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Community Matters

Elder's Perspective

By Jaime Boaglio, Elder

"Community Is More Than Our Middle Name"

At Longview Community Church, "community" is right in our name. But what does that word really mean? Community is more than a group of people who share a location or attend the same Sunday service. It means belonging, sharing life, caring for one another, and knowing there is a place where you are welcomed, valued and experience God together.

Our community groups help bring that meaning to life. They are smaller gatherings where we can move beyond a Sunday morning greeting and begin building deeper relationships. They are an extension of our church, carrying fellowship, faith, and care into our everyday lives.

A community group can take many forms. It might center on Bible study, prayer, shared interests, service, or conversation over a meal. Whatever the format, the heart of the group is connection—with God and with one another. It is a place to ask questions, share joys and concerns, and discover that others are walking through many of the same experiences.

My wife, Diana, and I started a Community Group this year that grew out of the friendships formed around our table during the Alpha Series at the start of this year. Our Community Group meets every other Sunday night to share a meal, watch and discuss a video teaching, and share prayer requests and praises. It has been a wonderful way to deepen our faith, build relationships, encourage one another and serve together.

The Bible gives us a beautiful picture of community. Acts 2:42 describes the early believers devoting themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Galatians 6:2 calls us to carry one another's burdens. Again and again, Scripture reminds us that faith is something we live together.

What do we receive from being part of a group? Friendship. Encouragement. A listening ear. Opportunities to grow in faith and serve others. Sometimes it is the comfort of knowing someone will notice when we are missing or remember to ask how we are doing. And as we receive that care, we also have opportunities to offer it.

Are you looking for a community group? Perhaps you are new to our church, hoping to meet people, or simply ready for a deeper connection. Your presence, your story, and your gifts can enrich the lives of others.

Would you consider leading a group? You do not need to have every answer. A welcoming spirit, a willingness to listen, and a desire to bring people together are a wonderful beginning. Perhaps God has placed an interest or an idea on your heart that could become a gathering place for others.

If you would like to join a group or explore leading one, please let our church leadership know. Together, we can help make "community" more than a word in our name. We can make it something people experience through friendship, faith, and the love of Christ.

Monthly Mission Focus: Joelle Durben with WEC

By Lorraine Little, Missions Team



Joelle Durben has been working with WEC International first teaching in Senegal starting in 2014 and is now in Thiang Mai, Thailand where she has been working as the Assistant to the International Directors KyungNam and KyongA Park since 2022.



Joelle has many responsibilities to assist the WEC International organization:

- Receptionist at WEC's International Office in Thailand
- Daily devotions and prayer with staff
- Many emails of various kinds
- Leadership meetings: scheduling, taking minutes, finding old documents and filing new documents
- Editing to make communication easier in English; clear and easy to read for all of the WEC missionaries who are not native English speakers.
- Monthly internal newsletter for WEC; compiling the translated versions
- Internal website management
- Coordinating accommodations for visiting missionaries who come to Thailand for trainings and conferences

Joelle writes and sends out a personal newsletter to those how follow her and in the October newsletter Joelle shared, "Prayer is central to all we do in WEC, so at the IO (International Office) we start each day with devotions. It's amazing how often I find the message of the day is relevant to an email I need to write… (for example).. This morning in the office, we reflected on God's guidance and faithfulness, even when we can't see what He is doing. Always, God knows the whole picture. We read from Hebrews 4:1-11 and Matthew 11:27-30, about trusting and resting in the Lord. "Make every effort to enter that rest," Heb 4:11". Joelle lives out her ministry through her work responsibilities and in her personal faith in God and how she shows her love for Jesus wherever she goes.

Joelle is the daughter of Dan and Liz Durben and sister to Rene Thorszik who are part of our family here at Longview Community Church (LvCC). Joelle was recently here in July to visit with her family and we also enjoyed a time of fellowship with her here at LvCC.

