

# First Christian Reformed Church

## Lynden, Washington

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### *Announcements for April 5, 2026*

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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

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##### **April 5 - 10:30 AM - Easter Sunday**

Preaching - Robert W

*Luke 23:32-43 "The Man on the Middle Cross"*

##### **April 5 - 6:00 PM - Easter After Glow Service**

Combined Service at Sumas CRC

##### **April 12 - 10:30 AM - Youth Service**

Preaching - Zac H

*Mark 8:11-30 "The Sign You Already Have"*

##### **April 12 - 6:00 PM**

Kings Men of Song

Preaching - Gerald R

*Job 19:25-27 "Easter in the Old Testament"*

- **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.firstcerclynden.org](http://www.firstcerclynden.org).

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#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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##### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **April 5 AM – Christian School Tuition Assistance**, offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **April 5 PM Easter Afterglow at Sumas CRC – International Christian Response**
- **April 12 – Tribe**, ministry for 9th-12th grade students.
- **April 19 – Lighthouse Mission**, a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry open 24 hours a day since 1923. It is the only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children in the area. For more information, visit [www.thelighthousemission.org](http://www.thelighthousemission.org).
- **April 26 – Building the Future**, a fund in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Phase III Team.

##### 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](http://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

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### PRAYER ITEMS

- **Jacob B** is now on hospice care at his home.
- **Gert H** is back at the Christian Health Care Center after a brief stay in the hospital.
- **Levi T** had a sledding accident, resulting in a leg injury. His surgery related to that injury has been delayed until May in Seattle. Pray that if it be the Lord's will he will be able to go in sooner.
- **Bill V** is home recovering from an emergency appendectomy.
- **Sharon V** is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.

### NOTE FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters at First Church,  
What a weekend!

Today we're remembering, pondering, feeling the impact of Christ's death...

yet we don't lose hope...

we know that Sunday is coming!

And what a celebration that will be!

Today we're pondering the reality that not everyone knows the Lord God...

the one whose tender hand will wipe away all their tears.

Not everyone knows that hope awaits them...

a hope that brings resurrection joy!

We're pondering the privilege of being part of the Bible translation task.

And it makes us thankful for you, for your friendship and partnership with us...

for your faithful giving that makes a difference in our lives

for your part in bringing true hope and joy to each person.

Joyfully serving with you,  
Chris – and for Ken

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Ken and Chris  
Supporting Bible Translation with Wycliffe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### EASTER CHOIR

The Easter Choir will rehearse before the service on Sunday, April 5 at 9:45 AM, in the church basement.

### LYNDEN HYMN SING MARATHON

Join a Hymn Singing Marathon: Experience the pipe organ and sing along with Psalter hymns, on Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 AM - 4:00PM at First CRC. There will be a break from 12:30 PM-1:00 PM. See the Whatcom Community Bulletin (link at end of this email) for more information on the additional dates of the hymn sing at Third CRC. For more information, call Terhi of the Lynden Music Festival.

### CHRISTIAN STRENGTHENING WEEKEND

Pastor Timothy & Mary Lee B, good friends of Pastor Robert & Phama and grandparents to Jonathan & Cynthia U, will be visiting Lynden and leading multiple events the weekend of April 24-26. We will also be welcoming Pastor Timothy to the pulpit on Sunday morning, April 26 and Jonathan U to the pulpit on that Sunday evening. Note the opportunities below and watch your mailbox for more information on how to register for these events.

### **Strengthening Marriage Through the Decades**

Friday, April 24  
6:30 - 9:00 PM  
Josh & Jill B's Barn

### **Strengthening Christian Men for the Battle**

Saturday, April 25  
8:30 - 11:00 AM  
First CRC Basement

### **REMINDER TO RETURN BABY BOTTLES**

Please bring in your baby bottles for the Whatcom Pregnancy Clinic. They can be dropped off at the church office during the week or after the worship service on Sunday.

### **HELP NEEDED FOR SERVE**

The SERVE Leadership Team is asking for your help. They are hoping to collect as many Ace Hardware coupons as possible to help offset costs for the SERVE 2026 projects. If you have any of these you are willing to donate, please put them in Molly H's church mailbox (F14) as soon as possible, as some have expiration dates. If you have any questions, please contact Molly H. Thank you for your assistance!

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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### **FORGED@1ST**

Join us for a night of games, dessert, and fun on Monday, April 6 from 7:00-8:30 PM, at the home of Jonathan & Cynthia U. Students can be dropped off and picked up at church and can walk.

### **SERVE PRAYER**

Join us in praying for Lynden SERVE 2026 on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Laura B.

### **MISSION PRAYER**

All those interested in praying for our designated people group are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 7 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 information, contact Patrick.

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

We will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

### **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Join us for on Wednesday, April 1 from 7:30-9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

### **CADETS**

The Cadets Snow Day has been rescheduled for April 11. We will leave First CRC at 8:30 AM and return around 2:30 PM to church. Dress warm and bring dry clothes to change into for the drive home. Please pack a lunch. Do not wear your Cadet shirt. Bring your sleds and snow gear and make sure it is labeled with your name clearly. Two or four parents are needed to drive. For more information, contact Brian S.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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