

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 23, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 23 - 10:30 AM - Preaching - Robert W
Romans 12:19-21 "Overcome Evil With Good"

November 23 - 6:00 PM - Preaching - Robert W
Malachi 1:1, 6; 11-14; 3:6-10; 4:5 "A Walk Through The Bible: Malachi"

Thursday, November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Day – 10:00 AM
Preaching - Robert W
Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45 Thanksgiving Math and History

November 30 - 10:30 AM - First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Preaching - Robert W
Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 46:9-10 "The Covenant with Adam - Promise of redemption"

November 30 - 6:00 PM Preaching - Zac H
Mark 4:35-41 "Held by the One We Accuse: Grace for Fearful Hearts"

- **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.firstcrelynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **November 23 – First CRC Street Ministry** is a ministry of men from our congregation who work alongside Envision Mission sharing the gospel, prayer, food and clothing with the homeless community in Bellingham.
- **November 27, Thanksgiving Day** – Thanksgiving Envelopes
- **November 30 – Mission and Outreach**

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.*

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The deacons have put together a list of suggested causes for Thanksgiving that will be in your church mailboxes and available on the Welcome Center. They will hand out Thanksgiving envelopes on Sunday, November 23, following the morning service. Envelopes are also available on the Welcome Center. These envelopes will be collected on Thanksgiving Day and can also be sent to church or given on a following Sunday. Any loose money collected on Thanksgiving Day will go to the First CRC General Fund.

** Please note that Charles & Hansel, our ministry partners with Resonate Global Mission in Japan, were inadvertently left off the Thanksgiving list. If you would like to donate to their ministry, you are welcome to add their names to your envelope.

PHASE III BUILDING PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards for the Phase III Building Plan are available on the Welcome Center and at the link below. The cards have details about pledges and the financial matters of the building project on one side and a place to put your pledge information on the other side. Please return pledge cards to Paul A (box A9) by the end of November.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Grace A, Bryan & Kim, Carter, Noah, Easton and Ella A with the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Willie A, on Thursday, November 20. A memorial service is tentatively set for first week in December.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Valerie A is at home recovering following successful hip replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- Perlene H was in the hospital this past week with complications from pneumonia. She is back at home recovering.
- Agnes R fell this past week but was evaluated and did not need to go to the hospital.
- Sharon V anticipated coming home from rehab this weekend.
- Brian K continues to recover at home following surgery last week.
- Brent H has been in the hospital following a work accident. He has had four surgeries to repair a crushed leg, probably more surgery in weeks ahead, and a long recovery.

THANK YOU

- We want to thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, food, cards, and visits during Dorothy's recent back surgery. You are appreciated!! We are so thankful to our Heavenly Father for the very successful surgery, and ask for prayers in the continuing healing process in the weeks to come. Sincerely, Dorothy and Dave V
- Dear First CRC, Thank you for your recent offering to Project Hope totaling \$769. It has been beautiful to witness the local Churches' response to the current situation in our community and Nation around food insecurity. In October alone, 89 new families visited Project Hope Food Bank for the first time. We are grateful for First CRC and for the way your support strengthens this ministry. Your partnership helps us serve our neighbors in need with dignity, compassion, and with the love of Christ to every person who walks through our doors. - Blessings to you all, Project Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE AND BULLETIN DEADLINE

The church offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28. All announcements need to be to the church office by Tuesday, November 25. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on Thursday, November 27 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us. The Thanksgiving Day service will begin at **10:00 AM**. Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building.

POINSETTIA PICK UP

Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 28-29 in the Education Building for anyone who does not have arrangement made with the Cadets for delivery.

WOMEN'S PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTMAS TIME

All First CRC Ladies are invited to join together Saturday November 29, 1:30 PM, in the Church Basement, for a time dedicated to prayer, fellowship, dessert, and signing Christmas cards for our shut-ins! Let's start the Christmas season with a dedicated time of prayer, fellowship and service with the Lord. All ladies are invited, whether you are in high school, college, single, married...you have a place at the table. For more information, contact Melissa N.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2026 budget will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your church mailboxes on November 23.

Absentee ballots will be available starting November 23 at the Welcome Center or at the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Rich H, prior to the Congregational Meeting on December 2.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program, "Amazing Maze" on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

Children and Parents

- Kids from **3 year - 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time starting November 16.
- Saturday, December 6 - Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM
- Saturday, December 13 - Full Dress Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided
- Sunday, December 14 - Program Night!

Student Musicians Wanted!

We are looking for student musicians willing to play for the prelude before the Christmas program. If you or your student has a piece they would be willing to share, please contact Stephanie!

For more information or if you have any questions about the program, contact Stephanie R.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE DISBURSEMENT

The first payment of 2025-2026 school year was recently made from the Christian Education program. For this payment, \$456 was given per student in 1st-12th grade (half amount given for Kindergarten students).

This year there are 51 students in our tuition assistance program. Thank you for your support of our students.

2026 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, contact the church office.

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR NORTHWEST HISPANIC MINISTRY

Joe with Northwest Hispanic ministries and Amor Viviente Church is asking for winter coats for all ages as they seek to minister to and serve the minority community in Bellingham and Whatcom County. There is a box in the reception area by the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes are on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join any of these at any time!

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

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life by Cloud and Townsend will meet on Sunday, November 23 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.

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

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on Monday, November 24 from 7:00-8:30 in the Loft. For more information about Forged@First, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

MOMS@FIRST LEADERSHIP

We will meet on November 25 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us for on Wednesday November 26 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 SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM