

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for February 23, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 23 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Zac H

Ruth 4:1-12 "Redemption in Action: Boaz and the Heart of the Gospel"

February 23 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Nate J

Hebrews 4:14-16 "Christ and Shame"

March 2 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 9:13-24 "Is God Unjust?"

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Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:5-7; 4:23; 9:10; 16:3,9; 22:3 "A Walk Through the Bible - Proverbs"

- **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.firsterclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **February 23** - Steve & Sandy are missionaries with Africa Inland Mission working with the Somali population.

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

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Gene V** was in the hospital this week with weakness and pneumonia. He is now at Avalon Healthcare in Bellingham in rehab.
- **Liz V** is recovering at home from foot surgery.
- **Mick V** continues to deal with the effects of a fall and stroke.
- **Willie A** is at rehab at the CHCC recovering from his fall and hip surgery.
- **Brent B**, son of Jennie, had surgery at UCLA on Friday to remove a tumor in his brain.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Luke and Leah T welcome a daughter, Linda Grace on Monday, February 17.

SYMPATHY

- Kristi N passed away on Sunday, February 16. A graveside service will be held at 10:15 AM on Friday, February 28 at Monumenta Cemetery. Following will be a memorial service at Gillies Funeral Home at 11:00 AM, with a reception after the service.
- We express our sympathy to Jan N and Yvonne B with the sudden passing of Jan's son, Jeff N, while he was vacationing in Hawaii. Pray for their family during difficult time.

THANK YOU

- Thank you for all your prayer, cards and kinds words during my knee surgery and recovery. I am still in therapy but am doing well. I appreciated everything very much. ~ Beth B
- The GLOW Ministry would like to thank our church family for attending, and so generously donating to our Soup Supper & Bake Sale Fundraiser. We feel very blessed to have the support of so many who came out even in the cold! We would also like to thank Twinbrook Creamery for donating milk, the Berendsens for donating hamburger and sausage, and Edaleen Dairy for donating ice cream. And a big thank you to the group of ladies who worked in the kitchen to prepare the soups!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY PREGNANCY CLINIC

If you would like a baby bottle to collect donations for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, extras are available on the Welcome Center. Bottles can be returned anytime up to the Missions Celebration, March 23.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

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

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). The evening will kick off with 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! ! 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 R by March 1.

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, with the Luke Society and Joe, with Northwest Hispanic Ministries.
- *Registration is required for Saturday evening, but there is **no cost to attend**. Registration is now open!*

Sunday, March 23

- Education Hours - Tim N, with Youth Dynamics, will present to the adults and 7th-12th grades.
- Morning Service – We will have the Presentation of Flags, Phil S, with International Christian Response, will bring us the message, and Melissa N, will share with the Children's Church.
- Evening Service - Bill R, with Light of the World Prayer Center, will be bringing us the message.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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, February 24 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. We will be discussing week 6, days 26-30. For more information, contact Joanne K.

HELPNG HANDS

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, February 24 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

FORGED@1ST

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

DEACONS

The deacons will meet on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. Note change of date.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, February 26 for a fun night of bowling! **Please meet at church by 7:00 PM.** Contact Cal B if you need more information.

CLASSIS NORTH CASCADE

Classis North Cascade will meet this week Thursday, February 27 at First CRC.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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.

CADET SNOW DAY

The Cadets' Snow Day is coming up on Saturday, March 15. We will leave church at 8:30 AM to arrive at 10:00 AM to sled. We will return by 3:00 PM. Please bring warm clothes and a change of dry clothes (dress for the weather). Bring a lunch and you can also bring snow equipment. Please have all your stuff in a bag. For more information or questions contact Brian S.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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