

# **May 2026 News & Updates**

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

### **Lynden, Washington**

#### ***Worship Services***

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Join us on Sunday at 10:30 AM and at 6:00 PM. For anyone unable to attend in person, worship services are live streamed on our website. Past services can be viewed on our livestream library on our website.

#### ***Childcare and Education Classes***

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##### **NURSERY**

Nursery is available in the Ed. Building during the 10:30 AM service.

##### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church is available for children 3 years-3rd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children begin in the sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Education Building during the service, as indicated on the bulletin.

##### **EDUCATION CLASSES**

Education Classes are done for the season and will resume in the fall.

#### ***Prayer Items***

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**PHASE III BUILDING PROJECT** as we seek God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

##### **REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILY DEALING WITH ONGOING MEDICAL ISSUES**

- John M is undergoing kidney dialysis three days a week in Bellingham.
- Those undergoing ongoing cancer treatment and maintenance.
- Members dealing with long term health issues or chronic pain.
- Shut-in members who are struggling with health issues or the effects of aging and their caregivers.

##### **REMEMBER CHURCH FAMILY IN CARE FACILITIES**

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Christian Health Care Center – Gert H, Vernon S, Gene V, Ada V
- Lynden Manor – Agnes R, Cora S, Lamar V, Ron S
- Meadow Greens – Herm E, Grace H, Perlene H, Shirley R, Sharon V, Lena Marie V
- Orchard Park – Carol Z

##### **FIRST CRC MINISTRY PARTNERS**

- Aaron – Bethany ARP Church

- Ray & Angie – East-West Ministries
- Steve & Sandy – AIM
- Dustin & Melissa – Converge
- Memli & Luiza – Missionaries in Albania
- Julie – Operation Mobilization
- Tim & Charlene – Youth Dynamics
- Charles & Hensel – Resonate Global Mission
- Eric & Penny – PIM
- Mitchell & Rochelle – Envision Mission and Summit House (Lynden Women's Home)
- Gary – Northwest Seafarers Ministry
- Ken & Chris – Wycliffe
- Snehakunja Home – Kidstown International
- Joe - Northwest Hispanic Ministry
- Christian Hope Association
- Lighthouse Mission Ministries

We are blessed to have many missionaries and ministry partners and love to get updates from them. Contact the church office if you would like a copy of any of the following updates:

- Mitchell & Rochelle – Envision Mission and Summit House (Lynden Women's Home)
- Julie - Operation Mobilization
- Dustin & Melissa - Converge
- Ken & Chris – Wycliffe
- Whatcom Pregnancy Clinic

### ***Dates to Remember***

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- Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM - GLOW Sunday
- Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM - Council Elections
- Friday, May 8, 6:30 PM - Strengthening Marriage Through the Decades
- Saturday, May 9, 8:30 AM - Strengthening Christian Men for the Battle
- Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day
- Thursday, May 14 - Ascension Day
- Tuesday, May 19 - Council Meeting
- Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices and Buildings Closed
- Sunday, May 31 - New Council Members Ordination/Installation
- Saturday, June 6 - Farmer's Day Parade - Buildings Closed
- Sunday, June 7 - Graduation Sunday
- Saturday, June 20 - Saturday June 27 - SERVE
- Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day
- Sunday, July 12 - Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Wednesday, July 15 - Wednesday July 22 - International Cadet Camporee
- Monday, July 20 - Church Picnic
- Tuesday, July 21 - Council Meeting
- Thursday, August 13 - Saturday, August 22 - Northwest Washington Fair

- Sunday, August 23 - Outdoor Worship Service - Celebration of the Lord's Supper - Ice Cream Social
- Monday, September 7 - Labor Day - Offices and Buildings Closed

## ***Tithes and Offering***

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### **TENTATIVE MAY OFFERINGS**

- **May 3:** GLOW
- **May 10:** Tuition Assistance
- **May 17:** Ken & Chris V
- **May 24:** Benevolence
- **May 31:** Mission and Outreach

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 with 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.*

## ***Bible Resources***

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### **HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS**

As we strive to commit scripture to memory, our monthly verse for May is Romans 15:13. You are encouraged to print out the verse or it as your phone or computer wallpaper. Printed copies are available on the Welcome Center or from the office.

### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

For 2026, we will be reading through the New Testament chronologically. You are encouraged to use the Bible reading personally or as a family, and feel free to share this plan with others! Copies are available on the Welcome Center or from the office.

### **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

*TODAY* is a daily devotional produced through ReFrame Ministries. Copies, including large print, are available on the Welcome Center.

*TABLETALK* magazine is daily devotional and Bible study resource. A few copies each month are available on the Welcome Center.

### **PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH**

The Christian Reformed Church of North America provides a daily prayer guide with prayer requests for ministries and their needs. Request a printed copy from the church office.