

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for February 22, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 22 - 10:30 AM – First Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Zac H

Mark 7:1-23 "Clean Hands, Dirty Hearts"

February 22 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Jonathan U

Ephesians 6:10-20 "Armor of God: Truth, Righteousness, Peace"

March 1 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 14:1-4

March 1 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

Matthew 1:1; 2:1-2; 4:17; 9:27 "Matthew's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of David, The Promised King"

- **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

- **February 22 – Julie**, continues working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium. She lives in Zaventem Village in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium and is the OM bookkeeper for ZavCentre (a conference center supporting local and global missions) and a church plant. For more information, visit www.om.org/be/be_en.
- **March 1 – 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
- Dropped off at church during the week

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. *Please use the blue envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.*

PHASE III BUILDING PROJECT

An update on funding the Phase III Building Project by the numbers:

- Building Fund at the Start of 2025 - \$1,286,000
- Building Fund at the End of 2025 - \$1,574,000
- Pledges for the next 5 Years - \$578,000
- "Available" Amount - \$2,152,000
- Projected Cost - \$3,200,000
- 75% Needed to Break Ground - \$2,400,000
- "Shortfall" Amount to Breaking Ground - \$248,000

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER

- **Jolene H** had open heart surgery on Friday to remove a tumor. She will be in the hospital for at least 4 days. Pray for Jolene and the family as she recovers from surgery.
- **Jim A** is now at the Hospice House in Bellingham. Pray for Gail and the family as they are with him in his final days.
- **Daryl T** has been diagnosed with cancer and has started treatment.
- **Gert H** has moved to rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **Sharon V** has moved to Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham for a few more weeks of additional rehab to enable her to return home.
- **Gene V** has moved to the residential side of the Christian Health Care Center.
- **Ada V** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center and hopes to return to Meadow Greens soon.
- **Ramadan** is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar during which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. Muslims around the world, including the Hausa people in Nigeria, are fasting, praying and seeking Allah. Islam teaches that good deeds will earn God's favor and this includes strict observance of the fast. However, there is never assurance that their good deeds will outweigh their sins. Pray that the Spirit of God would reveal to them their sin and lead them to Christ's righteousness.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to my church family for all the cards and concern with the passing of my sister, Joyce. Your love and support has meant a lot to me. ~ Betty S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Kara H has informed the Church Council that she intends to retire from the Church Administrator position at the end of March. In the light of her retirement, Council has offered the position to Carly V and she has accepted. Carly will start in the church office at the beginning of March. Thank you Kara for your years of service; a celebration honoring her time will be held at a later date.

ANNUAL FUNNIEST BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION

The annual Funniest Birthday Card Competition for Pastor Robert's birthday is now underway! Entries can be mailed, dropped at the church office or given directly to Pastor Robert. The winning entries will be announced on Sunday, March 1.

PASTOR ROBERT OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Robert and Phama will be out of town until February 24 to babysit grandkids. If you have a need while he is gone, please contact Pastor Zac, an elder or deacon, or contact the church office.

WORLD RENEW ASSISTING IN WHATCOM COUNTY

World Renew Disaster Response Services (WR-DRS) are seeking groups and individuals to help families rebuild homes devastated by the flooding in December, 2025. Churches, families, businesses, and school groups are encouraged to sign up. *For more information or to sign up for one week opportunities*, contact mtibble@worldrenew.net.

Individuals or small groups seeking to volunteer on a *hourly, daily or weekly basis* are encouraged to contact your church representative, Rich H.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Join us at Faith Community Church (586 Birch Bay-Lynden Road), starting at 5:00 PM for a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from Gary, Director of Northwest Seafarers Ministry; Tate, Director of Bridges of Hope; and Hans, Executive Director of the Lighthouse Mission.

A supervised program for children 3 years– 2nd grade is available during the guest speakers, but no nursery will be provided. Transportation is available, if you would like a ride, please indicate where you want to be pick-up and the driver will be in contact with you about time.

Registration is required for Saturday evening, but there is no cost to attend.

To register, return the registration form to the basket on the Welcome Center, contact the church office, or register online.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Education Hour – All are invited to join us at 9:30 AM in the Church Basement for a special missions presentation. Linda, Nurse Manager with Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, will present to the adults and students in 7th-12th grades.

Morning Service – Join us at 10:30 AM for a missions-themed worship service with the Presentation of Flags, and guest, Mitchell with Envision Mission, bringing the message. The First CRC Thailand Mission Team will share with the Children's Church.

Fellowship Time – After the morning worship service, be sure to come to the Church Basement for a time of fellowship with our mission partners.

Evening Service – Join us again at 6:00 PM to close out our Missions Celebration weekend with another missions-themed worship service and guest, Von, former missionary to Albania, bringing the message.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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, February 21 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

EDUCATION HOUR

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

Adults: Led by Pastor Zac in the Church Basement

This spring, our adult Sunday School class, "Telling a Better Story," will focus on how the unchanging gospel of Jesus Christ may be spoken faithfully in a skeptical age. Rather than emphasizing arguments or techniques, the class will encourage careful listening, thoughtful engagement with the questions of our neighbors, and deeper reflection on how Scripture addresses enduring human concerns such as meaning, freedom, and hope. This class is intended to strengthen our confidence in the gospel and our wisdom in bearing witness to it with humility and love.

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 in 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

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, February 23 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

DEACONS

The deacons will meet on Tuesday, February 24 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.

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday February 25 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The study, "Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life" will meet on Sunday, March 1 from 5:00-6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. If you have questions, contact Cal B.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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