

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 10, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 10 - 10:30 AM – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Genesis 41:46-54 "The Fruitfulness of Our Affliction"

March 10- 6:00 PM –

Matthew 6:6-13 "The Lord's Prayer Revisited"

March 17 - 10:30 AM – Fifth Sunday in Lent, Missions Celebration

Guest Preacher, Missionary with African Inland Mission, *Matthew 28:16-20 "Get Up and Go"*

March 17 - 6:00 PM - Missions Celebration

Guest Preacher, Aaron D, *II Kings 2:1 "Where Will We Find Prophets?"*

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning worship 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.firstcrclinden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- March 10 - Dustin & Melissa, missionaries with Converge in the Isaan region of Thailand.
- March 17 - Envision Mission
- March 24 - Ken & Chris, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- March 31 - Helping Hands for Babies

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 the church office during the week

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAYS

- Dick B will be 85 birthday on Saturday, March 9.
- Grace H will be 94 on Sunday, March 10.
- Perlene H will be 86 on Wednesday, March 13.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Mick V as he recovers from double eye surgery last week.
- Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar and this year it is from March 10/11 - April 8/9. Muslims around the world will be fasting, praying and seeking Allah. They fast from before dawn until after sundown every day. At this time many Muslims are more spiritually attentive and are seeking revelation from Allah. Islam teaches that good deeds will earn God's favor. This includes strict observance of the fast and other practices. Pray that as they seek Allah, the Spirit will free them from the burden of working to earn salvation and reveal God's grace in Jesus.

NEWS AND UPDATES

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Remember to "spring forward" one hour this Sunday as Daylight Savings Time begins.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Join us on Saturday, March 16 at Faith Community Church for a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from missionaries with African Inland Missions and the Executive Director of Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

** During the presentations, there will be a supervised area in another room with a program/video for children ages 3 years – 2nd grade, but there will not be a nursery for younger children.

** A shuttle will be available for those not wanting to drive. Please sign up when you register.

**** REGISTRATIONS FOR THE DINNER ARE DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 11! **** *Registration is required for Saturday evening, but there is no cost to attend. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Center.*

Sunday morning, March 17, Executive Director of Kidstown International will be leading the adult and 7th-12th grade Education Hour. Missionary with African Inland Mission will be bringing us the message on Sunday morning, and a missionary with African Inland Mission will be sharing at Children's Church.

Sunday evening, Pastor Aaron D, Pastor of Friend of Sinners Reformed Church, will bring us the message.

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.

DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of our church, making profession of faith, or just finding out more about First CRC? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Forged@First (7th-8th grade youth ministry) is selling Easter Lilies and Gerber Daisies as a fundraiser.

** Gerber Daisies are NEW this year and come in assorted colors. These are a great option for those allergic to lilies or for anyone wanting to transplant them outside for flowers all spring and summer!

Prices:

Easter Lilies - \$15 each

Gerber Daisies - \$10 each

Flowers can be purchased just for yourself or in remembrance of a loved one. If you order a flower in remembrance of someone, you still get to take the flower home, but their name will appear in our remembrance booklet, available on Easter Sunday. All flowers (for yourself or remembrance) will be available to pick up at First CRC following our Easter Sunday worship services on March 31 or during office hours the following week.

Proceeds will go towards Forged@First (First CRC ministry to 7th & 8th grade students) and help cover expenses for materials, events, service projects, snacks, games, etc. If you have any questions about this ministry, contact the church office.

Order forms are available in your church mailbox, on the Welcome Center, or you can order through any Forged@First student. All orders must be received by March 24.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes for all ages meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. You are welcome to join at any time! The last class for this session will be Sunday, March 24.

- 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 in 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

**** Sunday, March 17 - Mission Celebration Sunday ****

Please note the changes for Missions Celebration Sunday. Visitors are welcome at any of these!

- Infants – Kindergarten: Childcare available in the Education Building
- 1st grade - 3rd grade: Regular class time, led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Regular class time, led by Andrew R in the Ed. Building
- 6th-12th grades: Special missions presentation in the Church Basement.
- Adults: Special missions presentation in the Church Basement

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book, contact the church office. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, March 11 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

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

We will meet on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

WORSHIP PLANNING

Worship Planning will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. 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, March 14 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Please prepare lesson 12. Servers for this meeting are Karen M and Joyce H. For more information, 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, March 16 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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