

Calendar for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday, December 15	11:15 am Toddler Play Time
Tuesday, December 16	5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Sloan Small Group
Wednesday, December 17	1:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Student Ministries
Thursday, December 18	5:30 pm Dance Class 6:15 pm Prairie Bells
Friday, December 19	Office Closed 6:00 pm Crane Music Studio Recital
Saturday, December 20	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent	11:00 am Combined Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

On December 21st, we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent with our Christmas Cantata at 11am.

THANK YOU, FACILITATORS OF THE FALL 2026 SMALL GROUPS!

The Small Group Ministry would not be possible without your continued dedication and commitment. The people who facilitated are: Bill and Lori Ward, Becky Huber, Peter and Laura Sloan, Cheryl Buell, Bill and Jan Edwards, Marilyn Sexton, Carolyn Teevin, Jean Rich, Alan and Jane Macpherson, Karen George and Hans and Judy Brockoff.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us for a special Christmas Eve Service on **Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00 PM**. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior with Scripture, worship, and candlelight. All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

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 tag attached, by this **Wednesday, December 17**. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For **Darleen Coon**, who broke her hip
- For **Brianna, Tanya Routt’s** daughter and **Glen and Janet Groefsema’s** granddaughter. Baby Nico was born Tuesday December 9th. Praises for his safe arrival and prayers for his continued health and for his family.
- For **Bill Emma**, who is recovering from hip surgery
- For **Dave and Joyce Coleman**, friends of the **Tingstads**. **Dave** has Parkinsons that is deteriorating rapidly.
- 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 (Neighbor of the Mannerings)
 - 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.

GEN X GROUP PIEROGI MAKING

The Gen X group will gather to make perogies Dec.17 at 5:30 if there is interest. RSVP required and \$10/person to cover supplies. Location will be determined by number attending. Please RSVP to tammiecarbaugh@gmail.com.

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 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.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us for two special combined worship services on December 21st and December 28th at 11 am 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from December 22 – January 2. Staff will be checking their emails and voicemail. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Brad at brad.lcop@gmail.com or 253-279-5120.

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.



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Lakewood*grace* Contemporary Worship
December 14, 2025
Welcome Home! You are in the right place.

Worship Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

** Call to Worship (Psalm 27)*

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,

People: they will stumble and fall.

Leader: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

People: though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

Leader: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life

People: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle

People: and set me high upon a rock.

Leader: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

**People: at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Worship Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

Children Welcomed to Children's Ministry

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

**Gracious God, In this Advent season of waiting and hope, we
confess that we do not always recognize your presence among us.**

**Like John, we wrestle with doubts; like the crowds, we grow
indifferent to your works. Forgive our indifference, our distracted
hearts, and our reluctance to turn to you. Prepare us anew to**

**receive Christ with faith, humility, and joy. Hear now our silent
prayers of confession...**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news:

By the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for you and me on
Calvary, our sins are, indeed, forgiven!

People: Amen!

Scripture | Matthew 11:2-24

The Message | Pastor James Kim

Waiting Through the Worst

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.

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