

Calendar for the week of August 16, 2026

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

Greeters: Peter & Laura Sloan

Usher: Doug Berglund

Monday, August 17	11:15 am Toddler Play Time
Tuesday, August 18	1:00 pm Sewing Circle
Wednesday, August 19	No Events Scheduled
Thursday, August 20	No Events Scheduled
Friday, August 21	Office Closed No Events Scheduled
Saturday, August 22	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, August 23	9:00 am Summer 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 take a break from our series on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor James will be back and preaching from Philippians.

WELCOME BACK, PASTOR JAMES!

We’re excited to welcome Pastor James back from his sabbatical! He will be back in the office beginning Tuesday, August 18, and back in the pulpit next Sunday, August 23. We look forward to having him back with us!

CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING

Join us on Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 AM in the library for our next Christian Professional Leadership gathering. The group is open to people at all career stages from those just starting out to those reflecting back after retirement. We gather to reflect on scripture as Christian leaders, build connections with fellow believers, strengthen our ability to lead through both challenging and rewarding situations, and to encourage each other to fulfill the task God has placed before us.

Come connect, share, and grow in faith and leadership with us.

Prayer Requests

- Praises that **Becky Huber’s husband John** came home on Aug. 6th after 3 months in a rehab facility.
- For **Gail Green** who had foot surgery on Thursday August 13th.
- For one of our preschool teachers, **Kathi Loverin’s husband Don** who is having radiation treatments for a reoccurrence of cancer.
- Prayers of protection for those in the city of Spokane, especially for friends and family of the congregation.
- For **Rudy Horst**, who is in the hospital. Please also pray for Phyllis and the family.
- For **Lori Ward’s sister Leslie** who was recently diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Pray for **Jack Wilcox’s daughter Montana** who finished her treatment for cancer in her tonsils and lymph nodes.
- Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:
 - Linda Campbell
 - Judy Taut
 - Skip & Gayle Smith & Family
 - Fred Smart (Coke Smart)
 - Jerry Williams
 - Martha Kelcy
 - Rosemary Kennedy
 - Bill & Jan Edwards
 - Joan Jackson
 - Trisha Crane
 - Larry (Jennifer Stafford)
 - Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker)
 - Carmen Sterba-Russell
 - Bobbie Grant and Family
 - Retha Pederson
 - Alyce Olsen
 - Doris Johnson
 - Jim & Laura Pledger
 - Bernice Yoder
 - Diane Aguirre
 - Elaine Tierney
 - Bridget Upton
 - Esther Park (Helen Kim)
 - Ruthie Faris
 - Bill Price
 - Ed and Pam Konsmo
 - 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)

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.

COVENANT PARTNERSHIP CLASS-SEPTEMBER 20TH

We will be having our next Covenant Partnership class on September 20th 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.

WATER BOTTLES FOR TACOMA RESCUE MISSION

The Tacoma Rescue mission has sent out an urgent request for bottles of water for their Search and Rescue Teams. This is a wonderful way to help the community during these hot, summer months. You can bring these in on Sunday or during the week to the office. You can also contact the church office for further information about ways to help.

PRAIRIE BELLS

Prairie Bells will be starting practice on September 3rd. If you would like more information, please contact Gail Green or show up to practice! All are welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Our men's breakfast is on the second Monday of each month. Come as you are, for good food and fellowship! The next one is **Monday, September 14th** at 8:30 a.m. in the Elgin Room. Please call the church office at (253) 588-6631 or sign up in the narthex (lobby of the sanctuary) to reserve your spot. Don't miss out!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now is a great time to shop the back-to-school sales for Operation Christmas Child! You can find great deals on school supplies, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other items that make wonderful gifts for shoeboxes. Thank you for helping make a difference, one shoebox at a time!

ADULT MISSION TRIP OCTOBER 5-8!

We're heading back to Ellensburg and staying at the Lazy F Camp on the creek! Each day includes 4-5 hours of mission work, followed by relaxing at camp, dinner, fellowship, worship, and singing with Pastor James. The cost is **\$250 for three nights**, including food and lodging. Sign up at the church office or contact Alan Macpherson at 253-459-4455 or Lee Hudson at 253-208-2606 for details.



THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE PRAIRIE

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Worship Service | August 16, 2026, 11:00 am
Worship Leader – Amy Trevino
Music: Molly Crane, Ruthann Ritchie, Angelia McGoran & LG Team

Gathering Music

Opening Song (Praise Team)

House of the Lord

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

Musical Offering

Choir

Great Jehovah

arr. by Pepper Choplin

Children's Sermon and Dismissal - Mary Mannering

***“Doxology” No. 625**

** Call to Worship (Psalm 86)*

Leader: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my supplications!

People: In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.

Leader: There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours.

People: All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your Name.

Leader: For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

People: Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Leader: I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever.

People: For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Hymn of Praise (Hymnal No. 228)

Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Prayer of Confession*

Leader: “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

People: Jesus, You love without condition, without limit, without regard for status or station or situation. You love us while we are yet sinners. You love us as we are, yet love us for what we may become. You believe for us when we are unable to believe for ourselves. Loving Savior, teach us to love as You love. Show us how to see others the way You see us. Help us believe for them as You believe for us. Let Your love displace our fear, our envy, our disdain, our distrust. Settle our hearts in faith so that sin may no more entice us. Heal our hurts so that we may forgive. In this way will the world know that we are Your disciples, that we love them as You love us. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

**Assurance of Pardon:*

Leader: Friends, we have been justified by faith, and so we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we now stand. God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then live for Him.

People: Amen.

Leader: 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 today.

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

Scripture | Mark 9:30-50

The Message | Pastor Bill Ward

“Least Common Denominator”

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Song of Commitment (Praise Team)**

Build Your Kingdom Here

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*