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Pastor's Perspective *By Caleb Strom, Discipleship & Community Life Pastor*

Greetings Longview Community Church! We are so overjoyed at the opportunity we have to partner with you in ministry here in Longview, Washington. My wife, Breanna, and I have moved from South Bend, Indiana and she has started as an Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist with Developmental Services and Care working one on one with children with Autism here in Longview. Both of us have spent the majority of our lives in the Midwest (me in Illinois and Bre in Indiana) but we are excited to start this adventure out in the Pacific Northwest! We don't have any children yet, but we have two dogs, Atlas (a mutt through and through) and Cali (a border collie mix) that tend to get spoiled as if they are our children. Bre and I met our junior/sophomore year at Bethel University. I graduated in 2018 with a degree in English Education and she graduated the year after with a Liberal Studies degree. I taught English at Goshen High School before getting the call back into ministry where I went back to Bethel for my Master's in Ministry.

We both love hiking and the outdoors, but also enjoy lounging on the couch binging the newest Netflix sensation (Stranger Things was our newest enjoyment). I love discovering good local coffee places, snagging the latest book (both nonfiction and fiction), and staying in touch with my friends across the country playing the latest popular online game. Every church that we have served at together we have volunteered on the worship team, and look forward to sharing our gifts with all of you! And not to worry, I am not a singer. We want people to come to LvCC, so I will stick with my drumming abilities!

We are looking forward to spending time with the LvCC community and getting to know all of you. I am passionate about sharing Jesus with others and I am excited to have the opportunity to share Jesus with you all and share Jesus with the Longview Community. Excited to be a part of Longview Community Church!



Longview Community Church
Community Matters

Elder Meeting Highlights

Sean Kelly opened the Elders meeting on July 19 with prayer and then shared a devotion about Jesus the Vine and the need for pruning of branches. He referenced John 15:1-5, Matthew 3:8 and 7:16-20 and talked about how pruning is necessary, although it sometimes feels like loss, and even when a branch is producing fruit, pruning causes more growth. He discussed how these principles apply to individuals and to the church. The Elders then spent time praying for each other and the congregation.

Church Treasurer Jaime Boaglio shared the financial reports from June and shared that YTD net income is about -\$14,000. This is partially due to several necessary expenses such as van maintenance and paying to bring in two candidates, but essentially it is because member contributions continue to be low and are \$16,000 less than projected.

Randy Sundberg gave an update on the steam condensate lines project and said most of the demo has been done in preparation for the work to begin in August, with the hope of being able to use the boiler by October. He mentioned that a few other projects will be deferred until next year due to the current deficit in the budget.

Patrick Allen reported that, after the recent hiring of Caleb Strom as Discipleship and Community Life Pastor, the Personnel Committee will be shifting their focus to several other areas including working on the details of FMLA for Garrett and Sarah Fix, Lead Pastor review, format of staff reviews, revisiting the employee handbook, standardization of staff job descriptions and contracts, the annual insurance review, and projecting budget needs for 2023.

Dave reminded the Elders of the discussion last month about forming a Stewardship team and suggested they continue to move ahead, especially considering the current state of our finances. He suggested having an Elder representative on the team but also include other church members. Sarah Rundell remarked that the current state of world finance might actually aid in people's receptiveness to the idea of and need for good stewardship. Dave asked the Elders to be in prayer for names of people who could help lead this.

Dave commented that there might be issues with current staff or lay van drivers not being able to drive church vehicles based on our current Transportation Policy. Sean commented the policy was based on our insurance company's recommendations. The Elders felt strongly about maintaining the policy. Dave also mentioned that there are a few places on our property that are dangerous such as the bell tower, catwalk above the sanctuary and the crawlspace under the stage. Dave suggested that Patty contact our property insurance company for their recommendation regarding a policy limiting our liability.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next Elders business meeting is scheduled for August 16 at 7 p.m. in the Journey Room.

FISH Report for July

By Peggy Reibe and Sally Browne, Co-Coordinator

FISH FISH is fun ministry to local people in need of food. The only requirement to receive a full grocery cart of food is to call and come to the church to pick up the food. Every family receives fruit, vegetables, potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat or fish, milk, eggs, bread, ground beef, cereal, toothpaste, soup, chili, top ramen, mac & cheese, soap, toilet paper, and margarine. Many other items are available to choose from including cheese, dried beans, ketchup, mustard, canned foods, deli products, pet food, diapers, laundry detergent and feminine products.

In July, over 40 dedicated volunteers served 586 people including 267 children. Funding and food come from individual donations, LCC Missions Committee, FISH of Cowlitz County, CAP, and food banks.

Please save your clean paper, plastic, and canvas bags and non-perishable food items for us. Donations can be put in the FISH boxes located throughout the church.

This ministry has an amazing dedicated crew of volunteers. Volunteer shift commitment can be as little as one 3 hour shift every two months. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Lisa Som at 360-431-9686.

Thank you everyone for your continued support! Next FISH week is September 26 through 30, 2022.



