

# Soundings

December 2021 - 3481

Lake Shore  
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

The biggest outreach opportunity of the year is still to come! Actually, it may be the biggest outreach opportunity we've had in two years! Here comes Christmas 2021. Last year, for Christmas Eve, we did online and a special outside event on the Jefferson Lawn. It was fun! This year we are back to our more normal Christmas schedule of 4:00pm Modern Family Service and 10:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service. As we get back to a more "normal" Christmas, we acknowledge that a lot has changed. It's for this reason, I give thanks for the rhythms of the year. The recurring holiday helps remind us of the passage of time and brings a sense of normalcy into our lives.

I think many are realizing just how long they've been away from church. Attendance is still nowhere near 2019 levels, but the good news is that many churches, ours included, are seeing church attendance start to creep up again. Here at Lake Shore Church we are starting to see visitors walk through the Welcome Center doors once again. I've noticed people are asking different questions. They are less hurried and they have hearts that want to go deeper and are truly interested in the gospel.

Now comes the unique opportunity of this Christmas. The great thing about Christmas is that it still syncs up with our culture. I am not saying that our culture gets Christmas right. But one way or another most everyone gets involved in the spirit of the season. This year, I believe people are looking for a message of hope. There remains a lot of despair. Many have concerns about the future for themselves and for our nation and world as a whole. Is there a better place than Lake Shore Church to receive a message of hope? Is there a better season than Christmas to introduce someone to Jesus again, for the first time? People are open like never before. Christ is surely coming again and in the spirit of the season he greets us once again as a child, meek and mild.

I wonder if there is someone you have in your life to invite to church? It doesn't have to be on Christmas Eve. We have some great Sundays planned and we will be in the Spirit of Christmas all month long! Plus, we have our Monday night Christmas Communion service on December 6th, at 7pm, with guest preacher Ruth Azar. This is a wonderful more intimate service. Let me also highlight Sunday December 26th. I'll be preaching at our normal 10:30am time as we welcome some musical guests – our very own Ukulele group who will lead us in Christmas carols!

God is good my friends. I am so looking forward to Christmas this year! It's different, but it is 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 & the app!**

**Go to - [www.lakeshorechurch.com](http://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.

# Christmas @ Lake Shore Church



**Friday, 12/24/21 Christmas Eve**

**4pm Family Worship Service**

(nursery care at 4pm only)

**10pm Traditional Candlelight Worship Service**



**Sunday, 12/26/21**

**10:30am Worship Service**



**Sunday School during worship** (ages 3-5th grade)

**No Youth Group**



9:15am Online Worship  
10:30am Worship  
10:30am Sunday School  
Pre-k—5th grade

# DECEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1:30pm Ukuleles 7pm Men's AA	1:30pm Pinochle 7:30pm AA & Al Anon	Office Closed	7:30pm NA
			1 4pm Finance	2 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	3	4
5 Communion 12:30pm Trustees 6pm SNS	6 7pm Candlelight Communion Service	7 10am Staff mtg 6:30pm Bible Bus	8 11:30am Bayview Bunch 4pm Finance 7pm 1st Impr.	9 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	10	11 Youth Overnighter
12 6pm MOPS	13 1pm Food Pantry 2pm G & A 7pm Personnel	14 10am Staff mtg	15	16 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga 6pm Healing & Prayer	17	18
19 Gift Sunday Christmas Joy Offering 6pm SNS	20 7pm Session 7pm Deacons	21 10am Trad. Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Bus	22 5pm Food Pantry	23 10:30am Yoga	24 Christmas Eve Two Services 4pm Family 10pm Trad.	25 Christmas Day 
26 Ukuleles No Youth No Coffee Hour	27 1pm Food Pantry	28	29	30	31 	



I want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns as I dealt with breast cancer. I have found out that I will NOT need chemo! Lake Shore is truly a loving & caring church! God bless you all.

Susan Huhn

## The end of 2021 is fast approaching . . .

It's hard to believe it's December already! Please note that your 2021 financial gifts must be into the office, or postmarked, by December 31st.

There's more info coming on how to get those gifts in quicker - keep an eye out for it!!

Any questions or concerns, contact the bookkeeper, Jeanette Mazmanian, at [treasurer@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:treasurer@lakeshorechurch.com) or call the office.

