

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 1, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 1 - 10:30 AM - First Sunday in Advent – HOPE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 8:35-39 "Who Shall Separate Us"

December 1 - 6:00 PM - Joint Christmas Service at Third CRC

December 8 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday in Advent - PEACE

Preaching - Robert W

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Esther 1:1-3, 11-12, 19; 2:15-17; 4:13-16; 7:3-6, 10 "A Walk Thru the Bible - Esther"

- **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 in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrlcynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- December 1 - Christian School Tuition Assistance
- December 1 Evening Joint Service at Third CRC - Envision Missions
- December 8 - Mission and Outreach Fund
- December 15 - ThereforeGo Ministries
- December 22 - Building the Future Fund
- Christmas Day, December 25 - Benevolence Fund
- December 29 - Envision Mission
- December 29, Love Offering - Eagle's Wings

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

If you would still like to give a Thanksgiving offering, place it in an envelope with designated causes marked and put it in the offering bag on Sunday or it can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

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 envelope (on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the memo line.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Ethel V, Gert B, Cora S and the extended family with the sudden loss of Ed Van Beek on November 27. A memorial service will be held at First CRC on Thursday, December 5 at 11:00 AM.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Jacob A is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Levi B continues to recover from extensive open heart surgery to repair or replace 3 of the 4 heart valves and remove significant scar tissue. He continues to make slow and steady progress. If you would like updates, follow along on his Caring Bridge site.
- Ruth Ba is failing in health and the family is now with her.
- Beth B remains in rehab recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Glen G is anticipating knee replacement surgery.
- Al M, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness. If you would like updates, follow along on his Caring Bridge site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIA PICK UP

Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 29-30 in the Education Building.

COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE

Join us on Sunday, December 1 for a combined Advent service at Third CRC led by King's Men of Song. The service will start at 6:00 PM. Come for a time of worship, singing, and fellowship. The evening's offering will go to help the work of Envision Ministries. We look forward to worshipping with you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2025 budget will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget is available on the Welcome Center or from the office.

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center or at the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Brian V (mailbox O8), prior to the Congregational Meeting on December 3.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program, "Do Not Be Afraid Parade" on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

**** Children and Parents ****

- Kids from **3 years through 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time.
- Saturday, December 7 - Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM
- Saturday, December 14 - Full Dress Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided following rehearsal
- Sunday, December 10 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and be ready by 5:45 PM
- For more information, contact Stephanie R.

ANGEL/GIVING TREE

If you would like to bless those less fortunate this Christmas, you are invited to take an angel or an ornament and purchase items listed. Please RETURN ORNAMENTS with the UNWRAPPED GIFTS or donations to church no later than December 15. These gifts will be distributed in Lynden and the surrounding area through Project Hope and the Christian Hope Association.

MALL HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First CRC Youth Ministry needs volunteers to "hide" at Bellis Fair Mall for the youth group kids to find in our Bingo-style mall hunt. Join us for this fun, multi-generational event on Wednesday, December 11 from 7:30-8:30 PM. Do some Christmas shopping while the kids look for you and get your signature on their Bingo boards. To sign up, contact Cal or Laura B.

VOLUNTEER LISTS

As a new year approaches, the lists of volunteers will begin to be updated. So many things in this church are accomplished by volunteers and for these people we are truly thankful! If you would be willing to be added to any of the volunteer lists, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the church office if you would like to be added or removed from any of the following volunteer lists: Flowers, Nursery, Ushers, Sound, Video, Greeters, Cookies, Bus Drivers, or Drivers for John.

2025 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

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

Sunday, December 8 will be the last class before Christmas break.

- 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

CADETS (1st -8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Brian S.

MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V

ELDERS

We will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM to count the Thanksgiving Offering.

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.

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

TIRED AND RETIRED SOUP LUNCHEON

All those 40+ are invited to join us for a soup luncheon on Sunday, December 8 following the morning worship service in the Loft. RSVP and sign up to take a salad or dessert to share on the kiosk. For more information, contact Liz V.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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