

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Announcements for October 18, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 18 - 10:30 AM

Preaching – Robert W

Proverbs 3:5-7; 8:34; 14:29; 16:9,32; 19:2; 20:22

"Wisdom for Waiting"

October 18 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Zac H

Luke 15:11-32

"The Orphan's House"

October 25 - 10:30 AM

Preaching – Zac H

Mark 10:32-45

"Where the Road Leads"

October 25 - 6:00 PM

Preaching – Bill R

Psalms 24

"The King of Glory"

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **October 18: Building the Future** is always in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member of the Phase III Team.
 - **Communion Love Offering: World Renew** for Nepal flood relief. For more information visit www.worldrenew.org.
- **October 25: Forged@First** is a ministry for 7th-8th grade students and is led by Jeff & Renee L, Patty R and Pastor Zac from First CRC.

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.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SYMPATHY

- **Betty S** passed away on October 1. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 2:00 PM at First CRC.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Sharon B** is continuing to struggle with double vision.
- **Wayne G** is in the hospital in Phoenix recovering from surgery this past Wednesday to relieve some of the issues due to the masses on his brain.
- **Lori S** will be undergoing radiation for cancer.
- **Lillian V** is undergoing infusion to treat lymphoma.
- **Mary V** is recovering from surgery on her legs, this past Thursday in Tacoma, she anticipates coming home over the weekend.
- **Jerry Z** is continuing his chemo treatment for brain cancer.

PASTOR AND STAFF APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's remember Pastor Robert & Phama W and Pastor Zac & Alicia H in the weeks to come and show our appreciation as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family.

We will be recognizing the entire First CRC staff before the morning worship service on Sunday, November 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE AND CAREER CARE PACKAGES

WHAT: The team for the College Care package service project (a.k.a. Young Adult Transitions) needs your help. On October 28th, our Tribe students will create 6 hand-decorated gift boxes for last year's seniors and decorate at least 19 cards for older graduates (four years out of high school).

WHEN: Would you consider donating towards the gifts, supplies, gift cards, and treats our team has selected by **Sunday, October 25th**? Your contribution will help us bless and connect with these young people and remind them of the church family that loves them!

WHERE: You can put a check in Laura & Cal B's mailbox or Molly H's mailbox (mark it "College Care Package"). THANK YOU! Swandel E & Coni H.

HALLOWEEN REMINDER FROM PASTOR ROBERT

First, do not let the world push you into its mold. Avoid anything that is demonic, evil or monstrous. Jesus taught us to pray, "deliver us from evil." The spirit world is not something to treat lightly and dressing up as ghosts, witches, or demons does, in fact, trivialize serious spiritual realities. As Christians indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, what we do should be clean, pure, joyful and in the light.

Second, within this church family, our brothers and sisters may hold different views on this whole matter. A person's or a family's participation in Halloween falls under the area of a freedom of conscience, not legalism. So all of us should avoid smug self-righteousness and guard our tongues and avoid judgments and criticisms of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Whatever we do, whether we participate or not, let's live together in love and peace and let's remember that whatever we do, we do it to the glory of God.

HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 1, following the morning worship service. *Everyone* is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. *If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 no later than Friday, October 30.* Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up ahead of time. The Harvest Dinner is free for all, but donations will be accepted to help cover costs.

REMINDER TO VOTE

We enjoy freedoms in our country that many people around the world do not have—the freedom to gather and worship, to preach the Word of God openly, and to participate in our government through voting. These freedoms are gifts from God and privileges that carry responsibilities. As Christians, we should be grateful for them and use them faithfully for the good of our neighbors and the glory of God. I encourage you to exercise this privilege and prayerfully cast the ballots you received this week. ~ Pastor Robert

MISSION TRIP TO JAPAN

The Mission Ministry Team is considering a mission trip to Japan in the fall of 2027. We will visit Charles and Hensel, missionaries whom we support to learn more about their ministry. The focus of the trip will be learning, relationship-building, prayer encouragement and exposure to ministry in one of the least-churched countries in the world. At this time we are gauging if there is enough congregational interest for such a trip. There will be an informational meeting in the Loft on November 8 after the morning service.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE - NOVEMBER 8

The annual Reformation Day Worship service with sister CRC congregations will be Sunday evening, November 8 at 6:00 PM at First Christian Reformed Church. Guest pastor, Rev. Jul M, President of Calvin Theological Seminary will be bringing us the message.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Children's Christmas Program is coming soon! Preschool through 5th grade will participate in the choir. On the sign-up form, please indicate if you would like to be part of the cast or help with additional roles as needed.

We also have so many talented youth from elementary through high school! We would love to highlight your musical talents at the beginning of the service. On the sign-up sheet, please let us know what you would like to play or sing.

In addition, we need six or more middle school or high school students to help with our preschool program. You are never too old to be part of the Christmas Program! An information sheet and sign-up form have been placed in your church boxes. Please complete the form and return it to the box at the Welcome Center as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jill K. (ChildrensMinistry@firstcrlcynden.org)

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BANNER

If you are interested in receiving a free subscription to The Banner, a six issue per year publication from the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Church in North America), please contact the church office.

FIRST CRC MINISTRY NEWS

EDUCATION HOUR SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

ADULTS

- ***Thinking Biblically About Faith and Politics***
Led by Brian V in the Church Basement
- ***Pray for Our Community***
Led by Pastor Zac H in Pastor Zac's Office

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.

DINNERS 8

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (determined by members). Sign up now at the kiosk or contact either Marilyn M or the office.

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, October 17 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit or crochet are invited to join us on Monday, October 19 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Candace L.

FORGED@FIRST (JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, October 19 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, October 19 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. All who are interested in praying for our country are invited to attend! For more information, contact Kara T.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams will meet on Tuesday, October 20, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

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, October 21, 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, October 21 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loft. If you have any questions about Tribe Ministry, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, October 22, from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers this week are Ethel V and Elsie T. If you have questions, contact Helene Y.

MOMS@FIRST

All Moms@First women are invited to a craft night on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

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