

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for October 1, 2023*  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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**October 1 - 10:30 AM - World Communion Sunday**

Pastor Robert W - Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
*Romans 4:13-17 "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"*

**October 1 - 6:00 PM** Pastor Robert W

*Matthew 6:9; John 5:17-23 "Our Father God"*

**October 8 - 10:30 AM** David W preaching

*Deuteronomy 6:1-12 "The Blessings and Dangers of Christian Education"*

**October 8 - 6:00 PM** Rev. Bryan D, pastor of Bethel CRC, preaching

*Hebrews 11:8-16 "Looking Forward in Faith"*

- **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.
- **After the Morning Service**, you are invited to 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 services can be livestreamed at [www.firstcrclinden.org](http://www.firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**UPCOMING OFFERINGS**

- October 1 - **Christian School Tuition Assistance**, a fund used to help cover tuition of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- October 1 - **Love Offering: Youth Dynamics** is ministering to unchurched youth in the Everson/Sumas area, working through Youth Dynamics, a Burlington based faith ministry that works with kids throughout the Northwest. For more information, visit [www.yd.org](http://www.yd.org).
- October 8 - **Missionary**
- October 15 - **Aaron De Boer - Friend of Sinners CRC**
- October 22 - **Missionary**
- October 29 - **Building the Future Fund**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS**

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**SYMPATHY**

- We extend our sympathy to Cora S and her extended family, with the passing of her daughter, Christie Neily on Sunday, September 24.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Andy VV** will turn 93 on Monday, October 2.
- **Jean VH** will turn 86 on Monday, October 2.

**PRAYER ITEMS**

- **Cheryl R** was diagnosed with a rare swallowing disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Marsha M** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat aggressive bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is having more difficulty swallowing but has declined a feeding tube.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's remember Pastor Robert W and Phama in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family. We will be recognizing them as a church on Sunday, October 15 during the morning worship service.

### LIFE GROUPS

First CRC "Life Groups" are once again being organized to help our church family build fulfilling friendships through small groups. Besides being a valuable ministry for enfolded new members and guests to our church family, small groups will encourage long-time members to move beyond friendly greetings on Sundays to deeper connection and involvement. If you are interested in becoming a part of a Life Group, contact the church office or sign up at the kiosk.

### DINNERS 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up now at the kiosk or contact Marilyn MC or the church office to sign up.

### LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00-3:00 PM on Meridian Street in Bellingham (between Stuart and Bakerview Roads). Bring your family and be a light in the darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! The event will happen rain or shine, so water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, etc. are encouraged. For more information, contact Lynden Human Life.

### STUDENT FUNDRIVE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS

Youth Dynamics is having a student Fundrive **They are collecting clothes and household items.** Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition. Donations can be put in the labeled box next to the church office or contact Tim N for larger donations. *All donations must be dropped to the box by October 2!*

### LYNDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT

On Thursday, October 12 at 2 p.m. you are invited to a benefit concert hosted by the Lynden Music Festival at First CRC, Lynden. Donations will be accepted for Lahaina, HI fire aid. For more information go to [Lynden Music Festival](#) website.

### TIRED AND RETIRE OR NOT!

Come join us for a night of snacks, soups, and desserts! (Sign up what you will bring) Friday, October 20 at 6:00pm at the "Smit's Shop" across the road of Robert & Debbie S. **\*\*Bring a pumpkin to carve and your own knives-prizes for best, worst and most creative pumpkin!**

### INTRODUCING CARDS FOR A CAUSE TO BENEFIT MOMS@1ST!

Now through October 10<sup>th</sup>, purchase a box of 30 greeting cards + coordinating envelopes, all in a keepsake box – for just \$30. Choose from 5 designs: Kids' Birthday, All-Occasions (1 or 2), Thanks & Blanks and Holiday. Online link to order coming soon. Cards to be delivered by the end of October. You can also preview and order in person on the evening of October 10, in the Loft. Questions? Contact Katie J.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and adults meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join any of these at any time!

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn Gerlach in Basement. *The Apostle John* is a video series focusing on his gospel and Revelation.
- **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 the Education Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Education Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

### WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The study of the Book of Book of Esther, *Right Where You're Supposed to Be* will meet on Monday, October 2 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

**FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) (formerly OASIS)**

We will meet on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

**MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP**

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

**ELDERS**

The elders will meet on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

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

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to GLOW this season! We will meet on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building with pizza and games. For more information about GLOW, contact Kim A.

**TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

All high schoolers are welcome to join us at Tribe on Wednesday, October 4 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

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

All women are invited to join us for a study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, on Thursday, October 5 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Prepare lesson 2 for our meeting. Servers for this week are Elsie D and Cobie T. For more information, contact Eleanor VG.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.