

# First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

## *Announcements for March 1, 2026*

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Preaching - Robert W

*Romans 14:1-4* "Don't Quarrel Over Opinions"

**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"

**March 8 - 10:30 AM** - Third Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Robert W

*Romans 14:5-12* "Why Do We Pass Judgement"

**March 8 - 6:00 PM** - Preaching - Robert W

*Mark 1:1-3, 11, 17-21; 10:44-45; 15:37-39* "Mark's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of Man, The Servant 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](http://www.firstcrelynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **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.
- **March 8 – Dustin & Melissa, Converge**
- **March 15 – Mitchell & Rochelle, Envision Mission**
- **March 15 PM – Growing Hope Globally**
- **March 22 – Mission and Outreach Fund**
- **March 29 – Helping Hands**

#### 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 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

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### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Gene V will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 5. He is at the CHCC, room 204A, if you would like to send a card or stop for a visit.

### SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Gail A, Paul, Sharon and Emily A, Luke, Leah and Linda T with the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Jim on February 21.

### PRAYER

- Jeff M is recovering from successful knee surgery on Friday, February 27.
- Jolene H was able to come home from the hospital on Tuesday following open-heart surgery to remove a tumor on her heart. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- Daryl T received positive test results showing the cancer has not spread. Continue to keep Daryl and Kara in your prayers as Daryl undergoes treatment.
- Gert H is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- Sharon V is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.
- Ada V is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.

### THANK YOU

- Friends in Christ, thank you for your recent gift. Your church's generous support enables us to support doctors and nurses who are living out their calling to make Jesus Christ known in the world. At the onset of this new year, it's our privilege to again partner with First CRC in mission through the Luke Society. Your faithful support is not only a blessing to doctors around the world, but an encouragement to those sitting around you today as we band together in support of Christ's kingdom. We sincerely thank you for your financial gifts and prayer support. May you be blessed in the year ahead. ~ The Luke Society

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COMBINED CRC EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR CROPS AND INDUSTRY

Bethel CRC invites you to the combined CRC evening prayer service for crops and industry on Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 PM. The service will be led by Pastor Bryan D and the offering will be taken for Growing Hope Globally. Nursery will be provided, with coffee and cookies served afterwards.

### 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](mailto: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 or contact Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group at [www.whatcomstrong.com/volunteer](http://www.whatcomstrong.com/volunteer), local WR-DRS members, or WR-DRS area lead Arie V.

### EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Support Forged@First (7th & 8th grade youth ministry) by purchasing Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or just for yourself! Flowers available for purchase this year are Easter Lilies at \$15 each and Gerber Daisies at \$10 each (assorted colors – specific colors are not guaranteed). Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday, April 5, following the morning worship service or during office hours the following week. Orders can be placed with any Forged@First student, online, or fill out the form in your church mailbox and return with your payment to the Welcome Center.

## MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2026

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### **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

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### **EDUCATION HOUR**

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

\*\*\* NOTE - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES ARE CANCELED FOR THIS SUNDAY.

Adults: Led by Pastor Zac 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**

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.

### **CADETS (1st-8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)**

We will have an ice cream and game night this Monday, March 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Church Basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

### **SERVE PRAYER**

Join us in praying for Lynden SERVE 2026 on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Laura B.

### **MOMS@FIRST**

We will meet on Tuesday, March 3 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

### **ELDERS**

The elders will meet on Tuesday, March 3 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.

**GLOW (2nd-6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Melissa N or Alicia H.

**TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Join us for on Wednesday, March 4 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

**DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, March 5 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Education Building. We will be doing lesson 13. Servers this week are Elsie D and Jennie B. If you have questions, contact Helene Y.

**MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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