray the Holy Spirit will strengthen these believers as they respond to questions and scrutiny for not participating in Ramadan festivities. Pray the Lord will protect them from persecution.

THANK YOU

- I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, card and calls after my surgery. Thank you to pastor Robert and pastor Mike for the call and quick visit. Thank you also for the continued help in getting John to dialysis in Bellingham by 5:10 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Because of all the traffic, if you feel you need more time to get to Bellingham, please feel free to pick him up earlier. Thanks, John & Karen M

NEWS AND UPDATES

- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH SINGING ON PALM SUNDAY**

Parents, please have your children go directly to the Education Building before church this Sunday, April 2. The children will be doing a palm processional and leading us in Palm Sunday praise.

- **SINGERS NEEDED FOR EASTER DAY CHOIR**

We are planning a Easter Day choir and we need singers! We will have practice following the morning worship services this Sunday, April 2. For more information, contact Nancy Z or Ken Q.

- **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 mailbox, on the Welcome Center, or order through any Oasis student. **Last few days - all orders are due Sunday, April 2.**

- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!**

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of the Book of I & II Corinthians, *Wisdom for the Questions You Have and Hope for the Discouragements You Feel*. We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft for 7 weeks, starting on April 17. Real help when the Bible feels far from your reality. When we are faced with personal hardships or relational challenges, the Bible doesn't always seem like it could be relevant to us because it was written in a different time and culture. But when we study 1 and 2 Corinthians, we find that Paul wrote to real people much like you and me — who wrestled with real questions, real relationships and real sin in their church. If you're looking for wisdom when you don't know what to do, you don't have to wonder what God would say or think, because He has already given us the answers in His Word. If you're searching for hope when it feels like nothing will ever change, you have somewhere to turn. We have access to a real God, who has given us real solutions to our real-life struggles. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R. **Please, please, please order your own book in advance as delivery will take a couple of weeks.**

- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING MAY 8**

The Discovery Class for new members and profession of faith will begin on Monday, May 8 at 7 PM. If you are still interested please contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **COLLIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - MAY 19**

Join us for an encouraging night of stories, speakers, artists, worship, dessert and more! Speakers for this amazing evening are Lisa Harper and Willow Weston. Sign up by April 9 to take advantage of our group rate! Sign up in the back of church or contact Sade N.

- **LYNDEN SERVE 2023**

The SERVE team is planning out worksites! Some of the favorite worksites in the past have been at peoples' houses, where they have the opportunity to get to know the people who they are serving and see how their hard work makes a difference. If you or someone you know could use help with their yard or other outdoor projects, contact Steve L, Gene T, Glen B, or Cal B. They would love to help!

- **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Reminder to dig out those baby bottles and get them returned to church ASAP! We will be turning them in to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Center soon. Bottles can be deposited in the basket on the Welcome Center, the marked by in the library or dropped off at the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **EDUCATION CLASSES**

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

**** The last education class for this session will be Sunday, April 2.**

- **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, April 3 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

- **OASIS (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Monday, April 3 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, April 3 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS**

Ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 PM unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

- **ELDERS**

Elders will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 PM in the Council Room.

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

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 5 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, April 6 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers for this week are Elsie D and Lillian V.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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8:30 AM - 12:30 PM