Youth: “Plugged In”

By Nathaniel Duscha, Youth Pastor

This summer has been awesome so far! We kicked off the summer with Burger Bash at the lake with several other youth groups in town. It was so great to get together with other groups and spend time in fellowship as one community! A few weeks ago, we had summer camps at the Dunes for both middle and high school. It was a great time to get away for a few days and spend time with each other and with God. It was amazing to see God work in the lives of the young people of our area!



You can view the rest of our summer schedule down below. We have three super exciting events planned for August! More details about these events will be coming out in our weekly LvCC Youth emails. If you are not signed up to receive these emails, and you would like to be, you may either scan the QR code below, or go to <http://eepurl.com/dwzC3L>.



LVCC YOUTH Summer Schedule



- June 22nd - Burger Bash @ Martin's Dock
- June 26th - Bowling Night @ Triangle Bowl
- July 5th-9th - Middle School Camp
- July 10th-16th - High School Camp
- July 24th - Back Yard BBQ @ Nathaniel's
- August 7th - Sky Zone
- August 14th - Movie Night
- August 21st - Seaside Trip



world changers KIDS MINISTRY

By Sarah Fix, Director of Children's Ministry

Well, I'm sitting here anxiously waiting to have this baby and wanted to give you a little update on some information for children's ministry! Summer is flying by too fast...I hope you all enjoy the rest of this break and make some awesome memories with your kiddos!

I have a couple people lined up to be my "point" people for children's ministry while I'm on maternity leave healing and soaking up the newborn stage. Lorinda Christianson has become a super supportive mentor for me and will be keeping things running for me for the rest of the summer. If you meet someone new, or need anything, she'll be your gal! Sarah Rundell has graciously offered to assist in any way she can and is heading up "glorified childcare" in the youth room for elementary kids during the 9:00 hour for parents to attend "Discussions with Dave" if they wish. She'll have another leader or two down there as well to hang out and develop relationships with your kids through games and fun together! Our nursery girls, Samantha and Haley will be in the preschool room during that hour to care for any kids under kindergarten age. Our regular children's worship time during the service for kindergarten and under will continue as well.

We will have a Back to School Bash with a Blessing of the Back Packs on Sept 11. Lorinda and a few others will be organizing that as well. If you would be willing to help with any part of that, please let Lorinda know!

I will be picking the curriculum for the fall and making plans as I can with help from Lorinda. I'm really looking forward to launching another school year and seeing what God will do in kids' hearts throughout the fall/winter. If you are interested in becoming a teacher/volunteer for the fall/winter, please let me or Lorinda know!

I hope you all have a blessed rest of your Summer!

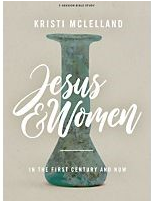


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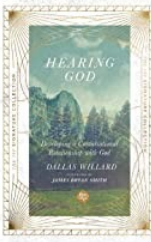
By Patty Howland
Women's Ministry Team Leader

As we are quickly approaching the end of summer, the Women's Ministry Team is already looking forward to groups, studies and events coming for Fall! Here is what is planned so far:

Bible Studies:



Thursday Community Bible Study, begins Sept. 9, 9:30-11:30am *in the Youth Room*. The group will be using the book/video series "Jesus and Women-The First Century and Now" by biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland. You will examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. This 14-week study, that will alternate video viewing and discussion, will be led by Valerie Stein.



Evening Zoom Study, is moving to Wednesday nights and will begin at 7pm on Sept. 14, continuing on alternating Wednesdays through January. This is a great option for those who live a distance from the church or don't like to drive at night! The book for reading and discussion will be "Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God" by Dallas Willard. In this beloved classic, you'll gain rich spiritual insight into how we can hear God's voice clearly and develop an intimate partnership with Him in the work of His kingdom. Contact leader Patty Howland for more info and to obtain the Zoom link for the group.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Childrens):

There will be an Open House on Tuesday Sept. 6 from 9-11am for moms interested in joining and then the regular meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sept. 20. Registration is already almost full unless there are more childcare helpers, so please contact Renee Thorsvik or Elizabeth McMullan if you are available to help or if you would like more information about MOPS.

Women's Fellowship Groups:

There are three women's circles that meet independently monthly in the Chapel Conference Room for fellowship. They also host occasional luncheons throughout the school year. They are:

Mary Martha-meets on the 1st Monday at 6pm; contact Earlene Isaacs for more info

Ruth-meets on the 3rd Monday at 1pm; contact Peggy Reibe for more info

Louise Arnett-meets on the 1st Thursday at 2pm; contact Dolphine Mack for info

You may call the Church Office for contact info for the various group leaders.

Women Together (Ladies Nights Out):

These are quarterly fellowship events for ALL WOMEN! We are planning to meet on **Friday, September 15**, from 6-9pm for a "**A Night in Tuscany**"! This event was planned for the week in 2020 when we had to shut down due to COVID so it never happened. We are looking forward to finally being able to move ahead with it. There will be an Italian-style potluck with a sign up form available August 21 to indicate what salad, main dish or dessert you will bring. We will be in the Youth Room (think couches and big screens!) to eat dinner, and watch the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun", taking an intermission for dessert. This is great opportunity to get to know other women and also to invite a friend to a fun, non-threatening event!

