

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 15, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 15 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday in Advent - JOY

Preaching - Robert W

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 "The People That Walked in Darkness"

December 15 - 6:00 PM - Children's Christmas Program

"Do Not Be Afraid Parade"

December 22 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday in Advent - LOVE

Preaching - Robert W

Luke 2:8-14 "There Were Shepherds"

December 22 - 6:00 PM - Candles and Carols Service

"A Traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"

December 25 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day - GRACE

Preaching - Robert W

Revelation 19:1-6, 15-16 "Hallelujah"

- **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.firstcrcllynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- 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

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.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to the family of Ruth B, who passed away on December 6.
- We extend our sympathy to Jim & Gail A and family with the passing of Gail's twin brother, Wayne S on December 6 in Kansas.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Levi B** was readmitted to Seattle Children's Hospital this week due to fluid build up in his lungs. The doctors are planning to place a chest tube to help drain the fluid.
- **Carter A**, son of Bryan & Kim, was admitted to Seattle Children's Hospital as he deals with Crohn's disease. They hope to be discharged by this weekend.
- **Gert B** is back at home after a stay in the hospital dealing with pneumonia.
- **Beth B** is home and continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.
- **Glenn G** is anticipating knee replacement surgery.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.

THANK YOU

To all our church family, who so graciously extended their sympathies to us including prayers, cards, and expressions of kindness with the "going home" of our beloved, Myrna, we thank you. LAUS DEO! ~ Ted & Elaine S and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 14 - Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided following rehearsal
- Sunday, December 15 - 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.

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 M.

*** BUS DRIVERS are especially needed at this time. If you would like to know more about driving the bus to pick-up and drop-off those that can no longer drive to church, please contact Galen L.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes are now on Christmas break until January.

CADETS (1ST-8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, December 16 from 6:30-8:30 PM for our annual Christmas party. Dress warmly for caroling - do not wear your cadet shirt. Bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange (\$10 limit). Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please arrive sharply at 6:30 PM as we will be leaving for caroling. If you have any question, contact Brian S.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, December 17, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All High School students are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

Join us on Thursday, December 19 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Tina D and Leona O. For more information, contact Helene Y.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING

Join us for a new Bible study, "Daniel: Finding Confidence That God's Power Is at Work" on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Loft. Books can be picked up in the church office. We will start with the foundations week on January 6. For more information, contact Joanne K.

Study description: What if witnessing God move in others' lives *is* our proof that He is still a miracle-working God? A God who doesn't just hear but acts. A God who doesn't just see but rescues. This is where the book of Daniel shines. It's an account of the Lord doing mighty things over and over again, building our confidence not just in His power but His personal care toward us. While you wait on answered prayers or even hope for a miracle, the book of Daniel will quiet your fears and anxieties as you remember the God you have working on your behalf.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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