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Pastor's Perspective

By Dave Hendrickson, Lead Pastor

Over the past several months, our church family gathered for three Elder Roundtable conversations centered on a shared vision: **"Empowered by Christ, Equip the Saints, Seek the Lost"** and rooted in our mission: to share opportunities to experience the presence of God. Each session invited us not only to reflect, but to participate in the ways God is shaping our life together. Like streams flowing from a single source, these movements are distinct yet deeply connected, creating tangible spaces where we encounter Him.

In our first gathering, we discussed the stream of *Worship (Empowered by Christ)*. We were reminded that before structures and systems existed, God Himself brought forth life-giving streams (Genesis 1:6–10; 2:6). In the same way, the life of the church flows first from His presence. Jesus teaches that true worship is "in Spirit and truth" (John 4:23–24), inviting us into real encounters with the living God through awe, confession, and attentiveness (Psalm 95:6–7) and overflows into discipleship and mission (Rom 15:13). Alongside this, we explored governance as spiritual stewardship—an intentional, biblical framework designed not to control but to protect and nurture the body. Scripture portrays elders as shepherds who care for God's people (1 Peter 5:1–3; Acts 20:28), exercising faithful oversight (Hebrews 13:17) and godly character (1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9). Through shared rhythms of worship, prayer, Scripture, and sacrament, we cultivate a people who are grounded, safe, and attentive to Christ's leadership (Psalm 23:2–3). Here, we don't just talk about God—we meet with Him.

Our second session looked at *Discipleship (Equip the Saints)*. We reflected on the picture of a flourishing life—rooted like a tree planted by streams of water (Psalm 1:1–3)—and the early church's devotion to teaching, fellowship, and prayer (Acts 2:42–47). Discipleship is grounded in Christ's commission to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19–20), calling us to be rooted and built up in Him (Colossians 2:6–7) and to abide in the true vine (John 15:1–5). This is supported through a shared *Rule of Life*, a simple, intentional pattern of practices that keeps us rooted in Christ both personally and together. Over time, grace forms us through disciplines, habits, and character into a people who reflect Jesus and shepherd others one step closer to Jesus. (Ephesians 4:11–16). Community groups are central to this vision, creating spaces where people are known, cared for, and formed, while also raising up new leaders and multiplying groups so that more people can grow. The question before us is both simple and searching: Who are we following, and who are we helping follow Christ?

Our final session was focused on *Mission (Seek the Lost)*. We explored how the life of Christ naturally flows outward. Mission is not an added activity but the overflow of a life transformed by worship and discipleship (Romans 15:13). As we experience God's presence, we are sent to join Him where He is already at work. We are called to be ready to give an answer for the hope within us (1 Peter 3:15), fixing our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), and going as He sends us (Luke 10:1–11).

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5th Sunday Potluck: May 31st

There's something special about gathering around a table together, and on the 5th Sunday of May, we have the perfect opportunity to do just that as a church family.

Join us for our **5th Sunday Potluck** immediately following the service! This is always a great time to slow down, share a meal, and enjoy meaningful fellowship with one another.

What to expect:

The church will be providing **fried chicken and dessert**

We invite you to bring a **side dish to share** with others

Food can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall prior to the service

Whether you're new to Longview Community Church or have been here for years, this is a simple and meaningful way to connect. These meals aren't just about food; they're about building relationships, strengthening community, and creating space for conversation and encouragement.

So come hungry, bring a side, and plan to stay awhile. We're looking forward to spending this time together!

Baby Bottles Fundraiser

This Mother's Day through Father's Day, Longview Community Church has a meaningful opportunity to support families in our community through the Premiere Choice Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

Beginning on Mother's Day, empty baby bottles will be available at the church for you to take home. Over the next several weeks, you're invited to fill your bottle with coins, cash, or checks, a simple act that can make a lasting impact. Once your bottle is filled, please return it to the church by Father's Day.

