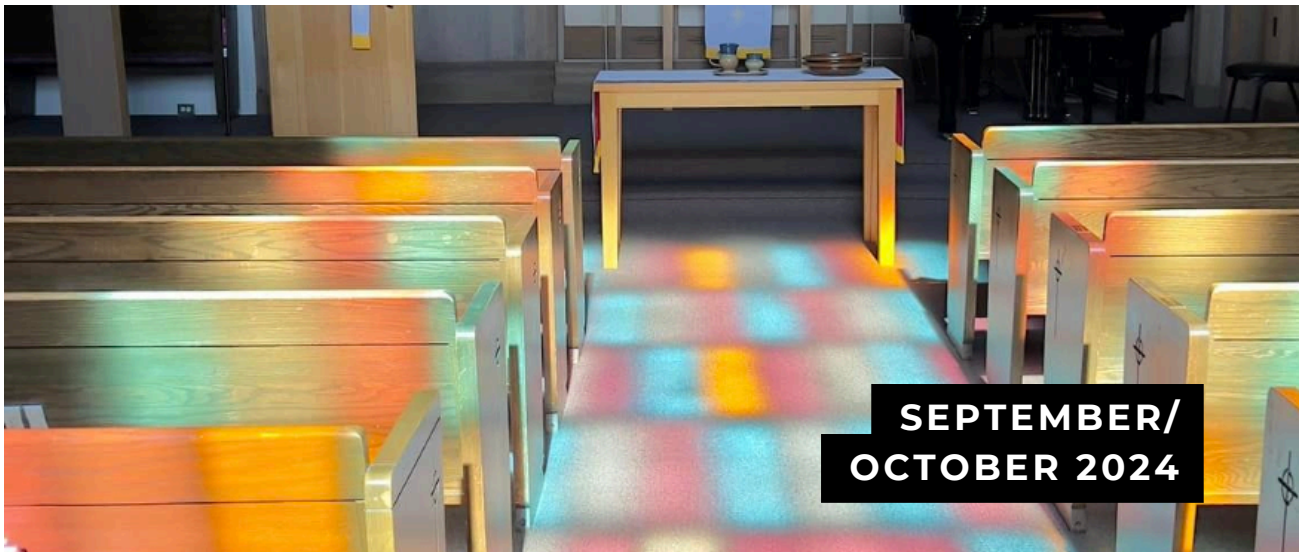


# The Light of Lakewood Presbyterian Church



NEWS, UPDATES, AND  
STORIES FROM LPC



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## Our Gift to the World

Dear Church,

Fall is in full swing and every week in September I found myself saying, "I'll get the newsletter done next week!" It officially became the September *and* October edition! There is a frenzy to the air in September- school busses back on the roads, wondering, "*is this the last warm day of the year?*" every time it gets above 75, and a whole new set of routines for families with children.

It's now my second fall at this church and while some days I feel just as brand new as I did a year ago, there are other days where I see this community so much differently than I did a year ago. A year of building relationships has made a difference.

Relationships take time and they take work. The relationships that matter

most to us are the ones where we have been willing to put in that time and work-- year after year. It has been a privilege to witness that work in this congregation. I have seen the ways that you have showed up for one another in times of joy and sorrow.

Your care and love for each other is contagious and it's why we have visitors who are coming week after week, wanting to know more.

As we look ahead toward what the next chapter in this church's story is, I want us all to remember that real, loving relationships is a gift we have to offer to each other and the world. How might God us that gift? I can't wait to find out with you.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Laura*

### In this month's newsletter you can expect:

✉ A Letter from  
Pastor Laura

📷 A Photo from a  
sweet moment  
after worship

🎃 A first look at  
our Harvest  
Festival!

📅 Save the Dates  
for upcoming fall  
events, and more!



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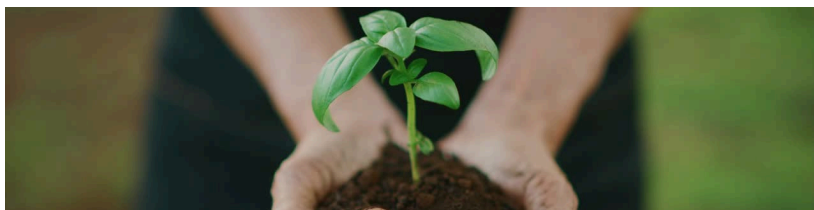
## Come to our Harvest Festival!

One of our most successful events this year was the Easter Egg Hunt and so we thought, **“what could we do as a fall equivalent of an Easter Egg hunt?”** and we decided on a Harvest Festival! It’s an opportunity to celebrate the abundance of God’s creation and to welcome our neighbors onto our property.

