

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for January 12, 2025*  
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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**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

*John 6:1-15 "Miracle"*

**January 19 - 10:30 AM** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Preaching - Zac H

*Ruth 3:1-18 "A Redeemer's Heart: Trusting Divine Providence"*

**January 19 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Mitchell S

*Luke 10:1-3 "Ministry"*

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

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- January 12 - Al & Julie, Operation Mobilization
- 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

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. *Please use either the blue or green envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.* Note - green envelopes are just older envelopes the deacons are using up - they will be counted as part of the Operating Fund, even though they are labeled as Ministry Shares.

**\*\* Envelopes for this year are in your church mailbox; additional envelopes are available on the Welcome Center.**

#### REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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### SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Brent & Kristi W, Evan & Amber T, and their families with the passing of Kristi's father, John H on January 8.

### PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Eleanor V** was in the hospital this past week after suffering a minor stroke. Eleanor is now back at home recovering.
- **Levi B** had a clinic check this last week and was cleared to resume his normal activities. His tests showed improvement and he is now working on building up his endurance. His next clinic check will be in 6 months.
- **Pastor Robert & Phama W** are away from Lynden this week to refresh and take time for a study leave. Pray that this will be a fruitful time for Pastor Robert as he prepares for this coming year.
- **Zac & Alicia H** share the praise that their house in Indiana has sold and everything is finalized! They thank you for your prayers through this process.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care. If you would like to stay up to date on his progress, you are invited to check his Caring Bridge site.

### THANK YOU

- Thank you to all who remembered me on my birthday. I very much appreciate the many cards and well wishes. Thank you to Pastor Robert for the nice visit as well – it made my day very special. ~ Jane S
- Dear Church Family, We want to take a moment and thank you for all of the prayers for our family, especially Levi as he had his surgery and worked through his challenging recovery. A special thank you to Pastor Robert and Pastor Zac along with other members of the church family for visiting and dropping off meals both at the hospital and once he arrived home. ~ The Baileys
- Dear First CRC Family, Thank you for recent gift sent to Childcare Worldwide. The church's generous partnership allows us to support Life Centers, where children are nurtured both physically and spiritually while learning about the love of Jesus Christ. Time and again, we see the incredible impact of Childcare Worldwide's mission to provide holistic care to children in their own communities, led by local teachers and church leaders. This approach has proven to be a powerful and sustainable way to share the gospel and transform lives. The support of First CRC is making a lasting difference by ensuring children have access to Bible study, nutritious meals, clean water, and a loving community that points them to Christ. We deeply appreciate your prayers and financial gifts that make this work possible. With gratitude, Bill and Melissa N
- First CRC, your Thanksgiving donation is sincerely appreciated. We will use it to continue in our efforts of defending and protecting the preborn and all life! Thank you! Blessings, Lynden Human Life

## 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. Following the service, come and greet Zac, Alicia, and their family in the church basement at a special fellowship time.

## **GUEST PASTORS - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

During the morning service, Pastor Nate J will bring us the message. Nate is a good friend and classmate of Pastor Zac. Pastor Nate is the pastor of Christ Community Church in Blaine. He is married to Laurel and they have 4 children.

During the evening service, we welcome Pastor Chuck K to the pulpit. Pastor Chuck is now the Pastor of Congregational Life at First Reformed Church in Lynden, after retiring from Nooksack Valley Reformed in 2019. He is married to Jean and they have 3 children.

## **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 contact the church office (360-354-4560, info@firstcrlcynden.org).

## **MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2025**

Save the date! Our annual Missions Celebration is planned for Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Watch for more information about special speakers and how to sign up!

## **FIRST CRC YOUTH AUCTION**

Mark your calendars now for a "Chocolate Charged Evening" – Saturday, March 15! Come bid and win some amazing items in our live and silent auction all while supporting the First CRC youth ministry (SERVE, Tribe, and Forged@First). This fun evening will kick off with a delicious dinner featuring smoked pork and dessert featuring all the chocolate you can eat. Keep an eye out for more information on how to purchase tickets and donate items to this event! The Leaders and students want to thank you in advance for contributing too and participating in this fundraising event.

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join at any time!

- 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 BIBLE STUDY**

"Daniel: Finding Confidence That God's Power Is at Work" will meet on Monday, January 13 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. We will be discussing week 1, days 1-5. For more information, contact Joanne K.

### **HELPING HANDS**

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, January 13 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

### **FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)**

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

### **MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP**

All those interested in learning more about the people group we have committed to praying for and praying for them, join us on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room. For more information, contact Chris R.

### **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.

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

Join us on Wednesday, January 15 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.

### **SERVE 2025 MISSION TRIP MEETING**

Now that we're in 2025, we will be having our first meeting for the students going on SERVE this summer! The meeting will be in the Loft on Sunday the 19th, after the morning service. This meeting will cover information about registration as well as the auction fundraiser. We would like parents to join. It will be important that you and your students are there. If you cannot make the meeting, let Molly know so we can get the necessary information to you. If you have any questions, contact Molly H.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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