



2025

Annual Report

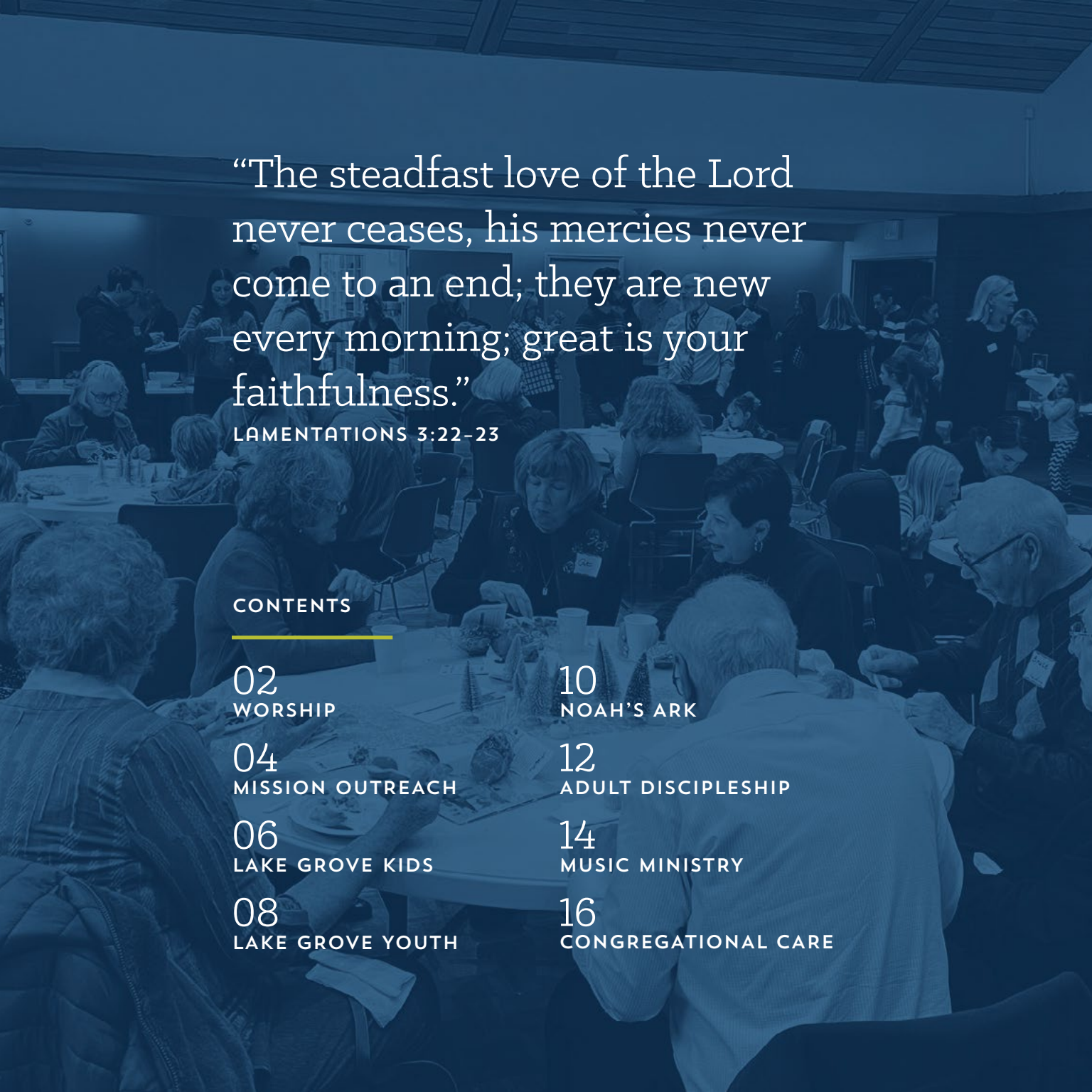












“The steadfast love of the Lord  
never ceases, his mercies never  
come to an end; they are new  
every morning; great is your  
faithfulness.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

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## a word from our pastors

### AS WE REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR AT LAKE GROVE,

we do so with deep gratitude for God's enduring faithfulness. In seasons of challenge and in moments of joy, we have been reminded that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Each day has brought new mercies, and through them, God has continued to work in and through this community in powerful and meaningful ways.

In the pages of this annual report, you will see how God has drawn us together in worship, nurturing our faith through meaningful services that deepen our connection with one another and with God. Through prayer, exultant music, and engaging preaching, we have been invited to grow together—strengthening our sense of community, “koinonia”—a community grounded in Christ from the inside out.

You will see how God's faithfulness has also been evident in our shared ministry across the generations. We have cared for one another through shared laughter and fun, thoughtful listening, and honest dialogue. Opportunities such as Second Sundays, Sunday morning programming for kids and youth, both men's and women's retreats, Bible studies, engaging workshops, and times of fellowship have allowed us to learn with and from one another, building relationships rooted in joy and the love of Christ.



You will see God's faithfulness in mission. We have continued to live out the love of Christ beyond our walls. Together with our mission partners, Lake Grove has made a tangible difference in both local and global communities. Through service, generosity, and presence, we have borne witness to God's love in action—responding to needs and sharing hope in real and lasting ways.

This annual report is a testament to God's work among us and to the faithfulness of this congregation. As we look back with thanksgiving and look ahead with hope, we trust that the God whose mercies are new every morning will continue to guide and sustain Lake Grove in the year to come.

Great is God's faithfulness—and we are grateful to walk this journey together with all of you.

*Graig Flach*

**Pastor Graig Flach**

*Susan L. Graham*

**Pastor Susan Graham**

*Colly A. Zomermaand*

**Pastor Conley Zomermaand**





# Worship

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WE CONTINUE TO BE BLESSED WITH three worship options at Lake Grove. Our **8:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service** and **9:30 a.m. Modern Service** are led by our pastors and music leader Joe Sanchez in the updated Fellowship Hall. Our **9:30 a.m. Traditional Service** takes place in our majestic sanctuary, led by the beautiful 1,500-pipe organ and a rotating schedule of choirs, including the 90-voice Sanctuary Choir, our Children's and Youth Choirs, and the Covenant Bell Choir.





# worship at lake grove

BY THE NUMBERS

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IN PERSON

50

8 AM BLENDED

58

9:30 AM MODERN

264

9:30 AM TRADITIONAL

VIA LIVESTREAM (*Sanctuary Service*)

197

VIMEO (*church website*)

62

YOUTUBE



# lake grove outreach

BY THE NUMBERS

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11  
LOCAL MISSION  
PARTNERS

7  
INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION PARTNERS

2  
GOTEAMS SENT  
(Senegal & Nicaragua)

300  
FOOD BOXES DELIVERED  
*to local food-insecure families*

150  
CHILDREN OF  
INCARCERATED CITIZENS  
RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

2+  
TONS OF FOOD DELIVERED  
*to local food pantries*

and  
DONATIONS TO RELIEF  
EFFORTS IN UKRAINE & GAZA



# Mission Outreach

**MISSION OUTREACH**—that's what we call Lake Grove's ministry to people in need out beyond the walls of our church buildings... "out there". We reach out to people who need food, water, and shelter. And we reach out in Jesus' name, because they all need the love of Christ as well. ***Everyone who donates to the church is part of this outreach, and we encourage everyone at the church to adopt at least one partnership to pray or volunteer for.*** It might be volunteering at one of the shelters we support, or sponsoring a child in Zambia, or helping deliver food to those who need it.

After 4 years of sponsoring two Afghan refugee families, we celebrated their self-sufficiency. There is still a steep road ahead of them, but we thank God that they can now move on without the assistance of the church.





