

Soundings

Jan. 2021 - 3470

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends –

2020 is over. We survived. And we got through it. Praise be to God! Actually, I think we've done better than survive as we have adapted and thrived and I believe the Spirit has positioned us well as we move into the new year. 2021 is already looking much more hopeful. Later this year, I look forward to getting the whole church back together again. There probably won't be a "come back Sunday" per se. I imagine the church will trickle back to in person worship. One day we will realize that we are all back and then we will have to plan a grand party! I know online and virtual worship is here to stay too even post-COVID.

2020 will have changed us. We don't fully know how, but we know that God is on the move. We are the church reformed, always reforming. We also know that we have some changes and transitions happening in 2021.

That starts with Ginny Stieler who retires on January 31st. Even though we will still be in the middle of COVID, we do intend to celebrate her work and her retirement. She started at Lake Shore Church in 1996. That's 25 years of faithful service! Thank you Ginny. You have brought excellence in music, worship planning and leadership and we are grateful.

So what's next? We need to plan for a transition and we want to be intentional about discerning where God is leading us. For this reason, the Session has convened a Task Force for Worship. The Task Force will be working through a process trying to discern how Lake Shore Church should worship and how we should staff ourselves for worship. We want the whole church to be involved in this process. Keep your eyes open for a worship survey which will be coming out later this month. The first phase of the Task Force's work is to listen. Even beyond the survey, members of the Task Force would love to hear from you.

So what's next? The Grosch's are having a baby! And soon. In the immediate term, Isaac is going to step into the preaching role starting on January 10th. He will preach for us while I am on paternity leave and then for a few weeks more so that I can be prayerful about bigger picture visioning and planning. I plan to be preaching again starting in Lent on Ash Wednesday on February 17th. I've gotten a sneak peek and Isaac and our worship team have planned out a great series! We know Isaac will be moving onto his overseas mission assignment but we are glad to have him for at least a few more months!

So what's next? Business as usual! On January 31st we will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting following our 10:30am worship. This will be an in-person and a Zoom hybrid meeting. There will be instructions about this coming later, but for now, mark your calendars and plan to participate whether online or in-person. We do have much to celebrate.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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IN-PERSON Worship @ 10:30am on Sundays in the Sanctuary

Check out the new
**LIVE-STREAMING of the
10:30am Worship Service!**

Find it on Facebook, YouTube and
the church website. It's still in
the test phase, so please bear with us!



ONLINE @ 9:15am

Pre-recorded service premieres
on Facebook at 9:15am - also available on YouTube,
Vimeo and the church website

Pastor Adam will be on paternity leave beginning January 4th
through the end of the month.

Contact the office with any questions or concerns.
586-777-8533 or stacey@lakeshorechurch.com



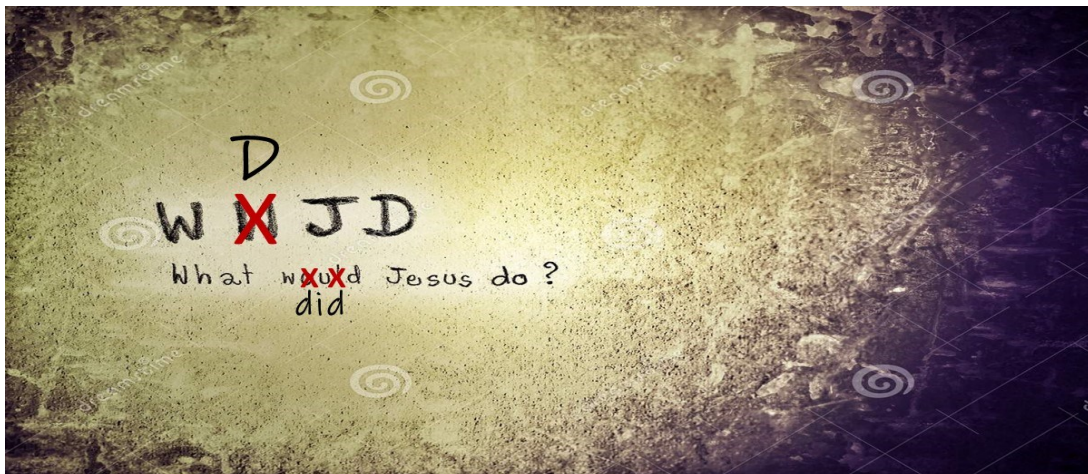
Join us beginning January 10th for Pastor Isaac's six week Sermon Series

"WDJD: What Did Jesus Do?"

Jesus was Sent on a mission and sends his followers after him on a mission. What does mission mean to the Church, and how should we see the mission Jesus has entrusted to us?

Jesus outlines his mission in the reading of a prophecy from the scroll of Isaiah in Luke 4. This will be the theme passage of our series as we look at the three aspects of Jesus' mission and therefore our mission.

