

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 14, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 14 - 10:30 AM - Third Sunday of Advent

Preaching - Robert W

Exodus 19:3-6; 34:27-28

"The Covenant with Moses - Promise of Righteousness"

December 14 - 6:00 PM - Children's Christmas Program

"The Amazing Christmas Maze"

December 21 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preaching - Robert W

II Samuel 7:8-16

"The Covenant with David - Promise of the Everlasting Kingdom"

December 21 - 6:00 PM

A Traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with Candles

December 25 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Service

Preaching - Robert W

Luke 1:68-79; 2:25--32

"The Covenant with Christ - Promise of Covenant Fulfillment"

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Ed. Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the church basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrelynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **December 14: Charles & Hansel - Resonate** - ministry partners with Resonate Global Mission, working to share the gospel in Japan. For more information, visit resonateglobalmission.org.
- **December 21: Eric & Penny - Pacific Island Ministries**
- **December 25 - Christmas Day: Benevolence Fund**
- **December 28: Building the Future Fund**

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

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.

PLEDGE CARDS INFORMATION

Thank you to those who have turned in your pledge cards already. So far we have had less responses than we did last time (3 years ago). It is not too late to turn in your pledges. One time donations/monthly donations, no matter the amount, will help. If you have questions please talk to Paul A.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

DEACON REPORT AND THANKSGIVING TOTALS

The November 2025 report from the deacons and the totals from the Thanksgiving offering are now available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CONGRATULATIONS

- Nick & Julia S welcomed a baby boy, Walker Nicholas, on Friday, December 5.

PRAYER ITEMS

- All those affected by the flooding in Whatcom County, Washington State, and British Columbia as they deal with the damage caused by flooding and landslides this past week. First CRC members, Ken & Lisa Q and Lloyd & Linda F had significant flooding in their homes again, others were stranded or forced to leave their homes, Notebooms had flooding on their farm, and others had damage to their businesses or place of employment. Also pray for those leading the clean-up and relief efforts in the area.
- Cobie T fell this last week and was in the hospital dealing with three broken ribs and an injured spleen but was able to return home on Wednesday.
- John M was in the hospital with a low platelet count but was able to return home on Friday.
- Paul M was in the hospital with breathing issues and is now in rehab at Avalon Healthcare.
- Joshua M continues to recover from viral meningitis.
- Grace H has moved back to Meadow Greens.
- Jacob B has moved to Lakeside Gardens Adult Family Home on the south side of Wiser Lake.

THANK YOU

- We are deeply grateful for the thoughts, prayers, and messages of support we've received over the past few months, and especially during these last few weeks. The support of our First CRC church family has truly been a blessing to us. ~ Sincerely, Grace A, Bryan & Kim A & Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program, "Amazing Maze" this 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 years through 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time.
- Saturday, December 13 - Full Dress Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided following rehearsal
- Sunday, December 14 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and be ready by 5:45 PM

LYNDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us on Monday, December 22 at First Christian Reformed Church in Lynden for a FREE Christmas concert. Our theme this year is "Christmas Around the World"! Enjoy some goodies beforehand at 6:15 PM before joining us for some Christmas carols and a night of great music at 7:00 PM. This event is a benefit for Adia J and a love offering will be taken to support her medical costs and support the ongoing research efforts for sialidosis.

FLOOD RELIEF HELP NEEDED

Sonlight Church has received a very large response to their request for meals for those in the emergency shelter and for right now they do not need anymore food. ***They do still have a need for people to help serve food and clean-up.*** Breakfast is served from 7:00-9:30 AM. If you are able to help, please contact Katie V.

GIVING TREE FOR PROJECT HOPE

Our annual Giving Tree (formerly Angel Tree) is decorated in the back of church. Please purchase one or more new items for the lists. The wooden ornaments are requests for sock and gloves. Please bring all unwrapped items to church or Project Hope by **Monday, December 15.**

MALL HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First CRC Youth Ministry needs volunteers to "hide" at Bellis Fair Mall for the youth group kids to find in our Bingo-style mall hunt. Join us for this fun, multi-generational event on Wednesday, December 17 from 7:30-8:30 PM. Do some Christmas shopping while the kids look for you and get your signature on their Bingo boards. To sign up, contact Cal or Laura B.

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.

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, please contact the church office.

WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVES

The elders would like to give the congregation the opportunity to sign two Washington State Initiatives.

- IL26-638, protecting fairness in girls' sports, which would protect girls from biological males competing in female athletics.
- IL26-001 strengthens communication between parents and schools to allow parents and guardians of public school children access to review materials and student records (health care) of their child, receive notifications and opt students out of certain activities.

For the next two weeks you will find a petition available for your signing on the a table in foyer. If you have any questions or comments, contact Glen B.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Christmas Season at First CRC

- Sunday, Dec. 7 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,
Second Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM --- Joint CRC Christmas Worship
at Third CRC with Kings Men of Song
- Monday, Dec. 8 - 7:00 PM --- Forged@1st Christmas Party
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 7:30 PM – TRIBE Christmas Party
- Saturday, Dec. 13 - 10:00 AM --- Children's Christmas Program
Dress Rehearsal
- Sunday, Dec. 14 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,
Third Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 14 - 6:00 PM --- Children's Christmas Program
- Monday, Dec. 15 - 6:30 PM --- Cadet Christmas Party
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 - 7:30 PM --- Tribe & Forged@First
Annual Mall Hunt
- Sunday, Dec. 21 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,
Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 21 - 6:00 PM --- Carols and Candles Service
- Thursday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM --- Christmas Day Service
- Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service
** Note, no PM Worship Service
- Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10:30 AM --- Old Year/New Year Service,
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

SAFETY TEAM

The Safety Team will meet on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 AM.

EDUCATION HOUR

*Adult Education class is finished for the season and Sunday, December 14 will be the last session for all other classes.

CADETS (1ST-8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, December 15 from 6:30-8:30 PM for our annual Christmas party. Dress warmly for caroling - do not wear your cadet shirt. Bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange (\$10 limit). Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please arrive sharply at 6:30 PM as we will be leaving for caroling. If you have any question, contact Brian S.

LADIES' PRAYER TIME

Join us for a time of prayer on Monday, December 15 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Melissa N.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, December 16, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

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

Join us for our annual Mall Hunt on Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Please drop off at church at 7:00 PM or meet us at Bellis Fair Mall. Pick up students at 9:00 PM at church. For more information about Forged@First, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

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)

Join us for our annual Mall Hunt on Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Please drop off at church at 7:00 PM or meet us at Bellis Fair Mall. Pick up students at 9:00 PM at church. 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

The Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, December 18 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Gert B and Ethel V. If you have questions, contact Helene Y.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us. We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month.

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 20 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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