

Soundings

December 2023 - 3504

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

We live in an age of intense loneliness. Studies say more people are experiencing feelings of isolation than at any other time in US history. I know that people in the church are not exempt from this experience. However, I do believe the church is well-positioned to address the epidemic and move the needle on this crisis. Making connections, building community, and joining together in joint mission is what the church is all about.

Christmastime presents a particular opportunity for us all to connect. This is the season of parties and celebrations and goodwill. It is also the season in which we celebrate God coming into the loneliness of our world. Christmas is the moment when our estrangement from God ends. He is no longer far off in another realm ruling in heaven; but through the birth of his son, God comes to be with us face-to-face. The miracle of Christmas is that God decides to be WITH us. The gift of his presence is the most precious gift of all the presents of the season.

This Advent and Christmas season, the Sunday morning series is titled, "The Gift of Presence." Not only is God present with us, but we also have opportunity to be present with our neighbors. Given what the studies are saying, we need one another's presence. One article published last month suggested that in America loneliness is impacting people of every age group. No one is immune. In fact, this study suggested that young adults, 18-22, were the loneliest age group, with 79% reporting feelings of loneliness.

As we offer presence to neighbors; we can also offer an invitation to receive the gift of the presence of God and the church. Because our culture is so heavily invested in the fanfare of Christmas, I do believe this is one of the best times of the year to invite people into church. Personal invites remain the number one reason why someone will come to church.

You will find in this Soundings the many opportunities Lake Shore Church is offering to make connections. Beyond worship, and other events, you can also invite people to get involved and serve. Letting a friend know they can participate in our gift tree may be the beginning of their relationship with our church.

In Christ,



Adam

P.S. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This means that you have an opportunity to come to church twice. First, for Sunday morning (Advent 4) Unity worship and then for your choice of Christmas Eve Service – 4pm Modern Family or 9pm Traditional Choir and Candlelight.

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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.)

The 10:45am Worship is also Live-Streamed on YouTube & FB



Christmas Cookie Craze

December 1st - 6:30-8pm

Cookie Decorating, Christmas Crafts,
and Stories

FREE and Open to all!

RSVP - ASAP

Email pastorbrendan@lakeshorechurch.com

or call 586-777-8533



Annual Christmas Gift Tree

The Christmas Blessings Tree is available in the atrium. This year we are helping 10 families—with 23 children! There are also 12 kids from The Second Mile Center whose names are on the tree too. Please help out if you can!

****Note that the wrapped, labeled gifts must be returned to the church on or before 11:30am, December 17th, as they will be picked up that very afternoon. Please know that these children and families are local and most are a part of the St. Clair Shores Schools.**

If you need help navigating the envelope system that we use, there will be someone at the tree to help.

And Thank You all for supporting this incredible, annual Mission / Outreach program.

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

On Friday, November 10, 2023, Lake Shore Church membership and friends gathered to celebrate 100 years of ministry of our church with a special Centennial Celebration Gala. The evening began out on the lawn at the corner of Jefferson & Grove Pointe where all assembled to dedicate the permanent historical marker gifted to us by the Historical Commission of the City of Saint Clair Shores. Several city dignitaries spoke at the dedication including Mayor Kip Walby. We were also given a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by Linda Torp on behalf of Congressman James. Pastor Adam led us in The Dedication of a Second Century of Ministry call & response and spoke with excitement about the possibilities of the next chapter at Lake Shore Church. Jenna Dell sang a beautiful rendition of "Be Thou My Vision" in honor of this special event.



After the dedication, the 150 plus crowd walked downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner featuring a menu of Michigan products & ingredients. Blue and yellow balloons and maps of Michigan decorated the tables, while trifold displays of pictures depicting the 100-year history of Lake Shore Church sat along a wall for all to view.

The evening finished in the Sanctuary where the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic put on a two-hour concert. These energetic high schoolers played a lively range of music from American folk to bluegrass to western swing and beyond. All thoroughly enjoyed it, from the youngest children to the seniors.



On Sunday, November 12th, Lake Shore Church held a Dedication & Celebration Sunday. A Unity Worship Service began at 10:30am with both the Choir & Praise Band singing. Highlights of the service were several video reels of members sharing their love of our church, and their hopes and dreams for the future, and a special performance by the Children's Choir. During service, the congregation dedicated their pledges and offerings to Great Expectations (our annual campaign) and the Second Century Dream (our multi-year Capital Campaign). Pastor Adam gave an enthusiastic message giving thanks and celebrating Lake Shore's contributions to the community over the past 100 years while also igniting the flames of the next chapters that lie ahead of us and generations to come. After service, people gathered in Fellowship Hall for a Continental Breakfast.

This weekend marked the fifth and final celebration weekends we have held in 2022-2023 to commemorate Lake Shore Church's 100 -year history. A big thanks to the Centennial Team of Pastor Adam, Lin Graber, Joan Martin, Tim Thompson, Stacie Thompson, Debbie Rowe & Julie Maconochie, who gave us these wonderful events all throughout the year. We appreciate their time and hard work!

We now begin a second century of ministry at Lake Shore Church and are committed to continue the vision of that group of women who, back in 1922, endeavored to nurture the faith of children and serve their community. We begin the second century of being a caring, growing and serving group of God's people who have an ardent desire to share the love of Jesus with others and see the power of Jesus Christ transform their lives.



Written & submitted by Michele Maksout.
Photos courtesy of Andrea Ballard, and Cliff
Stewart of Stewart Photography.

December dates

- 12/1 = Christmas Cookie Craze 6:30pm
- 12/4 = Candlelight Communion Service 7pm
- 12/6 = Advent Prayer Stations Noon-7pm-drop in
- 12/16 = Christmas Concert/Children's Pageant 2pm
- 12/24 = 10:30am Sunday Morning Unity Worship

Christmas Eve Services are as follows:

4pm Christmas Eve

Family/Modern Worship

9pm Christmas Eve

Traditional Worship

12/31 = 10:30am Unity Worship



Monday, December 4th @ 7pm

The Deacon Hosted

Candlelight Communion Service

Open to all



A beautiful way to begin your holidays

Christmas Concert

and

Children's Pageant

Saturday, December 16th at 2pm

All are Welcome



**Join us for this wonderful time
of Christmas fun!**

**ADVENT PRAYER
STATIONS**

Wednesday, December 6th - Noon-7pm

Come and take some time to explore what God is stirring up in your heart during this season of Advent and in the year ahead.

Drop in anytime and explore . . .



MOPS

this is motherhood

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 meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6-8pm.

Check the calendar for dates! All are welcome!



December Birthdays

12/01	Bruce Appel, Ken Bolt	12/20	Holly Wernet
	Mary Chase, Dan Spear	12/22	Barb Montgomery
12/03	Linda Young	12/24	Carole Rowe
12/04	Linda DeMers	12/26	Deanna Hohn
12/05	Jill Galindo-Mier	12/27	Bella Beattie
12/06	Sandy Appel	12/28	Gail Hall
12/11	Bob Starnes		Nicholas Isham
12/14	Nick Hunter	12/29	Kennedy Corbett
12/15	Max Morawa,	12/31	Lillian Claycomb
	Ella Reedy		
12/16	Troy Mazmanian		
12/17	Emily Harvey		
12/19	Jean Rohde		
12/20	Al Dickinson		



and Anniversaries

12/2	Bruce & Sandy Appel
	Laura Sorrells & Ryan O'Donnell
12/10	Jim & Linda Whitman
12/27	Patrick & Carol King
12/31	Dan & Margaret Ackerman

When the Lake Shore, Lake-view or South Lake School Districts are closed due to inclement weather, the church will be 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!

MISSION NEWS

Thank you to our Sunday School kids for the 350 bags of candy they packed on November 12th. The candy bags were donated to Westminster Church to be included with the Thanksgiving dinners. Great job!



