

Calendar for the week of May 3rd, 2026

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

Greeters: Hans & Judy Brockhoff

Usher: Marilyn Sexton

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| Monday, May 4 | 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:15 am Toddler Play Time |
| Tuesday, May 5 | 1:00 pm Dorcas Circle 1:30 pm Small Group Leaders 4:00 pm Mission and Outreach Meeting |
| Wednesday, May 6 | 12:00 pm First Wednesday Packing 2:00 pm Personnel Committee 6:00 pm Student Ministries |
| Thursday, May 7 | 1:30 pm Boomer & Builder Leaders 5:30 pm Dance 6:15 pm Prairie Bells |
| Friday, May 8 | <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 pm Women's Worship Night |
| Saturday, May 9 | <i>No Events Scheduled</i> |
| Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day | 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 will continue our series on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor will preach from Mark 2:13-28.

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.

MAY IS DEACONS'S OFFERING MONTH

The Deacons responsibilities include caring for the people of our church and people in our community on behalf of our congregation. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Deacons fund in the enclosed envelope or noting on a check, Deacons fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayer Requests

- For the family of **Shelly Shellaberger**. **Shelly** passed away last week.
- For **John Huber**, **Becky's husband**, who is in a rehab facility dealing with various health issues.
- For **Linda Campbell**, friend of **Tary Irwin** and **Kathy Carr**. She was recently diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.
- Prayers for **Gayle Smith**, who fell and broke her ribs.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Angela, Jo Marie Menees' daughter-in-law**. She is recovering well from her surgery and the tumor was benign.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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

SUMMER SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS

Summer small group sign-ups kick off today, May 3rd. Our Small Group Leadership team and Facilitators are hosting our Family Lunch today. Join us in Prairie Hall for lunch and a chance to ask your questions about small groups. We would love to have you join a group this summer! A sign-up form with more information is in this bulletin.

BOOMER & BUILDER SPRING FLING

Boomer/ Builder Spring Fling will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Lakeside Club - a beautiful venue on American Lake. From Gravelly Lake, take the Veterans Drive exit from the roundabout, then the second left on to Pine Street and follow the signs. Parking assistance will be available. Please RSVP: sign up sheets in the Narthex and Prairie Hall, or call the office, or call Terry at 253-448-9623.

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us on **this 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!

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!

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.



THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE PRAIRIE & LAKEWOODGRACE
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Worship Service | May 3, 2026, 11:00 am

Worship Leaders – Hazel B. & John M.

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

Gathering Music

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

Musical Offering:

Prairie Bells

Give Thanks

By Henry Smith, Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Children's Sermon - Mary Mannering

***"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 84: 1-5)*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

Leader: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

People: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young –

Leader: A place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you, whose hearts are set on a pilgrimage.

***Hymn of Praise (Praise Team)**

House of the Lord

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

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 and grant us grace as we come to you, our Savior and only hope. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news: Paul writes that Jesus Christ "will sustain us to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Our identity is not based on our best days or our worst days. It is based on God's faithfulness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are loved, and we are sustained. Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let's take a moment to share the peace of Christ with others around you this day.

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 | Acts 2: 42-47

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

One Another

Communion

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)**

God So Loved

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*