

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 7, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 7 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Mitchell S *Romans 8:14-17* "Enfolding"

September 7 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Don R *Psalms 16:2,6,11* "Eternal Pleasures"

September 14 - 10:30 AM

New Members and Baptism

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 12:9-13 "Let Love Be Genuine"

September 14- 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

Amos 1:1-2; 2:4-8; 3:7-8; 5:24 "Walk Through the bible: Amos"

- **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.firstcrelynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **September 7** – Christian School Tuition Assistance
- **September 14** – Ray and Angie
- **September 21** – Mission and Outreach
- **September 27** – Memli and Luiza

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)

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.* Note - green envelopes are just older envelopes the deacons are using up - they will be counted as part of the Operating Fund, even though they are labeled as Ministry Shares.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER ITEMS

- Vernon S is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- Tina D is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- Elsie T is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- Gail A anticipates having hip surgery on Monday, September 8.
- Darren G will have surgery on Thursday, September 11 to remove a tumor on his pituitary gland.
- Fred Y will have knee replacement surgery on Friday, September 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FAMILY CAMP POTLUCK DINNER - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Everyone is invited to a potluck dinner at the First CRC Family Camp on Saturday, September 6 at 6:00 PM – *all those at camp and any day visitors are welcome to join us!* First CRC Family Camp is at the Howard Miller Steelhead Park near Concrete, WA.

EDUCATION HOUR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Education Classes for 4th - 12th grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 AM. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

- **Adults: Led by Pastor Zac and Robert S in the Church Basement**

Know the Creeds and Councils by Justin Holcomb

Led by Pastor Zac Harrison and Robert Smit

Starting September 14, 2025, but everyone is welcome to join at any time.

Cost per book: \$8 (please give to Pastor Zac or Robert Smit)

In every generation, the Christian church must interpret and restate its bedrock beliefs, answering the challenges and concerns of the day. This accessible overview walks readers through centuries of creeds, councils, catechisms, and confessions—not with a dry focus on dates and places, but with an emphasis on the living tradition of Christian belief and why it matters for our lives today.

Each chapter covers a key statement of faith and includes a discussion of its historical context, a simple explanation of the statement's content and key points, reflections on contemporary and ongoing relevance, and discussion questions.

- **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 Sin the Loft**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Next Sunday, September 14 during the morning service, we will welcome the following individuals to our church family through profession of faith and baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer and we praise God for each one of them: Aubrey, Bill & Karen, Vance, Gene & Dorothy, Jordan, Brad & Pam, Mary, Jeff & Kathy, Bill & Mary, Elsie, and Makenna.

LETTER FROM COUNCIL ABOUT PHASE III BUILDING PROJECT

You will find a letter in your mailbox this week with details about the proposed building project. With this additional information about costs, another town hall meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM** to give an opportunity for questions and answers before we have our congregational vote. The congregational vote will be held on **Sunday, September 21** immediately following the morning service.

Absentee ballots are available on the Welcome Center. All absentee ballots must be returned in a signed and sealed envelope to the clerk of Council, Rich H, prior to the start of the meeting on September 21.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

All members with school age children should have received a sheet in your church mailbox to let the deacons know where children from First CRC are attending - whether it is a Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance program provided to members of First CRC and allows families to chose whether to participate or not. ***All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than September 30. If the office does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out of the Christian School Tuition Assistance.***

COLLEGE AND CAREER CARE PACKAGES

The team for the College/Career Care package service project (a.k.a. Young Adult Transitions) needs your help. On October 1, our Tribe students will create hand decorated gift boxes for last year's seniors and decorate cards for older graduates (2-4 years out of high school).

Would you consider donating towards the gifts, supplies, gift cards, and treats our team has selected by Sunday, September 28. Your contribution will help us bless and connect with these young people and remind them of the church family that loves them.

There is a box in the back of the church marked "College Care Packages." You can put monetary donations in that box in Cal and Laura B's mailbox. THANK YOU! If you have any questions, please contact Coni H.

LIFE GROUPS AT FIRST CRC

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER!

Jesus never intended for the Christian life to be a solo journey.

Jesus' plan has always been for His followers to grow together through meaningful relationships. He started the very first small group to train and launch His ministry. Those 12 men began their own small groups, communities of believers, as we hear about in Acts 2.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Acts 2:46-47

First CRC "Life Groups" designed to help our church family build fulfilling friendships through small groups. Besides being a valuable ministry for enfolded new members and guests to our church family, small groups will encourage long-time members to move beyond friendly greetings on Sundays to deeper connection and involvement.

Community is one of God's appointed means for the grace of mutual encouragement and exhortation.

WE STAND FIRM WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER.

Life Groups provide regular fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Making a commitment to a Life Group is a commitment to share life with other believers on an exciting journey of growing together in our walk with the Lord.

You do not need to walk the Christian life alone or get lost in the body of Christ.

You are invited to share this opportunity to grow in faith with others. Be thinking and praying about what kind of group you would enjoy. There are a variety of LIFE groups available.

You are invited to sign up by any of the following ways:

1. Tear off the sign-up sheet on the LIFE Group brochure (in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center) and return to the box on the Welcome Center or to the church office.
2. Contact Kara or Susan in the church office (360-354-4560, info@firstcrclynden.org).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CRC

A brochure with the many ministries available at First CRC is available on the Welcome Center. Please take a little time to look over it and see where you might fit best for learning or for serving our church family. If you have questions about any of the ministries, contact the leader listed or the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, September 6 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

NEW MEMBERS

New members will meet with the elders on Sunday, September 7 following the evening service in the Loft.

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at Meenderincks' Pond on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 PM. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are all welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. For more information, contact Brian S.).

MOMS@1st

We will meet on Tuesday, September 9 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information contact Mindy V.

MISSION TEAM

The Mission team will meet with the Thailand Mission group on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 PM in the Loft.

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 (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us for on Wednesday, September 10 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM for our regular meeting. If you have any questions about this event or about the Tribe Ministry, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION (WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)

Daughters of Zion will have their first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Education Building with a small lunch following. You can pick up the books from the church office and the cost is \$6 or in the Education Building on Sunday. Servers will be Cheryl R and Joyce H. If you have any questions, please contact Helene Y.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us this season at Forged@First! We will kick off the season on Monday, September 17 from 7:00-8:30 PM at Jeff & Renee's home. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A new study called *Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life* by Cloud and Townsend will start on Sunday, September 14 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. The leaders will be Cal & Laura B, Glen & Karen B, John & Katheryn V. If you have questions, please contact Cal B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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