

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 24, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

March 29 – 6:00 PM – Good Friday

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26 "Pontius Pilate"

March 31 - 10:30 AM - Easter Sunday

I Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-22, 56-58 "He Is Alive"

March 31 - 6:00 PM – Easter Afterglow

Joint Worship Service at Sumas CRC

- **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 24 - Ken & Chris, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, where Chris serves in member care. For more information, visit wycliffe.org.
- March 29, Good Friday - no offering received
- March 31 AM - Helping Hands for Babies
- March 31 PM at Sumas CRC – Envision Mission

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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- 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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Jennie B is celebrating her 83rd birthday on Friday, March 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Paisley G (daughter of Darren & Kelsey) had a dirt bike accident last Sunday and spent a few days Harborview in Seattle for observation. We praise God that Paisley is coming home today! Continue to pray for healing and relief from pain for Paisley.
- Perlene H is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center. Pray for restored health and strength and relief from pain.

- 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, 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. Ramadan can be a difficult time for believers from Muslim background. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen them and to give them wisdom as they respond to questions and scrutiny for not participating in Ramadan festivities.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the Missions Ministry Team and all the volunteers that helped make the Missions Celebration such a wonderful weekend.
- A heartfelt thank you to all who showed concern to Marsha throughout the last year with meals, prayer, cards and visits. She was very appreciative of her church family even though she had not attended for some time. Her family would like to say thank you for the cards and prayers that were offered up at her passing. A special thank you to committee who helped service after her service and to Pastor Woodyard for the kind words offered at the service and for the visits prior to her passing. ~ Bos and Miller Families
- Helping Hands Thank You and Update - Did you get a chance to see our display tables on Mission Weekend? In our 18th year, devoted ladies have given tens of thousands of hours, and much talent, in humility, to create blankets, sweaters, hats, and scarves to meet the needs of people we will never see. It's not just babies anymore. People of all ages now receive our gifts. Though the years, 12,408 blankets and over 50,000 hats have been sent to needy families all over the world. And we do not forget local needs. Over 600 hats were gifted to area school children. We are thankful to you for your continued prayerful and generous offerings. We can only do this because of your support. We will remain committed to: Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2

NEWS AND UPDATES

WORK DAYS - SATURDAY, MARCH 23 AND 30

The Mission Ministry Team is planning work days to assist yard cleanup for a few widows in our church family. Join us on Saturday, March 23 and 30 from 9:00 AM – noonish. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM, then head to the jobs. Please bring yard tools, if you have them. For more information, questions or to volunteer, contact Wes V.

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**.

EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER – ORDERS DUE SUNDAY!

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. A great option for those allergic to lilies or for those 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. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center. **Orders must be received by March 24.**

TIME TO RETURN BABY BOTTLES

We are now collecting the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic baby bottles at the Welcome Center. If you forget your baby bottle, they can be returned to the church office during office hours.

** 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".

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION CLASSES FOR SUNDAY

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 **THIS** 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 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 meet on Monday, March 26 at 10:00 AM in the Loft.

**** 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. Our first meeting is Monday, April 15 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book, contact the church office. For more information about this study, contact JoAnn R.

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

We will meet on Monday, March 25 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 26 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

DEACONS

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, March 27 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 the Full Armor of God, on Thursday, March 28 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers for this meeting are Grace A and Lillian V. 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, April 6 at 7 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

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.