

Soundings

August 2026 - 3509

Dear Friends:

The wildfires in Canada bring into focus just how much damage a SPARK can cause, even hundreds of miles away. But before the air pollution from those fires brought us inside for a few days, we had already chosen our theme and focus verse for this year's summer camp:

"In the same way, the tongues of fire are a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire." – James 3:5

When we selected the theme, we had no idea just how timely James' words would prove to be! We chose the verse because we know how important it is to be intentional with our words. Despite the old saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me," we know that words are, in fact, extremely powerful. They can help or they can hurt. They can inspire or they can deflate.

It is by God's Word that we are brought into existence and given the breath of life. It is through God's Word made flesh that we are redeemed. And it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are given words that can inspire and bring life to others today.

Once again, we will be at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale. Michindoh provides the camp facilities and amenities, while we provide the content and program throughout the week.

The number we are sending this year has increased once again. We have a total of 48 campers and 13 leaders attending under the direction of our camp director Sheryl Mieczkowski. Camp is certainly a team effort, with a large planning team, and every leader playing a crucial role in making the week possible. We know the lasting impact that summer camp can have because many of our leaders can testify to the difference camp made in their own lives as young people. That certainly includes Sheryl, whose passion for camp is only matched by her years of participation, dating back to her days as a youth at Lake Shore Church. I am deeply grateful that God has called her into this work of leadership.

Please pray for us! As I write, campers are gathering to depart. By the time you receive this, camp will already be nearing its end. But we trust the impact of this year's camp will only be beginning.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

Lake Shore
CHURCH

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Church Leadership

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Missions Coordinator	Cheryl Smark
Youth Director	Sheryl Mieczkowski

SECOND MILE BBQ



Last month our Lake Shore Church Deacons participated in grilling outside and providing toiletries in the HOT heat for the annual Second Mile BBQ ! The community was so grateful for their generosity!

Summer Worship Schedule

Special Two
Service
Sunday
8/16

Unity Service - 10:30am

Two services
return 9/13

Nursery care - available for infants through age three

Summer Sundays (Sunday School) - available for kids ages three through 2nd grade

August Sermon Series

HAGGAI

BY PASTOR MARIANNE GRANO - AUG 23RD & 30TH

God calls His people to examine their priorities, renew their commitment to His mission, and trust Him as they faithfully build His kingdom. Rather than longing for the "good old days" or focusing on outward appearances, Haggai reminds us that true glory is found wherever Christ is present, lives are transformed, and God's people obediently answer His call. As we put God's kingdom first, He is at work creating something even more glorious than we could imagine.

**Lake Shore Church
VBS 2026
Ages 4 - 5th Grade**

**RAINFOREST
FALLS**

Exploring the Nature of God

**August 9 - 13
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

<https://vbspro.events/p/lakeshorevbs2026>

Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers!



Upcoming Performances

**"We Can Sing a Rainbow"
Monday Aug. 3rd at 7pm**

Concert at Wahby Park
24800 Jefferson Ave
(In front of Blossom Heath)

Join in on rehearsal,
or come to listen!

Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30

Any skill level is welcome!

email jenna@lakeshorechurch.com
for more information

**SUN
8/16**

10:45AM

VBS OUTDOOR SERVICE

Join us Sunday morning on the Jefferson Lawn for an outdoor modern worship service in celebration of VBS! We will be inviting all of our VBS families to thank them for joining us, and we will also be recognizing our volunteers for all their hard work toward the week's festivities!

Please note, there will also be a traditional worship service this day only at 9am!



YOUTH EVENT ROLLING HILLS WATER PARK

AUGUST 15TH 11AM - 5PM

COST

\$20

**7660 STONY CREEK ROAD,
YPSILANTI, MI 48197**

Includes transportation - Bring a lunch to enjoy on the bus or outside the waterpark, but food/drink must be finished before entering the park! Bring extra cash for concessions if desired

RSVP to Sheryl Mieczkowski at

586.549.3755

SECOND MILE CENTER 10TH ANNUAL CHARITY SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 19th



SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Become a sponsor and support your business along with the Second Mile Center!

Diamond Sponsor \$3,000

- Includes 8 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on the golf course
- Public recognition during Ruth's speech (org founder)
- Name listed in the program

Platinum Sponsor \$1,500

- Includes 4 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on the golf course
- Public recognition during Ruth's speech
- Name listed in the program

Gold Sponsor \$750

- Includes 2 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on golf course
- Name listed in the program

Silver Sponsor \$250

- Your sign on the golf course
- Name listed in program

Table Sponsor \$100

- Table Sponsor with name displayed at the table
- Name listed in program

Did you know you can help out the Second Mile Center without having to attend this event?



Donations can also be made online at www.secondmilecenter.org
For more information, grab a flyer on the atrium shelf

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

In celebration of our kids and leaders leaving for church camp this week, our August insert article is a special interview given by Sheryl Mieczkowski talking about our youth program, Camp Michindoh, and her experience as a youth leader and director!