As a Church, we are called to proclaim the kingdom of God, provide for the needs of people so they can see the kingdom, and protect those who are most vulnerable so that they may be invited into the kingdom.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1st Alison Grosch
Florence King
2nd Sara Welch
3rd Thelma Vernier
4th Emily Hohn
5th Kelsey Lievens
6th Bill Mazmanian
7th dolores Henry
9th Kristi Droska
11th Cindy Phillips
12th Noah Williams
15th Marj Richards

16th Jan Conflitti
Donna Kidwell
Octovia Galindo-Mier
17th Sharon Harwood
19th Nancy Burke
21st Cecelia Barr
22nd Judy Barton
23rd Margaret Ackerman
Margaret Sadler
Animi Thompson
24th James Wunderlich
25th Sean Williams
27th Rosanna Olson
30th David Jenken, Jr.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Adam & Alison Grosch
5th Al & Julie Bednarski
7th Drew & Lindsey Rohde
18th Paul & Kara Kraus
26th Pat & Sheena Michels



January Food Pantry Dates

1/11 Monday 1-2:30pm
1/20 Wednesday 5-6:30pm
1/25 Monday 1-2:30pm

Food Pantry dates are as listed to the left for January
We are continuing the drive-thru pantry and are seeing new faces all the time. The Clothes Closet is closed indefinitely and we cannot accept any donations at this time.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.



Mission 2020

2020 was one crazy year!! Because of the incredible support of this congregation and some of our neighbors, we have been able to meet the demands of our community - we can't begin to thank you as you deserve to be thanked!! The Food Pantry has been able to help 711 families this year—a total of 1813 persons have been fed because of your support!

We were able to provide 24 families with a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner—bird included! - this year.

The Christmas Gift Tree - using a completely online sign up for the very first time - was a great success! We were able to gift 20 St. Clair Shores families with supplies for a Christmas dinner and gifts for their families—140 gifts in total!! 1st Presbyterian Church of Warren stepped up to help out also.

The Second Mile Center received a little over \$15,000 in support from us this year. Part budgeted and part donated. We were able to gift 28 of their kids with Christmas gifts and gift cards also!

None of this is possible without your love and support—so THANK YOU!

thank you!

I'd like to express my thanks to the church congregation for their support, prayers, cards, and meals during my knee recuperation.

Thank you all—Gail Thompson



Congratulations to Ginny Stieler on her retirement!!!!

Ginny will be saying goodbye to us all on January 31, 2021

Thank you Ginny for your many years of dedication to Lake Shore Church! You WILL be missed!

Now, go enjoy that retirement—you've definitely earned it!!



Just a reminder that there is only one full time office staff person.

Please be patient and wait an extra minute (or two) if you're at the door and leave a message if you call.

Thank you for your understanding.



The church will be closed on January 18th in honor of MLK day.

In honor of President's day, on February 15th, the church will again be closed.



2021 Per Capita

The 2021 Per Capita is \$43.55 per church member. Same as last year. This is our per member, Presbytery stated dollar amount, that we as a church, are required to pay to Presbytery annually. Your gift of that amount helps to keep our annual budget balanced—thank you.

There is a designated envelope in your box of giving envelopes for this offering.

Questions? Call Jeanette in the church office - 586-777-8533

What is
**Per
Capita?**



Task Force for Worship

As Adam referred to on the front page -

Brian Mieczkowski—Chair
Julie Maconochie Sue Goeddeke
Jenna Dell Michele Maksout
Scott Sumner

They will seek to answer the question
“Lord, how do you want us to worship?”



When the Lake Shore, Lakeview or South Lake School Districts are closed due to inclement weather, the church is closed also.

Please remember to check your local radio to TV school closing listings, as we would not want you to go out in bad weather only to find the church building closed.

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

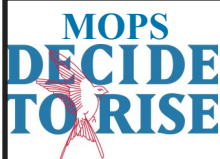
You can find the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board across from the office. These weekly bouquets grace the Sanctuary and are a wonderful way to honor or remember your loved one.

The instructions are on the bulletin board with the chart. Thank you!!



Congregational Meeting 2021

The Session calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11:45 a.m. The purpose of the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting will be the receipt of the annual report from various ministry teams, election of the Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and the Nominating Committee and other necessary business that has been presented to the Clerk of Session, Carole Koviak, by Sunday, January 17, 2021 for review, action, and possible recommendation by Session will be brought before the congregation.



MOPS is back! We know that it's a hard time to be a mom - quarantined at home, working from home, managing virtual learning - it's all hard and you are doing a great job! Talk with other moms for support and encouragement. All moms are welcome, from pregnancy to those with kids up to age 18. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6-8pm.

There is no childcare this year. If we meet inside, masks are required.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Grosch, abgrosch@gmail.com.

