

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for November 5, 2023*  
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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**November 5 - 10:30 AM** - Harvest Dinner

*Romans 5:6-11 "The Extravagance of God's Love"*

**November 5- 6:00 PM**

*Matthew 6:9-10 "Thy Kingdom Come" - Preaching - David W*

**November 12- 10:30 AM** - Observing Veterans' Day

*Romans 5:12-17 "The Tale of Two Adams"*

**November 12- 6:00 PM**

*Matthew 6:9-10; John 5:20 "Thy Will Be Done"*

- **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

- November 5 - **Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund** is used to help cover tuition of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- November 12 - **Reformed University Fellowship** (RUF at WWU)
- November 19 - **Forged at First** (formerly Oasis), 7th-8th Grade Ministry at First CRC
- November 23, Thanksgiving - **Thanksgiving Envelopes**
- November 26 – **Benevolence**

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering can be given the following ways:

- ~ Placed in the offering bag on Sunday
- ~ Mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264)
- ~ Dropped off at church during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- ~ Electronically through a bill pay service or online through [Tithe.ly](https://Tithe.ly)

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. Please use a blue envelope (additional available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Shirley R** will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, November 11.

### THANK YOU

- A big thank you to Coni H and Swandel E for organizing and helping our youth group students assemble packages for our 2023 graduated seniors! ~ TRIBE Leaders
- Thank you very much for all of the cards, gifts, expressions of love and appreciation and especially for the generous gift certificate for pastor appreciation month. We are tremendously thankful to our church family for your prayers, love, and support that you give us. We are humbled and grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him here. You are all a blessing to us, and we appreciate you too! ~ Pastor Robert & Phama W

## PRAYER ITEMS

- **Linda F** is at home recovery from a fall and blood clots in her lungs.
- **Kara H** is at home recovering from foot surgery.
- **Cal B** is at home recovering for sinus surgery.
- **Ken L** is now at Shuksan Care Center in Bellingham for rehab.
- **Marsha M** continues to undergo chemotherapy five days in a row, every three weeks to treat bone marrow cancer. We praise God that her numbers have improved and she is now in remission.
- **Kristi N** is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- **Cheryl R** is dealing with a swallowing disorder that affects the esophagus.
- **Andy V** is declining in health.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### **\*\* Reminder \*\*** *Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5.*

Remember to move your clocks **BACK** one hour - don't be early to church on Sunday morning! Instead, enjoy an extra hour of sleep, family, or in prayer or Bible reading!

### **HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 5, following the morning worship service in both the Church Basement and in the Education Building. Dinner will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls, and dessert. *Everyone* is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please call the church office at 360-354-4560 (please leave a voicemail after office hours) *no later than Friday, November 3*. Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up ahead of time. The Harvest Dinner is free for all, but donations will be accepted to help cover food costs.

### **WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Our new Bible Study, *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust*, is a 6 week study that takes us through the holidays. We have decided that it may be difficult to meet through the holidays, so we suggest that you order the book, use the app, and **study independently** on this beautiful study about Jesus Christ. We plan to resume our group study after the holidays. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars and remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

**\*\* Program Practice - Starting on Sunday, November 12, kids from 3 years through 5th grade will be asked to leave during the morning worship service to start practicing during the Children's Church time.** For more information about the Children's Christmas Program, contact Stephanie R.

### **SEARCH TEAM NEEDS YOU**

The Search Team needs you! As we look for an Associate Pastor, one of the things we need most are names. If you (or your friends and family, ask around!) have heard solid, reformed, preaching from someone who you think would be a good fit for our congregation please give the name to Brian V or any member of the search team.

### **CHURCH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR**

The church office is beginning to update the annual birthday calendar. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions, or 80+ birthday for significant anniversaries you would like included, contact the church office (360-354-4560, [info@firstcrlcynden.org](mailto:info@firstcrlcynden.org)).

### **CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS**

The First CRC Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$15.00 each. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 24 & 25 in the Education Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 19. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything. *Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

### EDUCATION CLASSES

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th grades and adults meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join at any time!

**\*\* Please note on your calendar - there will be NO EDUCATION CLASSES on Sunday, November 5 because of the Harvest Dinner. \*\***

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in Church 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 Sn in the Loft

### CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

Join us this Monday, November 6 for our area Cadets Skating Party! Meet at Lynden Skateway from 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is \$5.50 for skates and \$8.50 for inline skates. This event is open to Cadets, their sisters, brothers, parents, grandparents and friends! For more information, contact Brian S.

### MOMS@1ST (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

### ELDERS

The elders will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

### WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

### TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us at Tribe on Wednesday, November 8 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM