

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 15, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

March 22 - 10:30 AM – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Missions Celebration

Preaching – Mitchell S, Envision Mission

Matthew 25:14-30 "New/Renewed Calling"

March 22 - 6:00 PM

Missions Celebration

Preaching – Von G, Former Missionary to Albania

Genesis 16:1-14 "Following the God Who Sees"

- **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.firstcrclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **March 15 – Mitchell & Rochelle, Envision Mission**, a ministry working to build authentic community by proclaiming the gospel and making disciples of Jesus Christ in Whatcom County especially through Summit discipleship houses as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.
- **March 15 PM (at Bethel CRC) – Growing Hope Globally**, organization whose vision helps subsistence farmers in developing countries grow their own food and earn an income. Specifically, the offering will be used to support the Uganda Rubanda program run by World Renew. For more information, visit the [World Renew](http://World Renew website) website.
- **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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- 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. *Use the blue envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Elsie D** will be celebrating her 90th birthday on March 20.

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Sid & Sandy G, Karl G, Cheryl R, and Dave & Kim R with the passing of their brother, son-in-law, and brother-in-law, John G on March 7.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Jacob B** is now on hospice care at Lakeside Gardens.
- **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 and anticipates moving to Meadow Greens.
- **Sharon V** is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.
- **Ada V** has moved to the residential side of the CHCC, her room number is 310A.

THANK YOU NOTES

- We have been overwhelmed by the many expressions of sympathy from our church family following Jim's recent graduation to Glory. Thank you for your warm hugs, your thoughtful cards, the memorial gifts, the fellowship luncheon, and your loving support during this hard time. Our pastoral team was always there for us, especially when Pastor Robert and Phama were out of town. We had a number of dear folks who visited Jim at the three facilities he was in. What a blessing that was! I wish I could give names but I would surely miss someone. You know who you are. We continue to thank God for His goodness and mercy as He faithfully led our family through this time. ~ In His love, Gail and family
- The donation from your congregation is a wonderful gift and will be used to promote the defense of the preborn! Blessings, Lynden Human Life

MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED CRC EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR CROPS AND INDUSTRY

Bethel CRC invites you to the combined CRC evening prayer service for crops and industry this Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 PM. The service will be led by Pastor Bryan D and the offering will be for Growing Hope Globally, an organization whose vision helps subsistence farmers in developing countries grow their own food and earn an income. Specifically, the offering will be used to support the Uganda Rubanda program run by World Renew. Nursery will be provided, with coffee and cookies served afterwards.

RECOGNIZING CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, KARA H

After many years of faithful service, our church secretary Kara H will be retiring on March 31. Since beginning her role in 1993, Kara has served our church with dedication, care, and a quiet commitment that has helped support the life and ministry of our congregation in countless ways.

Kara's work behind the scenes-organizing, communicating, and helping keep the weekly operations of the church running smoothly-has been a true blessing to our church family. We are deeply grateful for her many years of service and the faithfulness she has shown throughout her 33 years with us.

Join us on Sunday, March 29 following the morning worship service for a time of fellowship, reflection and expression of our heartfelt appreciation and wishing her God's blessing in this new chapter her and Randy's life. Cards and other expressions of are encouraged and a basket to receive them will be available.

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, or local WR-DRS members.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 AM – Palm Sunday Service

Children's Church Singing

Sunday, March 29 - 6:00 PM – Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week

Friday, April 3 – 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Special Guest Appearance by the Thief on the Cross

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 AM – Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 5 - 6:00 PM – Easter Afterglow Service at Sumas CRC

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CADETS SNOW DAY

The Cadets will have their annual Snow Day on Saturday, March 14. If you need more information, please contact Brian S.

EDUCATION HOUR

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

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.

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, March 16 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

CADETS (1st-8th BOYS MINISTRY)

Cadets will be meeting on Monday, March 16 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

Join us for a time of prayer on Monday, March 16 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Loft. All who are interested in praying for our country are invited to attend!

MOMS@FIRST

We will meet on Tuesday, March 17 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

COUNCIL

The Council will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 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 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Alicia H.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, March 18 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 19 at 11:00 AM at Fairway Cafe for our spring luncheon. If you have questions, contact the church office.

MOMS@FIRST BINGO NIGHT

Moms@First will have a special social night on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 PM and will be playing Bingo. For more information, contact Mindy V.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM