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Dear Friends,

The year is underway, and we can already celebrate the ways that God is moving among us. On January 29th, we will hold a Unity Service followed by our Annual Meeting. It is at this meeting where we recognize God's call upon those people who have been nominated for leadership. We will put it to a vote and elect these folks to office. Throughout time God has been calling people into the work of his kingdom. In our church, God calls pastors, elders, deacons, and trustees. God has been doing so for the last 100 years!

But God's call is not simply for those who are being called up into an elected office. God calls each and every one of us into service for His kingdom. As we start a new year, I want to invite you to consider how God is calling you to serve at Lake Shore Church. One of our longtime members had been saying for a long time that once she retired, she was going to get involved in the ministry of our food pantry. She just retired. And she was here during the first pantry of the 2023 calendar year!

As times change, opportunities change, both in the church and in our lives. But no matter the time, there is an opportunity for you to serve at Lake Shore Church right now. The opportunity to serve happens at the intersection of our passion and gifting and the kingdom's needs. For those who have the gift of hospitality, we have opportunities to provide welcome. Nearly every week we have people visiting our church for the first time and many are wondering if they are truly welcomed in this place. For those with the gift of compassion, we have those in our church who need a listening ear, a card that shows concern, a visit to celebrate home communion. For those with the gift of prayer, we need you to be praying on our prayer team. For those with the gift of music, we have opportunities to sing and to play. For those with the gift of administration, we have events that need planning and details that need looking after. For those who know their way around a computer, we have an opportunity to get our worship out on the internet. For those who have a heart for kids, we have opportunities with our kids. I could go on. There truly in an opportunity for everyone.

Church is not meant to be a spectator sport. Church is how the people of God come together so that we can do more than we can do on our own. A church is only as strong as its members. And we have great members. When you take a look at the percentage of people serving in our church at least monthly, Lake Shore Church is well above average. Yes, I am preaching to the choir! For the many who are serving, let me thank you. Let's keep it up. Let's be more than average. And if you are ready to step out to serve for the first time, consider this a personal invitation to answer the call. If you are still unclear about where that might be or how to do it, please reach out, I would love for us to figure it out together.

In Christ.

Pastor Adam

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When the Lake Shore, Lakeview 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!

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.)

TRADITIONAL Worship 9am MODERN Worship 10:45am
The 10:45am is also Live-Streamed on YouTube.

Welcome Center Doors

The Welcome Center doors are not working properly - they will be open per usual on Sunday mornings, but during other hours we ask that you please use the service ramp entrance.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will keep you informed of any updates and/or changes as they occur.



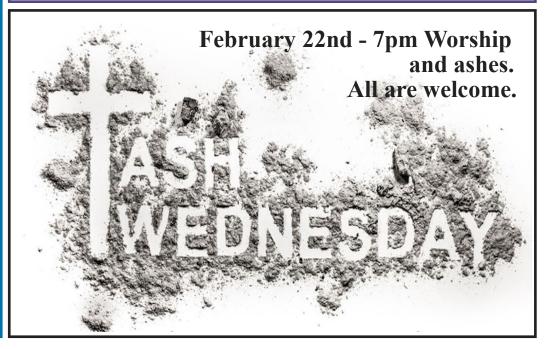


2023 Presbytery Support

The 2023 Presbytery Support (aka Per Capita) is \$50.95 per church member. We, as a church, are required to pay this amount for each and every member of our congregation to the Presbytery. Your annual gift of that amount helps us to keep our annual budget balanced.

There is a designated envelope in your box of giving envelopes for this offering or you can include a note with your electronic gift.

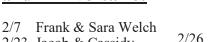
Questions? Want to learn more about this? Call Jeanette in the church office at 586-777-8533.



February Birthdays

2/1	Lee Esterling	2/15	Vivian Parker
2/1		2/16	Josh Daniels
212	Karen Battjes	2/17	Jeff Flanigan
2/4	Judie Steele		Evie Freeman
2/4	Susan Huhn	2/19	
2/7	Tara Aldea	2/19	Lew Ruddock
	Cheryl Smark	2/20	
	Anna Thomas	2/20	
2/8	Stephen Hooper	2/21	Kathy Maude
2/0	Rick Skerkowski	2/22	Carolyn Hammons
2/10			Edith Johnson
	Beverley Wall	2/25	
2/11	Abby Morawa	2/27	Margaret Fantucci
	Carl Rohde Jr.	2121	
2/12	Seth Schloss		Crystal Jenken
2/14	Stephany Hepner	2/28	Sue Goeddeke
2,11	Stephany Hepher		Makenna Michels

and Anniversaries



2/23 Jacob & Cassidy
LaRowe

2/26 Mike & Cheryl Zito 2/28 Ken & Anna Be

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 10 - FRIDAY Chili Cook-Off & Game Night!

Bring your best chili and join us for this (almost) annual event!!!

When the cook-off is over it'll be Game Night for all!! Feel free to stay and play!



Watch for more details and a sign up!

Just a few reminders . . .

There is only one person in the office, so please be patient when you call or are at the door.

Pastor Adam's office is now on the upper floor of the building.

REMINDER

Items left in the Copy Room (next to the office) will be removed after a two week period.

Please remember that the circle drive on Elba (that accesses the service ramp entrance) is NOT marked or rated for handicapped parking, and the ramp is not a certified handicapped ramp entrance. The handicapped parking spots are along the drive in from Jefferson and the best entrance, for those who need assistance, is at the Welcome Center (even with the door issues). Thank you.

Who wants to go with to the overflow worship and creative conference? It is a great opportunity for us to grow in our faith and as a team to fulfill our mission of seeking to transform lives in the name of Jesus as we care, serve, and grow with each other and those God is calling in to discipleship at Lake Shore Church.

It is \$79 per person if we get 5+ people going.

Here is the link providing more info on the conference: https://overflowconf.org.

Let Brendan know by January 24, 2023 @ 586-777-8533 or pastorbrendan@lakeshorechurch.com

<u>Mission News</u>

As we start a new year, I would like to thank our caring, generous church family for their support of Mission in 2022! We are always looking to help our neighbors in need. If you have a suggestion for a project, please contact me at casmark1@wowway.com or find me church.

Food Pantry / Clothes Closet

We are accepting gently used, current season clothing and gently used linens. We can use winter coats for adults and children. Our volunteers have the daunting task of sorting and merchandising all items, so please make sure your donations are clean, gently used and smoke free. Thank you to our "Closettes" for their hard work! Also, thank you to our Pantry volunteers, who, through their hard work, provide free food to our guest families three (3) times a month. We're looking forward to another great year of bringing food, clothing and blessing bags to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your support!

Peace and Love, Cheryl Smark

The February Food Pantry / Clothes Closet schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 13th
Wednesday, February 22nd
Monday, February 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.

9am Traditional 10:45am Modern Live-Streamed also Sunday School 6pm Youth Groups

FEBRUARY 2023



* = a Small Group Sun	Mon	6:30pm Band Prac. 7pm *Anchor Tue	1:30pm Ukuleles 7pm Men's AA Wed	1:30pm Pinochle 7pm Choir Prac. 7:30pm AA Thu & Al Anon	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat
			1 9am Staff Mtg.	2 9:30am GFC*	3	4 9am Officer Training
5 Communion 6pm Sunday Night Saints*	6	7	8 9am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Bayview Bunch 6:45pm Personnel	9 9:30am GFC*	10 Chili Cook-Off Game Night WATCH FOR DETAILS	11 10am Breakfast Bunch
12 12pm SpringHill Parents Meeting 6pm MOPS 6pm Youth Super Bowl Party	13 12pm Eastside Collaborative 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Session 7pm Deacons	14 Happy Valentine's Day	9am Staff Mtg. 10am 1st Impressions	16 9:30am GFC* 11:30am Pastor's Group	17 *Youth leave for SpringHill	18
Return from SpringHill NO youth groups 6pm SNS*	20 Church Closed In honor of President's Day	21	22 9am Staff Mtg. 1:30 BV Bunch 5pm Food Pantry Ash Wednesday 7pm Service	23 9:30am GFC*	24 Lucky Hearts Dance 7pm	25 10am Breakfast Bunch
26 6pm MOPS	27 1pm Food Pantry	28 6pm Officer Training	• •			HELLO March

Lucky Hearts Dance - Friday, February 24th - 7-9pm

\$10 per person—no preregistration needed Pay at the door.

Swing Shift Orchestra playing - all ages welcome!! In our Fellowship Hall - plenty of room to move around! This is always a great evening—come join us!



*Please note that the church is closed on Monday, February 20th, in honor of Presidents Day.