

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for February 18, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 18 - 10:30 AM – First Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

I Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4 "Protecting Sexual Purity"

February 18 - 6:00 PM

Matt. 6:13; 10:28; Eph. 6:12; Heb. 3:12 "Deliver Us From Evil"

February 25 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Lent

I Samuel 13:13-14; I Chronicles 12:32; Romans 12:2

"Wisdom in a Smartphone World"

February 25 - 6:00 PM

Matthew 6:9-13; Ephesians 3:20-21; I Chronicles 29:10-11

"Amen and Amen!"

- **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**, services can be streamed at www.firsterclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- February 18 – **First CRC Building the Future Fund** is always in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Long-Range Planning Team.
- February 18 Communion Love Offering – **Luke Society** is a group of Christian medical professionals who work worldwide to provide people with physical and spiritual health. They have more than 20 different outposts on five continents. For more information, visit www.lukesociety.org.
- February 25 – Steve & Sandy Frieswick

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. Use caution when walking in the parking lot or on the sidewalks.

CANCELLATIONS

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

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- **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.

THANK YOU

- Dear First Church Family, Our GLOW Girls group was incredibly blessed by all those who attended our Soup Supper & Bake Sale Fundraiser. You all so graciously supported our ministry, and gave our girls the opportunity to serve as well! We thank you all for your generosity! A special thanks to Twin Brook Creamery for their milk, the Berendsen family for their hamburger & sausage, and Edaleen Dairy for their ice cream! We feel very blessed! Thank you! ~The GLOW Girls ministry

NEWS AND UPDATES

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

The church offices and buildings will be closed on Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

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 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.

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 Ivancovich will be leading the seminar. If you have any questions, contact Mitchell S.

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 17 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.

- Adults: Led by Glenn Gerlach in Church Basement.
- Infants – Kindergarten: Childcare available in the Ed. Building
- 1st grade - 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- 6th grade – 8th grade: Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building
- 9th grade – 12th grade: Led by Mike Sin the Loft

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will NOT meet on Monday, February 19. We will meet on Monday, February 26. The plan is to have our final conversation on Week 6 of KEEP HOLDING ON, in addition to our Week 6 conversation, we will briefly chat about the Hebrews alphabet and other insights into Lamentations.

**** 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*. 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. This is a 5 week study, with our first meeting on Monday, February 25 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book, contact the church office. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS - MOTHER SON GAME NIGHT (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, February 19 at 6:30 - 8:30PM. in the church basement for our annual Mother Son Game Night. Cadets - bring your mom, your favorite board or card game and your favorite snack to eat while playing games. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams will meet this week Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM. Contact your chairperson if you have questions.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet this week Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Lynden Skateway. Please bring your daughter to the skating rink to meet the leaders there. Look for a text next week for more details. For more information, contact Kim A

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.
