

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 10, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 10 - 10:30 AM

Mother's Day

Preaching - Tim B

James 1:16-17; Proverbs 19:14; 31:28-31 "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"

May 17 - 10:30 AM

Ascension Sunday

Preaching - Robert W

Romans 15:14-21 "Paul's Holy Ambition"

May 17 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

John 1:1-5, 14-18; 3:16-17; 20:30-31 "John's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of God, The Divine 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- 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 Wycliffe 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

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.*

REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The report for April from the deacons is available in your mailbox and is on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Josh & Jill, Hayley, Miranda, Aubrey, and Klara B, Cheryl R and families with the passing of their mother, grandmother, and sister, Eileen Sterk on May 1.
- We also express our sympathy to Josh & Jill, Hayley, Miranda, Aubrey, and Klara B with the passing of Josh's mother, this past week.
- We express our sympathy to Elsie T, with the passing of her sister, Nell T, last week. Nell's burial is Friday.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Jolene H** is undergoing chemo treatment for colon cancer and spots on her liver. This week, she has received a very positive report that the chemo treatments are being very effective, her cancer markers have decreased significantly. If you would like to bless the H family, you can sign up to bring a meal through the Meal Train link or by contacting Emma W or the church office.
- **Brady M**, Ron S's grandson, is a Major in the US Marine Corps. He recently deployed to the Middle East and is currently flying missions. Pray for him through his deployment and for his wife, Tara, and baby boy, Cal, as they await his safe return.
- **Pat M** is home recovering after being treated in the hospital for an infection in her heart.
- **Liam M** broke his arm last week, thankfully surgery is not needed, pray for his healing.
- **Larry S** is at home recovering from successful hip replacement surgery.
- **Daryl T's** cancer markers are down significantly. He is feeling great. Daryl and Kara are very thankful for God's mercy and the prayers of the church family.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the church family for praying for me while I was in the hospital. Thank you to Pastor Zac and elder Rich H for their visits and to Pastor W for his telephone calls and prayers. Thank you to everyone who visited me in the hospital and for all the cards and prayers. All of these are blessings from God. Our God is good! ~ Pat M

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER AND DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

Following the elections and drawing of lots on Sunday, May 3, three elders and three deacons were selected to serve on the First CRC Council. Please remember these men in prayer as they take on these leadership roles. The Council thanks all who allowed their names to be placed in nomination.

- Elders: Lloyd F, Neil M, Wes V
- Deacons: Paul A, Randy H, Mike S

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 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.

FIRST CRC SENIOR DINNER - MAY 22

Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior Dinner on Friday, May 22 in the church basement. Social hour will start at 5:00 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM. This year the theme is "America's 250th Anniversary." Please dress in red, white, and blue. If you would like to attend, sign up at the kiosk or contact the church office by May 18.

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.

DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of our church, making profession of faith, or just finding out more about First CRC? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

PRAYING FOR THE CRCNA SYNOD

Synod 2026 of the Christian Reformed Church in North America will gather in just under 40 days, focusing on the Psalms-based theme of worship and prayer "Founded on God's Faithfulness." The bedrock foundation of the Psalms is God's faithfulness. Only in God can there be a renewed CRCNA. Only through God's Spirit and God's Word can we become a denomination of renewed and multiplying congregations. This theme also connects with the 150th-anniversary celebration of Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary this year.

You're invited to join in this 40-day journey with themes from the Psalms:

- Seeking God's Presence (May 3-7)
- Praising God's Faithfulness (May 8-12)
- Trusting in Hard Times (May 13-17)
- Thankfulness (May 18-22)
- Trusting in Uncertainty (May 23-27)
- God's Sovereignty (May 28-June 1)
- Dependence on God (June 2-6)
- Going Forth (June 7-11)

As we pray through these themes, I pray that you may experience the presence of God through the prayers written by CRC missionaries, pastors, staff, and various members young and old—in many languages (and with English translations)—reflecting the beautiful diversity of the CRC.

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!

SERVE PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED BY MAY 10!

Would you be willing to pray for a SERVE student or leader coming to Lynden? We need 60 prayer partners and **we need them by May 10**. When you sign up, you'll receive one person to pray for by name—what an encouragement for them to know they're being lifted up in prayer!

God has done amazing things through SERVE—students committing or recommitting their lives to Christ, growing spiritually, and being refreshed and challenged in their faith.

What prayer partners do:

- Pray regularly for one student or leader
- Watch for email prayer updates
- Write at least one encouraging note (due before June 19)
- Optional but strongly encouraged: Join us for lunch on Sunday, June 21 to meet them after church

Interested? Contact:
Laura B or Molly H

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR SERVE

Please join us to pray for SERVE. No experience needed - just join us as we lift up SERVE 2026 in prayer.

Questions call: Laura or Pastor Zac

May 31, at 9:30 in the Education Building

June 7, at 9:30 in the Education Building

June 14, at 9:30 in the Education Building

COUPONS 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!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

HELPING HANDS

All those who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, May 11 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

CADETS (1st-8th BOYS MINISTRY)

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will wrap up the Cadet season at M's Pond on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 PM. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are all welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

MOMS@FIRST

We will meet on Tuesday, May 12 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 J.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, May 13 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 16 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

CHURCH INFORMATION

First Christian Reformed Church

1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264

360.354.4560

info@firsterclynden.org

www.firsterclynden.org

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM