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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

Dear Friends,

The Lord God says in Isaiah 43:19, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” As we say farewell to 2021, I hope you can sense how God is doing “a new thing” for 2022. God has been so faithful taking us through the difficulties of 2021 even providing resources, comfort, and successes along the way. Thank you for being devoted in your part alongside God’s work in our midst this past year.



Our music ministry continued to draw our community together in Christ through uplifting worship experiences and exceptional concert series. Children and youth ministries continued to grow our young people deeper each month. Mission opportunities and education offerings have impacted countless lives. Our digital experience strengthened to reach beyond our walls as many joined us online from a distance as far away as France, Senegal, and Ireland, expanding our congregation farther than ever. The Deacons served with the love and care of Christ in countless ways, bringing encouragement to those in need. Our Elders tirelessly worked to make important decisions as we flexed with new realities. This couldn’t happen without our gifted and enthusiastic staff.

As we enter 2022, we are faced with new opportunities to reconnect and rebuild into something new. I am so pleased to have Pastor Susan Graham join us full-time to complement our pastoral team as our Pastor of Care. It is exciting to welcome Joe Sanchez as our new Modern Worship Leader as we launch a new modern worship service to open our doors wider. We are rebuilding by embarking on the journey of finding our new Pastor of Discipleship and to fill other vacancies such as Communications Director and Facilities Manager with individuals to bring fresh ideas and energy while sustaining our excellent standard of ministry. Our staff and leadership teams are creating programs and opportunities for building relationships as we continue to emerge from pandemic isolation. All of this makes 2022 the year of reconnecting and rebuilding.

So, I ask you to join in this work throughout 2022 as a loving, thriving body of Christ to reconnect and rebuild while reaching a world also needing connection. As in the past, I ask three things of you as we take on this challenge:

1. Please pray for Lake Grove Church and our ability to reach even more people for Christ and grow deeper in him.
2. Please support our ministries with your volunteer time, financial giving, and loving encouragement.
3. Please spread the word by sharing your excitement for God’s work at Lake Grove Church.

We know with certainty that God is going to continue to do new things in 2022. Alongside God’s goodness, I am grateful for you. Because of your heart for Christ and your faithful support, we are a church thriving in ministry despite the pandemic, meeting needs of those around us, and sharing Christ with the world. I firmly believe God is “about to do a new thing” in our midst.

Your prayers, generosity, encouragement, and efforts to reconnect and rebuild is a big piece of this “new thing” as we partner with Christ who transforms the world one life at a time in 2022. Thank you!

With joyful gratitude,
Rev. Dr. Mark McIlraith
Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

WORSHIP



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

Many praises for our 7 new members in 2021!



BAPTISMS

Baptism is the sacrament that marks our entry into a new life in Jesus Christ, and our belonging to the family of faith. 4 people were baptized this year.



SUNDAY SERVICES

An average of 580 people attended one of our Sunday worship services (in-person and livestream) in 2021.

MISSIONS

500+ MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED WITH OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Challenging everyone in our congregation to actively engage with at least one of our mission partners, we continue to walk faithfully with all 20 organizations, 2/3 of which are in the greater LO/PDX area



LOCAL

ANGEL TREE - children of incarcerated
CARE AND SHARE - food for needy families
FAMILY PROMISE - homeless families
LOTSM - families in transition
LOVE INC - support/counseling for the needy
MANNA - gleaning for the hungry
MEDICAL TEAMS - medical relief
PINK ERASER - local school children
PORTLAND RESCUE MISSION - street ministry
PRES URBAN NETWORK (PUN) - 6 congregations
SALVATION ARMY SHELTER - safe refuge
SHEPHERD'S DOOR - safe refuge
WOODBURN - latinx farmworkers
YD ADVENTURES - youth evangelism

GLOBAL

AGROS - Guatemala and CENTRAL AMERICA
BANGLADESH - child protection
HEADINGTON INSTITUTE - psycho-social
SALAAM - Middle East evangelism
SENEGAL - Wolof outreach
WATERAFRICA - safe water In Zambia
WORLD VISION REFUGEES - Syrians

FOOD | WATER | SHELTER
~ the Gospel in the name of Jesus

MISSION GIVING

Thank you for your generous support!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - \$9,576

Denominational efforts for hunger, self development and disaster assistance

PENTECOST - \$5,000

Using adventure in God's creation to share new life and transformation in Christ through our mission partner, YD Aventures.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - \$11,588

Assisting WaterAfrica in providing safe, clean water to Zambians, transforming lives in the process.

CHRISTMAS EVE - \$18,640

Supporting the AGROS Healthy Start Program, addressing hunger and malnutrition in the Ixil Region of Guatemala.

