

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for July 6, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

July 6 - 10:30 AM

SERVE 2025 Testimonies
Preaching - Zac H
Isaiah 54:10

July 6 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Bryan D
Psalms 13 "A Song for the Downhearted"

July 13 - 10:30 AM - 125th Anniversary Morning Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Preaching - Robert W
Psalms 78:1-7; Psalm 145:4-7 "From Generation to Generation"

July 6 - 6:00 PM - 125th Anniversary Evening Service

Preaching - Robert W
Psalms 145:4-7 "Declaring Your Mighty Acts"

- **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 on the church lawn or in the basement (weather dependent).
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firsterclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **July 6** - Christian School Tuition Assistance
- **July 13** - NW Seafarers
- **July 13** - **Love Offering** - Luke Society
- **July 20** - Gideons
- **July 27** - Benevolence

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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through Tithe.ly

PRAYER AND PRAISE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Vernon S will celebrate his 88th birthday on July 12.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Jacob T and Darla T who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MAILBOX NUMBERS UPDATED IN JULY!

In conjunction with our new church directory coming in July we are updating the church mailbox numbers. Family last names will be put in alphabetical order again. The change will come in the middle of July with new mailbox numbers listed in the directory.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the church picnic on Monday, July 21 at the Antique Tractor Pavilion (south of the Berthusen Park main entrance). Come around 6:00 PM, dinner will start at 6:30 PM.

This is also a potluck, so families with last names starting with A - M are asked to bring a salad (no potato salad, First CRC potato salad will be provided) and N - Z are asked to bring a dessert. Paper products, serving utensils for the salads and desserts, and beverages will also be provided.

The theme this year is "Bluegrass in the Park" with Aaron M and the Queen Bluegrass Band. Along with the band, there will also be cornhole, a candy toss, train rides, and much more! A donation box will be available to offset some of the expenses. If you need a ride or more information, contact the church office (360-354-4560, info@firsterclynden.org).

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Keep the weekend of July 11-13 open for different events that will be happening for our 125th anniversary.

Friday, July 11 - 7:00 pm Anniversary Program

- Guest Speaker Jon H
- Video Reflection
- First CRC Kids Choir to sing "This is My Father's World."
- Soda Floats to Follow

Saturday, July 12 - 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Open House

- Open House for Members/Community
- 30 minute Organ Recital by Shawn Van Dyken

Sunday, July 13

- 10:30 am - Anniversary Worship Service
- 11:45 am - All Church Picture
- 12:00 pm - All Church Lunch on Front Lawn with Games/Activities for Kids
- 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

FIRST CRC BLESSINGS

As part of our celebration of 125 years as a church family, we would like to collect from as many church families as possible stories of how you have been blessed by First Church. This could be opportunities to serve or give or use your gifts, ways in which you were ministered to or helped or lifted up, ways you or your family were challenged or grew, ways in which you experienced the love of God or saw the hand of God in your life or someone else, ways God worked in previous generations of your family at First CRC, ways in which God changed your life, etc., etc. Please write up your story in a few sentences or a couple of paragraphs and give it to Galen L (box H8) by Sunday, July 6. They can be signed or unsigned. Pastor Robert may use some of the stories/testimonies in his sermon Sunday evening July 13 to close out our celebration weekend.

FIRST CRC KIDS CHOIR

Seeking kids to join a special 125th Anniversary FCRC Kids Choir for our Anniversary Celebration on Friday, July 11. The choir will be singing "This is My Father's World", led by Alicia H and accompanied by Nancy Z on the piano. Please talk to Alicia H and Stephanie R for more details.

ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE ITEMS

We will have a variety of keepsake items available to purchase for the 125th Anniversary. Pictures and prices of the items are available of each item in the narthex next to the Welcome Center or in the church office during the week. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex.

ROCK THE BLOCK

Coming July 22-24 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and on Thursday we invite the whole family to join us for an evening of fun! For more information or to register for Rock the Block, visit: rocktheblocklynden.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A day camp of this size takes an incredible force of amazing volunteers. Teens and Adults - **WE NEED YOU!** **We are looking for helpers ages 12+. From group leaders, junior leaders, registration, set-up/take-down, etc.- we need you!** Pray and consider how you can help make a KINGDOM IMPACT this summer as we join other local churches to host an outdoor day camp for kids. Childcare provided. If you are willing to volunteer, contact Stephanie R.

FOOD DRIVE

One of the highlights of Rock the Block last year was our Missions Station - serving "Here, Near, and Far!"

We are honored and excited to feature First CRC's very own **Bucket Boys Street Team!** This will be our "Near" station that will be featured on Wednesday, July 23. We'd love FCRC's help in collecting at least 200 PB&J sandwiches (Uncrustables work, too!), and individually wrapped cookies. Kids attending will learn all about this ministry and put together a decorated brown bag with these items in them to be passed out by our Bucket Boys.

Our "Here" station will be **Backpack Buddies of Lynden.** We will be asking our participants and volunteers to bring 16 oz jars of peanut butter to add to our **TOWER OF PB** on our stage. Check out on Facebook and Instagram @backpackbuddieslynden for more information or come chat with Stephanie for more about this local ministry. PB is the most affordable source of protein, so it has become our focus. However, we are also happy to accept donations of Kraft Mac & Cheese Cups and Ramen Cups.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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, July 8 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.

ELDERS

The elders will meet on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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