Soundings

August 2022 - 3488

Dear Friends:

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As I write, I have just returned from Summer Camp 2022: "Kindness is a Slay." If you aren't familiar with that terminology, don't worry, I had to orient myself as well (a sign that I am getting older). "Slay" is slang for doing something exceptionally well. And I have to say we slayed camp! But this wasn't our own doing. While there is always a lot of planning and preparations involved; we can never plan for what God is then going to do among us. God shows up in powerful ways, and this year, I saw God leading and guiding and binding our group together in kindness and in love.

We had a ton of fun thanks to inflatable water sports, zip lines, the massive water slide, swimming, boating, mini golf, and organized games. There was also learning from the original content our leaders brought together: worship, music, skits, videos, talks, and small groups. But where God really shows up is in the unplanned moments. Our faith isn't primarily something to learn, nor is it a series of experiences to be held. Our faith is a way of living that acknowledges we are created to be in relationship with one another and our God. We got to practice this relational life together for our entire time at camp. Living in intentional Christian community, even for a short time, provides opportunity to go deeper with one another, ourselves, and our God. We don't always get such opportunity when we come in and out of church or youth group for a couple hours here and there. Being at camp for a prolonged time offers an authentic way to hold each other accountable to living the life we profess as we lived it in real time together. We took the time to reflect on this and then challenged one another to then take this living out into the real world.

Living relationally with God means an openness to God showing up to lead and direct us in ways that can't be immediately predicted. Our faith is not simply a set of stagnant moral values; it is a dynamic relationship with our creator and redeemer that we constantly negotiate! We wrestle with this relationship as we come together to live out life in Christian community. Lake Shore Church Summer Camp provides a tremendous opportunity for experiencing this community in a unique and special way. Camp might be over and while we will put it in the history books, it is not history; like any good friend made at camp, our youth's relationship with God is continuing even as the bus pulled into the church parking lot, the kids got out, and stumbled, exhausted, into their parents' cars. Turns out rest (which we didn't get enough of) is an important part of the Christian life too.

In Christ,

Adam

Pastor Adam

P.S. A very special thanks to all of our volunteer leaders and chaperones who after all their planning and preparation to make camp possible then took a week off work (and their lives) to actually go to camp! We thank Jessica Hall, Laura Glowniak, Jenna Dell, Bella Beattie, Kevin and Paula Saunders. And then our extra special thanks to the core leadership team: Sheryl and Brian Mieczkowsi, along with Josh and Kayla Daniels. Thank you all!

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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 & the app!

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

Download the app (questions? Ask the office.)

Just a reminder that there is only one full time office staff person. Please be patient and wait a minute if you're at the door and leave a message if you call.

Thank you for your understanding.

What a Summer/Fall we have planned for you!!!

Mark your calendars for all the activities and events here at Lake Shore Church . . .

August 1st-5th- Vacation Bible School August 7th- OUTDOOR WORSHIP + VBS Sunday August 27th- Youth Waterpark Event September 11th- Rally Day, Communion September 16th- Dance September 18th- The return to two services! Traditional 9am - Modern 10:45am Sunday School returns - during the 10:45am service October 7th- Mission Sleep-Out Mid-October- Pumpkin Patch October 21st- Trunk 'n Treat

Make sure you receive the weekly e-blast to be kept up to date on all the happenings here at church! This list can grow/change at any time!! Let Jeanette in the office know if you aren't getting it. We also have an app you can download to your phone and have all this info at your fingertips - in your app store, search for Lake Shore Church SCS.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	21st Adele Belanger Kurt Hohn Shelby Hunter	AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES					
 1st Floyd Brennan Wyatt Fetherolf Marilyn Schueneman 2nd Liam Wojcik 4th Dee Swoveland 7th Cyndi Wallace-Spear 8th Diana Tarrant 12th Pam Galindo-Mier Cindy Markesino 13th Jeannie Opperman 14th Don Black Damien Esch 15th Kathy Meeker 18th Mike Talluto 	Dianne Stall 23rd Lexie Mieczkowski Marc Williams 24th Lynne Morgan 25th Sean Corbett Vance Harvey Sheryl Mieczkowski 26th Cathy Schloss 27th Mary-Claire Black Kathy Marino Jane Sey 29th Adam Grosch Jackie Omlor 30th Joan Martin 31st Laura Glowniak Melanie Reedy	 8/5 Harry & Sis Leadbetter 8/9 Steve & Diana Tarrant 8/11 Rob & Margaret Hall 8/22 Curtis & Mary Chase 8/23 Garry & Susan Smith 					
The August Food Pantry / Clothes Closet schedule is as follows: Please share this with anyone you							

Monday, August 8th Wednesday, August 17th Monday, August 22nd

1pm—2:30pm 5pm—6:30pm 1pm—2:30pm Please share this with anyone you know who may be food insecure. This program is open to all.

Mission News

Sample Sized Toiletries

Summer vacation is in full swing. In your travels, please save your unopened, unused sample size toiletries. We use all of these in our blessing bags.

Blessing Bags

We just put together 50 more blessing bags for the homeless. Please feel free to take them and pass them out to those in need. If there is anything you would like to add to the bags, please do so.

<u>Sleep Out</u>

There will be a "Sleep out" spotlighting the plight of the homeless on October 7. Sign up sheets will be available beginning of August. During the sleep out, participants will be sleeping outdoors in shelters as used by those who are homeless. There will be speakers that evening speaking on the topic.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

Please only donate current season, gently used clothing for our clothes closet.

