

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for September 8, 2024*  
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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**September 8 - 10:30 AM** Guest Pastor - Jim V  
*Ephesians 5:15-17 "Why I am Not a Pessimist"*

**September 8 - 6:00 PM** Guest Pastor - Jon Y  
*Thirst No More Numbers 21:4-9*

**September 15 - 10:30 AM** Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
*Romans 8:22-25 "Groaning, Waiting, Hoping"*

**September 15 - 6:00 PM**  
*I Kings 2:1-3; 8:56; 12:20-24*

- **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.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship on the lawn or in the basement (weather dependent).
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at [www.firstcrelynden.org](http://www.firstcrelynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **September 8** – Steve & Sandy are missionaries with Africa Inland Mission working in Ontario, Canada. For more information, visit [www.aimint.org](http://www.aimint.org).
- **September 15** – Ray & Angie
- **September 22** – Mission & Outreach
- **September 29** – Memli & Luiza

#### 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, or electronically through [Tithe.ly](https://Tithe.ly).

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE

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The congregation voted overwhelmingly to call Zac H as Associate Pastor, and Zac has responded that he and Alicia are excited to accept the call. They anticipate being here around the first part of October.

Pray as they pack, sell their house, find a mover, find a home in Lynden and a job for Alicia. Glory to God.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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#### PRAISE

- Ann T will celebrate her 83rd birthday on Saturday, September 14.

#### PRAYER ITEMS

- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Nathan S, son of Robert & Debbie, as he recovers from an extensive surgery.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHILDCARE NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st has been blessed to have lots of moms wanting to attend and with them comes lots of children! We are looking for people willing to help with childcare on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 AM. Can't commit to every other week but willing to help occasionally? We can work with that! We would love to have you sign up to help for 2, 4, or 10 Tuesdays - whatever works into your schedule! This is an important aspect of the Moms@1st ministry and your time allow these women - many that do not attend our church - the time for Bible study and fellowship with other women. If you are willing to help, please contact Kim A.

### PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

All members with school age children should have received a sheet in your church mailbox from the Christian Education Ministry Team. This allows the team to know where children from First CRC are attending - whether it is a Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance program provided to members of First CRC and allows families to chose whether to participate or not. If you have any questions, contact Jake De Hoog or any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team. **All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake D's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 29. If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out of the Christian School Tuition Assistance.**

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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### EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 4th - 12th grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in the 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

### LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups, our small groups ministry, are designed for connecting with others at First CRC through fellowship and Bible study, meeting in homes or other locations. Discussions focus on questions about the next sermon coming up. Sign up now at the kiosk in the narthex or contact the church office. For more information, contact Pastor Robert or Phama W.

*Life Group facilitator* – what do they do and could you be one? Facilitators are not teachers, nor will they do most of the sharing within the Life Groups. They seek to give everyone an opportunity to participate and will guide the closing prayer. All questions and discussion material are provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Life Group facilitator, contact Pastor Robert.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on the first and third Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. \*\* Note, we will not meet on September 7, due to Family Camp, but will be meeting on September 21. For more information, contact Patrick Jones.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There is a Women's Bible Study entitled "Where Do I Belong?" starting on September 9. We invite all the women in our church to join us as we meet on Mondays at 10:00AM in the Loft. This study is a 6 week Bible Study and will end October 14.

*Where Do I Belong? Finding Our True Home Through the Study of Exile in the Bible* Even when we feel like we're wandering, we don't have to wonder where God is. When we experience loss or change in our lives, we ache with a kind of homesickness, a longing for things to return to how they once were. Longing for things to be familiar and comfortable again. Longing to feel like ourselves again. Longing to connect with God again. The good news is that Scripture is filled with people who understand what it feels like to be a little misplaced. By reading their stories and tracing the biblical theme of "exile," we can know with

settled assurance that God is with us, even if He seems harder to find. And not only is He present today, He's working on our behalf until we reach our eternal home one day. Let the church office know if you are interested in a study guide (\$10 each). For more information, contact Joanne K.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at the Meenderinck Pond on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are all welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. For more information, contact Brian S.

### **MOMS@1ST**

We will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

### **TRIBE**

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

### **LYNDEN CHORAL HYMN SING**

All are welcome to join the Lynden Choral Society for a Hymn Sing at First CRC on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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

We will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

### **PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP**

All are welcome to join as we pray for America, especially in this season of elections. We will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. For more information, contact Melissa N.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We will not meet on Saturday, September 7 but again on September 21. All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, September 21 at 7 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

### **GLOW (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

### **DAUGHTERS OF ZION**

All women are invited to join us for a study of Prayer: An Adventure with God. We will begin on Thursday, September 26 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Books are available in the Education Building kitchen or the church office. Please sign up on the paper when you take a book.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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