

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 9, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 9 - 10:30 AM – First Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 9:24-29 "Sons of the Living God"

March 9 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3; 2:11, 24-26; 12:13-14 "A Walk Through the Bible - Ecclesiastes"

March 16 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 9:30-10:4 "The Stumbling Stone"

March 16 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

"A Walk Through the Bible - Song of Songs"

- **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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **March 9** - Dustin & Melissa are missionaries serving with their family in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.
- **March 9 - Love Offering** - Bridges of Hope is a ministry that provides a setting to conduct a Christ centered, transformational community seeking to assist men released from jail, prison, and substance abuse rehabilitation centers. For more information, visit www.bridgesofhopewa.org.
- **March 16** - Samaritan's Purse, California Wildfire Relief
- **March 23** - Ken & Chris, Wycliffe
- **March 30** - Helping Hands

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)

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

BIRTHDAY

- Dick Bosch celebrates his 89th birthday today, March 9.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Fred & Helene Y and Randy & Kara H with the passing of Fred's brother, Bill, last Sunday, March 2 in Idaho.
- We extend our sympathy to the friends of Bert K who passed away on December 28, 2024 in Idaho.

PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Jeff K** anticipates having knee surgery on Tuesday, March 11.
- **Susan B** started chemotherapy for breast cancer this past week. She plans to have chemotherapy for 5 months, followed by immunotherapy for a year.
- **Gene V** is at Avalon Healthcare in Bellingham for rehab.
- **Liz V** is recovering at home from foot surgery.
- **Willie A** is at rehab at the CHCC recovering from his fall and hip surgery.
- **Brent B**, son of Jennie B, is recovering from successful surgery to remove a brain tumor. He plans to return home on Tuesday, March 11.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.

THANK YOU

- Thank you again for all the prayers for Brent. Praise God the surgery was a success – the brain cancer has been removed! The prayers worked and God provided a miracle. God is good! Brent is doing great; he is walking and talking, but will need lots of therapy. Pray for them as they adjust to this new normal.
~ Jennie B

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Remember to "spring forward" one hour this Sunday as Daylight Savings Time begins.

FIRST CRC YOUTH AUCTION

A few seats are still available for a "Chocolate Charged Evening"! If you have been thinking about going, take this opportunity to get your tickets NOW!

Come bid and win some amazing items in our live and silent auction all while supporting the First CRC youth ministry (SERVE, Tribe, Forged@First). This fun 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.

You can purchase tickets by:

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

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, with the Luke Society and Joe S, 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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR WCPC

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 March 23.

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 Ed. Building
- 1st grade - 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R 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

FORGED@1ST (7th-8th GRADE MINISTRY)

Join us Monday, March 10 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L.

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, March 11 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer 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 J.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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