We are one of 65 sanctioned food pantries in Macomb County. The majority of our food is donated by Macomb County Community Services Agency. They obtain the food from grants and from the Federal government thru FEMA. Twice a month, we drive out to the MCCSA warehouse (Hall Road and Groesbeck), where our van is loaded with non perishable and perishable foods. We unload and stock the pantry. In addition to this food, on open pantry days, we drive out to the Pepperidge Farm warehouse in Warren, where we are given free trays full of bread.

Three times a month our pantry and clothes closet are open to the public. Our guests fill out a shopping list of what they need. If we have it, they get it. They also receive a selection of meat products and produce (when available). On some open pantry days they also receive hygiene items. We are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome!

Love and Peace, Cheryl Smark

9:15am Online Worship 10:30am Worship	AUGUST 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	1:30pm Ukuleles 7pm Men's AA Wed	9:30am GFC 1:30pm Pinochle 7:30pm AA & Al Anon	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat	
	1 2pm Generosity & Abundance Mt 6pm VBS begins	2 2pm Nominating 6pm VBS	3 9am Staff Mtg 10am 1st Impressions 6pm VBS	4 6pm VBS	5 6pm VBS	6	
7 10:30am OUTDOOR WORSHIP + VBS Sunday	8 1pm Food Pantry	9	10 4pm Finance Mtg	11	12	13	
14 Communion	15 7pm Deacons	16	17 5pm Food Pantry	18	19	20	
21	22 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Session 7pm Personnel	23	24 9am Staff Mtg	25 10:30am Pastor's Group	26	27 Youth Waterpark Event–details inside	
28 New Members Received	29	30	31 9am Staff Mtg				
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purpose. I have spent many years on Session. I have been **NEW Deacon** involved with Mission and the food pantry almost from day one. I am so happy to be entrusted with the responsibilities now of being a Deacon.

I have 2 daughters, 2 bonus stepkids, 6 grandkids, and 3 delightful little great grandsons. I love my big family gatherings! I am a seamstress, sewing for and working at my daughter's store. I love traveling by car cross country, stopping at fun, funky spots. A good book or some new yarn for a project makes me happy! I look forward to helping my fellow Deacons and my church family, however I can. Love and Peace, Cheryl Smark

The Return to Two Worship Services! September 18th 9am Traditional & 10:45am Modern

It's been a long time coming but two services are coming back! Not sure which one's for you? Try them both out! Coffee Hour returns between services & Second Service Café returns after the Modern service!

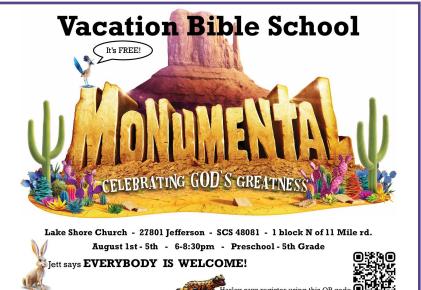


There's STILL time!!

Don't miss out on this "Monumental" opportunity!!

Get these kids registered for VBS today!

Begins Monday, 8/1/22 6-8:30pm FREE - ALL are welcome!



August 7th Outdoor Worship 10:30am

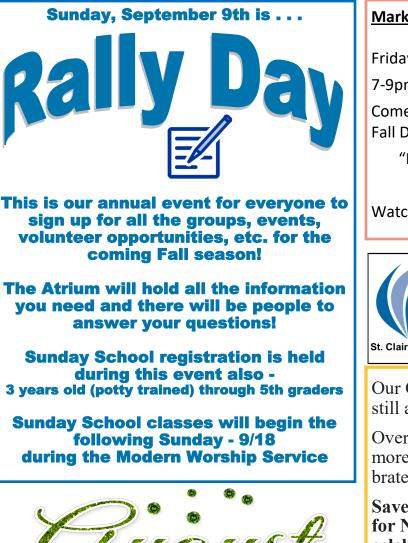


Bring a comfy, outdoor chair and join us for the One & Only outdoor worship of the year! On Sunday, August 27th, the youth have planned a trip to Rolling Hills Waterpark!

For more details contact Sheryl - sam111706@yahoo.com or 586-549-3755

Youth Group ages = 3rd grade-12th grade





Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, September 16th

7-9pm

Come, join us at our Fall Dance

"Patriotic Dance"



Watch for more details . . .



Our Centennial Celebration Committee is still at work planning.

Over these next two years we will have four more celebration events as we seek to celebrate our history in quarter century eras.

Save the date and mark your calendars for November 20th, that's when we will celebrate our second 25 years of ministry.

Want to get involved in the party planning? Let Pastor Adam know.

Have you considered becoming a part of the Legacy Circle? The Legacy Circle is a society for those who have included the church in their end-of-life plans. The amount of the gift is completely up to you. Legacy gifts become part of Lake Shore Church's permanent endowment ensuring a legacy that continues to support the church long after you are gone.

Margaret Sadler has been a Presbyterian for most of her life. She joined Lake Shore Church in 1997. She has been a part of the blowling league, food pantry, clothes closet, greeters, pinochle group and was a member of the chancel choir until 2018. When

the church took out PILP (Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program) loans to finance our debt years ago, she invested in a PILP CD. At that time, she made the decision to gift that CD to the church. Recently, when that CD matured, she gifted the full amount saying it was easy to do so because that was always her intention.

Similarly, Margaret has made the decision to give at the end of her life and has joined the Legacy Circle by including Lake Shore Church in her will and her end of life plans.

