

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 22, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

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"

December 29 - 10:30 AM - Old Year/New Year Service

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Preaching - Robert W

Philippians 1:9-11 "That Your Love May Abound"

December 29 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert Woodyard

- **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 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 Tithely

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Jane S will be celebrating her 87th birthday on December 24.
- Christine H will be celebrating her 84th birthday on December 28.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Levi B was able to come home from Seattle Children's Hospital on Monday night. Pray for continued strength and healing for Levi.
- Glenn G is anticipating knee replacement surgery.
- Al M, mission partner in Belgium, has been home from the hospital for almost three weeks. Al had to reach out to the doctor and nurse once, as he was feeling dizzy, and his digestive track wasn't working as should. This resulted in stopping antifungal meds and the symptoms disappeared. This week Thursday Al went to the hospital for a blood transfusion. They are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the Meyer family next week. Peace be with you all.

THANK YOU

- To our church family, thank you for keeping us in your prayers and thoughts during this difficult season of life. The condolences, cards and prayers were felt and appreciated. We have the blessed assurance that both dad and mom are rejoicing in heaven. ~ Randy and Kara H
- We want to express our appreciation to the congregation for their prayers, cards, and caring words in the recent passing of Gail's twin brother. God warmed my (Gail's) heart Sunday night when we watched the Children's Christmas program via livestream. The narrators were twins Anneliese and Jude, and they reminded me of Wayne and I; we were such good friends through the years. ~ Jim & Gail A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE DISBURSEMENT

The first payment of 2024-2025 school year was recently made from the Christian Education program. For this payment, \$435 was given per student in 1st-12th grade (half amount given for Kindergarten students). Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

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 Laird.

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, contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firsterclynden.org.

**** Please note, the last day to make additions or corrections will be Monday, December 23.**

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

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes are now on Christmas break until January. Watch for more information on classes offered during winter session.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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