You can pray for Joelle in the following ways

- Pray for good health and continued energy to participate in her work and life tasks.
- Pray for continued success with learning to speak, read and write Thai.
- Pray for developing friendships with local neighbors and for the opportunity to share Jesus with her neighbors and others that she meets.

You can pray for WEC International in Thailand in the following ways

- Praise for the purchase of some property in Thailand to build a permanent WEC International Office. Pray for continued progress on the construction.
- Pray for the success of the International Month of Conferences in Thailand from October 28 to November 27, 2026 where they are expecting over 300 participants; pray for travel safety for those coming to the conference and for the spiritual building up of those who attend to enable them to fulfill God's will in their areas of service with WEC.

You can also participate in prayer for WEC International by using this APP

Elder Meeting Highlights

The Elders opened the October 20th meeting with a time of praying for the requests from Sunday. They also signed some thank you and sympathy cards for members of our congregation. Dave encouraged the Elders to continue watching the video documentary “Christianity at a Crossroads” and consider how it applies to LvCC.

Treasurer Jaime Boaglio reported that September was good with total income of $44,031. Net income for the month (after expenses) was $133. This September was better compared to last September. The 100th Anniversary Campaign fund is currently at $65,410.

Jay Holland reported that there were 22 people at the recent work party. He also mentioned that Vern Palmrose installed new outlets for the convection ovens, and Jonathan Thorsvik repaired plumbing in the mechanical room and kitchen at the Gathering Place. We also learned that our insurance premium will be reduced next year.

A young adult who attends the Young Adults group had asked Dave about leasing space in our main building to provide online tutoring. Because of the use restrictions for tax-exempt status, that is not possible. However, we were able to offer him the upstairs mezzanine at the Gathering Place. Jaime calculated the rent based on the utilities for a percentage of the total square footage.

Ben West shared that the last Missions meeting was short because most voting members were absent, including himself. Caleb Strom told him that they discussed the the organization overseeing Joseph and Lynn is coming to an end and that will affect the way they receive support from donors.

5th Sunday Thanksgiving Potluck

By Pastor Caleb Strom



Please join us for our 5th Sunday Potluck on Nov. 29th! The church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and dessert (apple and pumpkin pie). Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish (Pastor Caleb's favorite is green bean casserole if you want to earn some brownie points) or use this as a great way to get rid of some leftovers. We look forward to sharing a meal as a church family!

Community Kids

By Sarah Fix, Director of Children's Ministry

Happy Fall! Isn't it wonderful that we have a God who made the seasons and designed our bodies and needs to work with the seasons? As we come into a season where the leaves are falling and there's more of a desire to "hunker down", I pray we find more moments of rest to allow God to prune our hearts. Please pray with me as I will be getting away this month for a small retreat to pray, abide with Jesus and discern his will/direction for my life and ministry at LvCC!

In October, we enjoyed getting together for pizza and pumpkin carving at Bob Koenig's shop/yard and Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween! Thank you to Bob for hosting and please enjoy some pictures here from that event!

Community Kids (CK) learned about the early church and memorized John 13:34-35 together about Jesus' new commandment to love one another. This month, CK will learn about the parables of Jesus and continue prep for the Christmas skit on December 6th that they'll be performing along with our chili and carol sing from 5:30-7pm. Parents, please save the date as well for Community Kids Christmas brunch on December 5th from 10am-noon. More details to follow, but we will enjoy Christmas breakfast and fun! Blessings on your Thanksgiving!











This and That

Be sure to **"Fall Back"** on Sunday, November 1!

FISH is collecting stove top stuffing to hand out during our November distribution (23rd-25th). Brand does not matter; please put them in the FISH boxes located by the Church Office, just outside the kitchen, or in the entry to the Sanctuary.

There will be an important **training meeting for all Sunday morning teams** (except Community Kids teams) next Sunday, Nov 8 from 11:30am-1pm. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Patty in the Church Office if you are not able to attend so you may receive a link to a video and materials from the training.

