

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 20, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 20 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Robert W

Proverbs 10:9; 11:3, 20; 20:11; 22:1; 28:6

"Wisdom for Having Good Character"

September 20 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W

1 Thessalonians 1:1; 3:5-7; 4:1-4; 5:1-2, 8, 15-18

"A Walk Through the Bible: 1 Thessalonians"

September 27 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Robert W

Proverbs 11:2; 16:18-19; 18:12; 27:2; 29:23

"Wisdom for Killing Pride"

September 27 - 6:00 PM at Third CRC

Joint Worship Service of sister Christian Reformed Churches

Preaching - Rev. Joel V

- **Nursery** is available for children during the morning service in the Ed. Building.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship on the lawn or in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrlcynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **September 20: Mission and Outreach** is 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.
- **September 27: Memli & Luiza** are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania. For more information, talk to Pastor Robert.

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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service

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 memo line.*

*** The deacons request that all cash and checks be folded as little as possible. Knots and other folding often result in tears when counting. Any checks received that are not in a simple fold will be discarded. Thank you for your assistance with this.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Sharon B** is struggling with double vision and is waiting on the results from testing.
- **Linda D** had shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday. Her surgery went well and she is recovering at home.
- **Wayne & Nicki G** are in Scottsdale, Arizona, at Envita Medical Center for cancer treatment.
- **Lori S** anticipates surgery to remove breast cancer, on Tuesday, September 22.
- **Gene V** is declining slowly in health at Christian Health Care Center.
Jerry Z is dealing with some side effects from his chemo treatments. Pray that the medications will help and that he will regain some energy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Next Sunday, September 27, the evening service will be a joint service of our sister CRC congregations at 6:00 PM at Third CRC. Rev. Joel V, our denomination's first director of ecclesiastical governance, will bring the Word of God. Refreshments following.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Remember that Christian School Tuition Assistance forms are due by September 30. ***We ask that all parents of school age children turn in these forms, even if you do not plan on receiving assistance.*** Forms can be turned into the office mailbox (bottom box near the restroom) or to the church office during office hours.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

FamilyLife's *Weekend to Remember* is a two-and-a-half-day marriage getaway designed to help you nurture and grow your relationship based on God's design. You'll listen to engaging talks by married couples who teach practical, biblically centered concepts, engage in alone time through one-on-one couples projects, and leave the weekend with the tools you need to continue to grow in communication and intimacy with your spouse. This conference will be hosted at Semiahmoo Resort on October 23-25. Pamphlets are located in the Welcome Center.

FIRST CRC MINISTRY NEWS

WELCOME NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Our new Children's Ministry Directors, Jill Kocourek and Ella McKee- Kocourek have officially started! If you need to contact them, their email is childrensministry@firstcrclynden.org.

EDUCATION HOUR STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 20

Education Classes begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 AM, unless otherwise noted. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

ADULTS

- ***How the Nations Rage by Jonathan Leeman***
Led by Brian V in the Church Basement
Starting September 27, 2026, but anyone is welcome to join at any time.
This will be a time to think critically about how politics, church and government interact with each other. We'll be exploring how Christians can think biblically about our words, tweets and other interactions in the public square, and how we can honor Christ in that sphere.
- ***Pray for Our Community***
Led by Pastor Zac H in Pastor Zac's Office
Year-round, anyone is welcome to join at any time.
Join us as we gather to pray for First CRC, our church family and for the Lynden community.

CHILDREN

- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Education Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Meets in the Education Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Meets in the Education Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Meets in the Education Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Meets in the Loft

LIFE GROUPS AT FIRST CRC

You are invited to share this opportunity to grow in faith with others. Be thinking and praying about what kind of group you would enjoy. There are a variety of LIFE groups available.

Sign up by contacting the church office or see the LIFE Group brochure in your mailbox.

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, September 19 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

Join us for a time of prayer on Monday, September 21 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. All who are interested in praying for our country are invited to attend!

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, September 21 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac (zach@firstcrlinden.org).

COUNCIL

Council will meet on Tuesday, September 22 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.

GLOW (1ST-6TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Alicia H.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to Tribe on Wednesday, September 23 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. If you have any questions about Tribe Ministry, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac (zach@firstcrlinden.org).

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, September 24 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers this week are Linda F and Arlene V. If you have questions, contact Helene Y.

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