

Soundings

February 2026 - 3509

Lake Shore Church

Dear Friends:

The story in Genesis not only describes God creating humankind as one of many species to populate the earth – but as the one species God created in God’s image. This not only gives us a special place within creation, but it also gives us a special place in God’s heart.

When I say “us,” I don’t simply mean you and me. I mean all humanity. And humanity not in a general sense, but in each human person. The term theologians have used is *Imago Dei*, meaning, “the image of God.” This phrase names the whole conversation around the worth and dignity of each person.

In a recent sermon, I shared my deep concern for the erosion of the *Imago Dei* in our public and shared life. The erosion comes in many forms and from all directions. This doesn’t mean all sides are equally guilty, only that on every side we can see how easily de-humanizing words get flung. Labeling, demeaning, name-calling, and personal attacks become steps into an ever-spiraling cycle of hatred and revenge.

The recent, widely publicized deaths in Minneapolis are beyond tragic. And in the aftermath, I have been troubled by how quickly public speech can harden—how quickly blame and suspicion can be cast, and how easily the dignity of real people can be minimized. Truth-telling matters, restraint matters, and the dignified treatment of every human being must never be treated as optional. The struggle is not only over policies and procedures; it’s also over how we speak, how we tell the story, and whether we will protect the dignity of others even when we disagree, feel threatened, or fear the worst.

As Christians we must champion the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. It matters how we treat others.... Including the immigrant (documented or undocumented), those who have committed crimes, and those who protest. It matters how we treat law enforcement and those who serve in federal roles. It matters how we treat politicians. It matters how we treat those “on the other side.” It also matters that we hold those exercising federal power to the highest of standards and to demand the dignified treatment of every human being in the exercise of state authority.

When a threat is large and people are screaming at you; “picking up your cross” can in fact seem foolish. And yet, as the apostle Paul writes, “to those who are being saved, it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1: 18). May we hear the call and embody this truth as we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

In Christ,

Adam

Pastor Adam

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Office Manager	Stacey King
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CHURCH CLOSURE

This is a reminder as winter is coming, the church will be closed when Lake Shore, Lakeview, or South Lake schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Do you have information or an event you want to share with the church?

ADD IT TO THE SOUNDINGS!

Send your details to Jenna by the **17th of each month** to have it in the next month's soundings.

jenna@lakeshorechurch.com

Worship Schedule

Sundays - Traditional @ 9am, Modern @ 10:45am

Nursery care available at both services (infants through age three)
Sunday School at the modern service (ages three - 5th grade)

February 8th
12:00 pm

JOIN US FOR
Membership Matters
CLASS

Wondering what your next step in faith might be?

Whether you're new or already feel at home at Lake Shore Church, join us for a casual conversation with Pastor Adam. You'll learn more about our church, ways to get involved, and why membership matters. It's a great chance to ask questions, connect, and explore what it means to belong. Everyone's welcome—we'd love to get to know you!

YOUTH GROUP

BOARD GAMES +

TAIL GATE XXX

SUNDAY
2/8/26 VS 1-3PM
@ LAKE SHORE CHURCH

CALLING ALL YOUTH GROUP KIDS! COME HANG OUT WITH US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF GAMES AND FOOTBALL FOOD! ENJOY PLENTY OF FOOD AND A HUGE SELECTION OF BOARD GAMES—FUN GUARANTEED FOR EVERYONE!

OFFERING COMMUNION

Did you know the Deacons offer communion to members who are shut-ins, either permanent or temporary (e.g., post-surgery)? Communion is brought once a month to local members at a time scheduled between the server and recipient.

Please contact Barb Lamb (586)-808-2001 after 5pm M-F for more information

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

The Lake Shore Church Band is excited to share we are presenting our third ever worship night – this time in celebration of the Lenten season! Join us in the sanctuary on **Friday February 27th at 7pm** for an awesome time of worship in concert fashion.

In times past, this event is music heavy; including both upbeat and heartfelt praise songs, sharing of scripture, and moving testimony. We love doing events like these to invite all church members into a comforting space to dive into an intimate moment with God.

For this worship night, the theme is **“From Ashes to Grace”**, shaped by the Lenten journey. The message is a reminder to slow down, reflect, and remember the forgiveness Jesus gifted us when he died on the cross. It's a chance to bring all our mess, questions, and need for God's grace. In this time of worship, we can rest in our faith that He meets us there.