This event will be hosted on our property with warm drinks, crafts, a photo booth, activities for kids, and an opportunity to meet our neighbors. Our hope is it will be a fun, easy gathering for our church & community.

### How can you be involved?

1. Attend! You don’t have to have kids to enjoy it!
2. Invite your neighbors and friends.
3. Help tell our neighbors. We’ll be passing out flyers in the neighborhood and could use help.
4. Host a “station” at the event
5. Help with lead-up preparation, set-up, or clean up
6. Donate donuts ;)



## Looking for Earth Care Members

LPC recently joined **Presbyterians For Earth Care**. We had a great congregational meeting in September and we’re excited about our next steps in responding to God’s call to us to protect and care for creation! Want to be a part of our team? Contact Jennifer Rogiers ([jmrogiers@gmail.com](mailto:jmrogiers@gmail.com)) or Connie Dunkelberger ([connied@harbornet.com](mailto:connied@harbornet.com)) if interested in joining the earth care team.

## Who are we?

### PASTOR

REV. LAURA NILE TUELL

### NURSERY STAFF

ALLY SUTTLES

PARKER WILLIAMSON

KIRI-ANN ZAMBARD

### PIANIST

XIAOHUI YANG

### CUSTODIAN

ANDREA RITTENHOUSE

### 2024 CHURCH LEADERS

#### DEACONS

- RENEA WILLIAMSON
- CHELSEA WILLIAMSON
- MELINDA ROGIERS
- BARBARA POLAND
- TOM CALLAHAN

#### ELDERS

- BECKY BUESCHER (clerk)
- JENNIFER ROGIERS
- JIM HALL (treasurer)
- CONNIE DUNKLEBERGER
- SUZY FARLEY
- BRAD TOURANGEAU



## Conversation Church - September 29th

On September 29th, we'll be worshipping a bit differently than usual. Instead of meeting in the sanctuary, we'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for the whole service. The service concludes our month-long series **"I've been meaning to ask..."** which is designed to encourage us all to form deeper relationships with one another. I hope you'll join us for this special service!

### Chili Cook Off & Pumpkin Carving

**Friday October 25th  
5-7pm**

Bring your favorite chili recipe to share for our annual chili cook off! After a meal together, we'll carve our pumpkins.

Bring your own pumpkin (and your best carving tools!) and get into the Halloween spirit as we carve pumpkins together.



### World Communion Sunday

**October 6th**

World Communion Sunday is a celebratory Sunday that invites us to think beyond the walls of our own congregation. On this day, people around the world celebrate Communion as an act of radical unity. While we gather at our own Table to celebrate Christ's joyful feast, we will also remember, with fondness, our siblings in faith celebrating this same meal around the world.





## The office I dreamed of

The photo above is of kids playing with trains in my office after church a few Sundays ago. The picture fills my heart with joy to see kids of different ages (including my own son!) playing together. I always wanted to have a pastor's office where kids felt like they belonged and that space is finally coming together. A church that makes room for children (literally and theologically) is a dream come true.

## Summer Food Drive

LPC'S FREE  
LITTLE PANTRY



## More Pantry Supplies Needed!

We're past Summer and well into Fall, but we still could use more shelf stable food for our free little pantry.

**Our neighbors use this pantry on a daily basis** so your contributions are making a difference in our community! **Popular foods include:**

- Pasta (any shape)
- Pre-made meals (such as rice-a-roni or Mac & Cheese)
- Peanut butter
- Canned fish
- Treats like cookies that folks might not otherwise be able to afford.

## Did you know we have a podcast?



**SCAN THIS!**

If you miss coming to church on a Sunday, you can still catch the sermon! We now have a podcast where you can catch up on the sermon every Sunday afternoon.

Follow the link, scan the QR code, or subscribe on Apple Podcasts to "[Lakewood Presbyterian Church Sermons.](#)"

Questions? Call Pastor Laura

*Join us for  
worship,  
Sundays at 10:30a.*

# Church Calendar



## October

October 3	Gentle Yoga - 10am
October 6	World Communion Sunday
October 10	Gentle Yoga - 10am
October 13	Sunday Worship
October 17	Gentle Yoga - 10 am
October 19	Harvest Festival - 9am-12pm
October 20	Sunday Worship
October 24	Gentle Yoga - 10 am
October 25	Chili Cook Off & Pumpkin Carving -5-7pm
October 27	Stewardship Sunday & Potluck



## Looking Ahead!

November 3	All Saints Sunday
November 24	"Journey Through the Church Year"
November 30	Hanging of the Greens
December 1	Advent Begins!
December 24	Christmas Eve Service