For those who like to read: Because of the length of this article, it is infringing on the regular "Library Notes" space. Librarian Dee Dalgarno graciously forfeited her article but asked me to let those of you who are Lauraine Snelling fans know that the library now has the first two books in Lauraine's latest "Leah's Garden" series available for check-out, along with lots of other historical fiction favorites!

This and That

Discussions with Dave are continuing on Sundays at 9am in the Chapel. The discussion topics for August and corresponding scriptures, if you'd like to read in advance are:

- August 7: Grace and Love-Mt 7:1-2, Jn15:13
 - August 14: Political Identity-Rom13, 1 Pet 2:13-14
 - August 21: Evangelism-Mt 28:18-20, Mt 9:37-38
 - August 28: Community-Acts 2:42, 1 Cor 1:10
- Childcare is available in the Preschool Room for Nursery-preschool and in the Youth Room for elementary age kids.

Coffee on the Green For the rest of August, we will enjoy Fellowship Time after church outside on the green and under the tent! Plan to stay for a while after church to have some coffee or lemonade and catch up with old friends and meet some new ones!

We could really use **YOUR HELP** on the **Hospitality Team** to be in charge on a rotating basis of the Sunday Coffee Hour during Fellowship Time. This typically involves preparing the coffee, hot water and lemonade ahead of time on Sunday morning, providing and plating cookies or other "goodies", serving and cleaning up afterwards. There are "bakers" willing to bake cookies if you would like. This would likely be a once every 4-6 weeks commitment. This is a great way for newer people to get involved and start to connect with our church family! If interested, please call the Church Office at 360-423-6380.



SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) will host a **picnic at Willow Grove** on August 18 from 10am to 3pm. Chicken, beverages and table service will be provided but please sign up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Also, mark your calendar now to attend the melodrama **"Shanghaied in Astoria"** presented by the Astor Street Opry Company in Astoria, Oregon on Sept. 4. The cost of \$20 will cover gas and admission. The group will go out to dinner together afterwards. Plan to bring a sack lunch and meet after church at 11:30am. Sign ups begin August 14.



Theodore (Theo) James Fix was born to Garrett and Sarah on July 23. He was 8 lb, 12 oz, 21 inches. Congratulations to the Fix family!

Daily Bread We have the regular print size for June/July/August and the large print for July/August/September in the Church Office. You may stop by to get a copy or call the Office if you would like to have one mailed to you.

Medical Equipment Available
If you or someone you knows needs medical equipment, i.e. walker, wheelchair, commode, etc, please contact Roberta Baird at 360-636-3848.

90+ Birthdays This Month

To honor our most senior members and attenders, we will be listing their birthdays each month using the records in our database. If you or someone you know is 90+ years of age and has an upcoming birthday, please contact the Church Office by the 20th of the prior month so we may be sure to include it!

August 7	Wyona Weiss	94
August 24	Mickey Kirkpatrick	93

AUGUST MISSIONS FOCUS:

Caring Pregnancy Center

JUNE FINANCIALS

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$234,369
YTD EXPENSE:	\$269,481
DIFFERENCE:	-\$35,112

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August 2022

For the most current information and updates, see the online calendar in the Calendar tab of our website
 YT= YouTube Live, Zoom=online Zoom meeting;
 all other meetings are onsite except as noted

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 12p Ruth Circle-offsite 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	2 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 1p Staff Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer 7p Elders Vision	3 9:15a City 100th Anniv Mtg	4 7a Men's Group 2p Louise Amett Circle 6p TRIHOP Prayer	5	6
7 Communion 9a Discussion w/Dave 10a In-Person Worship 10a Online Worship-YT 6p Youth Sky Zone	8 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	9 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 9:30a SAM Meeting 1p Staff Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer 7p Personnel Meeting	10 WF Board Meeting	11 7a Men's Group 4:30p Trustees Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer	12	13
14 9a Discussion w/Dave 10a In-Person Worship 10a Online Worship-YT 6p Youth Movie Night	15 6p TRIHOP Prayer 4:30p Deacons Meeting 6p Lay Counsel Supper 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	16 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 8:30a KLIMA Meeting 1p Staff Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer 7p Elders Meeting	17	18 7a Men's Group 10:30a Comm Part Mtg 12p SAM Willow Grove 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Missions Meeting	19	20 Newsletter Due
21 9a Discussion w/Dave 10a In-Person Worship 10a Online Worship-YT Youth Seaside Trip	22 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	23 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 8:30a KLIMA Meeting 1p Staff Meeting 1p Area FISH Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer 7p Personnel Meeting	24	25 7a Men's Group 6p TRIHOP Prayer	26	27
28 9a Discussion w/Dave 10a In-person Worship 10a Online Worship-YT 6p Youth LIVE	29 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6p Mary Martha-offsite 6:30p Young Adult Study	30 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 1p Staff Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer	31 LV First Day of School			