

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 8, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

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"

March 15 - 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 14:13-23 "Pursue Peace"

March 15 - 6:00 PM at Bethel CRC – Joint CRC Prayer Service for Crops and Industry

Preaching – Bryan D

- **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.firsterclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **March 8 – Dustin & Melissa, Converge** - serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.
- **March 15 – Mitchell & Rochelle, Envision Mission**, ministry created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. Their mission is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all He commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.
- **March 15 PM (at Bethel CRC) – Growing Hope Globally**
- **March 22 – Mission and Outreach Fund**, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- **March 29 – Helping Hands**, a sewing ministry of First CRC. Donations help cover fabric and shipping costs for the thousands of blankets and baby clothing made to send to people in need.

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 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 the blue envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.*

REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The report for February 2026 from the deacons is now available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Dick B will celebrate his 87th birthday on Monday, March 9.
- Grace H will celebrate her 96th birthday on Tuesday, March 10.
- Perlene H will celebrate her 88th birthday on Friday, March 13.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Alan D is recovering from neck surgery.
- Jolene H is recovering from open heart surgery.
- Gert H is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- Pat M is back home after a short stay in the hospital.
- Jeff M is recovering from knee surgery.
- Sharon V is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.
- Ada V is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Remember to "spring forward" one hour this Sunday as Daylight Savings Time begins.

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 or 1-616-315-2530.

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.

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

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

EDUCATION HOUR

***** Please Note - ALL Education classes are cancelled for this Sunday, March 8.** Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 AM.

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, March 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

MOMS@FIRST LEADERSHIP

We will meet on Tuesday, March 10 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Mindy V.

MISSION PRAYER

All those interested in praying for our designated people group are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, March 11 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 12 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. ** Next week Thursday, March 19, we will have our spring luncheon.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The study, "Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life" will meet on Sunday, March 15 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.

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM