

Soundings

January 2023 - 3493

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Saints:

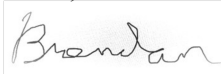
As I sit here curled up on the couch, watching my favorite Christmas movies, and taking in our first winter storm of the year (only days away from the end of our Advent waiting, and the beginning of the Christmastide celebrations), I can't help but wonder what it might look like for us to receive and enjoy the gift of Christ as we start and plan for the New Year. I also wonder what it would like if we might offer the gift of the incarnation to those closest to us: those at work, church, school, small group, home, on social media, or anywhere else we find ourselves engaged with life.

In this season of celebration, a time of enjoying the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, it is intriguing that studies and experts say that the month of January is the loneliest and difficult time of the year for a lot of people. In one breath, it is good news that Jesus has come during one of the loneliest times of the year. In another breath, it is confusing for some who are lost and struggling. I know for me there is something about celebrating the New Year that is a struggle. It's another year gone by, and I always wonder and reflect, "Did I make the most of another year of my life?" or "Why hasn't that relationship with my Dad gotten any better?" or "Did I carry my cross the best I could, and in the way that Christ called me to last year?" And yet, as we move forward, that tiny light shining forth from the manger comes at a time in the year, when the winter solstice has happened, when we will gain a little lighter every day until Easter, and eventually until later in the year, when we hit Summer Solstice. In last month's Soundings, Pastor Adam discussed the opportunity in front of us to invite people to join our family of faith at Lake Shore Church in the season of Advent, both to share and bolster our faith. Considering the struggle people will experience, during Christmastide, after the holidays, and leading up to Lent, it seems to me that God's call to inviting others to worship Him and entrusting ourselves to Christ is prescient.

Take a moment to look through the church calendar to see the different ways we can invite people in search of a little bit of light during this tough season ahead. In the lead up to Lent, we have a great sermon series on Christ's miracles. Adding to our Sunday services, we have life groups, a youth program for students, and if anyone is interested in going to Red Wings game on Faith Night, please reach out to us. Last call is January 10th. Of special note, my ordination will be livestreamed on January 15th at 2pm on Cross Roads Presbyterian Church's Youtube: <http://www.crossroadspresbyterian.com/remote-worship-121822.html>.

As your new pastor here at Lakes Shore Church, that tiny light shining in the manger has led me to be your associate pastor. My prayer, during these cold and difficult Winter months, is that His light will work through me to point you guys to God, in the very flesh and blood, and ordinary moments of your lives. I pray that just as our Lord and Savior came, in the accessible way he did, that he would come to us using our contexts, using our experiences, using our hardships, using our gifts, using our everyday interactions to draw us closer into his presence and into the work of His Spirit.

In Christ,



Pastor Brendan

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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.)

TRADITIONAL Worship 9am

MODERN Worship @ 10:45am

This service is also Live-Streamed on YouTube.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023

JANUARY



Congregational Meeting—January 29th

The Session calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 29, 2023 immediately following the 10:30am Service of Worship. The purpose of the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting will be the receipt of the annual reports from various ministry teams, elections 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 8, 2023 for review, action and possible recommendation by Session will be brought before the congregation.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1st Alison Grosch
2nd Sara Welch
3rd Thelma Vernier
5th Kelsey Lievens
6th Bill Mazmanian
7th Dolores Henry
9th Kristi Droska
11th Cindy Phillips
12th Noah Williams
13th Cameron Bell
14th Caleb Grosch,
Alexis Hooper
15th Marj Richards
16th Jan Conflitti,
Octavio Galindo-Mier

16th Donna Kidwell
19th Nancy Burke
20th Brian Malloy
21st Cecelia Barr
22nd Judith Barton
23rd Margaret Ackerman
Becky Bell
Margaret Sadler
24th Jim Wunderlich
25th Sean Williams
27th Rosanna Olson
29th Pamela Boyd
30th David Jenken Jr.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Kelsie & Nicholas
Isham
2nd Alison & Adam Grosch
5th Julie & Al Bednarski
18th Kara & Paul Kraus
24th Nancy & Mike Boyle
26th Sheena & Patrick
Michels



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

Monday, January 9th	1pm—2:30pm
Wednesday, January 18th	5pm—6:30pm
Monday, January 23rd	1pm-2:30pm

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

Mission News

Christmas Blessing Tree

Through our Blessing Tree we were able to bring Christmas joy to 21 families(59 children) whose kids attend SCS schools. Each child 12 and under received a shirt, pants, and toy or game. Each child 13-18 received a shirt. Each family received the makings for Christmas dinner and a gift card to buy their main dish. The families were all very grateful!

