

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 13, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 13 - 10:30 AM – Palm Sunday - Preaching - Robert W
Children's Church Sharing
Romans 11:1-10 "I Have Kept for Myself a Remnant"

April 13 - 6:00 PM
Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week

April 18 - 7:00 PM - Good Friday
Communion
Judas Monologue

April 20 - 10:30 AM - Easter - Preaching - Robert W
Romans 10:6-13 "God Raised Him from the Dead"

April 20 - 6:00 PM
Easter Afterglow Service at Sumas CRC

- **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

- **April 13** – Light House Mission is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. For more information, visit www.thelighthousemission.org.
- **April 20** – Mission and Outreach
- **April 27** - Building the Future

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](https://tithe.ly)

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness and is on palliative care.

*** Update from Al:

In June 2020 I was diagnosed with leukemia and the fact that I'm still healthy enough to be actively involved in leadership at OM and at church and able to work in the backyard planting flowers and digging around in the soil is a reason for rejoicing.

The pneumonia that I had last fall has seemingly come back. It is a fungal pneumonia and very difficult to get rid of. I am on two antibiotics at the moment, which don't help this particular pneumonia; I am as well

on an antiviral pill and an antifungal pill that the doctor says are not effective for the lungs. I had a lung scan this past Monday, and I will be going back to the hospital on Thursday for further blood test.

I am however also in need of regular blood transfusions. I've had transfusions of platelets and red blood cells and it appears that I need them every week to 10 days. That's the not so positive side.

Let us continue to pray with Thanksgiving, asking for healing, and God's will to be done."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER - Last day is today, , April 13!

Support Forged@First (7th & 8th grade youth) by purchasing Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. Easter Lilies (\$15) and Gerber Daisies (\$10) (assorted colors) are available to purchase! Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday, April 20, following the morning worship service or during office hours the following week. Order forms are available in your church mailbox, on the Welcome Center, or you can order through any Forged@First student. You also can scan the QR code to purchase.



EASTER SEASON AT FIRST CRC

Join us for this Easter season and invite your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate!

Palm Sunday, April 13

- During the morning worship service, the Children's Church will be presenting special Palm Sunday praise and worship.
- During the evening service, join us for "Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week", a special service of scripture and hymns in preparation for Holy Week.

Good Friday, April 18

- Join us at 7:00 PM (please note the later start time) as we gather to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us on that first Good Friday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and a guest appearance by Judas Iscariot.

Easter Sunday, April 20

- Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection at 10:30 AM as we gather to celebrate his joyful victory over death. Please note, there will be no Children's Church on Easter Sunday.
- Join us again as we gather together with other area Christian Reformed churches for our Easter Afterglow Service on Sunday at 6:00 PM at Sumas CRC.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children, 3 years through 3rd grade, in Children's Church, please come to the Education Building BEFORE the start of the morning worship service on Sunday, April 13 instead of sitting in church. We will be singing for the Palm Sunday worship service.

DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of our church, making profession of faith, or just finding out more about First CRC? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Starting in April we will be gathering updated information and photos for a new directory. On April 6 and 13 there will be a table in the back of church to check your information and to make any additions or corrections. If you have any questions please talk to Kara Humphreys.

BABY BOTTLES FOR WCPC

Filled baby bottles for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic can be returned yet for next 2 weeks at the church office.

STUDENT FUNDRIVE FOR YOUTH DYNAMICS

Clean out your closets and help change the life of a local youth! Youth Dynamics is collecting clothes and other soft goods as a student fundraiser. Donations can be put in the labeled box next to the church office or contact Tim N (tnieuwsma@yd.org) for larger donations. *All donations must be dropped to the box by May 1!*

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

The Lord has led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacons. Pray God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 3 elders and 3 deacons out of the nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 4, following the morning service.

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center or the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Brian Vander Woude (mailbox O8), prior to the morning worship service on May 4.

Elder Nominees

Ron DV
Neil M
Gene T
Brad TV
Bill VS
Brent W

Deacon Nominees

Matt H
Brian K
Brian K
Sam K
Dave R
Mike S
Luke TV

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS)

We will meet on Monday, April 14 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, April 15 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly VW.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, April 15, 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) MOTHER'S TEA

Our Mother & Daughter Tea Party is on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM in the Loft. Join us for a fun filled evening of tea, snacks and crafts. For more information contact Kim A.

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM

We will meet Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM in the basement. Contact Cal B for information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

SENIOR DINNER

Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior Dinner on Friday, April 25. Social hour is at 5:00 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM. The theme is Hawaiian and guest are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts or colorful outfits. The dinner is ham with pineapple sauce. Special guest speakers will be our program. Please sign up by Monday April 21 to RSVP.