

# Soundings

December 2022 - 3492

Lake Shore  
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

The holiday season is upon us. It has come quick, and because of how the calendar falls (with Advent starting Thanksgiving weekend and Christmas falling on a Sunday), it will also be over before we know it. Advent is the anticipation of Jesus coming into the world. Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' arrival. Do not miss the opportunity of the season. I invite you to consider how you might play a part of Jesus coming into someone's heart.

The Christmas season is a time when many are open to an invite to church. Many people are even looking for a place to go but don't know where and find themselves too busy to figure it out. You can help! Would you consider inviting someone to Lake Shore Church? Survey after survey has shown that most people (96% in one study) who are not going to church would be *at least somewhat likely* to attend church if personally invited. I am not talking about an impersonal sharing of information, "Hey, just so you know, my church is always open on Sundays," but a deeply invested invitation, "I'd love to have you visit my church. It would mean a lot to me. Would you be open to attending with me this Sunday or next?" It's so interesting that people think offering an invite will make them look pushy when in fact it is quite the opposite. But don't just invite for their sake. Do it for you. Inviting someone to church can open up a whole new spiritual adventure, giving you new ears for what might otherwise be "the same old story." Jesus can renew his relationship with you, as you step out to invite someone new.

Check our entire church calendar for invite opportunities. We have some great Sundays planned leading into Christmas. In addition to our Sunday morning services, we have our Annual Christmas Candlelight Service (Monday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>), Christmas Pageant and Concert (Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>), and our Family Gingerbread Bash (Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>). Plus, we have multiple opportunities for students through our youth program. Then, of course, we have our Christmas Eve services at 4pm and 10pm. On that night, I will be speaking about how there is room in the Jesus story for everyone.

It's a great time to become more involved at Lake Shore Church. The Spirit is loose, and people are experiencing the very presence of God. We have much to celebrate as we add new members, dream of a Second Century, and welcome our new Associate Pastor, Brendan Ashley (starting December 1<sup>st</sup>). Even so, we pray, COME LORD JESUS.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

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**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.)

**TRADITIONAL Worship 9am**

**Pre-Recorded @ 9:15am online - YouTube**

**MODERN Worship @ 10:45am**

**This service is also Live-Streamed on YouTube.**



first fruits - Sunday - December 4, 2022

## Lake Shore Church's Annual Christmas Concert / Sunday School Pageant

December 10th, Saturday @ 2pm

Beautiful Christmas music—the choir, ukuleles, kids choir, worship band and more - and the fun of a children's pageant - all rolled into one!



**Monday,  
December 5th  
7pm**

**The Deacon  
hosted  
Candlelight  
Communion  
Service**

**Open to all**

**A beautiful  
way to begin  
your holidays!**



# Christmas Blessings Tree



## Christmas Blessings Tree

(aka Christmas Needy Tree)

The Christmas Blessings Tree is available as usual, but once again, the choosing of kids to purchase gifts for and the food baskets for their families must all be done online. There is a QR code on the tree (a LARGE one) to scan with your phone's camera that will take you directly to the page to sign up. there is also a link in the weekly eblast that will take you right to the sign up page. \*\*Note that the wrapped, labeled gifts must be returned to the church on or before

11:30am, December 18th, as they will be delivered and/or picked up that very afternoon. Please know that all of these children and families are local and most are a part of the St. Clair Shores Schools.

If you need help navigating the sign up page, please contact Jeanette in the office @ 586-777-8533  
And **Thank You** all for supporting this incredible, annual Mission / Outreach program.



## Save the Date - Gingerbread Bash

Tuesday, December 20th ~ 6:30-8pm  
An ALL Family Event

Everyone will get a chance to make a gingerbread nativity, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy our "luxury" hot cocoa bar. Watch for more details!

## Christmas Eve Services

4pm Family/Modern Worship *(nursery care provided)*

10pm Traditional Candlelight Service

## Christmas Day Worship

10:30am Unity Worship only





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1st Bruce Appel, Ken Bolt  
Mary Chase, Dan Spear  
3rd Linda Young  
4th Linda DeMers  
5th Jill Galindo-Mier  
6th Sandy Appel  
11th Bob Starnes  
14th Nick Hunter  
15th Max Morawa,  
Ella Reedy  
16th Troy Mazmanian

19th Jean Rohde  
20th Al Dickinson  
Karine Kraus  
Holly Wernet  
22nd Barb Montgomery  
24th Carole Rowe  
27th Issabella Beattie  
28th Gail Hall  
Nick Isham  
29th Kennedy Corbett  
31st Lillian Claycomb

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Bruce & Sandy Appel  
10th Jim & Linda Whitman  
27th Patrick & Carol King



Thank you to our Lake Shore Church family for all the help in putting together the lovely funeral service for husband and father, Rich, and for the outreach and support we have had from our church family! All of the cards, phone calls and kindness have been greatly appreciated! The Family of Richard Semmelroch

### The December Food Pantry / Clothes Closet schedule is as follows:

**Monday, December 12th** 1pm—2:30pm  
**Wednesday, December 21st** 5pm—6:30pm  
Church is closed on the fourth Monday in December

**Please share this with anyone you know who may be food insecure.**  
**This program is open to all.**

## Mission News

### MOPS

Thank you to our MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers) moms who put together 140 sandwiches for the unsheltered being helped by MCWARM at St. Margaret Church, SCS. The moms, with lots of experience in sandwich making, are being challenged to double their output the next time! They were a great group of moms who took time to help the unsheltered. Thank you so much.



### Blessing Bags

On Sunday, November 20th, our Sunday School kids packed blessing bags for the unsheltered. The bags included a hat, gloves, socks, washcloth, Chapstick, and snacks. The kids did a great job and are so happy to help. Thank you to all our great kids and the parents who helped with this outreach project. We will be doing them again soon. The bags are available in the atrium for you to take and give out!

### Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

On Monday, November 13th, we were so busy at pantry! We served 58 families in an hour and a half! Our record for serving families is 72 in an hour and a half. That was during the middle of the pandemic! We gave out non perishables, meat, bread, and a \$20 food gift card for Thanksgiving. Our families were so appreciative.

We are looking for coats for the clothes closet. And we are accepting current season, clean, gently used clothing. Our ladies in the clothes closet are to be commended for all their hard work, maintaining the closet.

Thank you for giving out the blessing bags and for always supporting Mission.  
Peace and love, Cheryl Smark



## Coat Drive

The Deacons will be having a Coat Drive Nov 14-Dec 10. A member of our church family teaches at a school in Centerline where there are some families in need of winter coats without the means to get them.

We are looking for new, or gently used, clean, children's coats to fit children aged pre-school through fifth grade. We could use some adult sized coats for the older children. (Please only donate child appropriate coats) Please place your donations in the large bin in the coat closet on the main floor.

If you have any new or gently used child sized hats and gloves, we would also love those.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Your Deacons always appreciate your support!

The Clothes Closet is also in need of adult winter coats. Please keep our Closet in mind as you clean out yours! Thank you!



Small groups provide an opportunity to go deeper with God and with people. We design small groups to help members grow in faith through the intimacy of a caring and accountable community.

Every small group at Lake Shore Church practices an "empty chair." This means you are welcome to come at any time and that they are holding an open seat for you. In fact, we pray about who God may be leading to fill our empty chairs. Filling an empty chair doesn't commit you forever. You are welcome to come to a single meeting or you may decide a particular study looks interesting and participate in the group for that study.

Check the calendar in this newsletter for Small Groups with their dates and times. Some groups are taking a break for the holidays so make sure you check again after the New Year!



We are still in need of volunteers to help serve coffee and snacks at the Second Service Cafe - after the 10:45am service. Volunteers work on an alternating basis (maybe once a month or so). It's only about a forty-five-minute commitment, but it would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please give Lin Graber a call at (586) 504-3993. You'll be glad you did!

Our church is also in need of a few more ushers for either of our services. Men, women, couples, new members - consider joining our current group of ushers. It's a very simple job but extremely important to our church. Ushering teams alternate every month so your team would be on for a month and then off for two or three months. If you are interested or for more information, please call Bob Mazmanian at (586) 943-9804.

## MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers

We are a great group of moms, with kids of all ages, who get together twice a month to share and learn and grow our "village". We generally meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6-8pm. Join us December 11th!



9:15am Pre-Recorded  
Worship, on  
YouTube  
9am Traditional  
10:45am Modern  
Live-Streamed also  
Sunday School  
6pm Youth Groups

# DECEMBER 2022



\* = a Small Group  
**Sun**

**Mon**

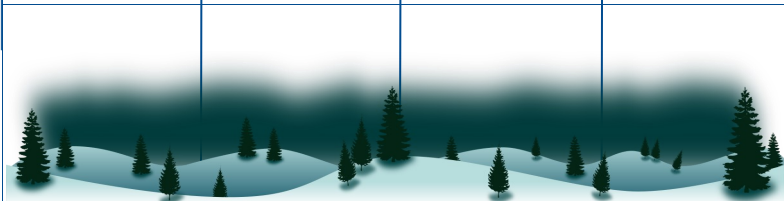
5:30pm Band Prac.  
7pm \*Anchor  
Grp **Tue**

1:30pm Ukuleles  
7pm Men's AA **Wed**

9:30am \*GFC  
1:30pm Pinochle  
7:30pm AA  
& Al Anon **Thu**

**Office  
Closed Fri**

7:30pm NA **Sat**



**1**  
7pm Choir  
Practice

**2**

**3**

**4** First Fruits  
Sunday  
Communion  
Noon-Trustees  
6pm \* Sunday  
Night Saints

**5**  
7pm Candlelight  
Communion  
Service

**6**

**7**

**8**  
7pm Choir  
Practice

**9**

**10** 10am \*Breakfast  
Bunch  
2pm Christmas  
Concert &  
Children's Pageant  
6pm Youth Overnight

**11**  
6pm MOPS

**12**  
1pm Food Pantry  
2pm Generosity  
& Abundance  
6:45pm Personnel

**13**

**14**

**15**  
7pm Choir  
Practice

**16**

**17**

**18**  
Blessings Tree  
gifts returned  
at or before  
11:30am  
6pm Youth  
Party

**19**  
7pm Deacons  
7pm Session

**20**  
6:30pm  
Gingerbread Bash

**21**  
5pm Food Pantry

**22**  
7pm Choir  
Practice

**23**

**24 Christmas Eve**  
4pm Family/Modern  
10pm Traditional  
Candlelight



**25 Christmas  
Day**  
10:30am  
Unity Worship  
NO Sunday  
School  
NO Youth Group

**26**  
Office Closed

**27**  
Regular Office  
Hours 8am - 6pm

**28**

**29**  
7pm Choir  
Practice

**30**

**31**  
Happy New Year!



## December Dates to Remember

Monday, December 5th

- 7pm Candlelight Communion Service

Saturday, December 10th

- 2pm Choir Concert/Children's Pageant  
Youth Overnighter

Sunday, December 18th

- Christmas Blessings Tree (aka Needy Gift Tree)  
(gifts and/or food must be returned on or before 11:30am)

Tuesday, December 20th

- 6:30-8pm, Gingerbread Bash, an ALL Family Event

Saturday, December 24th

- Christmas Eve - 4pm Family, 10pm Traditional

Sunday, December 25th

- Christmas Day - 10:30am Unity Service only

Monday, December 26th

- Church and Offices Closed

