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Dear Friends –

It feels like time keeps repeating itself. One year into the pandemic we come to celebrate Easter again. What can we say after this Good Friday sort of year that we have been through? Strangely, it feels like we are still in a similar place to last year. Here we are – almost suspended in time – saying once again, it's all going to be over soon, and wondering if it is true or if we are simply aspirational. Granted, time doesn't stand still. The seasons are changing. We have moved from winter to spring. From dark (EST) to light (DST). And most importantly, from Lent to Easter.

I have heard a lot of people say that the pandemic will change us forever. But it's actually Easter, not the coronavirus, that changes everything. We celebrate Easter every year because it is a world altering event. Easter comes at the moment when all could be lost. Jesus had come to show us God and we chose to reject him. Jesus could have simply gone back to heaven saying, "dad, I tried. You saw how I tried." But in raising his Son Jesus from the dead, God demonstrates his utter commitment to be with us. Even as we reject God's offer of love, even as we go to the lengths of killing him, Easter shows us that God still won't give up on us. Easter demonstrates that God's unending desire to be in relationship with us, is at the end, ultimately, unbreakable. God breaks death so that death doesn't break the relationship. As Paul writes, "neither death nor life...the present nor the future, nor any powers....nor anything else will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ." And so we can add: nor the coronavirus, quarantine, isolation, or depression."

Without Easter the virus is an intense, bleak, almost unbearable demonstration of what's finally true for all of us – that we live short, troubled, and incomplete lives and then we die, sometimes with no real rhyme or reason. This makes the virus a truly scary example of what life could feel like if Easter were not true!

But Easter offers a different story. We know that the end is not the end. Since we are not headed for oblivion but rather an ever-closer relationship with God, we can live in that relationship here and now. Coronavirus doesn't change that story. As we enter into this relationship, we discover all the ways in which God brings life even in the midst of death.

Maybe we really are in the same spot, here a year later, proclaiming the truth of Easter, and how, because of Jesus, the world will never be the same.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam



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IN-PERSON Worship @ 10:30am on Sundays in the Sanctuary This service is Live-Streamed also

ONLINE @ 9:15am
Pre-recorded service premieres

All on-line content is now available through the church website!

Go to - www.lakeshorechurch.com click on the "online services" tab





Easter Week

Maundy Thursday April 1st - 7pm online/prerecorded only

Good Friday April 2nd - 7pm in-person & live streamed

Easter Sunday April 4th - *two in-person services*

- 9:15am Traditional

- 11:15am Modern

and live streamed

*nursery available only at the 11:15am Easter service

**Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School aged children (3 years old 4 potty trained through 5th graders will be held during the 11:15am Easter Service. It will be held outdoors, so dress accordingly!

Just a reminder that there is only one full time office staff person.

Please be patient and wait an extra minute (or two) if you're at the door and leave a message if you call. Thank you for your understanding.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st Cadence Crussen

2nd Debi Rowe Judy Wilson

3rd Randy Fetherolf

5th Joe Claycomb Joan Morawa

7th Julie Maconochie

10th Rob Hall

12th Lynn Mazmanian

14th April Fetherolf

17th Lynne Henry

18th April Shields

20th Ken Be

24th Nancy Barr
Bob Mazmanian

26th Elizabeth Hunter

Archie Montgomery

27th Dorian Kirejczyk

Kyla Michels

29th Sue Bearance

Maxwell Filipek

Lisa Peterson

30th Lynda Panicara

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Mo & Stacey King

8th Marc & Renee Bronzetti

11th Bruce & Carole Koviak

12th Joe & Lillian Claycomb Randy & Kate Haselhuhn

18th Brian & Sheri Vahovick

29th Jon & Andrea Dolsen

30th Matt & Amanda Hering

March Food Pantry Dates

4/12 Monday 1-2:30pm

4/21 Wednesday 5-6:30pm

4/26 Monday 1-2:30pm

Food Pantry dates are as listed to the left for April

We are continuing the drive-thru pantry and are seeing new faces all the time. The Clothes Closet is closed indefinitely and we cannot accept any donations at this time. Please limit your food donations to non perishable items only.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.



As the Task Force for Worship has received input from the congregation through the survey and interviews, including research on trends in worship, and prayerful discussion, we have discerned the following:

- 1) We should offer two distinct styles of worship because we believe this will help us reach the most people. There was also an openness to blended and a willingness to worship outside of comfort zones if necessary.
- 2) High quality music is worth our investment.
- 3) Attention needs to be given to the whole of the service including the technology, and we have the responsibility for the different pieces of worship to be effectively coordinated.
- 4) Sermons are the center of worship and we want them to be relevant to all, engaging and succinct. Specific feedback has been passed to the pastor for reflection.
- 5) Outreach through community events tell people the story of God's love and they are a critical way LSC serves families in our community. We believe these events offer a pathway and invitation for families to take their next step in faith.
- 6) A high priority was heard for the development of churched and un-churched children, youth, and families as we move forward in discernment around our staffing model.
- 7) Digital content offerings including digital worship is something we should resource as we seek to utilize technology for both outreach and connection.
- 8) As we hire, we want to staff not only for competency, but also the ability to equip, disciple, and build competency in other people.