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

3 CLASSES | 39 STUDENTS

COVENANT KIDS

We offered extended care with an enrichment program. Students stay for up to two hours and enjoy a time of lunch, play and special activities.

SUMMER CAMPS

The fun did not stop over the summer! Noah's Ark holds weekly themed camps open to all children in our community ages 3-5.

MISSION

In November, Noah's Ark partnered with the LGPC Deacon Ministry to support and replenish the Lake Grove Food Pantry. The preschool families brought in recommended canned and dry goods during the school's Thanksgiving Program and Picnic.



Under the direction of Susan Sullivan, Noah's Ark has an exceptionally qualified and loving staff of 6 teachers: Molly Hubbs and Sarah Sievert, Lauren Odman and Monica Grabavoy, and Sheryl and Ian Cooper.

Fun Fact: All 7 staff members were once Noah's Ark parents and have children who are Noah's Ark alums.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The direction of LGK for 2021 was to discover new ways to connect kids/families to God, one another, and God's work in the world. We connected through both online and in-person times of fellowship, learning and praising God in song. LGK offered resources and posts for families on black history month and women's history month.

LGK FAMILY DAYS

Under the shade of the Douglas Fir trees, over 60 adults and children gathered once a month during the summer for connection and to worship through songs, games, refreshments and Bible stories.

ONLINE MINISTRY

LGK offered weekly online videos for both preschoolers and elementary aged children from January through May continues to reach out twice a month with online offerings last Fall.

LGK BIBLE CLASS

10 children participated either in person or on zoom in a 7-week class introducing them to the Bible, which culminated in an in-person presentation of a personal Bible accompanied by cards signed by the congregation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

41 students participated in middle school ministry

9 average attendance for Fish Co

100 hygiene and school packs sent to Haiti

"I am thankful for Fish Co being a safe, fun and amazing place for my teenage boy to go! It is making a difference in our lives and I can't thank Lake Grove enough!"

-Lake Grove Parent



In May of 2021, we welcomed Matt Heisler as the new Director of Ministry with Youth and their Families.

Matt has loved being a part of this church community. He has several years of experience in youth ministry and is so excited to continue forming relationships with students in 2022. Matt graduated from Princeton Seminary in Spring 2021 with his MDiv and also carries a BA in Psychology from George Fox University.

Matt has been married to Grace since May 2013 and they have daughter, Amelia, and a busy labradoodle, Debbie.

HIGH SCHOOL

“What makes the Well different is that there is HOPE here.”

- the Well student

38

**students participated in
High school ministry**

8

**average attendance for the
Well**

\$800

**toys collected and donated
to Family Promise**

\$400

**groceries collected for
Woodburn Ministries**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry at Lake Grove continued to provide opportunities through Bible studies, small groups and special events for the women of our congregation to grow deeper in knowing, loving and serving Jesus.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

With four separate studies on 2021, the Women's Wednesday morning/evening Bible studies served over 200 women. The Thursday Ladies Connection (TLC) Bible Study inspired over 28 women.

MOPS/MOMS NEXT

35 Moms found community in our MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) and Moms Next (mothers of elementary and up) groups.

WOMEN'S ADVENT GATHERING

Our annual evening of several beautifully decorated tables, special music and an inspiring message helped us prepare for the birth of our Savior. This event welcomed over 60 women in early December.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Ministry remained active with small group Bible studies led by Ken Hower, Michael Hoard and Dick Rapp as they discussed texts from The Reservoir. Several other groups met both online and in-person for their own individual studies.



COMMUNITY LIFE

The discipleship team's focus through 2021 was to connect people to God, to each other and to Christ in the world. Our community events reached out to all ages for intergenerational times of fellowship, fun and faith.



PALM SUNDAY HOSANNA DRIVE THRU

Over 150 participants enjoyed doughnuts, met Hazel the donkey, played Palm Sunday trivia for prizes and received palm branches, yard signs, crosses and banners in a drive through blessing to mark the beginning of Holy Week.



LGK BIKE RODEO

Kids decorated bikes, rode through an obstacle course, enjoyed shaved ice during an onsite event that brought over 75 neighbors and LGPC kids to our campus.



LGK PUMPKIN PATCH

Families from LGPC and MOPS visited Frog Pond Farm to pick out pumpkins, feed the 75 animals on site, eat a Lee's Farm doughnut and reconnect.



A SIMPLE SILENT NIGHT

The discipleship team hosted the second annual lighting of the church for advent with carols, a story, candles, hot chocolate and a gift of a wooden nativity and was joined by 100 members young and old.