How long have you been leading youth?

I have been leading youth for approximately 18 years. Brian and I started leading the Ignite Group (3rd -5th graders) shortly after we were married. A couple of years later we moved to lead the Fusion group (6th -8th graders) and we have been with that group ever since. I was asked to move into the Youth/Camp Director role around 2014.

What led you to serve in youth ministry/how did God call you into this role?

Shortly after Brian and I were married, I finished a term as a Deacon and did not really feel like that was the best role in the church for me. Dawn Custer approached me as they were looking for a couple to lead the youngest youth group. I felt this was God nudging me to take on this role. I grew up at Lake Shore and attended summer camp (starting at age 4 as a pre-camper) and youth group. Lake Shore's youth programs had a huge impact on my life. Most of my core memories involve our church in some way. I felt led to create similar opportunities and experiences for the youth of today. Brian did not have the same experiences in youth group as I had growing up, so he took a little more convincing, especially as we were newlyweds and being a youth leader is a huge time commitment, but he agreed to give it try. I am happy to say that we do not regret our decision and love leading youth group together and having our kids actively involved. It truly is a family affair.

What's your favorite part about being a youth leader/director?

There are so many great parts about being a youth leader, it is really hard to name a favorite. But I guess what I enjoy most is watching kids go from not wanting to attend or going because their 'parent made them' to thoroughly enjoying youth group and not wanting to miss a week or an event. I love to see their confidence grow, to see them make lifelong friends, develop safe relationships with adult leaders who are willing to support and mentor them, and to watch their walk with Christ as their faith grows.

Tell us a little bit about Camp Michindoh. You've been taking our youth there for years and seem to have a great relationship with the directors and staff there!

We have been taking the youth to Camp Michindoh since 2017. Prior to that we had been at Camp Sequoia for a number of years. Camp Sequoia decided to demolish the kitchen and cabins we utilized and while we were invited to still attend and camp in tents and cook over an open fire, this did not really appeal to us. We began looking for a new camp that could house us retreat style, where we did all the programming and chaperoning and only rented their facilities. This was a rare offering in 2017. Only a handful of camps allowed this and even fewer had availability for our desired dates. Most wanted us to send the youth to their camp. We wanted a camp where our church youth could attend together with our leaders. We toured a few camps as a family and thought we had found the perfect one until we found out they did not have the week we needed available. It was back to square one. Both Brian and I were searching frantically for a new camp when Brian stumbled upon Michindoh. We set up a visit and the moment we arrived we knew this was our new home for camp. Even though Michindoh has their own resident camp, they specialize in retreat experiences for churches, schools, bands, family reunions, and so much more. Their mission "to serve the retreat and conference needs of the Body of Christ... by providing a responsive, Christ-centered environment of excellence, by creating strategic opportunities for evangelism, nurturing and training, for the glory of God" was exactly what we were looking for. We have been partnering with them ever since.

What does a normal day at Michindoh look like?

A normal day at Michindoh is hard to put into words. We worship in the morning through song, skits, and small group lessons. In the afternoon, we spend time at the lakefront, enjoying the beach, the inflatable water park, paddling in canoes, kayaks, or on paddleboards, or zipping down the waterslide. We have plenty of free time to explore all of God's creation outdoors by hiking around the lake, fishing, playing games like 9-square, pickleball, bucket golf, gaga ball, or hanging out in the hammocks. We also have group game time where we come together for fellowship and some friendly competition. In the evening we have vespers (or evening worship) with more music, videos and a lesson from Pastor Adam. We wrap up the night with a campfire or ice cream sundae bar or movie/gym night. To sum it up, we have fun-filled, faith-based days full of laughter, adventure and fellowship that are amazing and truly exhausting.

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How do you and our leaders plan the lessons and choose a theme for camp?

The leaders usually meet in late February or early March to pick a theme. All of our themes and programming are home-grown. We usually pick a topic we have seen surface several times throughout the youth year, or something that is a current concern of the youth. We do not use any canned or purchased programming. We design everything as a group from scratch. The youth leaders and camp staff meet twice a month from March – May and then weekly from June on to create our theme and the related lessons. It is based on Bible teachings with a lot of research and reading done to ensure we are providing quality, youth relatable lessons. Brian is an avid reader and enjoys researching topics we come up with to give us lots of material to mull over. The leaders work together to craft the lessons. This year's theme is SPARK – Speak Peace and Reflect Kindness based on James 3:5. We are focusing on how God wants us all to use our words.

What do you hope for every student joining you guys at church camp?

We hope that every youth joining us at camp will have an amazing week where they get to try new things, meet new people, make lifelong friends all while growing in their faith.

Do you have a favorite camp memory?

My favorite memory of camp actually goes back to when I was attending Summer Camp at Chief Noonday in Hastings, MI with Lake Shore Church. I looked forward to attending every summer with my mom, brothers, and all our friends (young and old) from church and meeting new people or seeing those who only came around for summer camp. I remember being a Junior Counselor and being able to hang out with my friends and sneak into the kitchen to eat leftover cherry cobbler with my best friends. We loved being there together and never wanted to go home. Memories like these are what I hope we are creating for the youth today.

