

March 27, Update

Dear Lake Grove Friends,

These days are unprecedented and overwhelming, but, thankfully, not for our God. We may not be meeting together in person, but we are still actively doing ministry together. Our leadership is dedicated to equipping our church online in creative ways, currently making sure that worship, community connection, and congregational care carry on in this unusual season. Our plan revolves around two priorities: keeping people safe and keeping you informed!

To that end, be sure to “follow” and “like” our [Facebook](#) page where we daily provide ways to keep connected to one another.

As we delight in our God who holds and sustains all things, and is not surprised by this current pandemic, we want to share with you some of the ways to stay connected during this season.

Sunday:

Worship Online: 9:30 & 11 AM via [Livestream](#)

Adult Sunday School: 11 AM via [Zoom](#)

LGK Sunday School: 11 AM [Facebook Group](#)

Fellowship Hour Online: 12 Noon via [Zoom](#)

Tuesday:

Morning Prayer: 9 AM via [Zoom](#)

Wednesday:

LGK Parent Coffee, 8 PM via [Zoom](#)

Thursday:

Evening Prayer: 8 PM via [Zoom](#)

Need Help?

We are in this together with you. As COVID-19 affects an increasing number of people in our community, Lake Grove is committed to caring for you and providing assistance. Do you have a prayer request? Need assistance getting groceries? Need to talk? We are here! Just fill out the form on our website [HERE](#).

Want to Help?

Many of you have offered to help. If you can help some of our members who may be sheltering at home, be it with grocery, or pharmacy pick up, or calling on them, thank you! Sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer.

March 20, Update

Though our offices are closed, our staff is working remotely to serve you during this unusual season. If you need to talk or pray with a pastor or care team member, please email care@lakegrovepres.org or call 503-210-6062. If you have an unmet need, you can use the same line to request help as well.

Rather than gathering in-person for worship on March 22, 29 and April 5th, we will meet online at 9:30 and 11 AM on those dates. This Sunday, I will continue our series “Covenant: How God Loves Us,” exploring God’s care for his people in uncertain times as we consider the Book of Joshua. You can link to our services [HERE](#). Additional information about our response to COVID-19, including event cancellations, can be found [HERE](#).

March 16, Update

God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46: 1-2a

Friends,

We wanted to share with you updated happenings here at Lake Grove in the midst of recent news about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The latest updates from the CDC and other top health officials are such that we have decided to close the building for the next two weeks. Our staff will be working remotely and the building will be locked from March 16 - April 1.

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

If you missed Pastor Mark's message about our response to COVID-19, including event cancellations and other important information, you can read it [HERE](#).

PRAYER | 9AM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

Join us as we gather together for a time of guided prayer led by, Pastor Robin Garvin. You can join us using by calling: 669-900-6833 enter pin: 571 705 201.

If you would like a pastor or care team member to pray with you, please email care@lakegrovepres.org or call 503-210-6062.

LAKE GROVE KIDS

Since we are not able to meet at church, we thought we would bring LGK to your family! Our team will be sharing resources and videos so you can have family worship in your home. We will be posting these resources in our weekly LGK email and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lakegrovepres/>.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Although we won't be gathering in person for a few weeks, you can continue to support the work of our church and our staff through giving in the following ways:

Give [online](#) through our website where you can set up one-time or recurring donations, view your account, and update your information.

Set up bill-pay with your bank to send a check directly to the Church.

Mail your donation directly to LGPC at 4040 Sunset Blvd., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

CHURCH ONLINE

We will not be meeting in-person for worship on March 22, 29 and April 5th. Rather, we will be gathering online at 9:30 and 11 AM on those dates. You can link to our

services [HERE](#). Our hope is to be able to gather together at Lake Grove on Easter Sunday.

TAs we have seen in the last few days, information coming from the health department and officials may shift our plans as new measures are put in place for public health and safety. We will keep you updated as we learn more. In the meantime, we are the church, let's continue to be the church wherever we are, acting out of love and God's peace, which passes all understanding.

In Christ Love,
The Staff at Lake Grove

March 12, Update

I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to update you on what's happening at Lake Grove as we navigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community.

Sunday Services:

As many of you have already heard, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced a restriction on large gathering over 250 statewide for the next four weeks. With this restriction in place, our in-person services will be cancelled this Sunday, March 15th. Rather than gathering for in-person worship, we will hold online services at 9:30 and 11AM. Services for March 22, 29 and April 5 will also only be available online at 9:30 and 11 AM. Our hope is to be able to gather together at Lake Grove on Easter Sunday, but in the meantime, we believe we can continue to learn and grow together as a church by worshipping together in our homes with friends and family via our online service.

To Watch the Livestream, click [HERE](#).

If you want, send us a picture of you worshipping at home so we can share what it looks like to worship together virtually! Send us your pics to rose@lakegrove.org.

For Families with Kids:

Please know that your families will continue to be in our prayers as we navigate these circumstances together. Our hope is to keep your kids engaged and provide ways for them to grow spiritually. We've curated online teaching for your kids and will post weekly videos on our Facebook page and via our LGK family email.

Midweek Programs:

We have decided to cancel all mid-week programs and group gatherings that meet in our building **March 15 – March 27th**. We will evaluate this decision week to week as the situation around the outbreak continues to unfold. In the meantime, we will continue to provide resources for discipleship and spiritual growth through our 365: God's Story, Our Story Bible reading on our website and through Facebook.

Below is a list of the current cancellations, if you do not see your group listed below, please be sure to contact your group leader to find out about your upcoming events, and check our website.

General:

All study and fellowship small groups
All children and youth choirs
All outside groups

Sunday:

In Person Worship
Fish School
Sunday Prayer Team
Lake Grove Kids
The Well

Monday:

Job Seekers
Manna Ministry
Library Committee

Tuesday:

Men's Study Group
Job Seekers
Prayer Team
Care Team

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study
Fish Co
Stephen Ministry
Bell Choir

Thursday:

Mops
Encountering Jesus Group
TLC Group
Sanctuary Choir

Friday:

Small Groups

Noah's Ark:

Our Noah's Ark program follows the Lake Oswego School District schedule and will continue to meet unless or until a school closure notice is issued.

Congregational Care:

While the impacts of the coronavirus mean changes to our daily rhythms and means of connecting with one another our need for each other remains great. Our congregational

care teams are reaching out via phone, email, and text and of course, prayer. We urge you to join in this effort and reach out to one another in care and the love of Christ. A phone call, an email, or touching base is so valuable. If we can be of help to you in this please give us a call at 503-210-6062.

Office Hours:

Our offices will remain open during the March 15-27 period, and staff will continue to work on site. We will evaluate this decision on a week by week basis as the situation around the virus continues to unfold and we will be sure to keep you informed via our website, and all church email.

Spiritual Practices:

As we live into this new rhythm, we are also evaluating whether we can introduce some new practices that can be ways of connecting as a congregation. Please check our website and Facebook for updates.

Individuals: Please take the time to pray for our neighbors especially the elderly and those most vulnerable. You can use our 365: God's Story, Our Story Bible Reading as a guide for personal reflection.

Group leaders: Reach out to your groups, offer prayers and uplift those who are sick and those caring for others. Consider meeting virtually if group members are uncomfortable or unable to gather physically so we can avoid isolation. We're all in this together!

Summary:

Although we are livestreaming worship rather than gathering, God is still changing lives through Lake Grove Church. If you'd like support God's work here – especially as we address community needs in this uncertain season – you can go online [HERE](#). Thank you for helping us bring the love of Christ to those in need.

Even though our landscape is changing daily, we serve a God who is changeless in his mercy and care for us and for the world. We can press into our mission of Partnering with Christ who transforms the world one life at a time by praying for our leaders, medical personnel, and those who are sick and hurting.

In Christ's care,
Pastor Mark

March 6, Update

Let me update you on the good work Lake Grove Church is doing in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in our area. Like you, I have been following this developing story with concern. At this time, officials are not recommending the cancellation of public events or Sunday church gatherings. Lake Grove Church will remain open and will continue to hold services.

During this time, here's how we are committed to keep our church clean:

- We have and will continue to sanitize highly touched surfaces before and after every service and major meeting such as doors, handles, light switches, tables, check-in stations, sinks, and so forth.
- Our staff and volunteers will wash their hands frequently and stay home if they are sick.
- We are providing hand sanitizing stations and Kleenex around the church for everyone to use.
- Offering baskets will be located in the back of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall so you can drop off your offering there rather than passing the plates from hand to hand, additionally you can give online.

Watch online:

If you or a family member are sick or need to stay home during this time, you can join us for Sunday services online. We've got an open spot for you to [watch live](#) during our 9:30 and 11:00 AM services.

For families with kids:

In addition to keeping our campus clean, we are taking extra care with our LGK (Lake Grove Kids) spaces. All classrooms will continue to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Starting next week, we will also have online content for kids who need to stay home. Check out our Facebook Page on Monday March 9th for more information.

While we cannot control the spread or impact of the virus, we're doing everything possible to maximize the safety and cleanliness of our church, making it a safe place for all. Thank you for helping us do just that.

February 28, Update

We have been watching the news with concern as information is shared about the spread of the Coronavirus. We, like many of you have received notification from LOSD that a staffer at Forest Hills Elementary School has tested positive for the Coronavirus (Covid-19). While this is a preliminary positive and they are awaiting confirmation from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), we wanted to let you know we are aware and monitoring the situation.

The health and well-being of our staff, congregation and community are of the utmost importance to us at Lake Grove. While the current situation does not warrant extreme measures, it is still helpful to take precautionary measures. If you are feeling sick or have any respiratory symptoms, please stay home and take standard precautionary measures. Do the normal items you would do if you have a cold. Wash your hands, cover your cough, stay home if you are not feeling well. Many of our congregants have weakened or compromised immune systems, and it is important that they feel safe and cared for in our church, at all times.

As such in lieu of our traditional greeting time, and passing of the peace on Sunday mornings please offer a friendly wave rather than shaking of hands.

As a precautionary measure we will be canceling home communion and Sunday communion and will not be serving food at the fellowship hour. The simple meal

after the 5 PM service is also cancelled this weekend.

For those of you planning to stay home this weekend, you can still participate in service via our [Livestream](#).

We will continue to monitor the situation and send update via our Facebook Page, Website and via email as updates become available. Additional information about Covid-19 can be found at these website:

- <https://www.clackamas.us/about-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

At this time, we believe our call to action is to pray – for those infected and affected, for those in the medical and scientific fields who are combatting the virus, and for all those who may feel anxious - that Christ will bring strength, comfort and healing to all.