Thank you to our church family who are so generous and caring ♥



Second Mile

For Christmas this year we bought gifts for 25 Second Mile kids. Each child received shirt, pants, socks, and a gift card. Thank you for supporting our partnership with Second Mile.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

During the month of December pantry/clothes closet was open two times to the public. We were able to provide free food and clothing (and some fun Christmas items) to 92 families (273 persons). We pick up free food from MCCSA twice a month and supplement by shopping. We also pick up free bread at Pepperidge Farm warehouse, which we distribute at pantry. Thank you for supporting our efforts to feed and clothe those in need.

Blessing Bags

We are continuing to fill blessing bags. Please take and distribute to those in need.

Thank you to my generous, caring, supportive church family for always supporting Mission.

Peace and Love,
Cheryl Smark

Undeck

THE HALLS



Join us after worship on Sunday, January 8th, as we “un-deck” the halls here at church.

All are welcome to stay and help - we need all the help we can get!

A light lunch will be served and we will have nursery care - we are not above bribery!!

Thank you for your help.....

2023 Flower Calendar

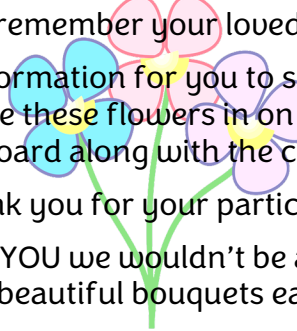
You can find the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board across from the office.

These bouquets grace the Sanctuary each week and are a wonderful way to honor or remember your loved ones.

The information for you to sign up and purchase these flowers is on the bulletin board along with the chart.

Thank you for your participation!

Without YOU we wouldn't be able to have these beautiful bouquets each week!



Lake Shore Church offers many options for our congregation to get their gifts and donations to the church.



There is, of course, your assigned offering envelopes and/or the pew envelopes. But please don't forget about our electronic options - PayPal, FaithStreet (both found on our website), Direct Donations (like paying your utilities), and the option offered by the Lake Shore Church app—SO easy to download to your phone - search for Lake Shore Church SCS on your phone's App Store.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of these options, just contact the bookkeeper, Jeanette Mazmanian, at 586-777-8533 or by email at treasurer@lakeshorechurch.com.

Thank you for your support.

Pinochle Group

We're always looking for new people to join us for an afternoon of company, conversation and cards!

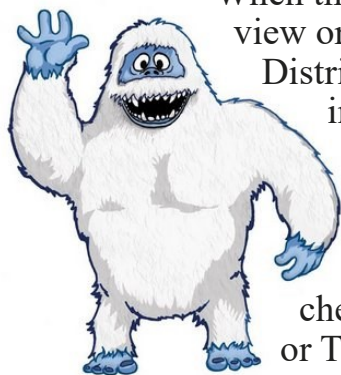
We currently play Pinochle on Thursdays at 1pm.

All are welcome to join us!!



This Small Group meets via ZOOM every Tuesday at 7pm
The next group will meet on January 3rd at 7pm—the study on the book of Mark will resume then.

Contact the office for more information.



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!

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.

Please remember to turn the lights off when you leave an area.



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

We are NO longer accepting any return-ables (pop cans or bottles). The youth groups thank you for your past support!

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.



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.

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 in January, 1/8 & 1/22



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

JANUARY 2023



* = 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
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!
10:30am Unity
Service Only
NO Youth

2
Church Closed

3

4
9am Staff Mtg.

5

6

7

8 Communion
Undeck the Halls
12pm Trustees
6pm MOPS
6pm Youth

9
1pm Food Pantry

10

11
9am Staff Mtg.
1:30 Bayview
Bunch*
4pm Finance
6:45 Personnel

12

13

14
10am Breakfast
Bunch*

15
10:45am Baptism
6pm SNS*
6pm Youth

16
Church Closed
in honor of
MLK Jr. Day

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18
9am Staff Mtg.
5pm Food Pantry
6-8:30pm Board
Training

19

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21
Youth Sledding

22
6pm MOPS
6pm NO Youth

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1pm Food Pantry
7pm Session
7pm Deacons

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9am Staff Mtg.
1:30pm Bayview
Bunch*

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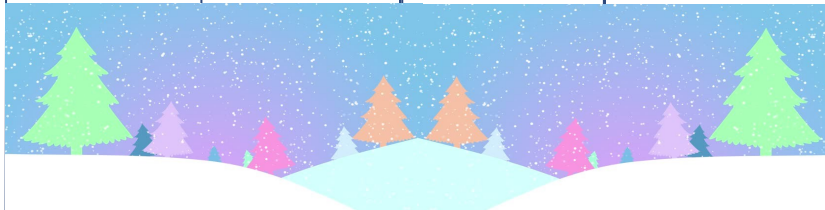
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10am Breakfast
Bunch*

29
10:30am Unity
Service Only
Congregational
Meeting
6pm Youth, SNS*

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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.

*Please note that the church is closed on Monday, January 16th, and Monday, February 20th, in honor of MLK Jr. day and Presidents Day, respectfully. Thank you.