

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

Announcements for May 17, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

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"

May 24 - 10:30 AM

Pentecost Sunday - Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Preaching - Robert W, Romans 15:22-33
"Plans, Prayers, and the Providence of God"

May 24 - 6:00 PM

Combined Service at Mountain View CRC

- **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.firstcrelynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **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 AM - Benevolence**, used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.
- **May 24 PM - Combined Service at Mt View CRC - 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.
- **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.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Jolene H** is undergoing chemo treatment for colon cancer and spots on her liver. She has received a very positive report that the chemo treatments are being very effective.
- **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.
- **Wayne G** is home from the hospital after surgery to remove a mass from his brain on Monday. The surgery went well. He is waiting on test results, for more information, but they do know it is an aggressive form of brain cancer. Please pray for healing and strength for Wayne & Nicki and the rest of their family. Also pray for wisdom for the doctors as they decide on next steps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIM B BOOKS

The following books, written by Tim B, are available for purchase in the church office, at \$10 each.

The Helpful Marriage Book - Biblical Wisdom for Husbands and Wives

Daddy Tried - Overcoming the Failures of Fatherhood

The Grace of Shame - 7 Ways the Church Has Failed to Love Homosexuals

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!

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 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

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.

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, May 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R, or Pastor Zac.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

Join us for a time of prayer on Monday, May 18 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Education Building. All who are interested in praying for our country are invited to attend!

COUNCIL

The Council will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 PM in the Church Basement.

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 20 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, May 20 from 7:00-9:00 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 21 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

FIRST CRC SENIOR DINNER

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.