# Lake Grove Kids

IN LGK OUR GOAL IS TO HELP KIDS DISCOVER THEY ARE LOVED BY JESUS and that they have a place in God's story. We do this by creating a fun, safe place that is inclusive and allows kids to be exactly who God has created them to be—wiggles and all.





11  
NEW FAMILIES

9  
BAPTISMS

40  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE (avg)

25  
VOLUNTEERS

8  
NEW BABIES

90  
KIDS ATTENDED  
SUMMER CAMP

6  
DIFFERENT TYPES  
OF EVENTS OFFERED  
EACH MONTH (avg)





# Lake Grove Youth

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## LAKE GROVE YOUTH IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

where every student is invited to experience the love of Jesus and feel a true sense of belonging. It is a space designed for students to have fun, build meaningful relationships, and grow closer to Jesus in new and engaging ways.

Mid-June, Laura Fuller (Lead Director of Discipleship) stepped in to take leadership of the Youth Ministry while a search began for a new Youth Director—that search is ongoing. We are deeply grateful for our dedicated core of volunteers whose leadership helps our Sunday morning Youth Gatherings and Sunday night Youth Group flourish. On Sunday mornings, LGY students engage with the same sermon series as the congregation through age-appropriate lessons and fellowship. On Sunday evenings, students in grades 6–12 come together for dinner, games, community, and a lesson centered on faith and life. This fall, we used resources from the Fuller Youth Institute to explore topics such as compassion and anxiety through the lens of faith in Jesus.

Throughout the year, students have enjoyed a variety of fun and community-building events, including Winter Retreats, baking challah bread for Passover, rafting trips with our mission partners at YD Adventures, and festive celebrations during the fall season and Advent—LGY even got to light an Advent candle in the Modern service. Beyond these events, our youth have been actively serving both within the church and in the wider community. Highlights include a high school summer mission trip to Florida with Praying Pelican Missions serving the hungry and houseless, helping serve at the Women's Advent Dessert, and supporting many Lake Grove Kids activities.

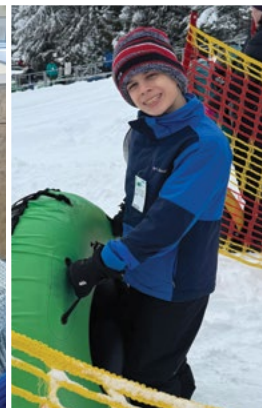
10  
SUNDAY MORNING  
ATTENDANCE (avg)

10  
YOUTH GROUP  
ATTENDANCE (avg)

35+  
PARTICIPATING  
STUDENTS

6  
REGULAR  
VOLUNTEERS









*“Noah’s Ark is truly something special. The teachers are so kind and attentive, and you can easily see how they care for and connect with each child. I love how the school nurtures early learning while also gently pointing children toward Jesus. It’s the kind of place that leaves families feeling deeply grateful and confident their children are exactly where they’re meant to be.”*

**SALLY FALLOW, NOAH’S ARK PARENT**



# Noah's Ark

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**IN 2025, NOAH'S ARK CELEBRATED ANOTHER YEAR** of providing exceptional early childhood education for children ages 2 to 6. Noah's Ark looks forward to celebrating its 28th graduating class in May 2026 and continuing its legacy well into the future.

## COVENANT KIDS

We offered extended care with an enrichment program. Students stay up to 2 hours and enjoy lunch, play, and special activities.

## SUMMER CAMP

The fun did not stop over the summer! Noah's Ark held nine weekly camps open to all children in our community, ages three to five.

## FAMILY CHAPEL TIME

Noah's Ark offered a monthly chapel for teachers, students, and their families. Family Chapel Time included worship through singing, story, and prayer. Ms. Susan led the chapel time with support from Abby Krawson, Jean Brunson, and the LGK Team.

