

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 22, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 22 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:26-27 "Groaning of the Holy Spirit"

September 22 - 6:00 PM

II Kings 2:9-12a; II Kings 17:6-13, 18-20 "A Walk Through the Bible - II Kings"

September 29 - 10:30 AM

Romans 8:28 "All Thing for God's Glory and Our Good"

September 29 - 6:00 PM

I Chronicles 1:1-4; 2:1-2; 3:1; 9:1; I Chronicles 29:10-19 "A Walk Through the Bible - I Chronicles"

- **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.firsterclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- September 22 – Mission & Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- September 29 – Forged@First is a ministry to 7th-8th grade students, led by Jeff & Renee L and Patty R from First CRC.

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://www.tithe.ly).

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAYER

- Zacchary H, our new Associate Pastor, his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Olivia, as they pack, sell their house, and move to Lynden. They plan to leave Indiana on September 26 and start making their way to Lynden by first week of October.
- Al & Julie M, mission partners in Belgium, as Al has been in the hospital dealing with infections. Pray for healing from those infections so he can restart treatment for his leukemia.
- Myrna B is in rehab after a time in the hospital.
- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Nathan S, son of Robert & Debbie, has been able to come home earlier than expected and continues to recover from surgery.
- Brent B, son of Jennie, was diagnosed with cancer and this week was admitted to UW Medical Center for surgery on a tumor in his brain. He is continuing testing and treatment.

THANK YOU

People of First CRC, thank you for your gift last month of \$883. Special gifts like this really help to fill in the gaps that come up. We continue to reach out to local youth through this relational adventure ministry. ~ Tim N, Area Director, Nooksack Valley Youth Dynamics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE AND CAREER CARE PACKAGES

The team for the College/Career Care package service project (a.k.a. Young Adult Transitions) needs your help. On September 25, our Tribe students will create 13 hand decorated gift boxes for last year's seniors and decorate at least 13 cards for older graduates (those 2-4 years out of high school). Would you consider donating towards the gifts, supplies, gift cards, and treats our team has selected by Sunday, September 22. Your contribution will help us bless and connect with these young people and remind them of the church family that loves them. You can put monetary donations in the box marked "College Care Packages" on the Welcome Center. THANK YOU! If you have any questions, contact any member of the team: Laura B, Swandel E, or Coni H.

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 Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance program and allows families to choose whether to participate or not. If you have any questions, contact Jake D or any member of the Christian Education Team. Additional forms can be picked up at the office.

** All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake De Hoog's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 29. *If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out.*

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. If you can help, contact Kim A.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Let's remember Pastor Robert and Phama in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family. We will be recognizing them as a church on Sunday, September 29 during the morning service.

FIRST CRC - 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are looking forward in joyful anticipation of 125th anniversary of our church in July, 2025, and are beginning to plan how we will be celebrating this event. The Council has approved the following members as part of the 125th Anniversary Ministry Team: Fred Y, Mary V, Galen L, Kara H, Coni H, Tate B, Leah B, Carl R. Be watching in the next few months for more information on this celebration.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays. 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 Ed. Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Ed. 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 – 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, contact Pastor Robert.

DINNERS 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up now at the kiosk, or contact Marilyn M or the church office.

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. We will be meeting on September 21. For more info, contact Patrick J.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women 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* Let the church office know if you are interested in a study guide (\$10 each). For more information, contact Joanne K.

MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Church's Response to the Mental Health Crisis: Showing Christ's Love is the theme of a conference on September 27-28. Join fellow Christians who desire to learn more about showing the love of Christ to those who are suffering with counseling related-problems. Speakers will be Dr. Mark Kelderman (Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary) and Dr. Jeff Doll (The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling). They will be addressing various counseling-related topics including the need for biblical counseling, social media and the need for parental control, and depression, to name a few. The conference will be on Friday, September 27 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM and Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. There is no cost to attend. For more information, email lyndenbiblicalcounseling@gmail.com.

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, September 21 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

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WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Monday, September 23 at 10:00AM in the Loft. We will be discussing week 2 of "Where Do I Belong". For more information, contact Joanne K.

HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, September 23 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Leona O.

125th ANNIVERSARY TEAM

The 125th Anniversary team will meet on Monday, September 23 at 6:30 PM in the Loft. For more information contact Galen L.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited will meet on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our regularly meeting. For more information, contact Brian S.

MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in the Loft.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

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

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

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. We will study lesson 1 and servers are Joyce H and Doris B. Books are available in the Education Building kitchen (Sundays) or at the church office (during the week). Please sign up on the paper when you take a book. For more information, contact Helene Y.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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