

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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### *Announcements for January 5, 2025*

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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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##### **January 5 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Ephesians 6:10-18; I Peter 5:8-9 "Equipping The Family for Battle"*

##### **January 5 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Psalms 119:9-16 "Guarding Our Life With the Word"*

##### **January 12 - 10:30 AM – Ordination of Zac H**

Preaching - Nate J

*II Corinthians 5:17-21 "Messengers of Reconciliation"*

##### **January 12 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Chuck K

- **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.firstcrclinden.org](http://www.firstcrclinden.org).

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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##### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- January 5 – Christian School Tuition Assistance
- January 12 - Al & Julie
- January 19 - Lynden Human Life
- January 26 – Benevolence

##### 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](https://tithely.com)

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 December 2024 report with the Thanksgiving offering totals is now available in your church mailbox or at the Welcome Center.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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### PRAYER ITEMS

- **Levi B** continues to recover from heart surgery. If you would like to stay up to date on his progress, you are invited to check his Caring Bridge site.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.
- **Glenn G** is anticipating knee replacement surgery.

### THANK YOU

- Dear First Church Family, What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. What a great church family you are. We are looking forward to experiencing God's steadfast love and grace with you in 2025. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you. ~ Pastor Robert & Phama
- Dear Beloved Church Family, We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful Christmas gifts, thoughtful notes, cards, and delicious treats you have so generously shared with our family. Your kindness and care have made this season even more special, and we feel truly blessed to be part of such a welcoming and supportive congregation. Thank you for your encouragement and thoughtfulness as we begin this new journey with you. We look forward to serving alongside you in the year to come and witnessing the many ways God will continue to work through our community. ~Pastor Zac, Alicia, & Olivia
- Friends in Christ, thank you for your recent gift! Your church's generous support, enables us to support doctors and nurses who are living out their calling to make Jesus Christ known in the world. We are regularly reminded why the Luke Society's philosophy of supporting indigenous doctors working within their own borders is such an effective method of conducting a medical ministry. The investment made by First CRC is ensuring that people around the globe have a continuity of care for years to come. Thank you for your gifts of prayer and financial support for the Luke Society.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The ordination and installation of Zac H will be Sunday, January 12 during the morning service. We praise God that he can be officially ordained and installed into the pastoral ministry at First CRC. Pastor Nate J who is bringing us the message is a good friend and classmate of Pastor Zac's. Pastor Nate is the pastor of Christ Community Church in Blaine.

### SENIOR WINTER LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

We will be having a Senior winter lunch on Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00 PM in the church basement. You will be our guests as we have a fun time planned with fellowship and laughter. Please sign up at the kiosk in the foyer or call the church office. If you need a ride, please call the church office @ 360-354-4560.

### MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2025

Save the date! Our annual Missions Celebration is planned for Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### **TRUTH PROJECT**

All high school seniors and post-high young adults are invited to study the *Truth Project* on Sunday, January 5 at 5:00 PM in the Loft.

### **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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All women are invited to 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.

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

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited will meet on Monday, January 6 at 7:00 PM in the church basement for our regularly meeting. For more info, contact Brian S.

### **MOMS@1ST**

We will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

### **ELDERS**

Elders will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM in the council room.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

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

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

We will meet Wednesday, January 8 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

### **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM**

Worship planning will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM in the council room.

### **TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Join us on Wednesday, January 8 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, January 18 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

# Winter Weather Reminders

- \*\* The church parking lot is often slippery during the winter months. Please use caution when walking in the parking lot or on the sidewalks to and from church.
- \*\* In case of severe weather, watch for cancellation information via email, on Facebook/Instagram, or contact your district elder.

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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