

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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### *Announcements for February 16, 2025*

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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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##### **February 16 - 10:30 AM - Cadet Sunday**

Preaching - Robert W

*I Timothy 4:12, 15-16*

*"Lead the Way, Set an Example"*

##### **February 16 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Psalms 1:1-2; 16:11; 19:1-2; 27:1; 29:1; 95:1-3*

*"A Walk Through the Bible – Psalms II"*

##### **February 23 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching – Zac H

*Ruth 4:1-12*

*"Redemption in Action: Boaz and the Heart of the Gospel"*

##### **February 9 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching – Nate J

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

*"Christ and Shame"*

- **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

- **February 16** - First CRC Cadets is a ministry for 1<sup>st</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. It is led by Brian S and assisted by several other men in the congregation.
- **February 23** - Steve & Sandy are missionaries with Africa Inland Mission working with the Somali population in Ontario, CA.

##### 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)

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.*

# PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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## PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Liz VP** had surgery on her foot on Wednesday.
- **Mick VG** fell on Wednesday morning and was admitted to the hospital for possible small stroke-like symptoms. Pray for healing for Mick and peace for Lena Marie.
- **Willie A** is at rehab at the CHCC recovering from hip surgery.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.

## THANK YOU

- Heartfelt thanks to our First Church family for the ways you have surrounded us with love and support. Every prayer and love offering is so much appreciated. Our forever faithful God is so, so good. We praise Him. ~ Lamar & Eleanor VG

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The church offices and buildings will be closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day. If you need access to the building, please make prior arrangements.

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

The church 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.

## FORGOTTEN DISHES AND PANS

Please take a moment to check the table in the reception area by the church office to see if you have any dishes or pans that were forgotten at church. All items not claimed in the next few weeks will be donated.

## ANNUAL FUNNIEST BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION

The annual Funniest Birthday Card Competition for Pastor Robert's birthday is now underway! Entries can be mailed, dropped at the church office or given directly to Pastor Robert. Deadline for cards to be considered for the competition is Sunday morning, March 2.

## FIRST CRC YOUTH AUCTION

Mark your calendars now for a "Chocolate Charged Evening"! 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.

**Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**Location: Ebenezer Christian School**

**Cost: \$10 for 10 yrs - Adults, \$5 for 5 - 10 years, children under 5 years are free.**

**\*\*Tickets must be purchased by March 1! Get your tickets now - seating is limited!**

You can purchase tickets by:

- 1) Scan the QR code on the form in your mailbox
- 2) Turn in your form, with payment attached to the Welcome Center
- 3) Dropoff your form and payment to the church office.

If you have any items to donate to the auction, please contact Patty Roosma (360-961-5199) by March 1.

*Thank you for supporting our youth!*

## **BABY BOTTLES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY PREGNANCY**

If you would like a baby bottle to collect change or donations for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, extras are available in the back of church or in the church library. Bottles can be returned to the church office anytime up to the Missions Celebration, Sunday, March 23.

## **MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2025**

### **Saturday, March 22**

Join us at Faith Community Church for a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from Dan B, Communications Director of the Luke Society and Joe S, Director of Northwest Hispanic Ministries.

*\*\* Registration is required for Saturday evening, but there is **no cost to attend**. Registration will open for attendees soon - watch for more information.*

### **Sunday, March 23**

Education Hour - Tim N, Area Director of Youth Dynamics, will present to adults and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Morning Service – We will have the Presentation of Flags, Phil Stevenson, with International Christian Response, will bring us the message, and Melissa N, will share with the Children's Church.

Evening Service - Bill R, Director of Light of the World Prayer Center, will bring the message.

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

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

\*\* Our Pinewood Derby will be on Saturday, February 15. Please see email for more information.

\*\* Cadet Sunday at First CRC will be on Sunday, February 16. Cadets are asked to be at church no later than 10:00 AM, wearing their Cadet shirt and scarf.

\*\* We will meet on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 PM in the church basement for our regular meeting. For more information about any of these events or the Cadet ministry, contact Brian S.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Anyone is welcome to join at any time!

- Adults: Led by Glenn G in the Church Basement
- Infants – Kindergarten: Childcare available in the Ed. Building
- 1st grade - 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R in the Ed. Building
- 6th grade – 8th grade: Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building
- 9th grade – 12th grade: Led by Mike S in the Loft

### **TRUTH PROJECT STUDY**

The Truth Project Study will NOT be meeting this Sunday. Please note that this is an update from previous announcements. For more information, contact Cal B or Glen B.

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

"Daniel: Finding Confidence That God's Power Is at Work" will meet on Monday, February 17 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. We will be discussing week 5, days 21-25. For more information, contact Joanne K.

### **125th ANNIVERSARY TEAM**

The 125th Anniversary team will meet on Monday, February 17 at 6:30 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Galen L.

**PRAY FOR AMERICA GROUP**

All those interested in praying for America are invited to join us on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. For more information, Melissa N.

**MOMS@1ST**

We will meet on Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly.

**MINISTRY TEAMS**

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, February 18, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

**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.

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

We will meet this week Wednesday, February 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Lynden Skateway. Please bring your daughter to the skating rink to meet the leaders there. For more information, contact Kim A.

**WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM**

We will meet Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

Join us on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

**DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Doris Bouwman and Candace Laird. For more information, contact Helene Y.

**TIRED AND RETIRED (40+ MINISTRY)**

Join us for Pi(e) Night on Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. Come for a game of LCR, some yummy pie, and fellowship! Please bring \$2.00 in quarters per person for the game. Sign up now on the kiosk in the narthex. For more information, contact Dawn H.

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