

# First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

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## Announcements for October 6, 2024

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**October 6 - 10:30 AM** - Guest Pastor, Jon B

*I Thessalonians 4:9-12 "The Quiet Life"*

**October 6 - 6:00 PM** - Guest Pastor, Scott R

*Genesis 2:25-3:10, 3:21 "Shame and Divine Acceptance"*

**October 13 - 10:30 AM**

*Romans 8:18-28 "Waiting for the Redemption of Our Bodies"*

**October 13 - 6:00 PM**

*II Chronicles 1:1; 3:1; 36:14-16, 19-23 "A Walk Through the Bible - II 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.firstcrclinden.org](http://www.firstcrclinden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- October 6 – Christian School Tuition Assistance, used to help First Church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- October 13 - Aaron D, Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (formerly Friend of Sinners Reformed Church) a church plant in Maple Falls
- October 20 - Building the Future
- October 20, Love Offering - First CRC Adoption Fund
- October 27 - Memli & Luiza M, missionaries to Albania

#### 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 (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264)
- Dropped off at church during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- 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.

#### REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The September 2024 report from the Deacons is now available in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center

### PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the Tribe College/Post High Care Packages! We made 13 boxes filled with items and put together another 13 cards, filled with gift cards for these young adults. We pray that these items will show our young adults that their First family loves them.

## **PRAYER ITEMS**

- Zacchary H, our new Associate Pastor, his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Olivia, as they are traveling to Lynden and as they get settled in a new house, new school, and a new job in the coming weeks. They anticipate arriving in Lynden sometime on Sunday.
- Darren G received good news, the latest CT scan showed improvement on the lymph node and signs of it being benign. With that news, the doctor is holding off on surgery and monitor for the time being. His next scan is scheduled for the end of December.
- Al & Julie M, mission partners in Belgium, continues to be in and out of the hospital recovering from infections. He has restarted chemo treatments for his leukemia.
- Myrna B is declining in health.
- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Brent B, son of Jennie, anticipates meeting with doctors today, October 4, to hear the results of the tumors found in his brain. He is also meeting with his other oncologists on Friday as well. Brent has started treatment for the first cancer found and currently has a chemo regiment he can do at home and then a treatment at UW every 3 weeks for about 6 months.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **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.

### **WELCOME TO THE HARRISONS**

The Harrisons are currently driving from Indiana to Washington! They anticipate being in Lynden sometime on Sunday. We encourage you to warmly welcome them with cards, emails, texts, etc.

### **GUEST PASTORS - OCTOBER 6**

During our morning service on October 6, we welcome to our pulpit Jon B who has been the Executive Pastor of Christ Church (PCA) in Bellingham for the past year and a half. He has an MA and is pursuing his MDiv from Knox Seminary. He is married to Anah and they have two children.

During our evening service, we welcome to the pulpit, Scott R, who has been the Senior Pastor of Hope in Christ Church (CRC) in Bellingham since 2007. Scott and his wife, Jennifer, have 8 children.

### **HELP NEEDED WITH THE GLOW MINISTRY**

Would you consider being a part of our GLOW ministry? We are looking for 1 or 2 new leaders to join our group! You do not need to have a daughter in GLOW! We are looking for women willing to be full-time leaders OR women willing to come just once in a while to help with lessons or activities. Please give this some thoughtful consideration, and pray that God would provide for this need within our church! Please reach out to Kim A if you have any questions.

### **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. For more information, contact Pastor Robert or Phama.

*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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **MOMS@1ST FUNDRAISER**

You are invited to support the MOMS@1st Ministry ---AND--- get a great deal on cards! With a box of 30 high quality greeting cards for just \$30, you can't beat the price, and each purchase supports our MOMS@1st Women's Ministry! Come and browse the selection on Tuesday, October 8 anytime from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Loft! \*\* Not able to be there that night? You can still order and support MOMS@1st - contact the MOMS@1st representative, Katie J or Carly V.

## **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, October 5 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Home. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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

We will have our annual Bike Day on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please note that helmets are required! For more information, contact Brian S.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join any of these at any time!

\*\*\* Please note, there will NOT be an Adult Education class on Sunday, October 6. \*\*\*

- 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

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

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Monday, October 7 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Joanne K.

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

Everyone is encouraged to join as we pray for America, especially in this season of elections. We will meet every Monday, starting October 7 until the elections from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. All are welcome! If we have a larger turnout, we will find another location in church so everyone will fit. For more information, contact Melissa N.

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

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

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

We will meet with the church staff for employee reviews on Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8, starting at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

### **MOMS@1ST**

We will meet on Tuesday, October 8 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 information, contact Patrick J.

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

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 9 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, October 9 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

### **DAUGHTERS OF ZION**

Join us for a study of Prayer: An Adventure with God. We will begin on Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. We will study lesson 2 and servers are Candace Land Cheryl R. For more information, contact Helene Y.

### **TRUTH PROJECT STUDY**

All high school seniors and post-high young adults are invited to join Cal & Laura B and Glen B to study the *Truth Project* on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM in the Loft, beginning on October 13. Trying to figure out what the Bible says is true? The Truth Project is an excellent starting point for looking at life from a Biblical perspective. Each lesson looks at the importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

### **UNDERSTANDING AND MINISTERING TO THE SIKH COMMUNITY**

On Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 PM the Lynden URC (8650 Benson Road, Lynden) is going to host Rev. Tony who is going to lead a seminar on the Sikh community. Join us for this time introducing us more fully to the Sikh community (their history, beliefs, practices, and religion) with a goal of understanding them as our neighbors but also how to minister to them as those who need Christ and the Gospel.

### **WCPC FALL BANQUET**

The Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic invites you to our annual Heart of the Clinic Banquet. This fundraiser will be held at the Ferndale Event Center (5715 Barrett Rd, Ferndale), on Friday, October 25. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. There is no cost for you to attend but know we will be asking for support as we don't accept ANY government funding. The keynote speaker will be David Williams, a former NFL chaplain, who now ministers to men in an arena where men are often forgotten: unplanned pregnancy and abortion. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.whatcomclinic.com/events/>. Registration deadline is October 14.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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