

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for October 26, 2025*  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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**October 26 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Romans 12:14-16 "Live in Harmony with One Another II"*

**October 26 - 6:00 PM – Joint CRC Reformation Day Service**

Preaching - Robert W

*Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:1-4; 3:17-19; Romans 1:16-17 " Habakkuk and the Verse that Changes Everything"*

**November 2 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Romans 12:14-16 "Live in Harmony with One Another III"*

**November 2 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W

*Zephaniah 1"1-7a; 3:14-20 "A Walk Through The Bible: Zephaniah "*

- **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.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at [www.firsterclynden.org](http://www.firsterclynden.org).

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

- **October 26 AM** – Benevolence, a fund used to help local people and families in times of need.
- **October 26 PM Joint Reformation Service** – Project Hope, an arm of the Christian Hope Association associated with the food bank and community services. Project Hope aids families lacking basic necessities, closing the gap of need for nutrition, housing, utilities, transportation, medical and clothing. For more information visit [www.christianhopeassociation.org](http://www.christianhopeassociation.org).
- **November 2** – Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

**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
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through Tithely

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.

**PHASE III BUILDING PLEDGE CARDS**

This week Sunday you will find a pledge card in your mailbox for the Phase III Building Plan. It has details about pledges and financial matters.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Birthday greeting to Ruth O who celebrates her 83rd birthday on October 30.

### PRAYER ITEMS

- Willie A continues to deal with weakness.

### THANK YOU

- Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, and mostly importantly for the prayers that have been answered. Gene's wrist is completely healed. Praise the Lord! ~ Gene & Lillian VB
- Dear First CRC Family, Your prayers and support of our family during Kevin's journey with cancer was invaluable! I am so thankful for our community in Christ and First CRC holds a special place in our hearts, from Kevin's beginning there until now. Blessings and love to you all! Meralee B
- Dear First CRC Church Family, thank you to all those who came to support our GLOW Soup Supper and Bake Sale! It was great to see so many join us, and give the girls the opportunity to serve our church family as well. They were eager little helpers and we are so appreciative of all your generous donations to our girls' ministry! A special thank you to all who volunteered time and resources and to all who gave donations generously! We hope you all enjoyed your time as well!

### PASTOR APPRECIATION

Let's remember Pastor Robert Woodyard & Phama and Zac & Alicia Harrison in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family. We will be recognizing our pastors and staff on Sunday, October 26 before the morning worship service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### TIRED AND RETIRED PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT

The Tired & Retired group, for anyone 40+, are planning a pumpkin 🍻 carving night and soup dinner on Friday, October 24 at 6:00 PM at the home of Rich & Coni Hoolsema. Please bring a pumpkin, carving tools and a dessert or appetizers/snacks to share. For more information or to sign up, call or leave message for Liz VP.

### JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

The annual Reformation Day Worship service with sister CRC congregations will be Sunday evening, October 26 at 6:00 PM at First Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Robert Woodyard will be bringing the message that evening. The offering will go to Project Hope.

### HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 2, following the morning worship service. *Everyone* is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. *If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 no later than Friday, October 31.* Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up ahead of time. The Harvest Dinner is free for all, but donations will be accepted to help cover costs.

### DINNERS 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up now at the kiosk or contact Marilyn MC or the church office to sign up.

### HALLOWEEN REMINDER FROM PASTOR ROBERT

**First**, do not let the world push you into its mold. Avoid anything that is demonic, evil or monstrous. Jesus taught us to pray, "deliver us from evil." The spirit world is not something to treat lightly and dressing up as ghosts, witches, or demons does, in fact, trivialize serious spiritual realities. As Christians indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, what we do should be clean, pure, joyful and in the light.

**And second**, within this church family, our brothers and sisters may hold different views on this whole matter. A person's or a family's participation in Halloween falls under the area of a freedom of conscience, not legalism. So all of us should avoid smug self-righteousness and guard our tongues and avoid judgments and criticisms of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Whatever we do, whether we participate or not, let's live together in love and peace and let's remember that whatever we do, we do it to the glory of God.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 4th - 12th grades and for adults on are Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join us!

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

**\*\* Please note that there will not be any education classes on Sunday, November 2 due to the Harvest Dinner set-up.**

### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life* by Cloud and Townsend will meet on Sunday, October 26 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. If you have questions, please contact Cal B.

### HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome to join us on Monday, October 27 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

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

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on Monday, October 27 from 7:00-8:30 in the Loft. For more information about Forged@First, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

### DEACONS

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Council 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.

### MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams will meet on Wednesday, October 29, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

### TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us for on Wednesday, October 29 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions about this event or about the Tribe Ministry, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 1 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

### CADET SKATING PARTY

We will have our annual Cadet Skating Party on Monday, November 3, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Lynden Skateway. Please bring/pick up your cadet at the Skateway - there will be no one at First CRC. Cost: \$8.00. Please do not wear the cadet shirt/uniform.

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