

# First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

## Announcements for March 31, 2024

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### 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 Service at Sumas CRC

#### April 7 - 10:30 AM - Guest Pastor - Will S

*John 21:15-19 "The Restoration of Peter"*

#### April 7 - 6:00 PM - Guest Pastor - Scott R

*Hebrews 1:1-4 "Jesus is Great!"*

- **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.firsterclynden.org](http://www.firsterclynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- March 29, Good Friday - no offering received
- March 31 AM - Helping Hands for Babies
- March 31 PM at Sumas CRC – Envision Mission
- April 7 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

#### 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 Tithely

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 or green envelope, available on the Welcome Center, or write "Operating" on the memo line.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- Perlene H is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- Larry S had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for quick healing 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. Pray that evangelists from Muslim background will wisely and boldly reach out to Muslims who may be more open to the gospel during this month. Pray the Spirit will open the hearts of those they reach and reveal Jesus as Lord and Savior.

#### CONDOLENCE

- We extend our sympathy to Yvonne B and Jan N with the passing of their brother, Dwight C, on Thursday, March 21.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### **GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY**

\*\* **Join us this Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM** as we gather to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us on that first Good Friday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and have a guest appearance by Pontius Pilate.

\*\* Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection on **Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 AM** as we gather to celebrate his joyful victory over death. Please note, there will be no Children's Church on Easter Sunday.

\*\* Join us again as we gather together with other area Christian Reformed churches for our Easter Afterglow Service on **Sunday at 6:00 PM at Sumas CRC**.

### **EASTER LILIES & GERBER DAISIES**

\*\* Thank you to so many of you that supported the Forged@First Youth ministry by purchasing flowers for Easter. If you ordered an Easter Lily or Gerber Daisy, you can pick up your flowers following the morning worship service or during office hours next week.

\*\* Many of the flowers were purchased in remembrance of loved ones. A sheet with those remembrances is available in your church mailbox. We apologize for any names inadvertently missed from the Remembrance sheet and would like to include the following: Len & Idabell V, Remembered by Brad & Lorna T

### **WORK DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 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 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, contact Wes V.

### **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

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### **WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet on Monday, April 1 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. 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. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

### **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Monday, April 1 at **6:30 PM** -- please note the earlier time --for our Spaghetti and Movie Night in the church basement. For more info, contact Brian S.

### **MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP**

Join us in praying for missions on Tuesday, April 2 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room.

### **ELDERS**

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:45 PM in the Council Room.

### **GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

### **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

### **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 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, 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.

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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### **First Christian Reformed Church**

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM