

DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Kurt & Kim

Kurt & Kim are C&MA International Workers. Our Lakewood family prays for their work regularly. Would you please join us in praying for their newest endeavours.

Praise:

- Kurt and Kim praise God for the opportunity to serve globally and for the partnerships forming in Europe and Southeast Asia.
- They are grateful that all three of their children have employment! A wonderful answer to prayer.

Prayer:

- Pray for them as they discern their future redeployment next summer, which will be somewhere other than Spain.
- Continue to pray for their family as they walk through transitions and new assignments.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

Psalms 32:8



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GIVING UPDATE

Giving Update (Last Week):

\$ 2,260 General Fund
\$ 150 Building Fund
\$ 25 Global Advance Fund

Giving to Mechanical Upgrade:

\$25,450 out of \$65,000 Raised

Three Ways to Give:

E-Transfer:

- To: giving@lakewoodalliance.com. If this is your first donation, please email office@lakewoodalliance.com with your name and address so we can issue a receipt at year end.

In Person:

- Debit at the Giving Kiosk



DELIGHTING IN LOVE

WELCOME TO
LAKEWOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH

We're so glad you joined us today!
Here are a few things you may want to know:



For details on events and groups, check out lakewoodalliance.com & the Church Center App.

During the service, there will be singing, a message, prayer, and what we call 'response time' where we serve communion (once you receive the elements, feel free to take when you are ready), have opportunity for prayer, and take up an offering.

If you have kids, at the 9am service they will be dismissed for sign in and their program mid-way through the service. The nursery will be open for both services.

To register your kids, use the QR Code and you can fill out the family form there.



Please take a moment to fill out the 'I'm New Here' card in the seat back in front of you. After the service, while you're enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, give the card to one of our hospitality team and they will have a small gift for you to say "Welcome!"



WHY ADVENT?

Advent is the four-week season of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. During December, however, we mostly confuse helpful readiness for the hustle of Christmas shopping, parties, and preparations. The Advent season, more reflective in nature, can feel out of sync with all this noise and busyness.

More than just remembering Christ's first arrival, Advent hopes for Christ's second coming. Advent is a season of expectant waiting, tapping into the sense we have that all is not well, the longing for the world to be made right again. It's a season for restless hearts and people weary of a broken world who want, with all our being, to know there's more than this.

By helping us to hope intensely for restoration, to feel our own need to be saved, Advent prepares us for genuine Christmas joy and faith in the One who saves us from our sin, Jesus.

(text from Seeking God's Face by Phil Reinders)

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Just for Sunday, December 28th, we will be holding one service at 10am **with baptisms**. We will go back to our normal two-service schedule January 4th.

YEAR END NOTES

Office Hours for Christmas will be:

December 22, 9am-1pm

December 31, 9am-1pm

Outside of office hours, staff will be available by appointment only.

Year End Giving in person needs to be in by 1pm on December 31, while online donations can be made anytime on Dec. 31 for the 2025 tax year.

TODAY @ LAKEWOOD

Message: In this season of Advent, we're focusing on 4 moments from our Journey to Freedom in Exodus that find fulfillment in Jesus and help us understand what he came to do.
What does whining and poisonous snakes have to do with Christmas? Well, Pastor Dawn is going to show us!

THIS WEEK: CHRISTMAS AT LAKEWOOD

SENIORS CHRISTMAS TEA - TODAY, 2PM

The New Believers Bible Study would like to invite all seniors of the church aged 65 and older to join us for tea in the worship centre. It will be a great time of fellowship and celebration of Jesus birth! RVSP dawn@lakewoodalliance.com

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - 5PM & 7PM

This year we will be hosting two Christmas Eve services - 5pm and 7pm. Mark your calendars!

CHRISTMAS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 9-10AM

Our Annual Community Christmas Pancake Breakfast will be 9-10am on Christmas Day! Come help us welcome those in our city who need a place to be on Christmas morning.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE - DEC. 25, 4PM

If you are far from family or are on your own, we would love for you to find a place at the table with us. We will make the turkey and potatoes. All we ask is that you bring some kind of side dish to share. Check out the website for details and contact Pastor Dawn to RSVP - dawn@lakewoodalliance.com.