Thank you to our MOPS moms who made 300 sandwiches during their meeting on November 12th also. The sandwiches were donated to the MCWARM program at St Margaret Church, SCS. St Margaret provides respite for the homeless, giving them breakfast, hot lunch, and a brown bag dinner. Our sandwiches were included in the brown bag dinner.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet have been so busy this month and we still have one more open pantry date. On Monday, November 13th, we had 82 families in less than two hours. This was a record number of families for us. And on Wednesday, November 22nd, we had 53 families. Please donate only clean, smoke free, current season (fall and winter) clothing. Our pantry would appreciate donations of tuna, canned pasta, chicken noodle or tomato soup, and noodles.



I am thankful for all the support my church family gives to Mission.
Cheryl Smark



"To sing is to pray twice" as the saying goes. We invite you to sing with the Chancel Choir part or full time. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7p.m., September through mid-June. We sing at the 9 a.m. Traditional Service & the occasional 10:30 a.m. Unity Service. Join us for Easter or Christmas especially!

You may contact Peggy Braden, Director, at 989-324-7574 or peggyb@lakeshorechurch.com.

9am Traditional
10am Middle & Hi
School Sunday School
10:45am Modern
10:45am Sunday
School - PreK-5th grade
6pm Youth Groups

DECEMBER 2023



* = a Small Group
Sun

Mon

Tue

1:30pm Ukuleles
7pm Men's AA
7:30pm Band
Practice

Wed

6pm Bells
7pm Choir
7:30pm AA
& AI Anon

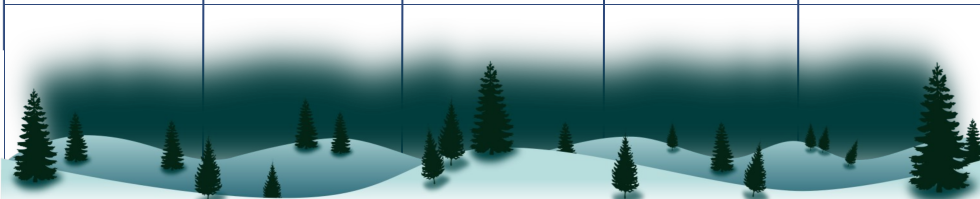
Thu

**Office
Closed**

Fri

7:30pm NA

Sat



1
Christmas
Cookie
Craze 6:30pm

2

3 Communion
6pm Grano Grp

4
Candlelight
Communion
Service 7pm

5

6
Noon-7pm
Advent Prayer
Stations

7
9:30am GFC*
1:30pm
Pinochle

8

9
10am Breakfast
Bunch
6pm Youth
Overnighter

10
6pm MOPS

11
1pm Food
Pantry

12

13 9am Staff
10am
1st Impressions
1:30pm Bayview B
4pm Finance
6:45pm Personnel

14
9:30am GFC*
1:30pm
Pinochle

15

16
2pm Christmas
Concert and
Children's
Pageant

17
Gift Sunday
6pm Grano Grp

18
7pm Session
Deacons

19

20
5pm Food
Pantry

21
9:30am GFC*
1:30pm
Pinochle

22

23
10am Breakfast
Bunch

24
10:30am Unity
Worship
4pm Christmas
Eve-Family
9pm Christmas
Eve-Traditional

25
Christmas
Day
CLOSED

26

27
1:30pm Bayview B

28
9:30am GFC*
1:30pm
Pinochle

29

30

31
10:30am Unity
Worship

Youth Groups - Mark Your Calendars!

December 9th-10th - Overnighter event at church - 6pm-10am

**And....it's never too late to join us for Middle & High School Bible Study!
Sunday mornings from 10-10:40am**

**As always, contact Sheryl for more info - 586-549-3755.
The overnighter is open to all Youth Groups**



**SpringHill will be here before you know it -
February 2-4th, 2024 - Save the Date!!**