When the Lake Shore, Lakeview and/or South Lake schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church is closed also. Please remember to check your local radio or TV school closings as we would not want you to go out in bad weather only to find the church building closed. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS NEEDY GIFT TREE

Last year's switch to online sign-up for gifts was a fantastic success so this year we will use the same process. Please read the "View Full Description" on the sign up home page—it contains all the details of how to complete your gifts/food. Sign up just started on November 28th and the gifts and food must be returned to church on or before, Sunday, December 19th (11:30am)

Watch in your weekly eblast and in the Atrium for the online sign up information/link. The link here on this tree works too!

Each child newborn thru age 12 will receive a shirt, pants, and toy or game. Each child ages 13-18 will receive a shirt. Each family will receive the makings for Christmas dinner and gift certificate for their main dish. Due to the continuing COVID issues, we will not jeopardize anyone's safety by delivering the gifts and dinners. We will have the gift tree families pick up at the church.

The families are referred to us by the counselors at all the schools in St Clair Shores. Thank you Stacey for doing all the preliminary contacting and follow ups. Thank you Jeanette for our online gift choosing system. And thank you to our generous, caring church family for always supporting Mission.



## *Candlelight Communion Service*

*Monday, December 6th, 7pm*

*All Are Welcome*

The Deacons are hosting this annual service once again. Ruth Azar of the 2nd Mile Center will be our guest speaker. A reception will follow in the Gathering Room. The offering collected at this service are being matched by a very generous donor. All will be gifted to Ruth for the Second Mile Center.





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Bruce Appel, Ken Bolt, Mary Chase Dan Spear	16th	Troy Mazmanian
3rd	Linda Young	19th	Jean Rohde
4th	Linda DeMers	20th	Al Dickenson Karine Kraus Holly Wernet
5th	Jill Galindo-Mier	22nd	Barb Montgomery
6th	Sandy Appel	24th	Carole Rowe
8th	Chelsea Thompson	26th	DeAnna Hohn
11th	Bob Starnes	27th	Bella Beattie
14th	Nick Hunter	28th	Gail Hall Nicholas Isham
15th	Max Morawa Ella Reedy	29th	Kennedy Corbett
		31st	Lillian Claycomb Megan Crussen



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Bruce & Sandy Appel
8th	Mike & Chrissie Harris
10th	Jim & Linda Whitman
27th	Patrick & Carol King
31st	Dan & Margaret Ackerman



**The November Food Pantry / Clothes Closet schedule is as follows**

**Monday, December 13th**  
**Wednesday, December 22nd**  
**Monday, December 27th**

**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**

### **Food Pantry/Clothes Closet**

November was a busy month in the food pantry and clothes closet. We served 89 guest families, 240 individuals. Volunteers put in 65 hours of work in the pantry and closet. Our guest families were so appreciative to receive a gift card to Aldi's to help them with their Thanksgiving dinner. \*The Clothes Closet is now accepting, and in need of, outerwear - coats, hats, gloves, etc. - thank you!

### **Christmas Gift Tree**

Families will be available to take online starting Sunday November 28. Each child, newborn-12 receives a shirt, pants, and toy or game. Each child 13-18 receives a shirt. Each family will receive the makings of Christmas dinner and gift certificate for main dish. All gifts and dinners must be at church by Sunday, December 19. It is ok to add socks or gloves, etc to your child's gift. But please be mindful that there may be other kids in the family and not to overdo for one.

Please make sure to clearly mark each gift with the child's name and the family letter as designated online. Sign up information and details are in another article in this Soundings. Thanking you in advance for your kindness and generosity toward our families in need.

### **MCWARM**

MCWARM at St. Margaret's Church has resumed operations. They are providing breakfast, hot lunch, and brown bag dinner to the homeless. We have been delivering bread to them every time we pick up bread for food pantry, three times a month. We are able to do that for them because Pepperidge Farm warehouse donates free bread to us. We will be doing some lunch making events to help them. If your small group or team would like to make lunches, please let me know!

Thank you for always supporting Mission.  
Peace and love, Cheryl Smark



# Advent 2021



November 28 - The Hope of Christ's Return - Isaiah 43: 14-24

December 5 - The Peace of Repentance - Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 3: 1-6

December 12 - The Joy of God's Majesty - Zephaniah 3: 14-20

December 19 - The Great Reveal - Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 39-45

Let's celebrate the gratitude we shared with one another these past few weeks. Thank you all for your participation ! Here is a sample of some of the ways we are thankful . . .