This fundraiser is an easy and tangible way for individuals and families to participate in supporting life-affirming care and resources for those in need. Premiere Choice is one of the featured organizations for May Mission of the Month so we encourage everyone to take part. Grab a bottle, place it somewhere visible in your home, and watch how God can use your generosity over these next few weeks.

Thank you for being a church that cares deeply for others and seeks to serve both our local community and beyond.

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This outward movement reshapes how we live, give, and serve, recognizing that we are entrusted with much (Luke 12:48) and called to generous stewardship (2 Corinthians 9:6–8). Through relationships, shared resources, and simple acts of hospitality, we create opportunities for others to experience the presence of God, walking with them step by step toward Jesus.

Together, these three streams form a unified picture: a church rooted in Christ, formed in community, and sent into the world. As we continue forward, may we hold fast to this truth: **Christ is the source. The church navigates the streams. God gives the growth.**

Elder Meeting Highlights

At the April 21 meeting, the Elders spent time praying for the prayer cards from Sunday April 19, followed by discussion of chapters 10-12 of "The Biblical Role of Elders". The Elders also signed prayer post cards.

Treasurer Jaime Boaglio shared that we received an anonymous \$100,000 donation in March. Unfortunately, this skewed the Net Income, because member Contributions were still below budget; without the gift the Net Income would be about -\$43,000.

Jay Holland shared the agenda from the most recent Properties meeting listing the status of various ongoing projects. He noted that the elevator testing has been taken care of. May 16 is the Spring Work Party and he invited the Elders to participate.

Ben West reported that at the last Missions meeting they had a report from Marcus Powers on his recent mission trip to San Francisco. They also discussed the "When Helping Hurts" book that is being studied on the 3rd Sunday each month. He noted that the Mission of the Month for April was FCA and Milky Cow Month. Ben also mentioned that there was an anonymous donor who provided funds for the solar panel project in Uganda! He reminded the Elders that there will be a dinner on April 29 at 6pm with Ephraim Tumusiime.

Jay explained that the agenda for the Bylaws meeting on May 3 will be to go step by step through the proposed changes. Elders will sit at each table to facilitate discussion.

Laura Powers asked for prayer about the future of MomCo and the leadership team. The numbers have been dwindling and they need to decide how to proceed next year.

Mission of the Month

During the month of May, we will be focusing on three local mission organizations, Love, INC., Premiere Choice for Women, and Chaplaincy of Cowlitz County. The following is excerpted from their websites:

Love, INC (Love in the Name of Christ) <https://loveinccowlitzwa.com/>

Every year, Love INC of Cowlitz County connects its partner church volunteers to over 500 families in their community. Together, we are able to not only meet over 1,000 needs, but meet each person where they're at. Caring for them holistically, our neighbors are met with dignity and respect, while our partner churches are free to focus on serving according to their strengths. The result? Transformed lives. Transformed churches. And transformed communities.

Premiere Choice for Women <https://www.pc4women.org/about>

Our mission is to provide a safe, caring, and non-judgmental space for anyone facing an unexpected or unsupported pregnancy. We believe every woman deserves access to accurate information, compassionate support, and free services—without pressure or judgment. As a local nonprofit, we do not receive government funding. Instead, we are sustained through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations who share our mission of providing free, compassionate pregnancy services.

Chaplaincy of Cowlitz County <https://cowlitzchaplaincy.org/>

Chaplains serve free of charge, by invitation in three specific areas: emotional, relational, and spiritual. Chaplains are not police officers/firefighters, they serve as CARE givers.

- Support Services: For Police/Fire/EMS personnel and their families
- Crisis Intervention Support: For the community in times of need
- Community Liaison Services
- Relational, Emotional and Spiritual: Support to anyone (regardless of faith base) upon request

This and That

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be after worship on May 17, although much of the usual business will be conducted during the service. Printed copies of the proposed Bylaws changes are available at the Welcome Center and in the Church Office. There will be an **additional Elder Roundtable in the Chapel on Sunday, May 3 at 8:30am** to further discuss the proposed Bylaws changes.

