

Calendar for the week of April 13th

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

Greeters: Glenn and Janet Groefsema | Usher: Doug Berglund

Monday, April 14	11:15 am Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room 12:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 pm Ward Small Group
Tuesday, April 15	1:00 pm Dorcas Circle
Wednesday, April 16	1:00 pm Choir Practice 1:00 pm Book of Romans Bible Study 5:30 pm Student Ministries 6:00 pm Prayer and Praise with the Pastors
Thursday, April 17	10:00 am Teevin and Rich Small Group 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm Dance Class
Friday, April 18	<i>Office Closed No Events Scheduled</i>
Saturday, April 19	<i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Sunday, April 20	<i>Easter Sunday!</i> 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Fellowship & Finger Foods in Prairie Hall 10:40 am Dance Performance in Prairie Hall 11:00 am Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Next week, the Pastors will be preaching from John 3:16.

EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter, we will be decorating the cross with flowers. Please consider bringing a fresh flower to church Easter Morning to decorate the cross!

JOIN US FOR AN EASTER CELEBRATION

Join us next Sunday for a joyful morning of worship, fellowship, and celebration as we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ!

9:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

10:00 AM – Fellowship & Finger Foods in Prairie Hall

10:40 AM – A delightful performance from our Children's Dance Class

11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

Following the service, our Lakewoodgrace kids will enjoy a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt with nearly 1,000 candy-filled eggs!

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you and your family!

Prayer Requests

- For **Bill Emma's** sister, **Missy Johnson**. She has cancer.
- For **Janine Saul's** niece, **Tawnie**. She has liver cancer.
- For **Sharon Scott**. Prayers for continued healing.
- For **Mason Thompson, Cindy Nelson's grandson**. He has back issues.
- For **Cathy McAllister**, a member of our Bell Choir. She was in a car accident and had challenging injuries. Prayers as she continues to recover. Delorse – mom who is at St. Clare.
- For preschool mom, **Monica Rameriz**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy.
- Prayers for a former preschool family and their son, **Benedict**, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Colleen Smart | • Cindy Nelson's brother, Richard Rogers | • Deanna Price |
| • Jerry Williams | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Martha Kelcy | • Floyd Collins | • Bev Conover |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Lisa Semon | • Steve George |
| • Bill Edwards | • Mike Noreen | • Inge Conner |
| • Joan Jackson | • Ruthie Faris | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Bridget Upton | • Bill Price | • Gordon Neu |
| • Jim & Alyce Olsen | • Amy Bettsworth (Peter Sloan) | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |
| • Jim Pledger | • Frances Hilliard | • Carmen Sterba-Russell |
| • Trisha Crane | • Ed and Pam Komsmo | • Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker) |
| • Larry (Jennifer Stafford) | • Cindy Nelson | • Tal Edman |
| • Duncan & Hilary (Carolyn Lee) | | |
| • Esther Park (Helen Kim) | | |

Prayers for healthy preschoolers, victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. For our church music ministries, caregivers, first responders, and the homebound. For our student ministries to thrive and our weekend services to strengthen and equip our members, expanding God's impact.

READERS NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

We still need a few volunteer readers for the Cast of Characters in our Maundy Thursday service. If you're interested, sign up on the sheet at the welcome table or call the office. For questions, please contact the office or reach out to Molly Crane at 360-731-9114.

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. These pantries are kiosks filled with food for those in need and are located in neighborhoods throughout Lakewood.

MEN'S BRATS & BEVERAGES DINNER – APRIL 27 AT 5 PM

Gentlemen, mark your calendars! Join us Sunday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. for a fun evening of brats, beverages, and hearty German fare. The gathering will take place at either Alan Macpherson's or Lee Hudson's home (location to be confirmed). Space is limited, so call the church office at (253) 588-6631 to reserve your spot.

EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK HUNGER WALK 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 9 am at Ft. Steilacoom Park | \$30 to Walk

In 2024, EFN saw 3.1 million visits to its partner programs—and the need continues to grow. EFN provides food to 75 food banks, Tacoma Rescue Mission, and students in need during school breaks.

Every \$1 donated supplies two meals. If you can help, donations can be made online (www.lakewoodlcp.com/events) or via cash/check to EFN, given to Gayle or David West, who will handle the paperwork and delivery. Questions or need help registering? Call Gayle West at 253-219-9790.

CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

April 30 | 6-8 pm

Join us on **Wednesday, April 30, from 6:00–8:00 PM** for the **Christian Professional Leadership Group**, a time of motivation, collaboration, and shared inspiration. No prep or fees are required—just bring your favorite leadership resources and any challenges you'd like to discuss in a supportive, faith-based environment. All are welcome! **RSVP by April 22** to Jennifer Stafford (staffordmj@gmail.com) or Phillip K. Shelton (phillipkimshelton@gmail.com).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD | APRIL IDEAS

Spring is here—Easter, bunnies, and great deals! Now's the time to grab stuffed animals, stickers, coloring books, spring clothes, and outdoor toys. If you find a bargain, share the tip! Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$10 donation per shoebox for shipping, so setting aside a little each month helps.

Remember Jesus' words after the Good Samaritan: "Go and do likewise."

APRIL SENIOR LUNCH | FIELD TRIP TO KNUTSON TULIP FARM

Join us for a Senior Lunch at Knutson Flower Farm on Wednesday, April 23, at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the beauty of the tulip fields while sharing lunch with friends. The entry fee is \$15 per person, and lunch options are available on-site. Carpooling is encouraged to make transportation easier. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward: 509-990-0757



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Traditional Worship

April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Jim Amsbary

Gathering Music, Jinshil Yi

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

***“Doxology” No 625**

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.

Prelude, Jinshil Yi

**Call to Worship (Psalm 6: 1-9)*

Leader: Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

People: Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.

Leader: My soul is in deep anguish. How long, LORD, how long?

People: Turn, LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Leader: Among the dead no one proclaims your name. Who praises you from the grave?

People: I am worn out from my groaning.

Leader: All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.

People: My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.

Leader: Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping.

People: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer!

***Hymn of Praise No. 174**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: Lord God, you have you have called us to yourself and made us into a people. We belong to you, and we belong to one another. But in our self-focused lives, we have forgotten that and have lived for ourselves. Sometimes we have ignored others whom we have deemed unworthy. Sometimes we have ignored your gifts to us and deemed ourselves unworthy. O Lord, by the power of your Spirit, increase our gratitude for your gifts and for our life together. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

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.

Special Music | Prairie Bells

Hear the Bells Ringing arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Scripture Lesson | 2 Corinthians 13:1-14

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Patience, Pop Quiz, Peace Out!

Offering

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.

***Hymn of Commitment No. 173**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Benediction

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

**Please stand if you are able*