

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 10, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 10 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38 "Mary's Angel"

December 10 - 6:00 PM - Children's Christmas Program

December 17 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25 "Joseph's Angel"

December 17 - 6:00 PM - Nine Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

December 24 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 2:1-20 "The Shepherds' Angels"

December 24 - No PM Service

December 25 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:3b-14 "Jesus, Infinitely Superior to the Angels"

December 31 - 10:30 AM - Old Year and New Year Prayer Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 31 - 6:00 PM

Guest Preacher - Pastor Don R

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the Sunday morning service.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service.
- **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. Worship services can be streamed at www.firstcrcllynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- December 10 - Mission and Outreach Fund – is used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- December 17 - Thereforego Ministry
- December 24 - Building the Future Fund
- December 31 - Schering's Bible Fund
- December 31 AM Love Offering - Eagle's Wings

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

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

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

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Greg & Sara, Nathalie, Landon & Caitlyn Tolsma and Mark & Michelle T Family with the passing of their father, grandfather and uncle, Frank T on Saturday, December 2.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Eleanor Z** is at the Christian Health Care Center for rehab.
- **Marsha M** continues to undergo treatment five days in a row, every three weeks to treat bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- **Andy V** is declining in health.

BIRTHDAY

- **Lamar V** will celebrate his 90th birthday on Monday, December 12. There will be cake and coffee on Sunday, December 10 following the morning worship service.

THANK YOU

- Thank you for all the cards, calls and expressions of love with the passing of my sister.
~ Lillian & Gene
- Thank you for once again generously supporting our Christian School Tuition Assistance program. The first payment of the 2023-2024 school year was made to each family that has opted-in to receive tuition assistance. For this payment \$402 was given per student in 1st-12th grades (Kindergarten students receive a half payment).
- Dear First Church, We received with great joy your offering taken to support our labors in the Word! We praise God for the way He has augmented the cheerful giving of our members, many of whom are of low estate, with your generosity. We continue to do much with little. Morning and Evening on the Lord's Day in Everson, a Tuesday night study of the Psalms through singing and teaching, and the teaching and discipling ministry in Maple Falls on Thursday nights. Please pray for us as you would any other missionary, our field is difficult, in addition to the challenges of financial substance, we have encountered some hostility from a small group of PRIDE activists in Maple Falls, we pray that we would be faithful in loving them as neighbors, and in declaring to them the truth and grace of Christ Jesus. Also, please pray for the trials of discipling a congregation, many of whom are new to Biblical doctrine and church government. That they might know and love the yoke of Jesus even more. Again, our most sincere and humble thanks, Rev. Aaron D and Elder Jordan L.

NEWS AND UPDATES

RESULTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The proposed 2024 budget was passed at the congregational meeting last Tuesday, December 5.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

**** Children and Parents ****

--- Kids from **3 years through 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time.

-- Saturday, December 9 - Full Dress Rehearsal -10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided following rehearsal

-- Sunday, December 10 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and ready by 5:45 PM

For more information, contact Stephanie R.

SHOPPERS NEEDED FOR MALL HUNT

The annual Mall Hunt for Tribe and Forged@First is coming on Wednesday, December 13. We are looking for 20 people -- of any age -- to dress incognito and walk around Bellis Fair Mall for a few hours, starting around 7:30 PM - you can even get your Christmas shopping done while you are there! If you are willing, contact us asap so we can create our Bingo sheet. Laura B, Molly H, Patty R.

ANGEL AND GIVING TREE DONATIONS

If you would like to bless those less fortunate in our community this Christmas, you are invited to take an angel or a round, wood ornament and purchase the items listed. Please return UNWRAPPED GIFTS to church no later than December 15. These gifts will be distributed in Lynden and the surrounding area through Project Hope and the Christian Hope Association.

VOLUNTEER LISTS

As a new year approaches, the lists of volunteers will begin to be updated. So many things in this church are accomplished by volunteers, and for these people we are truly thankful! If you would be willing to be added to any of the following volunteer lists, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the church office at 354-4560 if you would like to be added or removed from any of the following volunteer lists: Flowers, Nursery, Ushers, Sound, Video, Greeters, Cookies, Bus Drivers, or Drivers for John M.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION CLASSES

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

**** CORRECTION** Sunday, December 10 is the final class of this session. Classes will resume in January. ****

- **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 S in the Loft

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The study of *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust* will meet on Monday, December 11 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more info, contact JoAnn R.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE MINISTRY)

** Join us this week **Monday, December 11 at 7:00 PM** for our Christmas Party in the Loft!

** All junior high students are welcome to join us for our annual Mall Hunt on **Wednesday, December 13 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM**. Please drop off/pick up at church at 7:00 PM or meet us at Bellis Fair Mall. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Fellowship team will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for our annual Mall Hunt on *Wednesday, December 13 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM*. Please drop off/pick up at church at 7:00 PM or meet us at Bellis Fair Mall. For more information, contact Cal B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a study of 1&2 Peter and Jude, on Thursday, December 14 10:00 AM in the Ed. Building. Prepare lesson 7. Servers are Tina D and Leona O. For more info, contact Eleanor V.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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