

Calendar for the week of December 7, 2025
Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodgrace.com/events

Monday, December 8	11:15 am Toddler Play Time 7:00 pm Ward Small Group
Tuesday, December 9	9:00 am Sunrise Circle 6:00 pm Huber Small Group 6:00 pm Sloan Small Group 6:30 pm Session
Wednesday, December 10	8:30 am Romeos 9:30 am Sexton Small Group 12:00 pm Boomer Builder Holiday Luncheon 1:00 pm Choir 1:00 pm Romans Bible Study 2:15 pm Prayer and Praise with Pastors 6:00 pm Student Ministries
Thursday, December 11	9:30 am Martha Circle 5:30 pm Dance Class 6:00 pm Macpherson Small Group 6:00 pm Edwards Small Group 6:15 pm Prairie Bells
Friday, December 12	Office Closed No Events Scheduled
Saturday, December 13	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent	9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Prairie Hall 11:00 am Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship 12: 30 pm Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

On December 14th, we will continue the Advent series entitled Waiting...
Pastor will preach on Matthew 11:2-22 - “Waiting through the Worst”.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree is up. The deacons have chosen Tillicum Community Center this year for gift shopping. Please take a tag, buy a gift and return the wrapped gift, with the tag attached, by December 17. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be holding a congregational meeting on **Sunday December 14th at 12:30pm**. Please mark your calendars and be sure to be there.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For **Darleen Coon**, who broke her hip
- For **Brianna, Tanya Routt’s** daughter and **Glen and Janet Groefsema’s** granddaughter. Please pray for the health of mother and baby boy Nico, who will be born this week.
- For **Bill Emma**, who is recovering from hip surgery
- For **Gay Shaw**, friend of **Glenda Tree**, who had lung surgery.
- For **Jeanie Rice**, friend of the **Tingstads**, who lost her husband last week.
- For **Lori Ward’s** parents, **Leland & Deloras Loney**. Prayers as they both are undergoing cancer treatments.
- For **Sandy Noreen**, who broke her foot.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:
 - Carole Wier
 - Denis Nadeau
 - Skip Smith
 - Mary (Bob and Candy Tingstad)
 - Fred Smart (Coke Smart)
 - Colleen Smart
 - Jerry Williams
 - Martha Kelcy
 - Rosemary Kennedy
 - Bill & Jan Edwards
 - Joan Jackson
 - Jim & Alyce Olsen
 - Jim & Laura Pledger
 - Trisha Crane
 - Larry (Jennifer Stafford)
 - Duncan & Hilary (Carolyn Lee)
 - Johanna Henry
- Joseph, JoMarie Menees’ son
- Shelly Shellabarger
- Diane Aguirre
- Jack Wilcox
- Phyllis & Rudy Horst
- Elaine Tierney
- Bridget Upton
- Esther Park (Helen Kim)
- Lisa Semon
- Mike Noreen
- Ruthie Faris
- Bill Price
- Frances Hilliard
- Ed and Pam Konsmo
- Cathy McAllister
- Mavery (Don and Rose Becker’s Great Granddaughter)
- Jim and Candy Kenoyer
- Missy Johnson (Bill Emma’s sister)
- Rex Swartz
- Jessica Upton (Rena Moon’s daughter)
- JoEthel Smith
- Zilpha McCarty
- Benedict and family
- Deanna Price
- Barbara Riggs
- Bev Conover
- Steve George
- Inge Conner
- Gordon Neu
- Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson)
- Carmen Sterba-Russell
- Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker)

We pray for all members of our church community that are feeling lonely, be with them and help us know how to serve them better. We pray for protection over the bodies, hearts and minds of our students of all ages and our educators. We pray for the preschoolers who are attending this year at LCOP Preschool, as well as their parents and teachers. We lift up the victims of gun violence and pray for peace in 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 services 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.

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCH

Holy Holiday Hilarity, Batman! Another goofy gift exchange! Come Ye, O Come Ye! Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange! Bring a gift-- silly or special-- \$10-20 range, WRAPPED!! We'll enjoy lunch, conversation, carols and a wild gift exchange with lots of laughs. Prizes for ugliest sweater! **Dec. 10, 12:00 noon** in Prairie Hall. RSVP no later than **Today, Sunday, Dec. 7**, to the church office (or sign up on the sheet in the narthex) or call Terry Hudson 253-448-9623.

BOOMER THEATER TRIP

Attention Boomers! We are going to the Tacoma Little Theater on Saturday. February 7, at 7:30 pm to see the play "Time Machine". In order to get the group rate, tickets must be purchased before January. If you would like to go, please get your \$24 ticket money to Terry or Lee Hudson no later than December 21. Hope to see you at the play!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle school youth group will meet regularly on Dec.10th, and have our annual White Elephant Christmas Party on Dec. 17th (6-7:30pm at church)! Students are encouraged to bring a gift (\$15 limit) for the exchange and invite a friend. There will be **NO** youth group the week of Christmas and New Year's; we will resume weekly Wednesday gatherings on Jan. 7.

KIDS DANCE CLASS IS BACK!

Our kids dance class is starting up again on Thursdays from 5:30–6:30 PM. Whether your child is returning or trying it out for the first time, we'd love to have them join the fun! Come enjoy movement, music, and a great time each week.

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.

Combined Worship Services

Join us for two special combined worship services on December 21st and December 28th as we celebrate the Christmas season together. Please mark your calendars and invite friends and family to worship with us as we honor Jesus during this joyful time.

CARING FOR KIDS' LAUNDRY

Our friends at Caring for Kids have dropped off more clothing to be laundered. Please consider taking a bag or two. We have a few left. They just need to be washed and dried – no need to fold!



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Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship
December 7, 2025
Welcome Home! You are in the right place.

Worship Song: Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

** Call to Worship (Isaiah 40: 1-5)*

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

People: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed,

Leader: that her sin has been paid for,

People: that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

Leader: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;

People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be raised up,

People: every mountain and hill made low;

Leader: The rough ground shall become level,

People: the rugged places a plain.

Leader: And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

People: For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Worship Song: Away in a Manger

Children Welcomed to Children's Ministry

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

Lord, we confess that we have ignored your gracious call to life and salvation, and have thought, spoken, and acted as if you were absent and distant from us. Have mercy, Father, and forgive us. Grant us willing hearts to turn from our sin, and turn to you and your grace. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen, and point others to the One who takes away the sins of the world. Hear now our silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Friends, In his love for us, God gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for us, bringing him back to life on the third day. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Forgiven and free, live now in the love and peace of Christ as you follow Him.

People: Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture | Matthew 3: 1-12

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson
The Work of Waiting

Communion

Offering and Pastoral Prayer
Capital Campaign Commitments

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.

Worship Song: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (Holy Holy)