ADULT EDUCATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SPECIAL EVENTS

This Fall, Pastor Robin concluded her time at Lake Grove as the Associate Pastor of Discipleship. We offer thanks to God for her outstanding leadership. In 2021, the Sunday morning class continued to explore practical topics in Theology and Christian living.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Studies and group discussions focused around The Reservoir
- 12-week series on Perseverance: An Exploration of Bible Passages That Help Us Persevere
- 4-week study on Advent: Waiting in Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
- Year-end discussion of pastoral sermon series: Breakthrough Growth: Finding Abundance in the Fruit of the Spirit

MUSIC

2021 was another year of frequent “pivoting” for Lake Grove’s Music Ministry. We began the year virtually with online worship and rehearsals on Zoom. The Sanctuary Choir took advantage of this unique learning environment to do an in-depth study of Handel’s Messiah, culminating in a virtual project of the Hallelujah Chorus that was a highlight of the Easter season. Our Children’s and Youth Choirs also started the year online, and put together a wonderful “Spring Sing” service from their homes.



As summer approached, we began a slow, careful transition to in-person music. Organ music and small group singing returned to the Sanctuary in June and the choir gathered for Summer Sings in the church parking lot. September saw the relaunch of piano-led worship at 8am, and all of our choirs were able to move indoors.



MUSIC



By December things were looking almost “back to normal,” with a Worship Through Music Festival of Carols led by orchestra and soloists, a Christmas Concert for Brass and Organ (our first concert in 22 months!), and 3 Christmas Eve Services 3 PM 7 PM and 9PM led by our choirs and friends from the Oregon Symphony.



Huge thanks to our amazing music staff team:
Wendy Bamonte, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Ann Foy, Director of Children’s & Youth Choirs
Julie Strong, Director of Joy Choir
Leanne Bilstrom, Director of Covenant Bell Choir
Jeff Wood, Organist and Music Associate
Jayde Weide, Program Manager
Kris Sparks, Interim Bell Choir Director
Cole Ottum, Ben Dawley, Nick Hankins,
Ryan Aughenbaugh, A/V Technicians
Jeremy & Kristina Thom, Worship Leaders



Through all of the challenges of 2021, our mission of “Singing On” and spreading the gospel through music has remained at the forefront of everything we do. The time rehearsing online allowed new friends to join the choir who had never sung with us before because of schedule or distance, and many of those new members are now with us in person. Our persistent efforts to improve the quality of our live stream have helped reach more new people online than ever, and we regularly have more congregation worshipping from home than are in the room with us in person.

We enter into 2022 with a sense of hope for what the new year will bring, and looking forward to all the music we will make together!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Prayer Team
- Care Team
- Friendship Visitation
- Memorial Team
- Meal Train
- Transportation
- Stephen Ministry
- Care Cards
- Food Pantry-*regrouping and rebuilding for more in-person connection in 2022*
- Bereavement Support Group
- Mental Health Support Group
- Caring Conversations Podcast with Pastor Lillian and Pastor Susan

Congregational Care Ministries, under the leadership of Co-Directors Pastor Lillian Pak and Pastor Susan Graham, engages our congregation in two ways. We seek to walk alongside our congregation as they experience the ups and downs of life, offering the comfort of Christ's love and care at each step. And two, we seek to equip our members to care for one another and our community with distinctively Christian love through the gifts of prayer, presence, service and support.

That prayer, presence, service and support has been strong through the ministries and teams you see listed here, each actively engaging their ministry area to care for this congregation in a season of prolonged disruption.



At the end of 2021 we said a tender goodbye to Pastor Lillian as she wrapped up her ministry with Lake Grove. Her caring and thoughtful leadership in congregational care has deeply blessed our congregation. We wish her and her family well as they settle in further to Republic, Washington.



"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:3

BUDGET

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REVENUE	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
ADULT/YOUTH PLEDGES	2,335,000	2,468,407	2,200,000
ADMINISTRATION	35,500	19,899	31,000
DISCIPLESHP	63,000	14,308	76,300
MISSION	15,133	650	45,934
COMMUNITY LIFE/HOSPITALITY	7,000	564	22,000
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	5,775	3,130	5,000
NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL	141,240	124,353	146,860
TOTAL REVENUE	2,602,648	2,631,311	2,527,094
EXPENDITURES			
PERSONNEL	1,894,896	1,825,498	1,972,465
ADMINISTRATION	192,750	203,932	177,000
PROPERTY	196,200	174,295	194,100
DISCIPLESHP	84,900	42,633	92,272
MISSIONS	319,200	308,765	260,225
COMMUNITY LIFE/HOSPITALITY	26,100	5,988	30,600
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	14,075	2,975	5,000
WORSHIP & MUSIC	74,300	58,945	76,894
NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL	15,000	8,685	17,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,817,421	2,631,716	2,825,556
NET	(214,773)	(405)	(298,462)

BALANCE SHEET AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FROM ROB WICKORD OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES

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