## KINDER PREP CLASS

Noah's Ark expanded by bringing back its bridge class in the fall for children who would benefit from another year before kindergarten. These students thrived under Ms. Sarah Sievert's teaching as she prepared them for the next steps in their education. Noah's Ark Preschool will continue to offer its unique kindergarten preparatory class and curriculum.

## enrollment

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4  
CLASSES

49  
STUDENTS

10  
TEACHERS

# Adult Discipleship

**2025 WAS A RICHLY BLESSED YEAR**, full of opportunities to experience God's love through life with Jesus Christ. At Lake Grove Pres, the truth of Christ transformed lives, renewed relationships, and drew us closer to one another and to Him. Together we worshiped, studied God's Word, shared fellowship, served others, bore witness, and worked for justice. This is a community where faith is nurtured, connections deepen, and lives are changed by God's grace. All are welcome, and all are invited to join our discipleship opportunities as we continue growing together in Christ.

## SMALL GROUPS & BIBLE STUDIES

- 20 Small Groups
- Weekly sermon series study materials shared (paper and digital) plus a unique staff-created Advent Devotional.
- **4th quarter Men's Bible Study** has grown so much they needed to move to a new space.
- A **Tuesday Women's Bible Study** was launched
- 50+ women participated in the **Wednesday Women's Bible Study**.

## lgpc library

3000+  
ITEMS IN THE CATALOG

270  
ITEMS CHECKED OUT

81  
NEW ITEMS ADDED

**THE LGPC LIBRARY** supports the mission and teachings of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church by providing books and trusted resource recommendations that encourage people of all ages to grow in Christian faith and appreciation of Christian literature. The online catalog, available through the LGPC website, allows users to search by topic, title, or author and request items for pickup at the Reception Desk. Library use continues to recover following the Covid shutdown and is promoted through displays in the Gathering Area. New materials come from purchases, staff recommendations, Amazon Wishlist donations, and general donations, with all donated items reviewed for relevance, alignment with LGPC values, condition, and timeliness before being added to the collection, placed on the Free Cart, or donated to Goodwill.



## MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Men's Ministry sought to "create a supportive community where men can deepen their faith, strengthen relationships with their brothers in Christ, and actively serve others. LGMM aspires to empower all participants to grow in their walk with God and to live out their faith with purpose and integrity."

- 45 men at **Shoulder to Shoulder** half-day retreat exploring intergenerational lives of faith.
- 60 men attended **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**; a related **Lenten Devotional** was created for the men to utilize throughout the season.
- 111 attended **Oktoberfest**
- 100 men at **Advent Breakfast**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Women's Ministry leaned into its mission of "encouraging women's spiritual, personal, and social lives through service and education" by sponsoring a number of successful events throughout the year:

- **Spring: Women's Retreat** at Twin Rocks (40+ ladies!); gardening education hour in Fellowship Hall
- **Summer:** Timbers soccer fellowship outing
- **Fall:** potluck featuring Jeannine Graham as speaker
- **Winter:** Valentines for shut-ins, **Advent Dessert** (170 ladies!); Advent craft with LGK; and Caroling

## RECREATIONAL FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 5 events, including Hikes & White Water Rafting



# Music Ministry

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

COLLOSSIANS 3:14



## MUSIC MINISTRIES AT LGPC REMAIN A VITAL PART

of the church's worship, care, and witness. Throughout the year, more than 200 participants of all ages lead worship and share their faith through music. Through rehearsals, workshops, and music mission trips, the ministry nurtures spiritual growth, musical development, and Christian fellowship. We are grateful for all God has enabled us to do together.

## 8 AM/9:30 AM MODERN WORSHIP

The Fellowship Hall services continued to grow in depth and devotion, providing consistent worship, meaningful fellowship, comfort in difficult seasons, and thoughtful engagement with a complex world. A key milestone was the launch of our first modern music concert, Songs for These Times, reflecting the voice of this community. Highlights included Easter, Special Music Sunday at the start of Advent, and the 3:30 PM Christmas Eve service, each featuring a full band and strong congregational participation.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS

Children and youth choirs continued to grow in both size and musical skill. Joy Choir nurtured our youngest singers, highlighted by shared performances on Musician Commissioning and Palm Sunday. Hope and Peace Choirs participated in the Lake Grove Concert Series, including Tapestry and Requiem for the Living. Youth and children also led worship at services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Worship through Music. The second annual musical theater camp was offered to the community and was another great success.





