

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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## Announcements for March 16, 2025

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### 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

*Song of Songs 1:1-4; 2:10-11; 7:10; 8:4, 6-7*

*"A Walk Through the Bible - Song of Songs"*

#### March 23 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday in Lent

Mission Celebration Sunday

Preaching - Phil S

*II Corinthians 5:18-6:13 "Singing the Song of Reconciliation"*

#### March 23 - 6:00 PM – Mission Celebration Sunday

Preaching - Bill R

*Isaiah 6:1-9 "Here I Am Lord Send Me!"*

- **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

- **March 16** - Samaritan's Purse, California Wildfire Relief - When a disaster strikes, it's urgent to get help fast to those affected. Suffering people can't wait. That's why Samaritan's Purse responds immediately, quickly deploying our staff, equipment, supplies and an army of volunteers to help devastated homeowners. More importantly, we share with them the hope found only in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and let them know that God loves them and hasn't forgotten them. [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).
- **March 23** - Ken & Chris VW, 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

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#### BIRTHDAY

- Grace H celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday, March 10.
- Perlene H celebrated her 87th birthday on Thursday, March 13.
- Jennie Bwill celebrate her 84th birthday on Saturday, March 22.

#### PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Ramadan** is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar and this year it is from February 28 to March 29. Muslims around the world, including the Hausa people in Nigeria, will be fasting, praying and seeking Allah. During this month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. Many Muslims are more spiritually attentive and seeking revelations from Allah. Pray for believers from Muslim background. Ramadan can be a difficult time for them as they respond

to scrutiny and questions for not participating in the festivities. Many experience discrimination, threats or violence for their faith. Pray for wisdom, discretion, boldness and opportunities for them to share their faith.

- **Jeff K** had knee surgery on Tuesday and is recovering at home.
- **Susan B** started chemotherapy for reoccurrence of breast cancer. She plans to have chemotherapy for 5 months, followed by immunotherapy for a year.
- **Gene VB** is at Avalon Healthcare in Bellingham for rehab.
- **Liz VP** is recovering at home from foot surgery.
- **Willie As** has moved to room 307a at the CHCC.
- **Brent B**, son of Jennie Berendsen, is recovering from successful surgery to remove a brain tumor.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and has now started palliative care.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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 Strong, 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 Nieuwsma, with Youth Dynamics, will present to the adults and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

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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, March 15 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick Jones (360-354-6056, patrick203@gmail.com).

### **CADET SNOW DAY - POSTPONED!!**

The Cadets Snow Day HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL Saturday, March 29. 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.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

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

- Adults: Led by Glenn Gerlach 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

### **TRUTH PROJECT**

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

### **HELPNG HANDS**

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, March 17 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

### **125th ANNIVERSARY TEAM**

125th Anniversary team will meet on Monday, March 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, March 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. For more information, Melissa N.

### **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS)**

We will meet on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 PM. in the church basement for our regular cadre meeting. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

### **MOMS@1ST**

We will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly VW.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

### **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 on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Ed. Building. For more info, contact Kim A.

### **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM**

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

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

Join us on Wednesday, March 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, March 20 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Tina Dykstra and Leona Oostema. For more information, contact Helene Y.