We look forward to you joining us as we move from ashes into grace together.



Written and Submitted by Jenna Dell

2026 Presbytery Support

2026 Presbytery Support (this includes per capita) is \$56.00 per church member. Whether or not you are a contributor, we send money on behalf of each member to the presbytery. Your annual contribution helps to keep our church budget balanced—thank you for your support!

You'll find a designated envelope for this offering in your box of giving envelopes, or you can simply include a note with your electronic gift.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact our bookkeeper, Michelle Decker, at the church office: 586-777-8533.



Save the Date:

March 1st

Missionary dinner and presentation with Isaac Chung

More details to come!

LEGACY *Circle*

TESTIMONIES

BOB AND MARY JANE STARNES

Bob and Mary Jane were cherished, long-time members of Lake Shore Church.

Mary Jane often shared how deeply their lives were enriched by the friendships they developed through the church, particularly with the Dickinson family.

Their gratitude for the impact of the church inspired them to serve faithfully and give generously throughout their lives. In honor of how much the church meant to them throughout their lives, the Lake Shore Church was blessed to receive a gift from their final estate.



Have you considered creating your own lasting legacy? The Legacy Circle is a special society for those who have included Lake Shore Church in their end-of-life plans. Becoming a member is a meaningful way to express gratitude for the blessings you've received and ensure that Lake Shore Church continues to thrive for generations to come.

The amount of your gift is entirely up to you. Legacy gifts are invested in Lake Shore Church's Growing Tomorrow Permanent Endowment, creating a foundation for ministry that will bless future generations.

To learn more, please contact Pastor Adam or the church office.

MISSION NEWS

Blessing Bags

There is a new batch of blessing bags available in the atrium on the white table! Please take as many as you can distribute to the unsheltered. We have included socks, a hat, washcloth, soap, and some protein snacks. Please feel free to add whatever you choose.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

Our clothes closet is accepting only gently used, clean, smoke free winter clothing and household linens. We do not have any storage space for out of season clothing. Our food pantry is always in need of tuna, chicken soup, tomato soup, cream soup, spaghetti, and canned fruit. During the month of January we gave free clothes and food to 130 families and 343 people.

If you or someone you know needs food or clothing, we are open in the month of February:

Monday February 9th from 1-2:30

Wednesday February 18th from 5-6:30

Monday February 23rd from 1-2:30.

We are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome.

MCWARM

On Thursday February 5th we will be making sandwiches with the students who are members of the Jefferson Middle School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). We will be donating the sandwiches to the MCWARM program at St. Margaret Church, SCS.

The Motor City Mitten Mission is in need of any cold weather gear you may have. Hats, gloves, jackets, warm socks, sweatshirts, and thermals. Time to dig through your closet and drawers and donate those items that are gently used, but so needed right now! You can put those items inside the big white bin in the coat closet. We recently donated 50 brand new hats and fleece scarves to them. (A shopping trip to Menards was a bonus, because the nice hats were \$.97!!)

MCMM goes out every single night with their truck loaded with cold weather gear and hot meals looking for the unsheltered. We have been bringing them bread and treats for their lunch bags they also distribute. Please look for that cold weather gear that you are not using! Thank you for always supporting Mission!

Cheryl Smark



Help Us Keep Lake Shore Church Financially Strong

Refer us any Real Estate deal in the **whole state of Michigan** and the day of close **Mark & Jennifer Foster** (Original Lake Shore members in 2001) **will donate 25% of their brokerage earnings** to Lake Shore Church.



Mark and Jennifer Foster:
586-805-6000

FLOCK OF BELIEVERS

Social Group for People ages 30s-60s

CORNHOLE

Cost - \$10 per person



SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

6pm - 8pm

**Great Shots in Clinton Township
36901 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48035**

**TO RSVP: TEXT MICHELE AT
586-246-3921**

A 12-Week Cohort

EXPERIENCING GOD

About...

Instead of just learning **about** God, are you ready to **experience** God in your life? If you've ever wanted help moving from the theoretical to a practical spirituality, this study is for you. This twelve-week book, video, and small group experience will awaken you to the way God is moving and working in your life. The expected outcomes in this study include coming to know God more deeply, learning to recognize God's voice, and understanding God's will for your life. God is already at work. Are you ready to join him?

