

Calendar for the week of April 26, 2026

Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodlcp.com/events

Greeters: Terry Hudson and Patsy Zofkie

Usher: Marilyn Sexton

Monday, April 27	11:15 am Toddler Play Time
Tuesday, April 28	10:00 am Caregiver Support Group 1:00 pm Dorcas Circle 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Session
Wednesday, April 29	6:00 pm Student Ministries
Thursday, April 30	10:00 am Teevin & Rich Small Group 5:30 pm Dance 6:15 pm Prairie Bells
Friday, May 1	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Saturday, May 2	8:30 am Hunger Walk at Fort Steilacoom Park
Sunday, May 3 Family Sunday	9:00 am Choir Practice 9:30 am Prayer with Pastors 10:00 am Fellowship Hour 11:00 am Family Worship Service 12:00 pm Family Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Next week we will take a break from the series on Mark to focus on Small Groups.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST STARTING MAY 4TH!

Starting on Monday, May 4th, we will host a breakfast in Bill's Cafe (the Elgin Room), open to all men. We'd love to have you! We'll gather for an hour at 8:30 that morning and generally each first Monday of the month following. We'll park in the back lot, behind the office, and enter the Elgin Room by the door there. We need to know how much food to buy, so please sign up in the Narthex (the lobby in the back of the church sanctuary) to make a reservation. Thanks!

COVENANT PARTNERSHIP CLASS-MAY 17TH

We will be having our next Covenant Partnership class on May 17th after the Sunday worship service. We would love to have you come if you are in any stage of interest about Covenant Partnership at Little Church. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you can call the office with any questions.

Prayer Requests

- For **John Huber, Becky's husband**, who was admitted to Madigan Hospital for treatment of various health issues.
- For **Judy Taut** and the family of **Darrel Stuteman**, as they mourn his loss. Darrel passed away earlier in April after a long illness.
- For **Suzi Wilcox and her family**. **Suzi's sister Christi** passed away last week.
- For our pianist, **Debra Leach's, mother**. She has been having a difficult recovery from a severe flu that required hospitalization and a rehab stay.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Angela (Jo Marie Menees' Daughter-in-law) | • Jo Marie Menees | • Rudy & Phyllis Horst |
| • Leland Loney (Lori Ward's Father) | • Alyce Olsen | • Shelly Shellaberger |
| • Skip and Gayle Smith and Family | • Curtis & Joe Johnson (Bill Emma's Family) | • Johanna Henry |
| • Fred Smart (Coke Smart) | • Marlene Graves | • Rose Becker |
| • Colleen Smart | • Doris Johnson | • Darleen Coon |
| • Jerry Williams | • Jim & Laura Pledger | • Bill Emma |
| • Martha Kelcy | • Bernice Yoder | • Jim and Candy Kenoyer |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Diane Aguirre | • Rex Swartz |
| • Bill & Jan Edwards | • Elaine Tierney | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Joan Jackson | • Bridget Upton | • Zilpha McCarty |
| • Trisha Crane | • Esther Park (Helen Kim) | • Benedict and family |
| • Larry (Jennifer Stafford) | • Mike Noreen | • Deanna Price |
| • Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker) | • Ruthie Faris | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Cathy McAllister | • Bill Price | • Bev Conover |
| | • Ed and Pam Konsmo | • Steve George |
| | | • Gordon Neu |
| | | • Heather and Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |
| | | • Carmen Sterba-Russell |

We pray for our church and community. We pray for those who are seeking employment and are in need of stable housing. We pray for the members of our church traveling to Korea with the ministry to North Korean students. We lift up the victims of gun violence and pray for peace in Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, Israel, and Palestine. We ask for strength and encouragement for our church music ministries, caregivers, first responders, and those who are homebound. We pray for our student ministries to thrive, reaching and equipping the next generation. May our weekend service continue to strengthen and inspire our congregation, expanding God's impact in our community. We also give thanks for our small groups, where we pray that participants will build meaningful relationships, deepen their faith, and grow together in Christ.

FAMILY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK-SUNDAY MAY 3RD

Join us for Family Sunday on May 3 at 11:00 AM! Worship together in a family-style service, followed by lunch in Prairie Hall hosted by our Small Group Leadership Team. We'll also be launching sign-ups for our summer small groups—don't miss it!

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us on **Friday, May 8th at 7:00 PM** in Prairie Hall for a special evening of worship, connection, and encouragement. All women are welcome—bring a friend!

ADULT MISSION TRIP OCTOBER 5-8!

Yes, we are going to Ellensburg again and staying together at the super-fun Lazy F Camp on a creek in the woods outside town there! You'll do 4-5 hours of mission work by day and once returned to the Camp will have some relaxing time, a great dinner, fellowship, and worship and singing to Pastor James's guitar.

Up to 25 of us can go (plus a few RV-ers), and about half the spots are taken already. You can register by paying the modest \$250 cost of food and lodging for the three nights. Questions? Call Alan Macpherson at (253) 459-4455, or Lee Hudson at (253) 208-2606. Or just come to the church office and sign up.

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

As you grocery shop for the week, don't forget about the Little Free Pantry donation boxes we have in the narthex. Some of the most needed items are canned chicken, cup of noodles, ramen, baked beans, pork & beans, and applesauce pouches. Please choose pop-top cans when possible.

HUNGER WALK UPDATE

While we do not have an official Little Church Team this year, we still have friends here at Little Church who are participating in the Hunger Walk to benefit the Emergency Food Network under the team name "Walk for EFN with Gayle".

Join us May 2, 2026 at Fort Steilacoom Park 8:30 to 11 am if you would like to walk around Waughop Lake, enjoy a live band, vendors and raise money to fight hunger in our community. Click on the online link and hit JOIN to walk or DONATE if possible. EFN will provide 2 meals for each \$1 donated. EFN provides food to 75+ food banks including Tacoma

Rescue Mission to help our neighbors fight hunger. Our link

is: <https://runsignup.com/walkforefnwithgayle-hungerwalk2026>

Questions call Gayle West 253-219-9790



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Worship Service | April 26, 2026, 11:00 am

Worship Leaders – Karen George

Music: Molly Crane, Debra Leach, Angelia McGoran & LG Team

Gathering Music

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

Musical Offering:

Choir

Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Arranged by Jack Schrader

Children's Sermon & Dismissal – Lori Ward

***“Doxology”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. No. 625

** Call to Worship (Psalm 119: 105-112)*

Leader: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

People: I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

Leader: I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

People: Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

Leader: Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

People: The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

Leader: Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

People: My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

***Hymn of Praise No. 296**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

Mighty King, lover of justice, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. You have spoken to us through your Beloved Son, but too often we fail to listen to him. You have called us as witnesses to Christ's majesty, but we set ourselves against you, seeking our own glory. Surrounded by iniquity and inequity, we come to accept injustice

in our society. Forgiving God, have mercy upon us as we approach your throne of grace with boldness tempered by fear and trembling; heal and forgive us. Draw us in to seek refuge in you and send us out to extol Christ our Lord to the world. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Friends, hear, believe, and receive the good news that our sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture | Mark 2:1-12

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Four Friends, Three Questions, Two Miracles, and a New Beginning

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

***Song of Commitment (Praise Team)**

What A Beautiful Name

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*