

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 17, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Guest Preacher 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?"*

March 24 - 10:30 AM – Palm Sunday

John 19:38-42 "Death and Burial, Witness to the Resurrection"

March 24 - 6:00 PM

Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Education Building.
- **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.firstcrlcynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- March 17 - Envision Mission was created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. Their mission is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all He commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.
- March 24 - Ken & Chris, Wycliffe Bible Translators
- March 29, Good Friday - no offering received
- 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 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

PRAYER ITEMS

- Perlene H is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a few days in the hospital. Pray for restored health and strength and relief from pain.
- Dustin & Melissa L as they head to the US for home assignment. Pray for them as they wrap things up there and leave well and for their entry back into the US.

- Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar and this year it is from March 10/11 through April 8/9. Muslims around the world, including the Hausa people in Nigeria, 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. Pray for Muslims who are questioning their religion and seeking Allah. Pray that the increased focus on spirituality will prompt them to be more open in discussing other religious beliefs. Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir curiosity in their hearts and reveal Jesus as Lord and Savior.

THANK YOU

- Our appreciation and thank you for your care, concern, prayers and help when Mick had his eye problems and surgery. His eyes are finally improving. ~ Mick & Lena Marie V
- We'd like to extend a humble thank you to the people of First CRC for your recent contribution to the Luke Society. We are reminded during this Lenten season of how Christ gave up the riches of heaven to come down to earth and suffer a humiliating death on the cross for us. In a similar way, many of our directors have given up status and wealth as doctors to serve the least of these brothers through servant leadership. Your gifts will support the continued work of these men and women as they bring that Gospel message across the world through physical and spiritual healing.
- Dear Friends at First Christian Reformed Church, Thank you for joining God in all He's doing through Resonate! All around the globe, God is working through your church's support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God's Spirit is moving! I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate. I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you! ~ In Christ, Resonate Global Mission

MISSIONS CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

On Saturday, March 16, we will be meeting 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 Directory of Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

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

TIME TO RETURN BABY BOTTLES WITH DONATIONS

Dig out those baby bottles! We will be collecting the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic baby bottles **THIS SUNDAY** at the Welcome Center. If you forget your baby bottle, they can be returned to the church office during office hours this week.

** Reminder, you are welcome to fill the bottles with coins, bills, or a check, but if donating by check, please make it out to "Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic".

NEWS AND UPDATES

LORD'S PRAYER BOOKLET

The prayer that Pastor Robert based his sermon on last Sunday evening, March 10, from Matthew Henry, is available in booklet form on the Welcome Center.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

** All children, 3 years through 3rd grade, in Children's Church, please come to the Education Building **BEFORE** the start of the morning worship service on Sunday, March 24 instead of sitting in church. We will be singing for the Palm Sunday worship service.

** Please note, there will be **no Children's Church on Easter Sunday, March 31.**

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 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 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

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 at Patrick's home. **Note change of location.** For more information, contact Patrick J.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The last class for this session will be March 24.

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

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

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Monday, March 18 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

**** ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED** to join our new Bible Study on the book of James. The book of James is filled with practical daily directions that show us how to live a godly life without the pressure of feeling like everything depends on us. If you find yourself growing weary in doing good works, wondering if your prayers are just hitting a ceiling, or sometimes questioning if living out your faith in Jesus is really worth it....this study is for you! This is a 7 week study, with our first meeting on Monday, April 15 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book, contact the church office.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement. For more info, 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.

MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP

We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 AM in the Education Bldg. For more information, contact Carly V.

COUNCIL

The Council will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All GLOW girls and their mothers are invited to an evening of fun, snacks, and crafts at our annual Mother & Daughter Tea Party! The Tea Party will be in place of our regular meeting this week Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church basement (please note change of location). For more information or questions about the Tea Party, please contact Kim A.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Search Team will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TIRED AND RETIRED (40+ MINISTRY)

Mark your calendars! The Tired and Retired ministry will be having a Spring Social on April 12 with snacks, desserts, fun activities with prizes, and great fellowship! Sign up at the kiosk. For more information, contact Liz V.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
