

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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### *Announcements for April 21, 2024*

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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**April 21 - 10:30 AM** - *II Kings 5:1-14 "A Little Girl Used by a Big God"*

**April 21 - 6:00 PM** - Prayer Service for Election of Elders and Deacons

**April 28 - 10:30 AM** - Guest Pastor Don R, *Isaiah 50:10 "Keeping Trust in Our Dark Times"*

**April 28 - 6:00 PM** - Kings Men of Song, Speaker Gerald R, *John 3:1-18 "You Must Be Born Again"*

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

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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##### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- April 21 – GLOW, a ministry of First CRC to 2nd-6th grade girls.
- April 28 - Lighthouse Mission Ministries

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

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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##### BIRTHDAYS

- Next Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate Tina D's 90th birthday with cake during fellowship time.

##### SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Betty S and family with the passing of Freda G last week. A memorial service will be on Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 AM.
- We extend our sympathy to Don & Rose S and families with the passing of Sharon Hlast week.

##### PRAYER ITEMS

- Myrna B anticipates moving to North Cascade Health and Rehab Center in Bellingham this weekend.
- Glen B is continuing testing for the return of lymphoma and has a biopsy next week to determine the type of chemo treatment needed. Prayers for wisdom and skill for the doctors, and grace and patience for Glen and Karen and healing for Glen.
- Andy V continues to decline in health.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### 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.

### NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

The Lord has led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacon names. Pray God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 3 elders and 3 deacons out of the nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 5, following the morning service. A profile of nominees is in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

#### Elder Nominees

Ron D  
Rich H  
Robert S  
Tim V

#### Deacon Nominees

Kevin B      Brian K  
Kyle E      Sam K  
Dustin H      Carl R

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center or the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Brian V (mailbox O8), prior to the morning service on May 5.

### YOUTH CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED!

Calling all singers in grades 3-8! We are excited to be starting a youth choir again and all students in 3rd-8th grade are welcome to join us. We are planning to have the choir sing on Mother's Day, May 12 during the morning worship service. If you a child interested or have any questions, contact Sara K or Nancy Z.

### SHARING SHACK DONATIONS

Steve and Sandy, missionaries with African Inland Missions, shared with us during our Missions Celebration about the "Sharing Shack" in front of their house. They provide free materials for their Muslim neighbors who are learning English. We would like to send them books to help in this ministry. Donations of children's books in good condition, Bibles, even early reading workbooks, can be placed in the box by the Welcome Center before May 1. Questions, contact Phama W.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

### WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Monday, April 22 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

We will meet on Monday, April 22 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

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

We will meet on Monday, April 22 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

### MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

### WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM in the Council Meeting.

### TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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