In celebration of Tiana Watkins Pederson's recent marriage to Michael, all ladies are invited to a **dinner celebration on Sunday, November 15th** at 5:30pm in the chapel basement. Please contact Gwen Lovelace directly with any questions or to RSVP: (425) 299-7258. The happy couple has asked for no gifts, so please let your presence be your present and come celebrate together!

There will be a **Celebration of Life for long-time member Dorothy Gevers-Wojtowych** on Nov 4 from 2-5pm at the Columbia Theater.

Mark you calendar for the **SWW Symphony and Chorale Christmas Concerts** on Saturday Dec 12 or Sunday Dec 13. Both concerts will be at 3pm this year to make it easier for those who don't like to drive in the dark!

Refresh and reflect at **the November 14th Prayer Retreat** at Mary Ross' house at 395 Mill Creek Road. From 9:30am to 12:30pm the focus will be on honing spiritual disciplines. Reference material will be from the book "Holy Habits". The retreat provides time for personal reflection and feedback in the group setting followed by a casual lunch. All are welcome! **Call Mary Ross at (360) 636-3771** to reserve your spot and for more information. Please leave a message if needed.

The **Men's Breakfast** will be on November 21 from 7-9am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a regular event on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Start your morning with food and fellowship!

Do you have **musical or technical abilities that** you would like to use to serve the Lord? We would love to chat with you about possibly getting involved with serving on the worship or tech teams! Please contact Patty Howland in the Church Office for more information.

If you're interested in **becoming a member** at LvCC, you may contact the Church Office to have a membership packet emailed, or you may pick up a printed copy in the office.

If you would like to **contact the Elders** with questions or concerns, or to set up a meeting to talk, you may email them at elders@longviewcommunitychurch.org and they will be in contact with 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!

Nov 1 Shirley James-Garcia 95

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS:	**$320,505**
YTD OTHER INCOME	**$130,423**
YTD EXPENSE:	**$434,104**
YTD NET INCOME:	**$ 16,825**

(Without $100,000 special donation and $15,000 Trustee donation, the YTD Net Income would be -98,175)

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November 2026

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
1 Daylight Savings Ends Communion 10a Worship 12:30p Private Event	**2** 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	**3** 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Elder/Staff Meeting	**4** 11a Write Your Story 6:30p Worship Team Reh	**5** 7a Men's Group 9a Circuit Training Class 9:30a Thursday Women's Bible Study at 20th 10:15a Pilates Class 11:15a Fit for All 6p River Sisters Group 6p TRIHOP Prayer	**6**	7
8 8:30a CG Leader Mtg 10a Worship 11:30a Sunday Teams Training	**9** 10a Staff Meeting 4:30p Deacons Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	**10** 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 6p TriHOP Prayer	**11** 11a Write Your Story 6:30p Worship Team Reh	**12** 7a Men's Group 9a Circuit Training Class 9:30a Thursday Women's Bible Study at 20th 10:15a Pilates Class 11:15a Fit for All 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Missions Meeting	**13** 12p Widows Together Friday Group	**14** 9:30a Prayer Retreat
15 8:45a Missions Bible Study 10a Worship 5:30p Dinner Celebration	**16** 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	**17** Men's Grp-Zoom 6p TRIHOP Prayer 5:00p Elder Meeting	**18** 11a Write Your Story 6:30p Worship Team Reh	**19** 7a Men's Group 8a Chaplaincy Board Mtg 9a Circuit Training Class 9:30a Thursday Women's Bible Study at 20th 10:15a Pilates Class 11:15a Fit for All 3p Properties Meeting 6p River Sisters Group 6p TRIHOP Prayer	**20** Newsletter Due	**21** 7a Men's Breakfast
22 10a Worship	**23** FISH 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study	**24** FISH 7a Men's Grp-Zoom 6p TRIHOP Prayer	**25** FISH 11a Write Your Story	**26** Thanksgiving Office Closed	**27**	**28**
29 Testimonies Sunday 10a Worship 5th Sunday Lunch	**30** 10a Staff Meeting 5p Monday Outreach 6p TRIHOP Prayer 6:30p Young Adult Study					