Sessions will be facilitated by Elder Laura Backer. This opportunity is not to be missed and your participation will put you on the forefront of where we believe God is leading our church in 2026.

To express interest or to learn more, email [Laura Backer](mailto:lbacher2015@hotmail.com) lbacher2015@hotmail.com or talk to pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com. Meeting times will be set based on the schedules of those who are interested.

YOUTH ZOO SNOOZE

APRIL 18TH - 19TH

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**



EXPERIENCE INCLUSIONS

- WEEKEND ZOO ADMISSION (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)
- A GUIDED WALKING TOUR
- ANIMAL AMBASSADOR MEET-AND-GREETS
- SATURDAY PIZZA DINNER
- SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN THE ARCTIC ENCOUNTER EXHIBIT BETWEEN THE POLAR BEARS, SEALS, AND SEA LIONS. THE PROGRAM FEATURES A ZOOKEEPER-LED CONVERSATION TALK, HANDS-ON ENRICHMENT PROJECTS, AND INTERACTIVE WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES. **ANIMAL ACTIVITY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**

COST: \$60/PERSON

**\$15 OPTIONAL "I SNOOZED THE ZOO" T-SHIRT PER PERSON;
KIDS SHOULD BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR SATURDAY LUNCH.**

TRANSPORTATION

ROUND-TRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM LAKE SHORE, DEPARTING SATURDAY 4/18 AT 4PM AND RETURNING SUNDAY 4/19 AT 4PM.

**REGISTER AT LAKESHORECHURCH.COM/EVENTS
DON'T DELAY, RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY. ONCE FINAL COUNT IS GIVEN, ADDITIONAL SPOTS CANNOT BE ADDED.**

FEBRUARY 2026



Weekly Activities

Sundays - Youth Group 6pm
Tuesdays - Dulcimer Group 10am
Wednesdays - Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers 1:30pm, AA 7pm
Thursdays - Girl Friends In Christ 10am, Band Rehearsal 5:30pm, AA 7:30pm, AlAnon 7:30pm, Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Saturdays - NA 7:30pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2	3	4 Leadership Training 7pm	5	6	7
Sunday Night Saints 6pm						
8 Membership Matters 12pm Youth group board game event 12pm Spring Hill parent meeting 3pm MomCo 6pm	9 Food Pantry 1pm	10	11 Bayview Bunch 2pm	12	13 Youth leaves for Spring Hill	14 Breakfast Bunch 10am
						
15 Youth returns from Spring Hill	16 Church Closed  PRESIDENT'S DAY	17	18 Food Pantry 5pm 	19	20	21
Sunday Night Saints 6pm						
22	23 Food Pantry 1pm	24	25 Bayview Bunch 2pm Leadership Training 7pm	26 Kiwanis Meeting 6pm	27 Worship Night 7pm	28 Breakfast Bunch 10am
						
MomCo 6pm	Deacons and Session 7pm					

February Anniversaries

2/3 Carrie & Mark Madison
2/18 Carl & Angela Krueger
2/26 Cheryl & Michael Zito
2/28 Ken & Anna Be

February Birthdays

2/1	Lee Esterling	2/15	Vivian Parker
2/2	Karen Battjes	2/16	Bennett Hunter
2/4	Judie Steele	2/18	Joshua Daniels
2/7	Susan Huhn	2/19	Evie Freeman
2/8	Cheryl Smark	2/20	Jacob Opperman
	Tara Aldea	2/21	Steve Smark
2/10	Stephen Hooper	2/22	Kathleen Maude
	Rick Skerkowski	2/25	Edith Johnson
2/11	Evelyn Kinyon	2/27	Carolyn Hammons
2/13	Beverley Wall		Laura Backer
2/13	Carl Rohde Jr.	2/27	Margaret Fantucci
2/14	Leigh Hovis		Crystal Jenken
2/14	Stephany Hepner	2/28	Susan Goeddeke
			Makenna Michels

MANDATORY ★ SPRING HILL ★ PARENT MEETING

For all youth attending Springhill, there is a mandatory youth/parent meeting in the fellowship hall February 8th from 3-4pm. Mark your calendars!