

Soundings

June 2026 - 3509

Dear Friends,

We have officially launched our Reach One journey. One of the things that has encouraged me the most is hearing the stories that are already bringing this journey to life. Throughout the series, we heard from people among us who are walking through the CPR steps. Each person has been focusing on a different step, and together they help us see the whole journey more clearly. I want to share a few highlights!

Rob Shade, a new leader on Session, shared about how he has been working Step One: Commit, and how he came to say, “yes,” to the journey. He said, “my initial reaction when I got started into this was relief. Relief, because I realized in many ways this is just an encouragement and reminder about who we are and what we do as Christians. But with it comes some challenge. I’ve been asking, in my own life, am I making room for God to work? And so, I am becoming open to new possibilities.”

Then we heard from Laura Backer, as she has been working Step 2: Pray. She shared, “Getting somebody to church is not our job. Our job is to be responsive to God in prayer – to step out in faith and trust Him with the results.” Laura then shared about making a call to someone she felt God leading her to re-connect with.

When we looked at Step 3: Relate, Peggy Dell wondered out loud, “How do we know who our one is?” Then she answered her own question, “We don’t. But God does.” Then she said, “As I meditate on who that one person is, I’ve decided to be intentional with the people I meet - listening, observing, and watching. Right now, I have a few people on my heart, and I am asking God who He may want me to take the next step with.”

And then Kayla shared about making her commitment to One. “I try to be open with everyone about our church life, and it just seems to open some doors. After praying for a few days, I was sitting in my office with some co-workers, and the topic of church came up. In that moment I knew God was telling me, ‘This is your Reach One.’”

Our Reach One journey as a church has truly just begun. One thing is clear, we all enter the journey and progress through the steps at different rates. That is ok. The point is not to force the process, but to become more open, prayerful, attentive, and responsive to where God is already at work.

Peggy also helped us remember what is at stake. She reflected on how, 27 years ago, a neighbor invited her to church. “I think about that invitation and how it has changed not only my life but my family’s life.” Then she went on to say it simple, “You have nothing to lose. But your One has everything to gain.”

May God continue to open our eyes, soften our hearts, and lead us one step at a time.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

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CHURCH



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Organist	Laurel Wayland
Choir Director	Ginny Stieler
Custodian	Beverly Wainio
IT	Kevin Saunders
Missions Coordinator	Cheryl Smark
Youth Director	Sheryl Mieczkowski

Deacons Card Ministry

The Deacons are asking for people to donate any extra Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy cards they may have to the Deacon's Card Ministry.

These cards go out monthly to different church members, so they run out often. If you would like to donate any cards, leave them in the Mail Room, near the mail boxes, labeled "for Deacons".

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)

We will be switching to one service at 10:30am starting in July

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.

Sat June 6th - 10am

Join us at Watermark as Adam blesses the fleet for the summer season!

All are welcome to come and witness this special moment!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Hot Dogs and Ice Cream
Games and Activities

Sunday, June 7

Volunteers recognized at the 10:45 service,
celebration outside after the service.

Youth SUMMER SCHEDULE*

20 June
2026

TOTALLY GROSS OLYMPICS

On the front lawn @ Lake Shore Church from 1-4pm

Join us for a whole new kind of olympics!
Prepare to have a blast and get VERY messy!

29 July -
2 August
2026

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON!

@ 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

Registration ends July 8th.

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

Ross Markesino



Hello, Church. My name is Ross Markesino, and I am a new member of the Deacon team here at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church. My wife, Cindy, and I joined Lake Shore several years ago. For us, it was an easy choice. Her grandma was a member here, and her parents were married here. Somehow in the story of life, though, Cindy was raised Lutheran and I was raised Roman Catholic. And although Cindy and I were not married here, when it came time to find our church home, we attended a few services, heard Pastor Adam's amazing sermons, noticed how welcoming and accepting everybody is, and well, the rest is history. Thanks be to God!

Today, we have two children, Owen, 11, and Anna, 7. If you attend second service, you've probably seen them at the front of the sanctuary during children's time or gobbling goodies and hot chocolate, running around with the other children during the second service coffee hour. We also have a goldendoodle, Cinnamon, at home. She is a lovey-dovey clown who absolutely hates it when we leave her home to come to church, or anywhere else for that matter.

I am a RN by trade. I've worked at Corewell Health, Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital on the orthopedic unit for 13 years. It can be challenging at times, but I am so blessed to be able to help patients during their time of need, and I am joyed every time a patient gets discharged to go home to their family.

Like most parents, Cindy and I love witnessing our children grow up. Owen is currently playing baseball and Anna loves dancing. We also love walking Cinnamon. Vacations are great, too. In fact, we love capturing all of life and making memories with those around us. Anyone who has visited our home can attest, as the walls are filled with Mixtiles highlighting all our life adventures.

At church, I have served one term on the Trustees board. I also continue to help with audio and visual duties during second service. I am most excited and honored though to be a Deacon, and to be able to learn from the other Deacons who have served before me. I can't wait to help serve all in Jesus' name.

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

What a wonderful evening we shared together at our Copper Hop Kentucky Derby Fundraiser! We are so grateful to Lake Shore Church and to the many friends and supporters from across Metro Detroit who joined us in making this year's event such a tremendous success with much needed dollars.

From the moment guests arrived dressed in their beautiful derby hats, colorful outfits, and festive attire, the atmosphere was filled with excitement, laughter, and fellowship. It was especially encouraging to see people come from far and wide — many community supporters and friends of the ministry — all gathering together to celebrate the Kentucky Derby while supporting a meaningful cause to help the underserved.

We were thrilled that attendance came just shy of reaching our maximum capacity, a wonderful reflection of the continued generosity and enthusiasm surrounding this special event. The creativity, joy, and energy everyone brought to the evening truly made it a memorable celebration.

Events like the Copper Hop remind us how blessed we are to have such faithful support. Whether you attended, volunteered, donated, invited friends, or helped behind the scenes, you played an important role in making the evening a success. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Rev. Adam Grosch for his continued support in our ministry. We are deeply thankful for the continued encouragement and generosity shown year after year.

We are already looking forward to next year's Kentucky Derby fundraiser on May 1st, 2027, and we hope to see everyone once again wearing their favorite derby hats and outfits for another evening of fellowship and fun.

As we celebrate the success of this event, we also invite you to mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Charity Scramble Golf Outing on September 19th, 2026. This milestone event promises to be another wonderful opportunity for fellowship and support of our mission. We are especially hoping to have at least one team representing Lake Shore Church this year.

Thank you again for supporting us so faithfully. Your partnership and generosity continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we are privileged to serve...Sharing Faith, Hope and Love since 2007!

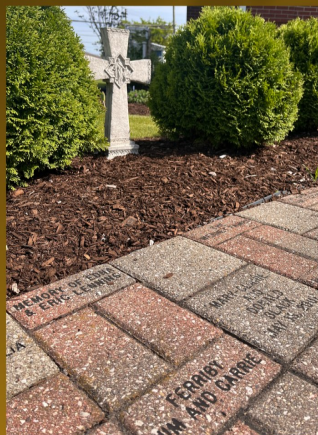
Pastor Ruth Azar

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PATIO PAVER PROJECT

We are still taking orders for engraved brick pavers to add to our beautiful patio! These engraved bricks make wonderful memorials but can also be used to honor an anniversary, wedding, birthday, etc.



To add a brick, with your choice of engraving, the cost is \$100 while larger bricks are also available for \$250. To buy a brick paver, visit Stacey in the office for a form.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SEE THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH BAND. IT WAS AN AWESOME TIME HONORING OUR GOD AND COUNTRY, AND WE CANNOT WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!



SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

Sunday Worship

on the Jefferson Lawn

ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US ON THE LAWN AT 10:45AM FOR AN OUTDOOR MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE! TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WILL BE INDOORS AT 9AM



WE WILL ALSO BE RECOGNIZING ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES DURING WORSHIP. PLEASE RSVP TO STACEY **ASAP** AT STACEY@LAKESHORECHURCH.COM IF YOUR GRADUATE WILL BE ATTENDING

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY GRADUATES AND YOU HAVEN'T REACHED OUT TO JENNA IN THE OFFICE, EMAIL HER AT JENNA@LAKESHORECHURCH.COM WITH THEIR INFORMATION AND A PHOTO SO THEY CAN BE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE GRADUATION BOARD.



MISSION NEWS

Mail Carriers' Food Drive

On Saturday May 9th, our food pantry received food directly from the mail carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. We are so grateful to all the mail carriers who worked so hard collecting all the bags of food left on porches. Thank you to all of the residents who donated food, and to all of our hard working volunteers who emptied the mail carriers' trucks, carted the food to the basement, and weighed and sorted all the bags and boxes of food. We received 2,932.5 pounds of food for the pantry! Thank you everyone.

Blessing Bags

There is a new batch of blessing bags available in the atrium for you to pass out to those in need. Please add any other items you may think could be useful. Recently, the church office received a phone call from someone who had found one of our bags at a bus stop. He called to say how thankful he was for the bag.

Mini Blessing Bags

We made 100 mini blessing bags for MotorCity Mitten Mission. Every night MCMM goes out into the communities and looks for people who are unsheltered, people living on the streets, or in their cars. MCMM brings the people a hot meal, brown bag lunch, and clothing. Our mini blessing bags will be included with their giveaways. Our mini bags always contain protein snacks, crackers, socks, and a hygiene wipe.

Hygiene Product Collection

As summer vacation starts, please save your unopened, unused sample size hygiene products. We collect the products, bag them, and use them in our blessing bags. You can leave the donations in the bin in the coat closet.

Thank you for always supporting Mission, Cheryl Smark










A vibrant, colorful poster for 'Rainforest Falls' VBS 2026. The scene is a lush jungle with a waterfall, a monkey, a tiger, a toucan, and a frog. Text on the poster includes: 'Lake Shore Church VBS 2026 Ages 4-5th Grade', 'RAINFOREST FALLS', 'Exploring the Nature of God', 'August 9 - 13', '6:00 - 8:30 PM', and the URL 'https://vbspro.events/p/lakeshorevbs2026'. A QR code is in the top right corner.

JUNE 2026

Hello Summer!

Weekly Activities

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Kiwanis VBS Breakfast 7:30-8:30am  Anchor Small Group - Zoom 7pm	3 Experiencing God 6:45pm	4 Finance 4pm	5	6 Blessing of the Fleet at Watermark 10am 
7 Communion Last Day of Sunday School - Sunday School Picnic and teacher recognition Last day of choir 	8 Food Pantry 1pm 	9 Anchor Small Group - Zoom 7pm	10 Bayview Bunch 2pm Experiencing God 6:45pm	11	12	13
14 Recognition of high school and college graduates - outdoor modern worship 10:45am 	15 Deacons 7pm Session 7pm	16 Anchor Small Group - Zoom 7pm	17 Food Pantry 5pm Experiencing God 6:45pm 	18	19	20 Youth Event - Totally Gross Olympics 1-4pm 
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28	29	30				

June Anniversaries

- 6/1 Jean & Carl Rohde
- 6/2 Brett & Andrea Mazmanian
Scott & Margaret Sumner
- 6/3 Thomas & Linda Dick
- 6/4 David & Crystal Jenken Sr.
- 6/7 Jennifer & Eric Guenther
- 6/15 John & Jennifer Hunter
- 6/22 Brian & Sheryl Mieczkowski
Russell & Stephany Hepner
- 6/26 Adam & Ashley Witsberger
Tim & Gail Thompson
- 6/27 Frances & Charles Bozick
- 6/29 Robert & Leigh Hovis

June Birthdays

- 6/4 Josiah Freeman
- 6/6 Brady Filipek
Raymond Filipek
- 6/7 Bryan Troyer
- 6/9 Jenna Dell
- 6/10 Jeff Medbury
- 6/13 Renata Rodriguez
Carole Koviak
- 6/16 Natalie Grosch
Marco Bronzetti
- 6/17 Jeanne Bolt
- 6/18 Donna Mullins
- 6/19 Rick Fantucci
- 6/20 Katherine Tarrant
Gabriel Troyer
- 6/21 Scott Glowniak
Andrea Mazmanian
- 6/22 Stephan Tarrant
Barb Lamb
- 6/13 Stacie Thompson
Thomas Dick
- 6/24 Curtis Chase
- 6/27 Rosemarie Nichols
- 6/28 Anna Markesino
Skip Bearance
Yvonne Weaver
- 6/29 Ryan Mazmanian
Carol King