

Calendar for the week of November 23, 2025

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

Monday, November 24	11:15 am Toddler Play Time 7:00 pm Ward Small Group
Tuesday, November 25	6:00 pm Huber Small Group
Wednesday, November 26	8:30 am ROMEOs 9:30 am Sexton Small Group 1:00 pm Choir
Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed No Events Scheduled
Friday, November 28	Office Closed No Events Scheduled
Saturday, November 29	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, November 30 1 st Sunday of Advent	9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Prairie Hall 11:00 am Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

On November 30th, we will begin the Advent series entitled Waiting...
Pastor will preach on Matthew 21:36-44.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION BANQUET

Join us Friday December 5th at 5:30pm as we celebrate God’s faithfulness and all He has done through our Capital Campaign! We will gather for dinner, share stories, and look ahead with gratitude and anticipation. Please RSVP to the office no later than **November 30th**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND MUSIC PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 11:45 A.M. IN PRAIRIE HALL

Molly Crane is preparing a special music program for us. Please come for a great beginning to the Christmas season. It is also a wonderful opportunity to provide help for our LASA and NOURISH Pierce County neighbors. Lunch will be provided by Martha Circle.

There will be handmade items from the bazaar available for sale.

What a wonderful way to spend time together, so bring a friend or two.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For **Brianna, Tanya Routt’s** daughter and **Glen and Janet Groefsema’s** granddaughter. Her baby boy Nico may need to be born early due to complications. Please pray for the health of mother and baby and wisdom for the medical team caring for them.
- For **Jim and Candy Kenoyer** who need prayers for healing.
- For **Alyce Olsen’s** sister **Linda** who is in Tanzania among riots and violent demonstrations. Please pray for her safety and a safe way home.
- For **Shelly Shellabarger**, who had a heart valve replacement this week. Pray for a smooth and fast recovery.
- For **Lori Ward’s** parents, **Leland & Deloras Loney**. Prayers as they both are undergoing cancer treatments.
- For **Bill Emma’s** sister, **Missy Johnson**, who has cancer. Prayers also for her husband and caregiver, **Curtis**.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:
 - Denis Nadeau (Neighbor of the Mannerings)
 - Skip Smith
 - Mary (Bob and Candy Tingstad)
 - Fred Smart (Coke Smart)
 - Colleen Smart
 - Jerry Williams
 - Martha Kelly
 - Rosemary Kennedy
 - Bill & Jan Edwards
 - Joan Jackson
 - Jim & Alyce Olsen
 - Jim & Laura Pledger
 - Trisha Crane
 - Larry (Jennifer Stafford)
 - Duncan & Hilary (Carolyn Lee)
 - Johanna Henry
 - Diane Aguirre
 - Jack Wilcox
 - Phyllis & Rudy Horst
 - Elaine Tierney
 - Bridget Upton
 - Esther Park (Helen Kim)
 - Cindy Nelson’s brother, Richard Rogers
 - Lisa Semon
 - Mike Noreen
 - Ruthie Faris
 - Bill Price
 - Frances Hilliard
 - Ed and Pam Konsmo
 - Cathy McAllister
 - Mason Thompson (Cindy Nelson)
 - 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)
 - Cindy Nelson
 - Mavery (Don and Rose Becker’s Great Granddaughter)

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 Sunday, Dec. 7, to the church office (or sign up on the sheet in the narthex) or call Terry Hudson 253-448-9623.

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.

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. They just need to be washed and dried – no need to fold!

WEDNESDAYS AT LCOP

Both Bible Study and Prayer and Praise will take a break on 11/26. Join us Wednesday afternoons! We start the afternoon with the **Romans Bible Study at 1pm** and continue with a time of **Prayer and Praise at 2:15**. Join us for one or both! You are welcome to start anytime!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle school youth group usually meets every **Wednesday from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** at church for fun, fellowship, and growing in faith. There will be no youth group on **Wednesday 11/26** due to Thanksgiving. Led by Co-Directors Sasha Hueston and Kaitlin Kim. Don't forget to bring a friend!

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

As you grocery shop for groceries this 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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Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship
November 23, 2025
Welcome Home! You are in the right place.

Worship Song: Your Grace is Enough

** Call to Worship (Psalm 46:1-3; 6-7)*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: A very present help in times of trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,

People: Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam,

People: Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Leader: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

People: He utters his voice, the earth melts.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Worship Song: Because He Lives

Children Welcomed to Children's Ministry

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: God of all creation, you are the beginning and the end. You hold the times of our lives in your hands. We know this, but when faced with the collapse of things around us – in our homes, in our nation, in the world – we give in to despair. We worry about the future when we cannot see it. Forgive our lack of trust in your care and by the power of your Holy Spirit return us to a faith that assures us that you are “our only comfort in life and in death.” Strengthen us to live in these days for sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Be assured of this: When it seems all hope is lost, God is still working toward restoration. Friends, believe the Good News today: Jesus offers us living water. Through him, our sins have been forgiven and we receive new life

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture | 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:22

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Preach, Don't Tickle.

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.

Worship Song: Run to the Father