Join us for the **Spring Work Party** on Sat, May 16 from 9am to 12pm! We will have some fun as we trim, rake, clean and organize around the facilities. No special skills are needed, just a smile, some gloves, yard tools if you have some, and a little effort. Please RSVP to Bob Edstedt at robert.edstedt1714@gmail.com, (or text 360-449-2400), or Jay Holland at jayhholland54@gmail.com (or text 503-970-6815) to let them know if you can make it.



MARCH FINANCIALS

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS: \$100,290

YTD OTHER INCOME \$118,983

YTD EXPENSE: \$146,905

YTD NET INCOME: \$ 72,368

(Without \$100,000 special donation and \$15,000 Trustee donation, the YTD Net Income would be **-42,632**)

Refresh and reflect at the **May 9th Prayer Retreat**. **Mary and Randy Sundberg** will share ways we can use Lectio Divina to hear God. Mary and Randy will prepare scripture and steps to practice Lectio Divina during our personal time, and there will be a discussion time before lunch. Join us at Mary Ross' home at 395 Mill Creek Rd. The retreat starts at 9:30am and ends following a short, casual lunch at 12:30pm. Call Mary at (360) 636-3771 to reserve your spot or for more information.

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on May 16 from 7-9am. This is a regular event on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Start your morning with food and fellowship, and stick around for the Spring Work Party!

The **Church Office will be closed** on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Recognition Sunday will be on Father's Day, June 14. We will be honoring anyone with a "life event" since last June including graduates of pre-school, 2nd grade, 5th grade, Middle School, High School, College, and those who were married, had a first baby, or were retired. Please contact the Church Office to let us know if you qualify for any of these categories so we can be sure to recognize you!

Medical Equipment Available If you or someone you know needs medical equipment, i.e. walker, wheelchair, commode, etc, please contact Roberta Baird at 360-430-8402.

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!

May 17 Elizabeth Jacobsen 90
May 28 Nancy Mitchell Jacobsen 90
May 31 JoAn Gallagher 91

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For the most current information and updates, see the online calendar in the Calendar tab of our website
Zoom=online Zoom meeting;
all other meetings are onsite
unless indicated

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Communion 8:30a Elder Roundtable 10a Worship	4 10a Staff Meeting 4:30p Deacon Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	5 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 9a Mom Co Meetup 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Elder Vision Meeting	6 11a Write Your Story 5p 20th LEGO team 6:30p Worship Team Ret	7 7a Men's Group 9a Circuit Training Class 10:15a Pilates Class 10:30a Community Partners 11:15a Fit for All 6p River Sisters Group 6p TRIHOP Prayer	8 12p Widows Together Friday	9 9:30a Prayer Retreat 3p YL/FCA Anchor
10 8:30a CG Leader Mtg 10a Worship	11 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	12 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 9a Mom Co Leadership 6p TRIHOP Prayer	13 11a Write Your Story 5p 20th LEGO team 6:30p Worship Team Ret	14 7a Men's Group 9a Circuit Training Class 10:15a Pilates Class 11:15a Fit for All 3p Properties Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Missions Meeting	15	16 7a Men's Breakfast 9a Work Party 12:30p Private Party
17 9a Missions Bible Study 10a Worship and Annual Meeting	18 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	19 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 9a Mom Co Meetup 10a History Team Mtg 5:00p Elder Meeting 6p TRIHOP Prayer	20 Newsletter Due 11a Write Your Story 5p 20th LEGO team 6:30p Worship Team Ret	21 7a Men's Group 9a Circuit Training Class 10:15a Pilates Class 11:15a Fit for All 6p River Sisters Group 6p TRIHOP Prayer	22 3:30p Outside Rectal 7p 20th Pure Light Karaoke	23
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