

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for February 4, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 4 - 10:30 AM - Cadet Sunday

Ephesians 3:17-18; I John 3:1; John 15:9-12 "Rooted and Grounded, Love and Obedience"

February 4 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:12, 14-15 "Forgive Our Debtors"

February 11 - 10:30 AM

Song of Solomon 2:13-15 "Catching the Little Foxes of Marriage"

February 11 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:13; I Corinthians 10:12-13; I Peter 5:8 "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the 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 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.firstcrlcynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- February 4 - First CRC Cadets, a ministry for 1st–8th grade boys and is led by Brian S and assisted by several other men in the congregation. For more information, talk to Brian, or any other Cadet leader or visit www.calvinistcadets.org.
- February 11 – Christian School Tuition Assistance
- February 18 – Building the Future
- February 18 Communion – Luke Society
- February 25 – Steve & Sandy

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)

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

CHURCH PARKING LOT

The church parking lot is often slippery during the winter months. Please use caution when walking in the parking lot or on the sidewalks to and from church.

CANCELLATIONS

In case of severe weather, watch for cancellation information via email, on Facebook/Instagram, or contact your district elder or group leadership.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Crystal & Rob H, Craig G, Tim & Charlene N and their families with loss of their sister Cheryl G on January 22.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Agnes R celebrated her 88th birthday on February 1.
- Ken H will celebrate his 87th birthday on February 4.

PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Jessica K** (daughter of Ben & Jill) has been diagnosed with Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease, the easiest way to describe it is eczema of the esophagus, stomach, and small intestine. She is currently on a very restricted diet with plans on going onto medication in the future. She will need to do several more endoscopies over the next 18 months to see the process of healing. We thank you for your prayers for Jessica. The Kocourek Family
- **Marsha M** is home from the hospital. Her cancer has returned; she will continue with transfusions at this time. She ask for prayer for wisdom with decisions and plans going forward.
- **Ken L** is dealing with a broken arm and multiple health issues.

NEWS AND UPDATES

GLOW SOUP SUPPER AND BAKE SALE

You are invited to support GLOW at their annual Soup Supper and Bake Sale.

Date: Wednesday, February 7

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Location: Church Basement

Menu: Homemade Soups, Garden Salad, Rolls, and Dessert!

Be sure to check out the bake sale table early for best selection of amazing treats made by GLOW girls and their families! All proceeds go to support GLOW, the First CRC ministry to 2nd-6th grade girls, and their lesson material, crafts, snacks, outings, and other expenses.

ANNUAL FUNNIEST BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION

The annual Funniest Birthday Card Competition for Pastor Robert's birthday is now underway! Entries can be mailed, dropped at the church office or given directly to Pastor Robert. Deadline for cards to be considered for the competition is Sunday morning, February 25.

BABY BOTTLES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY PREGNANCY CLINIC

If you would like a baby bottle to collect change or donations for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, extras are available in the back of church or in the church library. Bottles can be returned to the church office anytime up to the Missions Celebration, Sunday, March 17.

CHRISTIAN HOPE ASSOCIATION – BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Christian Hope Association (CHA) could especially benefit from board members with expertise in areas such as *construction and facility maintenance, mental health, pastoral care development and fundraising, legal matters, executive or board experience in non-profits, and networking.*

CHA are praying for three to four candidates to join our board in January of 2024 and would greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration to serve for a three-year term.

First CRC has been part of this organization from the start and would like to see someone from our congregation continue with governance and growth of this organization. As a Council we are asking you to seek the Lord's guidance if this would be a good fit for you for a three-year term. For more information please talk to Jacob A and see the flyer in your mailboxes for details.

SEMINAR FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Has depression, anxiety or another mental health issue touched your life, the life of your family, friends, or church? Do you wonder how to best support others with these struggles? Mark your calendars for Envision Mission's Mental Health training on Saturday, February 24 from 9:30-12:00 AM at Bethel CRC in Lynden. Local counselor Deb I will be leading the seminar. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, February 3 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for all ages meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. You are welcome to join at any time!

- Adults: 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 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 BIBLE STUDY

We will be meeting on Monday, February 5, at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R. **** ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED** to join our new Bible Study, *Can I Be Honest: How to Process and Express Your Emotions in a Biblical Way, A Study of Lamentations*, is a 5 week study. In the midst of situations that beg us to see God as anything but good, Lamentations provides a way to actually grow closer to Him. This study is your permission to feel your feelings while still keeping your eyes on Jesus: the greatest hope we have. Our first meeting will be Monday, February 25 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book (\$10 each), contact the church office. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

** We will meet on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our derby night.

** Our Pinewood Derby will be Saturday, February 10.

For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

Those interested in praying for missions are invited on Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

ELDERS

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will be having our soup supper and bake sale this week Wednesday, February 7 from 5:00-7:00 PM. For more information about the soup supper or your bake sale items, contact Kim A

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday February 7 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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