## COVENANT BELLS

Covenant Bells enjoyed a strong year in 2025, regularly enhancing monthly communion services and offering musical testimony. Highlights included a Maundy Thursday performance of Gethsemane by former member Nancy Hascall (now deceased), ensemble performances in January and June, and participation in a Salem handbell festival led by Cathy Moklebust. The year concluded with the 25th annual Bells and Brass concert in December, again performed twice due to strong attendance.

## THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Throughout 2025, the Choir led worship with music that reflected the depth of our faith and supported the message of each service. Highlights included Good Friday and Easter, the spring concert Requiem for the Living, A World of Carols for Worship through Music Sunday, and moving Christmas Eve services. Collaborations with guest musicians, including members of the Oregon Symphony, Pam Baker, Dorcas Smith, and other artists, enriched both worship and community life.

## CONCERT SERIES

In 2025, the Lake Grove Concert Series continued welcoming the community with family-friendly, world-class performances. Along with the Sanctuary Choir spring concerts and Bells and Brass, highlights included Tapestry, an original program by Abigail Krawson and LaRiche Lamar, and a keyboard concert by Jeff Wood. The series reached over 3,000 people in person and online and raised more than \$10,000 for mission partners in Portland and Zambia.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-8**



# Congregational Care

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**IT HAS BEEN INSPIRING** to see the way God has worked through the many deacons, congregational care, and hospitality volunteers in 2025 to bring about beautiful good. In this snapshot of numbers, you will see the vibrancy of connection through their work. We were particularly delighted to add a **Mental Health Workshop** for families and a six-session guided conversation experience called **Gather at the Table** to our many ministries of care and connection this year.



4,444

**POUNDS OF FOOD** *donated to Lake Oswego Hunger Fighters through the Deacon's Food Pantry*

130

**PIECES OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** *loaned out through the Medical Supply Closet*

500+

**CARDS** *of comfort, encouragement, and birthday celebration sent*

19

**MEAL TRAINS** *organized*

17

**MEMORIAL RECEPTIONS** *hosted by the Memorial Reception Team*

30

**GRIEVING FAMILIES RECEIVED GRIEF BOOKLETS**

18

**PEOPLE RECEIVED HOME COMMUNION** *each month (avg)*

31+

**RIDES** *given by the Transportation Team*

40

**HOURS OF PRAYER** *devoted by the Prayer Team on Tuesday mornings, with countless more beyond*

30

**RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES HOSTED REGULAR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS** *through Residential Connectors*

100

**CARING CALLS AND VISITS** *made through Care and Friendship Visitation teams*

1

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP HOSTED**

21

**CONGREGANTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS** *received financial assistance through the Barnabas Fund*

1

**JOYFUL 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATED**

1000s

**CUPS OF COFFEE AND MOMENTS OF CONNECTION** *served through Beanediction*

20

**USHERS COVERED THREE SERVICES** *each month, with 10 more serving as substitutes*

16

**GREETERS WELCOMED CONGREGANTS** *each month, with 33 more available for substitutes and special events*

8

**VOLUNTEERS HOSTED THE INFORMATION DESK** *every week*

1

**SUMMER PICNIC** *hosted by the Events Team*

2

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS** *supported with snacks by the Events Team*

1

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** *hosted by the Events Team*

6

**SESSIONS OF GATHER AT THE TABLE ENGAGED**

115

**PARTICIPANTS**

and

**ONGOING GRIEF CARE CONTINUED** *including the annual Longest Night Service*











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