What has been the biggest lesson God has taught you about leading youth?

God has taught me to be patient and to trust his plan. Leading youth and especially summer camp can be extremely stressful. My kids often joke that they hide in their room the week before camp because I am so stressed out. (Truthfully, they do not hide and are a huge help in preparing.) But God has taught me that he has a plan that is bigger than mine and that it will all work out, often better than I imagined.

When a door closes, God opens another so much better than anything I could ever imagine.

Written and Submitted by Sheryl Mieczkowski

MISSION NEWS

Clothes Closet Donations:

At this time, we are not accepting clothing donations until further notice. We have been gifted an amazing amount of donations, and because our clothes closet has limited space with no additional storage available, we need time to organize and distribute what we have. Thank you to all who have donated throughout the year to our guests. We appreciate your understanding and are grateful for your continued support.

July Impact:

During the month of July, Mission provided free food and clothing to 143 families (397 persons). Our dedicated volunteers gave 96 hours of their time to serve our community.

August Distribution Dates:

- Monday, 8/10 from 1-2:30pm
- Wednesday, 8/19 from 5-6:30pm
- Monday, 8/24 from 1-2:30pm

Thank you for always supporting this outreach!

Cheryl Smark

September Save the Dates

BACK TO TWO SERVICES & OUTDOOR WORSHIP

9/13 10:45AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WILL
REMAIN INDOORS THAT DAY AT 9AM

LEGACY CIRCLE DINNER

9/18 - 6:00PM

RALLY DAY

9/20 - AFTER
BOTH SERVICES

BREW FOR JESUS



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10TH
7:30PM MEETING EVERY OTHER WEEK

DRAGONMEAD BREWERY
14600 E 11 MILE RD, WARREN, MI 48089

THE BREW FOR JESUS BIBLE STUDY IS A CLOSE KNIT, WELCOMING CREW THAT ACCEPTS EVERYONE AND IS CONSIDERED A FRESH EXPRESSION OF FAITH THAT GOES OUTSIDE THE BOX. THE GROUP READS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, PAUSING FOR QUESTIONS, CONVERSATION, AND REAL-LIFE APPLICATION. REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

AUGUST 2026

Weekly Activities

Tuesdays - Dulcimer Group 10am
Wednesdays - Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers 1:30pm, AA 7pm
Thursdays - Girl Friends In Christ 10:30am, AA 7:30pm, AIAnon 7:30pm
Saturdays - NA 7:30pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion Youth Returns from Camp	3	4 Personnel	5	6	7	8
9 V a c a t i o n	10  Food Pantry 1pm	11 B i b l e	12 Finance 9:30am	13 S c h o o l !	14	15 Youth at Rolling Hills Waterpark
16 VBS Outdoor Modern Worship 10:45am- Traditional Indoor Worship 9am	17	18 Lake Shore Ukulele Strummers Concert - 7pm in the Sanctuary	19 Food Pantry 5pm 	20	21	22
23	24  Food Pantry 1pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August Anniversaries

8/5 Emily & Kyle Kinyon
8/9 Stephan & Diana Tarrant
8/10 Ronald & Casey Markovitch
8/15 Laura & Kurt Backer
8/21 Fred & Pamela Holmes
8/22 Curtis & Mary Chase
8/23 Garry & Susan Smith
8/24 Bill & Lynn Mazmanian
8/26 Jim & Stacie Thompson
8/28 Janice & Dave Oswald
Cindy & Ross Markesino
8/30 Becky & Robert Bell

Church Room Reservations

If you or your group needs to reserve space at the church for a meeting, please be sure to contact Stacey in the office first. We are blessed to have a church that is bubbling with activities each week. Thank you!



Call the office at 586-777-8533
or email Stacey at stacey@lakeshorechurch.com

August Birthdays

8/1 Marilyn Schueneman	8/21 Shelby Hunter
Wyatt Fetherolf	Dianne Stall
8/5 Pamela Holmes	Kurt Hohn
8/7 Cyndi Wallace-Spear	Kurt Backer
8/8 Diana Tarrant	8/23 Lexie Mieczkowski
8/10 Bonnie Balduf	8/24 Lynne Morgan
8/12 Cindy Markesino	8/25 Sheryl Mieczkowski
8/13 Jeannie Opperman	Vance Harvey
Josephine Moore	Sean Corbett
8/14 Donald Black	8/26 Thomas Scott
Damien Esch	8/27 Kathy Marino
8/15 Kathy Meeker	Mary-Claire Black
8/16 Helene Rodriguez	8/28 Danielle Burd
Christina Burrows	8/29 Adam Grosch
8/18 Carl Krueger	8/30 Charlotte Isham
	Joan Martin
	8/31 Laura Glowniak