

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for April 26, 2026*

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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**April 26 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Romans 15:7-13* "Abound in Hope"

**April 19 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Jonathan U  
*Ephesians 6:15-16* "Shoes of Peace and Shield of Faith"

**May 3 - 10:30 AM - GLOW Sunday, Council Elections**

Preaching - Robert W  
*James 2:5; II Corinthians 8:9* "Rich in Faith"

**May 3 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Luke 1:1-4; 5:30-31; 19:9-10; 24:46-48*  
"Luke's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of Adam, The Savior 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.firsterclynden.org](http://www.firsterclynden.org).

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

- **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.
- **May 3 - GLOW**, a ministry for 2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and is led by Alicia Harrison and Melissa Nienhuis and assisted by several other women in the congregation.
- **May 10 - Christian School Tuition Assistance**, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- **May 17 - Ken & Chris V**, work with Wycliff in Michigan. Chris continues to be part of the member Care Team that ministers to Wycliffe colleagues, serving overseas or transitioning to life in the US. Ken continues to support Bible translation through prayer for the worldwide work and by encouraging and helping people as God brings them across his path. For more information, visit [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org).
- **May 24 - Benevolence**, is used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.
- **May 31 - Mission & Outreach**, 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.

**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](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.

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Jeff & Donelle F with the passing of Jeff's dad Cliff, on Wednesday, April 15.
- We also express our sympathy to Dan H and family with the passing of his mother, Sandra, on Saturday, April 25.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Dale A** will be celebrating his 80th birthday on May 3.

### PRAYER ITEMS

- **Susan B** will be having reconstruction surgery, related to her cancer, on Tuesday April 28, in Seattle. Pray for a smooth surgery and recovery.
- **Greta E** is now on hospice.
- **Gert H** is now at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **Aiden S** has a hole in his lung, pray for healing.
- **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 he will be able to go in sooner.
- **Maria T** has cataract surgery in her right eye on Monday, April 27.
- **Sharon V** is now at Meadow Greens.

### THANK YOU

- Thank you for the cards, kind words, expressions of sympathy, thoughts and prayers in the passing of our brother, son-in-law, and brother-in-law John G. ~ Sid & Sandy G, Karl G, Cheryl R, Dave & Kim R
- Our trip to Kansas was incredible with your prayers for flight issues answered! Thank you for your support. ~ Gail A

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHRISTIAN STRENGTHENING WEEKEND - **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

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 May 8-10. We will also be welcoming Pastor Timothy to the pulpit on Sunday morning, May 10 and Jonathan U to the pulpit on that Sunday evening. Note the opportunities below and sign up for either of these events using the registration forms on the Welcome Center. **Registration is now BACK OPEN until May 6.**

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

Friday, May 8 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Josh & Jill B's Barn

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

Saturday, May 9 8:30 - 11:00 AM

First CRC Basement

### REMINDER TO RETURN BABY BOTTLES

This is the last week to 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's church mailbox (F14) as soon as possible, as some have expiration dates. If you have any questions, please contact Molly H.

### 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.

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We're preparing for our summer session (June–August) and are looking for teachers and helpers to serve on our Children's Ministry Team. This is a meaningful opportunity to invest in the faith of our youngest members while helping create a safe, welcoming, and fun environment each Sunday. Whether you enjoy teaching, assisting, or simply being a supportive presence, there's a place for you—no prior experience is required, and curriculum and support will be provided. If you're interested in serving this summer or would like more information, please contact Stephanie R.

#### **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Tuition Assistance has been dispersed in the amount of \$385 per child, for 51 children.

#### **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](http://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**

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

We will be meeting on Monday, April 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Church Basement.  
For more information, contact Brian S.

#### **MOMS@FIRST**

We will meet on Tuesday, April 28 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

#### **DEACONS**

The deacons will meet on Tuesday, April 28 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, April 29 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 29 from 7:30-9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

**MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM