

# Soundings

July 2026 - 3509

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate our nation's 250-year anniversary, I reflect on three features of the American experiment that continue to shape our common life.

**Freedom of religion.** As a church leader, I don't take for granted the freedom we have to gather for worship. We gather publicly and without threat to our lives or livelihood. Such a privilege is not found in every place throughout the world. It's based on the founders' decision not to establish a national religion and to protect the free exercise of all religions. If one religion was established above any other, then no religion was truly safe.

Along with this freedom came the conviction that faith should be embraced voluntarily rather than imposed by government. Religion is at its best when it is freely chosen, and our nation's commitment to religious liberty has allowed faith to contribute to the common good without government control or favoritism.

**Religious Diversity.** The founders came from a variety of religious traditions, including multiple Protestant traditions, Catholics, Jews, as well as some deists and other nontraditional believers. They did not agree on every point of theology, yet they worked together in establishing a new nation. From the beginning, America has been a place where people of differing religious convictions have shared in the responsibilities of citizenship.

Part of our founding diversity included Presbyterians, and although we were never the largest religious body, Presbyterians exercised an influence in the founding that far exceeded their numbers. As Presbyterians, we take pride in our contribution to the nation's founding while continuing to be good neighbors alongside those whose faith differs from our own.

**Checks and Balances.** One principle of Reformed Presbyterian theology that resonates with our constitutional system is the doctrine of "total depravity." That phrase means that sin touches every part of human life. Even our best intentions can become mixed with pride, self-interest, fear, or the desire for control.

That is why accountability matters. It is also why our constitution distributes power rather than concentrating it. Authority is strongest when it is accountable. As Christians, this principle leads us to humility. We need accountability not only in government, but in churches, families, workplaces, and in our own hearts. Freedom is best protected when power is restrained, truth can be spoken, and no one is treated beyond correction.

**As we celebrate 250 years of our nation,** I give thanks for these gifts that have shaped our common life. At the same time, as Christians our ultimate hope has never rested in any nation or political system. We are grateful for our country's blessings while remembering that our highest allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ alone.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

Lake Shore  
C H U R C H



## General Information

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586-777-8533

### Socials

**Website:** lakeshorechurch.com

**Facebook:** Lake Shore  
Presbyterian Church

**Instagram:** lakeshore\_church\_

## Church Leadership

Senior Pastor	Rev. Adam Grosch
Parish Associate	Rev. Marianne Grano
Office Manager	Stacey King
Bookkeeper	Michelle Decker
Worship Leader and Communications Coordinator	Jenna Dell
Organist	Laurel Wayland
Choir Director	Ginny Stieler
Custodian	Beverly Wainio
IT	Kevin Saunders
Missions Coordinator	Cheryl Smark
Youth Director	Sheryl Mieczkowski

# Summer Worship Schedule

## Unity Service - 10:30am

Nursery care - available for infants through age three

Summer Sundays (Sunday School) - available for kids ages three through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## Summer Sermon Series

# “When We Forget”

### LESSONS FROM JUDGES

Judges is a book about spiritual memory. When God’s people forget the Lord, they lose their center, confuse freedom with self-rule, and become shaped by the world around them. Yet again and again, God’s mercy interrupts the cycle. This series explores faith formation, courage, calling, power, freedom, and the longing for God to re-center his people.

# Summer Special Music

During our summer unity services, we have a segment in worship called “Special Music”. This portion of service is dedicated to highlighting a musician in the congregation who may not usually get to share their gifts on a regular basis. Whether you play an instrument or sing, we would love to give you your moment during worship and share your God given talent with others. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Jenna at [jenna@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:jenna@lakeshorechurch.com)

## Website Gallery

We have a ton of new photos in the church’s website gallery! Thanks to our friend Sophia, you can now go to our website at [lakeshorechurch.com/gallery](http://lakeshorechurch.com/gallery) and see photos of modern and traditional worship along with special photo highlights from our most recent events.



**Lake Shore Church  
VBS 2026  
Ages 4 - 5th Grade**

**RAINFOREST  
FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

**August 9 - 13  
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

<https://vbspro.events/p/lakeshorevbs2026>

# Youth SUMMER SCHEDULE\*

29 July -  
2 August  
2026

**SUMMER CAMP  
REGISTRATION  
CLOSES JULY 8TH!**

@ Michindoh Conference Center  
4545 E Bacon Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Includes programming, lodging, meals & transportation  
Open for 3rd grade thru 2026 grads  
Cost is \$320  
\$325 if your youth plans to zipline  
or \$335 if they'll be participating in the high ropes course

8 August  
2026

**ROLLING HILLS  
WATERPARK**

@ Rolling Hills Water Park  
7660 Stony Creek Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

11am-5pm

Cost - \$20/Person

Includes transportation

Bring a lunch to enjoy on the bus or outside the waterpark, but  
food/drink **must** be finished before entering the park!  
Bring extra cash for concessions if desired

We are going to have an awesome time having fun in the sun!  
Hope to see you there!

For more information or questions, please reach out to Sheryl  
Mieczkowski at 586-549-3755

# Deacon SPOTLIGHT



Kris Sipple

Hello Church Family,

My name is Kris Sipple. I grew up in Birmingham, Michigan, and currently live in the Shores where I work as a pet sitter. I have been a member of this church since the mid-2000s and am honored to accept another term as a Deacon at Lake Shore Church. This will be my third term serving in this role.

What brings me peace is making someone's day a little brighter whether that is by sharing a meal, sending a card, making a phone call, or sharing a kind word at church. You will often see me serving coffee on Sundays.

I have truly enjoyed my time with the Deacons. We all come from different back grounds and life experiences. It is wonderful to see how everyone's individual talents and ideas come together during our Monday night meetings to serve our church and surrounding communities.

God's blessings to you,

Kris Sipple

## SECOND MILE CENTER 10TH ANNUAL CHARITY SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>



## SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Become a sponsor and  
support your business  
along with the Second  
Mile Center!

### Diamond Sponsor \$3,000

- Includes 8 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on the golf course
- Public recognition during Ruth's speech (org founder)
- Name listed in the program

### Platinum Sponsor \$1,500

- Includes 4 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on the golf course
- Public recognition during Ruth's speech
- Name listed in the program

### Gold Sponsor \$750

- Includes 2 tickets for golf and lunch
- Your sign in the banquet room and on golf course
- Name listed in the program

### Silver Sponsor \$250

- Your sign on the golf course
- Name listed in program

### Table Sponsor \$100

- Table Sponsor with name displayed at the table
- Name listed in program

Did you know you can help out the Second Mile Center  
without having to attend this event?



Donations can also be made online  
at [www.secondmilecenter.org](http://www.secondmilecenter.org)  
For more information, grab a flyer  
on the atrium shelf

# CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

Each quarter, Pastor Adam invites our visitors to a discussion called Membership Matters. It is a 45 minute session about our church, community life, and the purpose behind joining Lake Shore as members. Last month we had some familiar faces officially join our church! We are so excited to see how God shapes them in this new journey, and witness the fruit of His vision.

In this month's article, we wanted to celebrate our new members and learn a little more about who they are and why they decided to call Lake Shore Church "home" with these few honest questions:

1. How did you get introduced to Lake Shore Church?
2. What made you decide to become a member?
3. What do you look forward to most about committing to your church membership and this journey with the Lord?

## Brian Moore

1. I first attended Lake Shore after being invited by my girlfriend, Hannah Dell, and later by her sister, Jenna, to join the worship band.
2. I decided to become a member because it felt like the right time to fully embrace my faith again. After 2+ years of regular attendance, serving through music and liturgy, building relationships within the congregation and church leadership, and as my relationship with Hannah became more serious, membership felt like a natural next step in my spiritual journey.
3. I look forward to growing closer to God, serving the church, and continuing to be part of a community that has positively impacted my life.



## Pam Miller

1. I was first introduced to the church by Laura and John Yost. I attended the funeral of Ginger Callsen. Then I was introduced to Ginger's neighbor, who asked if I would be interested in taking a woman she cared for to church. Soon, I began taking Margaret Sadler to Sunday service.
2. After spending 5 months in the hospital with COVID, and nearly dying, I kept asking why I lived. I then changed my questioning asking God to show my new purpose to life under His light. Enter Margaret. I enjoyed bringing Margaret to church and I knew this was where I belonged. I found what I was missing. I tried a couple of other churches, but none were as warm and welcoming to visitors as Lake Shore.
3. I wish to continue my journey to rediscover the relationship I once had with our Lord.



## Martin Eastman

1. For the last few years, my wife and I have been talking about joining a local church for spiritual reasons and for a greater sense of community. Mr. Rogers has been a major influence in my life, certainly in my approach to parenting, and I knew he was a Presbyterian minister. So, I Googled Presbyterian churches in Saint Clair Shores, which led me to Lake Shore Church.
2. The more I learn about Presbyterian theology and philosophy, the more I realize that I've been a Presbyterian for years—I just didn't know it. Regarding Lake Shore specifically, I find the services very peaceful, and I love the church's commitment to serving the community.
3. I look forward to getting involved with church events and volunteering. I recently had knee surgery, so I have had to attend virtually for the last few weeks. But as soon as I have the doctor's approval, I'll be back in the sanctuary and getting my hands dirty by serving the community. I believe that our Christian duty is to strive to make our world a little more like the Kingdom of God—which can be accomplished by loving and caring for our neighbors!



Thank you so much to our new members for embracing this walk in faith! Congratulations, and we welcome you into our church family.

# MISSION NEWS

## **Food Pantry/Clothes Closet**

During the month of June we provided free food and clothing to 125 families, 307 persons.

Your volunteers worked 94.5 hours in the closet and pantry. During the Mail Carriers' Food Drive, we received almost 3,000 pounds of food. Since then, we have used all of that food! Thank you to everyone who donated to the drive.

Our pantry is one of 55 accredited pantries that are part of the Macomb Food Program. Every month the pantry receives 50-60% of the food we give to our guest families. The rest of the food is purchased by pantry volunteers using money donated by our church family. We also give out bread products that we acquire from the Pepperidge Farm warehouse for free.

Thank you for all your donations to the pantry and clothes closet.

## **Sample Size Hygiene Products**

As you travel this summer, please save your unopened, unused, sample-size hygiene products! We are happy to reuse those in our blessing bags. You can turn in your hygiene products by placing them in the church's coat room.

## **Blessing Bags**

There is a new batch of blessing bags available in the atrium. Please feel free to take bags to distribute to those in need!

## **Deacons Second Mile Barbeque**

Our Deacons will be hosting their annual barbeque on July 14th. Through Mission we will be donating full size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to every family.

Thank you for always supporting Mission.  
Cheryl Smark

# LEGACY

*Circle*

## TESTIMONIES

### BOB AND BARB KRAMB

Bob and Barb Kramb joined Lake Shore Church in 1978 and were a critical part of our church's life. After their death, their daughter considered the impact that the church had on her parents' life. She recognized how the church was there for them in both good times and more challenging time and offered a legacy gift to the church in their memory.

Through their legacy, Bob and Barb Kramb's impact will continue to make an impact on the church for years to come.



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.



**Weekly Activities**

**Tuesdays** - Dulcimer Group 10am  
**Wednesdays** - Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers 1:30pm, AA 7pm  
**Thursdays** - Girl Friends In Christ 10:30am, AA 7:30pm, AIAnon 7:30pm  
**Saturdays** - NA 7:30pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <b>4TH OF July</b>
5 <b>Summer Unity Services start @10:30am</b>	6 <b>CLOSED</b>	7 <b>Finance - 4pm</b> <b>Last Anchor Meeting - 7pm</b>	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Communion</b>	13 <b>Food Pantry - 1pm</b> 	14 <b>2nd Mile Center Barbecue</b>	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>Session - 7pm</b>	21	22 <b>Food Pantry - 5pm</b> 	23 <b>Kiwanis Meeting - 6pm</b>	24	25
26 <b>Mission Group Arrives</b>	27 <b>Food Pantry - 1pm</b> 	28	29 <b>Church Camp - Youth Depart</b> 	30 	31 	

## July Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 7/1 Randy Springfield | 7/18 Phyllis Semmelroch |
| 7/2 Lillian Carroll   | Jeffrey Bearance        |
| Jim Karwowski         | 7/19 Julie Bednarski    |
| 7/3 Ruby Markovitch   | Jennifer Ackerman       |
| Jacob Troyer          | 7/20 Dick Marino        |
| Sheri Vahovick        | Leo Rodriguez           |
| David Jenken Sr.      | 7/21 Laurie Medbury     |
| Gail Thompson         | 7/22 Sam Patterson      |
| 7/4 Tom Wernet        | 7/24 Jackie Malloy      |
| 7/5 Robert Bell       | Renee Bronzetti         |
| Tyler Szandzik        | 7/25 Cindy Van Houzen   |
| 7/6 Nicholas Opperman | Mark Foster             |
| Madison Jenken        | 7/26 Katherine Collins  |
| 7/7 Emily Cook        | 7/27 Miley Mieczkowski  |
| Tim Thompson          | 7/29 Jackie Borkowski   |
| 7/12 Donna Polom      | Sidney Schloss          |
| 7/14 Pat Wolfe        | 7/30 Pat Bolle          |
| 7/16 Sofia Corbett    | 7/31 Daniel Ackerman    |
| 7/17 Carrie Madison   |                         |
| Jett Mazmanian        |                         |

## July Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|
| 7/2 Meghan & Joshua Guske       |
| 7/6 James & Charlene Wunderlich |
| 7/7 Linda & Dale Graber         |
| 7/18 Bob & Jeanette Mazmanian   |
| 7/19 Nicolle & Ray Filipek      |
| 7/25 Katherine & Alex Partridge |

## Church Room Reservations

If you or your group needs to reserve space at the church for a meeting, please be sure to contact Stacey in the office first. We are blessed to have a church that is bubbling with activities each week. Thank you!



Call the office at 586-777-8533  
 or email Stacey at [stacey@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:stacey@lakeshorechurch.com)