

Angelae

July 2026

From Pastor Jaech

"You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel."
(Isaiah 30:29)

As I type this article, I am hearing a chorus of birds outside my window singing out their songs to God. It makes me thankful once again for the gift of music that issues from the heart of all God's creatures.

In my sermon a few Sunday's back, I referred to two scientific reports regarding the discovery of the earliest known musical instruments. In a cave in Slovenia, scientists discovered a flute-like instrument made from the thighbone of a young bear. It is fairly certain that the instrument was made by Neanderthal humans and, according to carbon testing, dates back 60,000 years. It is possible that even earlier instruments were made from reeds, but have decomposed since then.

In a cave near the Danube River in southern Germany, numerous flutes were found that were made from hollowed-out bird bones and mammoth ivory that are 42,000 years old. Found in the caves of the *Homo sapiens* "branch" of humans, from whom we contemporary humans have evolved, these flutes were discovered together with figurative art and spiritual imagery painted on rocks, which strongly suggests that instrumental music was being played both for community gatherings and religious practices.

It moves me to know that, from very early times, the human family has been stirred by music. With music streaming from our hearts, we humans created instruments to play that music. The Psalmist

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sang, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord,... to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre." (Psalm 92)

Music often allows us to experience and express the deepest truths, hopes, and longings in life, which words by themselves struggle to fully communicate.

Martin Luther, who restored music and congregational singing to a central place in worship, said, "Feel the song; let the music move you. God comes in different ways. In the gentle sounds of music, God brings healing. In strong sounds ...power. In voices united, God reveals the family that [God] puts us into."

As we enter the summer months, let yourself enjoy the music that God plays around you and places within you. Let yourself sing as you drive your car, walk around the house, and gather for worship.

Walk up to the musicians who play at church and thank them for their gifts. Give them a gift certificate to a good restaurant or record store. Lobby for them to get a raise!

God sings the song of grace that gives us life and calls the universe into being. From that essential song, all of our music sounds forth. Soli Deo gloria! To God alone be glory!

In Christ,
Pastor Rick Jaech



SUMMER WORSHIP

Join Us

THURSDAYS AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

**WE WILL GO BACK TO OUR 8:30AM AND 10:30AM
SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 20TH**

GATHER TOGETHER IN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP ALL SUMMER LONG

Children & Families

I began June with an amazing trip to London, as part of my "Mission in a Post Christian Society" class that I am taking at Luther Seminary this summer. What an amazing trip! I experienced 16 different church contexts and ministry sites and heard from some of the leading thinkers in the UK, as they have navigated our changing church and changing world. We walked over 20,000 steps every day as we traveled all over London and explored how the UK has embraced a "mixed ecology" of re-shaping their churches for mission in what has become a Post-Christian society. This concept of mixed ecology emerged in the UK over the past few decades as a way to describe the value and importance of the institutional church (many over 1,000 years old) alongside some new forms of Christian community that are more accessible and meaningful to people in today's world. As we here in the United States are also seeing, there is a massive generational disengagement from affiliation and participation in religious organizations. Faith/spirituality has become an increasingly go-it-alone approach, but many people still crave to experience deep belonging in authentic communities. This class explored how the UK has been working to create this type of mixed ecology. It challenged us to look at and think about church and it was an amazing experience for me to see how and where I saw God at work in the churches, but also on the fringes and corners of communities. I am working on a paper for this class currently and when I am finished I hope to begin sharing and exploring with all of you where we might be called, as disciples in today's world, to faithfully follow Jesus in our everyday lives and to join up with the Holy Spirit in our neighborhoods!

I returned home and then began my second class of the summer, "New Testament Greek." That class will continue for 13 weeks.

VBS planning and decorating is underway and we are so excited to again welcome over 150-200 kids to our church for a week of learning that God is our Creator, God Knows Everything, God is Our Safe Place, God is Forever and God is Love! Thank you all for your prayers, support, and donations to make our VBS such a success each year.

Vicar Lyndi Reed



Call Committee Corner

The Call Committee continued its important work in June, conducting the initial interview with the first lead pastor candidate identified by the Bishop's office for our consideration. We anticipate additional interviews occurring in July and August. As always, we will continue to apprise the congregation as to our progress as we work through this process.

-Jeff Hansen, CLC Call Committee Chair

Senior Sunday

On June 7th we will celebrated our graduating Seniors; Kayla Barber, Brandon Campbell, Dylan Flannigan, Mac Hansen, Ethan LaRoy, Daniel Perry, Madeline Robinson, and Beth Williamson.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



Can you help?

Shampoo Needed

The Monday Growth Group needs Shampoo donations for their on going project, to fill pill bottles for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please contact Karen Claussen with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Nonperishable Food Donations

We have teamed up with the Lakewood Rotary to stock the Little Free Pantry and the Tillicum Food Bank. They are in need of cereal, canned tuna/chicken, small jars of peanut butter, trail mix/nuts, canned soup, ramen, fruit or pudding cups, protein bars, and bottled water. Please consider adding a few extra things to your grocery list in the coming week and dropping them off at our foodbank box.

Altar Flowers

Interested in providing the flowers on Sunday morning? Altar Flowers are \$29.00. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Friday email, or call the church office. The 2026 Altar Flower sign-up is now available!

Angelos

If you have any information or articles for the Angelos, please email them to Aubrie at secretary@clc-lakewood.org by the 15th of the month. Thank you!

Vacation bible school Wish List

Please scan the QR code to see our VBS Supplies wish list. All items will be sent directly to the church. Thank you for your support.

VBS Supplies



VBS Decorating

Tuesday July 7th 11am

Sunday July 12th after Church

We are transforming our building into a jungle!

We will have jobs for all abilities, no experience needed!

VBS Volunteer Training

Sunday, July 5th, at 11:45am

Tuesday, July 7th, at 10:00am (Only for Youth helpers, short and sweet)

Wednesday, July 8th, at 6:00pm

Trainings will be held in the Alpha Room. All volunteers must attend one of the training sessions. Please get in touch with Lyndi Reed with any questions.

Save the Date

CLC Seniors' Trip to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens

8:45am Wednesday, July 8th

Join the CLC Seniors for a day at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. We will have lunch at the Copper Kettle Coffee Bar located in the gardens. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



June's Trip was to Ft. Nisqually Living History Museum.

Men's Monday Meal & a Movie At Mike's

5pm Monday, July 20th

We will be watching Episode 1 of "The old Stories: Moses"

Dinner: Grilled chicken breast/brats, baked beans, potato salad, green salads, and desserts. Sign up in the Gathering Place.

All Church Picnic



With Thanks

I wish to thank each and everyone for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits in observation of my 100th birthday. It made the occasion so uplifting and for that I was very grateful.

Love to all,
Elane Lee

A very big thank you to Hannah Elliot and Ky Clark for stepping in and covering for me while I was recovering from surgery. I don't know what I would have done with out you!

Aubrie

Thank you for the prayers and care that everyone has shown our family after Aubrie's surgery. We feel so blessed to be part of this church.

In Christ,
Matthew, Aubrie, and Stella Fulcher

Money Matters

May 2026 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	279,792
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	43,768
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	93,464
YTD Total General Funds Available	417,024
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	(417,024)
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of May)	0.00

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, July 23rd in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle and Miriam Circle will resume in September. Have a great summer!

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Bible Study will meet at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. The group will meet most Mondays during the summer (not July 6th and 13th for VBS week). All are welcome to “drop-in” as they are able.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets Monday mornings after Bible study (around 11:15 AM). If you have prayer requests, you may click the prayer request "button" in the CLC weekly email or call the Church secretary. You may also drop a written prayer request in the offering plate. We celebrate the power of prayer.

Quilters

Quilters meet every Monday morning in the Fireside Room at 9am. All are welcome to join our quilters, no experience necessary, if you can tie a knot we have a job for you! Contact Nellie Schoenberg for more info.

Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (07/16/2026), we will meet at 1 PM for this month only. July's selection is *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a DEAD MAN)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Vera Wong is back – shamelessly meddling in police business.

Vera Wong's Teahouse has become a busy place since a man was found dead in her establishment! The excitement from that event has settled down, and Vera is hoping for another crime to “solve”. She discovers a distressed young woman, who obviously needs Vera's guidance. The woman's good friend is missing, he hasn't been seen for several days, but the girl is afraid to go to the police.

While snooping in her (hopefully) soon to be daughter-in-law's home office she locates a name for the missing man. When a body is recovered from Mission Bay, he is considered a John Doe. Vera decides she will solve the murder and identify who he is. Again, Vera enlists her collection of young and old friends to unravel the identity of the mysterious man and who murdered him. With Vera leading the “investigation” confusion and chaos occur.

7/16/26 *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

8/20/26 *What Kind of Paradise?* by Janelle Brown

9/17/26 *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian

10/15/26 *The Correspondent: A Novel* by Virginia Evans

11/19/26 A biography or memoir of your choice

12/17/26 *The Mistletoe Mystery* by Nita Pose

Please join us. If you use the library, always check the availability of the selection as well as the Lucky Day shelf. Some of the titles later in the year have long wait lists. If you would like more information for Monday Morning Bible Study, Prayer Group or Book Discussion contact Mikel Robinson: text or call (253)307-9373 or email at mar8412@hotmail.com.

July Worship Helpers

9:30am Summer Worship	07/05	07/12	07/19	07/26
Ushers	Mike Larson Ben Sclair	Jerry Dunlap 1 Needed	Jennifer Campbell 1 Needed	Rod & Sharon Shaffer
Greeters	Katherine Knudsen Sandy Reed	Maren Dunlap 1 Needed	Cheryl Wilpone 1 Needed	2 Needed
Communion Set up	Robbie Courts Katherine Knudsen	2 Needed	Donna Crump Mike Seiber	2 Needed
Reader	Fran Phelan	Theresa Luedtke	Anne Cook	Mikel Ann Robinson
Reader for Prayers	Robbie Courts	Anne Cook	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Mike Courts Robbie Courts Linda Peightel	Anne Cook Lyndi Reed Mikel Ann Robinson	Anne Cook 2 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Linda Peightel Deb Sclair	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	2 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	Diane Chamusco Linda Cole	2 Needed	2 Needed

The Worship Helper sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Place.

Worship Helper Scheduling

Do you have a preferred weekend that you like to serve? Would you like to have a set schedule?

If you answered, “yes”! Please email Aubrie at secretary@clc-lakewood.org or call the Church Office and I would be happy to schedule you!



JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	3 Office Closed	4 Independence day
5 PB&J Sunday Summer Worship 9:30am VBS Training 11:45am	6 Office Closed	7 VBS Youth Training 10am VBS Decorating 11am	8 Seniors Trip 10:15am VBS Training 6pm	9 Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	10 Office Closed	11
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19 Summer Worship 9:30am	20 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am Men's Meal & a Movie 5pm	21 Exec Meeting 5pm Council Meeting 5:30pm	22	23 Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	24 Office Closed	25
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