

Calendar for the week of April 19, 2026

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

Greeters: Hans and Judy Brockhoff

Usher: Marilyn Sexton

Monday, April 20	11:15 am Toddler Play Time
Tuesday, April 21	9:30 am PW Coordinating Team 1:00 pm Dorcas Circle
Wednesday, April 22	6:00 pm Student Ministries
Thursday, April 23	10:00 am Teevin & Rich Small Group 5:15 pm Prairie Bells 5:30 pm Dance
Friday, April 24	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Saturday, April 25	2:00 pm Darrel Stutesman Memorial Service
Sunday, April 26	9:00 am Choir Practice 9:30 am Prayer with Pastors 10:00 am Fellowship Hour 11:00 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Next week we continue our series on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor will preach from the text Mark 2: 1-12

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 **Gordon Neu** who was hospitalized with heart issues.
- For **Jo Marie Menees** who has been having some health issues.
- For **Suzi Wilcox's** sister **Christi** who had a heart attack and has other health issues. She has been sent home on hospice.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:
 - Angela (Jo Marie Menees' Daughter-in-law)
 - Leland Loney (Lori Ward's Father)
 - Skip and Gayle Smith and Family
 - Fred Smart (Coke Smart)
 - Colleen Smart
 - Jerry Williams
 - Martha Kelcyc
 - Rosemary Kennedy
 - Bill & Jan Edwards
 - Joan Jackson
 - Trisha Crane
 - Larry (Jennifer Stafford)
 - Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker)
 - Cathy McAllister
 - Alyce Olsen
 - Curtis & Joe Johnson (Bill Emma's Family)
 - Marlene Graves
 - Doris Johnson
 - Jim & Laura Pledger
 - Bernice Yoder
 - Diane Aguirre
 - Elaine Tierney
 - Bridget Upton
 - Esther Park (Helen Kim)
 - Mike Noreen
 - Ruthie Faris
 - Bill Price
 - Ed and Pam Konsmo
 - Rudy & Phyllis Horst
 - Shelly Shellaberger
 - Johanna Henry
 - Rose Becker
 - Darleen Coon
 - Bill Emma
 - Jim and Candy Kenoyer
 - Rex Swartz
 - JoEthel Smith
 - Zilpha McCarty
 - Benedict and family
 - Deanna Price
 - Barbara Riggs
 - Bev Conover
 - 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 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

The Small Group Leadership Team would like to acknowledge the amazing Facilitators for the Spring 2026 session. Hans and Judy Brochhoff, Marilyn Sexton, Brad and Heather Epperson, Carolyn Teevin, Jean Rich, Peter and Laura Sloan, Cheryl Buell, Kaitlyn Kim, Becky Huber, and Phil and Judy Eng. Your devotion and selfless dedication to this vital ministry provides the opportunity for the spiritual growth of the participants. Be sure to sign up for the summer session.

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us on **Friday, May 8th at 7:00 PM** 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 19, 2026, 11:00 am

Worship Leader— Jim Aguirre

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

Gathering Music

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

Musical Offering:

Choir & Worship Team

Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood

by Charity Gayle

Children’s Sermon – Lori Ward

***“Doxology” No. 625**

** Call to Worship (Psalm 96)*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

People: Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy Before the Lord, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

***Hymn of Praise No. 297**

I Love to Tell the Story

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

Increase our faith, O Lord! Call us to a living faith that is more than mental assent to an historical narrative. Call us to a recognition of Your full identity as the Word become flesh, as the Son of God, as the Holy One Anointed as Savior and Lord. We fail and fall short when we depend on our own power, wisdom and strength. We are beset by sin

and error and temptation. Our emotions can dominate us; our traumas can paralyze us; our shame can isolate us. But Your Gospel frees us. Holy Spirit, You empower us to be like Christ—we welcome You! Jesus, You absorbed in Your very being the consequence of our iniquity—we thank You! Dear Father, You sent the Son and the Spirit to do what we could not, and to show us how to live in harmony with You by the Son through the Spirit—we worship You. Our reconciliation is complete in the Cross. Make our restoration complete in the Spirit. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Our reconciliation with God is indeed complete in the Cross of Jesus. Our restoration to new life is made sure in His Resurrection. This is of God; this is of Grace—not according to what we have done or left undone, but because of what Jesus has done on our behalf. This is our salvation in Jesus Christ: Receive it! Thanks be to God!

People: Amen!

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 1:21-43

The Message | Pastor Bill Ward

Author Authority

Baptisms

Katelynn Green & Ollee McMonagle

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Commitment**

Goodness of God

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*