

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for April 12, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 12 - 10:30 AM - Youth Service

Preaching - Zac H

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

April 12 - 6:00 PM

King's Men of Song

Preaching - Gerald R

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

April 19 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 15:1-7 "The God of Endurance and Encouragement"

April 19 - 6:00 PM

Prayer Service for Election of Elders and Deacons

Preaching - Robert W

Acts 1:21-26

- **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

- **April 12 – Tribe**, a ministry for 9th-12th grade students, led by Pastor Zac, Cal Buys and others from First CRC.
- **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 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

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.*

REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Report for March from the deacons is available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Melinda B with the passing of her husband, Jacob, on Sunday, April 5. A memorial service will be held on April 21 at First CRC.
- We also express our sympathy to Jake D with the passing of his brother-in-law, Duane A on March 31.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Gert H** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **Daryl T** is undergoing cancer treatment.
- **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.
- **Maria T** is having cataract surgery on her left eye on Monday, April 13. Lord willing, she will also have surgery on her right eye on Monday, April 27.
- **Sharon V** is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.

THANK YOU NOTES

- Thank you to everyone for the cards the gifts and the well wishes on my retirement. It has truly been a blessing to be part of the church office. Thanks again. ~ Kara H
- Dear Congregation of First CRC, Thank you for your generous gift in support of our recovery from another devastating flood. It is a blessing knowing that there are wonderful people as yourself that share in the rebuilding process and in uplifting our spirit in the love of Christ. During a time of distress and anxiety, you bring a shining light in restoring our focus on the Lord. As our community recovers, we see the love of Christ as volunteers step up and lend a hand to those in need. Your congregation at First CRC has been a great encouragement for us. Thank you! ~ Serving with you in Christ, The Congregation of Sumas CRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

The Lord has led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacons. Pray God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 3 elders and 3 deacons out of the nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 3, following the morning service.

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center or the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Rich H (mailbox F16), prior to the morning worship service on May 3.

Elder Nominees

- Jacob A
- Lloyd F
- Galen L
- Neil M
- Brad T
- Wes V
- Brent W

Deacon Nominees

- Paul A
- Will B
- Ryan E
- Matt H
- Randy H
- Sam K
- Randy L
- Mike S

FIRST CRC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Stephanie R has served as our Children's Ministry Director for the past six years. Along with her husband, Andrew, they have ministered to our children with joy and deep devotion. Stephanie will be stepping down from her position in September. Anyone interested in applying for this position may leave a resume at the Church office. We ask all the congregation to pray for this transition as we seek God's wisdom, will and provision for this important ministry to our children and their families.

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!

SUPPORT YOUTH DYNAMICS

There will be a Donation Garage Sale, Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Cash sales only. Items will not be priced. Pay a "donation" to support the work for Tim N, helping troubled youth through Youth Dynamics. See www.YD.org for more information about Youth Dynamics. 8661 Benson Road, across from the Lynden airport. To donate items, please contact Mary Lou C. To donate items the morning of the sale, please arrive 8:00 AM-8:30 AM. (You may take items back home that don't sell.) Also supported by Lynden Breakfast Kiwanis Club – Kiwanis is for Kids! Hot coffee will be ready!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CADET (1ST-8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will be meeting on Monday, April 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Church Basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

MOMS@FIRST

We will meet on Tuesday, April 14 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

GLOW

We will meet on Wednesday, April 15 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, April 15 from 7:30-9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING STUDY

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men are welcome to join us.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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