

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 3, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

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"

May 10 - 10:30 AM

Mother's Day

Preaching - Tim B

Proverbs 19:14; 31:10-31 "A Prudent Wife is from the Lord"

May 10 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Jonathan U

Ephesians 6:17-18 "Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit"

- **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.firstcrclinden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- May 3 - GLOW, a ministry for 2nd–6th grade girls and is led by Alicia H and Melissa N and assisted by several other women in the congregation. For more information, contact Alicia or Melissa.
- 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, working 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.
- May 24 - Benevolence, 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](https://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

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Evan & Kim E and family with the passing of Greta, on Monday, April 27.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Aiden S & Olivia V who plan to be united in marriage on Saturday, May 2.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Susan B** had reconstructive surgery, related to her cancer, on Tuesday. It went well. Pray for her continued healing and recovery.
- **Pat M** is home after being treated in the hospital for an infection in her heart.
- **Aiden S** had a hole in his lung, it has healed in time for his wedding.
- **Levi T** had a procedure on his leg, to deal with an injury from a sledding accident. It went well, and he is healing at home.
- **Maria T** had successful cataract surgery in her right eye on Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Bs Barn

Strengthening Christian Men for the Battle

Saturday, May 9 8:30 - 11:00 AM
First CRC Basement

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!

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, 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.

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

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.

GLOW SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, May 3 for GLOW Sunday. GLOW girls should wear their blue GLOW shirt, arrive at 10:00, and meet in the church basement. GLOW will sit together up front and stay for the whole service instead of participating in Children's Church this week.

SERVE PRAYER

Join us in praying for Lynden SERVE 2026 on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Laura B.

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, May 4 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R, or Pastor Zac.

MISSION PRAYER

All those interested in praying for our designated people group are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.

ELDERS

The elders will meet on Tuesday, May 5 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.

WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, May 6 from 7:30-9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM