
The Light of

Lakewood Presbyterian Church



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If you read that in an Olaf voice from *Frozen*, that was correct. I love summer as much as everyone's favorite happy snowman. I love the warm evenings, late sunsets, dips in various bodies of water, and the pausing of so many regular routines. Between my many years of schooling and various maternity leaves, I've almost always had the summer off, but this summer I'm looking forward to being here rooted here with you all.

We are heading into a season change in our liturgical calendar as well. Next Sunday (June 8th) is Pentecost Sunday, which kicks off our season called "Ordinary Time", which is often referred to as "The church's season of growing." Our summer planning team is called the Pentecost team, and they've been hard at work planning all the worship and events for the summer at LPC. Keep reading for more information about all the great things we have going on this summer.

In worship for June and July, we'll be doing a 7 week series on scripture and our National Parks. It's a really fun series that we're excited about! Sometimes our faith can be a struggle, a chore, or even a burden (*remember Lent, anyone??*) but there should also be seasons where it is a JOY. Our hope is that this summer is a reminder of the great joy that comes from worshipping our magnificent God. Then in August, we'll go back to following the Revised Common Lectionary for a few weeks while we hear from a few guest preachers.

My prayer for you is that you **find joy in the season of growing**. As you watch your gardens flourish, the blackberries ripen, and the children in the church grow practically an inch overnight, may you look for the ways God is helping you grow too. Who knows what good things God has in store for you?

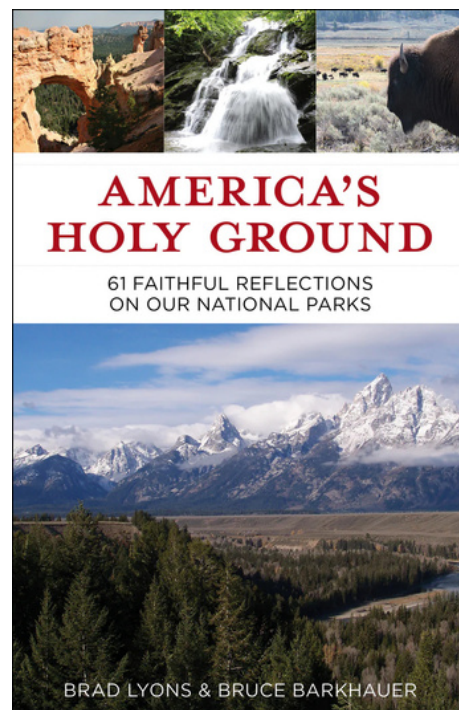
With you on the journey,

Pastor Laura



This summer, we're going on a road trip together! Throughout June and July, we'll be on an adventure together in Worship as we "visit" 6 of America's best National Parks and see how they make scripture come alive to us in new ways. With all generations together for worship, we'll make a few changes so everyone has a chance to participate. You won't want to miss it!

We'll be following this devotional book in worship & bible study. If you'd like to purchase a copy, www.ThriftBooks.com has great deals on used books.



Do you have photos of you and your family visiting National Parks?

We'll be featuring photos from the congregation in worship and we want your photos! Upload them [here](#) ➡, email them to Laura, or bring your physical photos! We're especially looking for photos of: **Yellowstone, Mt. Rainier, Redwoods, Rocky Mountain, Big Bend, & Grand Canyon National Parks.**



Summer Events

Education

Adult Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:15am

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a bible study and devotion from “America’s Holy Ground” featuring scripture and stories from our National Parks. No preparation required.

June 10-July 31. No class 7/3

Children

Kids at the Church Day!

Wednesday July 16th - 10am-2pm

Kids are invited for a fun day at the church. Bring a sack lunch. RSVP to Pastor Laura by 7/13

VBS with Fircrest PC

July 28-Aug. 1 - 9:30am-12:30pm

Creative Arts Camp “Who is My Neighbor?” Ages 5-11. \$25/ kid. More info coming soon! Volunteers needed.

Sunday School Sabbath

June-August

Sunday School for elementary school aged kids is on a break this summer. Kids are invited to stay for the whole worship service. Books & craft supplies available in the back of the sanctuary.

Social

Game Night

Friday June 27th - 7pm

Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share for a night of fun at the church!

Men’s breakfast

Sunday June 29th - 9am

All the men of the church are invited for a special breakfast before worship. Come hungry!

Church Picnic

Sunday July 27th - 11:30am

Bring a side dish to share for our annual picnic and potluck. Special music by Steel Rain!

Rainiers Game

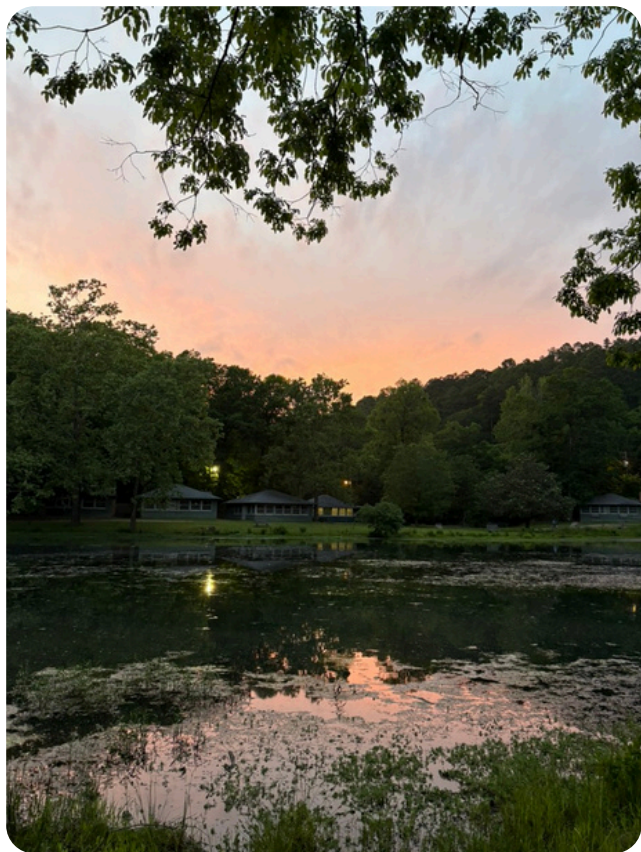
Friday August 8- 7:05pm

Come cheer on our home team together! More information on how to buy tickets coming soon.

Service

TBD!

We’ve been hard at work giving our playground a makeover. Stay tuned for upcoming mini work parties when we get new wood chips delivered.



CREDO Conference

In May, I had the privilege of attending the CREDO Conference for newly ordained pastors, which is put on by the Board of Pensions. I gathered with 24 other pastors at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in beautiful Arkansas for a week of rest, renewal, and refocus on my values and identity.

The Board of Pensions believes we can't have healthy churches if we don't have healthy pastors, so they invest a lot of resources in pastors' wellbeing, which includes CREDO. When they say healthy, they mean all kinds of health! We had faculty to teach and support us on areas of Vocation, Financial Health, Spiritual Health, Physical Health, and Emotional Health. I was grateful for the time, space, and energy to think deeply about these topics and how I want to make big and

small changes to my life in pursuit of better health and balance. Ministry can be demanding, no matter if your church has 50 members or 5,000!

One of the hallmarks of CREDO is creating a "Rule of Life" which I shared about in a [recent sermon](#). If you're interested in learning more, I'd love to talk about it sometime!

I left my week in Arkansas feeling **refreshed, reset, and inspired** to come back to my life and ministry that I love. How's that for a good week away?? Even better, I get to go back next May with the same cohort for Year 2 for a second week. I am grateful to the Board of Pensions, my family, and to YOU for supporting me to take this time away. It's a true gift.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Laura



Church Calendar

- June 5 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- June 5 - Last Thursday Night Potluck! (5:30pm)
- June 8 - Pentecost Sunday! (10:30am)
- June 12 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- June 12 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- June 19 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- June 19 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- June 26 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- June 26 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- June 27 - Game Night (7pm)
- June 29 - Men's Breakfast (9am)
- June 30-July 7 Pastor Laura on vacation
- July 10 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- July 10 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- July 16 Kids Church Day!
- July 17 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- July 17 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- July 24 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- July 24 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- July 26 - Annual Church Picnic
- July 31 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- July 31 - Adult Bible Study (11:15am)
- Aug. 3-10 - Pastor Laura on Vacation
- Aug. 7 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- Aug. 8 - Rainier's Game
- Aug. 12-16 - Pastor Laura on Study Leave
- Aug. 14 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- Aug. 21 - Gentle Yoga (10am)
- Aug. 22-24 - Pastor Laura on Study Leave