The Task Force will move forward using these conclusions from this Listening Phase to create the best possible staffing model for Lake Shore Church to move forward in achieving these goals. Thank you to everyone for your participation in this process so far!! The Task Force for Worship

ZOOM Sunday School

This has been SO much fun! We get to "see" all our Sunday School friends!

Mark your calendars for the rest of the ZOOM Sunday School dates so you don't miss out!

April 18th and May 9th.

Watch for a packet to arrive each time with all your fun papers!

But don't forget—in person Sunday School happens every Sunday during the live Worship Service at 10:30am. Ages 3 through 5th grade. All are welcome!



MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS is back! We know that it's a hard time to be a mom - quarantined at home, working from home, managing virtual learning - it's all hard and you are doing a great job!

Talk with other moms for support and encouragement. All moms are welcome, from pregnancy to those with kids up to age 18.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6-8pm. April 11 & 25.

There is no childcare this year. If we meet inside, masks are required.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Grosch, abgrosch@gmail.com.



LAKE SHORE CHURCH now has it's own APP!!



You can go into your phone's "app store", search for Lake Shore Church, - it looks like the picture at the left here - and download it!

This app has all kinds of great information - from the weekly worship services and the church calendar to a giving option and even some exclusive "app" content - available to you only if you have the app!! The app will have the most up to date information available on as many topics as possible!!

We hope to utilize this new (to us!) technology to reach out to our church family & friends, and also out beyond our physical walls into our community. We plan to send notifications occasionally so make sure you have your settings open to those.

So, go on, download the app and check it out—you know you want to! Share this exciting new info and download with everyone you know!!

Have questions or issues, please contact Jeanette by email at jeanette@lakeshorechurch.com

10:30am Worship 10am 6th-12th grade Sunday School 10:30am pre-k-5th gr. Sunday School 6pm Youth Groups

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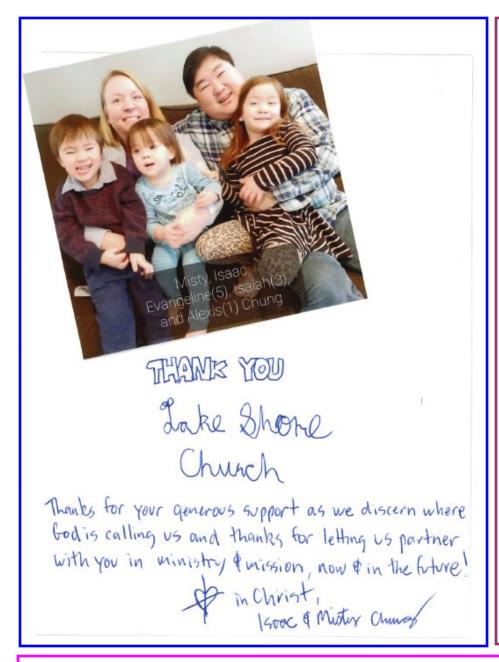
Sun	Mon	Tue	7pm Men's AA Wed	7:30pm AA & Al Anon Thu	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat
			10:30am Chair Yoga	1 7pm Maundy Thursday Online only	7 pm Good Friday In-person & Live streamed	3
4 Easter 9:15am Trad. 11:15am Modern Both in person with 11:15am live streamed	No Youth	6 10am Staff Mtg.	7	8 10:30am Chair Yoga	9	10
11 6pm MOPS 6pm Youth	12 1pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Bible Bus	13 10am Staff Mtg.	14	15 10:30am Chair Yoga	16	17
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Memorial Day Parade Party

Sunday, May 30, 2021 - so far, it's a GO!!

Lin Graber is chairing the team for this event and is need of team members!! This is always a GREAT time and so much fun! But we need help..... if this sounds like fun to you and you would be willing to roll up your sleeves and help out, get in contact with Lin or call the office! This is coming up quickly so pray on it and let Lin know!! Thanks in advance!





This Summer we have a few events already planned for - mark your calendars!

May 30th - Memorial Day Parade Party

August 2-6 - Vacation Bible School

August 11-14th -Summer Camp

We will keep you updated as we go! Check here and on the LSC App!



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Dear Friends -

Thank you for all the prayers and cards and the flowers from my friends on the GG's.

Thanks to the Deacons for the meals. I was fed well once I returned home!

I am recovering beyond expectations. My family is especially thankful for that and for all your prayers.

Stacey (King) was a great help by taking in my mail and watering my plants. I am really thankful for that!

Love to all of you, Peggy Chamberlain