

Soundings

March 2023 - 3495

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

There is a sense among some of clergy that the American church may be at the precipice of a Spirit-led awakening.

This hasn't been the narrative we've heard over the last couple years. Most churches are not back to the attendance numbers they had previously and there are many churches that are actively considering not if, but when, they will close. We know that isolation, division, and individualism is so rampant in our society. But what hasn't been part of the narrative is how this is leading many into a new spiritual hunger.

I've shared previously that we have been hosting a group of St. Clair Shores pastors who are coming together for the purpose of praying for revival in our city. We are seeing the early signs. What is clear to me is that revival can never be orchestrated. But the stats are showing how this spiritual hunger is taking hold among the younger generations in America (those who were previously most absent from church). There are now more millennials reporting weekly church attendance (39%) than there were in 2019 (21%) and Generation Z, the young adults coming of age right now, may be the ones at the forefront of an awakening for the American Church.

I say this because of what has just unfolded at Asbury University. On February 8th, after a normal chapel service, a few dozen students stayed to continue to worship and pray. As other students heard, hours later, that some were still worshipping, they came to see what was going on. It wasn't long before all 1,489 very uncomfortable wooden seats in their chapel filled up. Soon after, there was standing room only. As worship continued 24/7, on February 12th, Asbury Seminary across the street opened up an overflow room. By February 14th, two more overflow rooms were opened. People were pouring in from near and far. As people came and went, over 50,000 people in total from all over the world came to be a part of it. Additionally, the movement spread to other colleges across America. Because Asbury University is in a small Kentucky town of just 6,000, the administration had to announce that they needed to wind it down. It will have gone on for over two-weeks straight.

How did it start? During a very normal worship service, the campus pastor preached on what it means to love one another. One of the students who stayed shared his heart to his peers and openly confessed his sin. In other words, it started with God's love and a confession of the heart. There is no script, no leader, no planned sermons. Even as some celebrity pastors have shown up, they were not invited to speak. It is the most organic of events. There is no human orchestrating what has happened on that campus. There is no central leader or human authority. It hasn't been flashy or loud. It has been a movement of young people repenting and turning to the Lord.

They are inspiring me as we enter into Lent 2023. I am so pleased that this word of hope came from a group of students at Asbury University. With the news from MSU, we need these new signs of hope. Any return to the LORD must start with our own confession. And so this lent, the invitation is to turn away from "Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places," so that we might have room for the true source of love that is seeking to find us. As we experience Him, we can share Him with the world. I hope you will join me on Sunday mornings, and I hope you will invite others. Come, ready to welcome those who are showing up with a new spiritual hunger inside of them.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

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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
The 10:45am is also Live-Streamed on YouTube.

Welcome Center Doors & Cameras

The Welcome Center doors are not working properly - they will be open per usual on Sunday mornings, but during other hours we ask that you please use the service ramp entrance.

ALSO - the cameras that allow the office staff to see who is at the door, aren't functioning at all. The staff will have to ask if they can help because they can't see you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We have people looking at both of these issues so we'll just have to be patient until it all gets sorted out.

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.

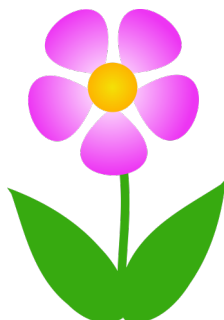
There is a designated envelope in your box of giving envelopes for this offering or you can include a note with your electronic gift.

Questions? Want to learn more about this?

Call Jeanette in the church office at 586-777-8533.



Please remember that the church is closed between noon and 1pm Monday-Thursday. Even if you might recognize cars in the parking lot, the staff is at lunch. Let's allow them their lunch time without interruption—Thanks!



HOLY WEEK

Easter Week

**Palm Sunday - April 2 - 9am Traditional Worship
10:45am Modern Worship**

Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7pm Worship-Modern

Good Friday - April 7 - 7pm Worship-Traditional

**Easter Sunday - April 9 - 9am Traditional Worship
10:45am Modern Worship**

Centennial Celebration #3

Sunday, March 19th

Unity Worship at 10:30am

Followed by the Centennial Celebration Luncheon

A soup and Maurice salad catered lunch

**Join us as we celebrate Lake Shore Church's rich history
1972- 1997**

★ **GOD BLESS AMERICA** ★

Steve McConnell, son of former pastor, Rev. Harold H McConnell (Dr. Mac!), will be bringing the message this day—it's sure to be a grand celebration!

All are welcome and invited, we just ask that you register your plans to attend either on the sign up sheet in the atrium, electronically using the link in the eblast and app or by calling the office. Hope to see everyone there!!

News from Isaac & Misty - - - - -

Dear Lake Shore Church Family,

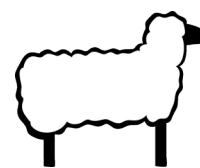
What a privilege it is to have arrived in Central Asia and to engage in the beginning steps of settling in. It has not been without stress or struggle but I am reminded that G0d himself "that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich". And we PTL for this opportunity to step out of what we know and into what we don't - for His glory. We thank you for your part last year in making this happen - for your steady and generous financial and prayer support! We are trusting (sometimes tearfully) each arriving day to G0d as we begin to meet neighbors, house helpers, and connect with people both with whom we share the language and with whom we don't. And we are excited to witness firsthand how G-d is at work in Central Asia and the surrounding region. We pray that you are encouraged in your own daily opportunities to walk with Chr1st. Please let us know if you would like to connect more personally in the upcoming days, weeks, and months as we would love to arrange a call. ♥

Grace and peace to you,

Misty, Isaac, Evangeline (7), Isaiah (5), Alexis (3), and Nehemiah (1)



**In like a lion,
Out like a lamb?**



Small Groups -

Here is a sampling of the small groups currently being held through Lake Shore Church—

MOPS

Meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays, Sept thru May (besides holidays)

Stands for: Mothers of Preschoolers

All mothers, from expecting moms to moms with kids up to 18 years old, are welcome.

This small group is designed to encourage & equip moms as they navigate motherhood.

Each meeting includes a topic for discussion, an activity and time for fellowship & sharing.

Please talk to Alison Grosch for more information.



Anchor

Meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm (unless noted)

This is Lake Shore Church's only Zoom small group

This is a multi-generational group – all are welcome.

They do various book studies by Christian authors as well as study books of the Bible.

They are in the middle of a study of Mark. They are interrupting this to do a Lenten study of *Alchemy of Hope*, by James Monnett.

Please talk to Joan Martin or Michele Maksout for more information.

Sunday Night Saints (SNS)

Meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings in the Gathering Room.

This is a women's group.

Right now they are studying *They Walked with God*, by Max Lucado.

Please talk to Dianne Stall for more information.



Northern Suburbs Small Group

This group meets weekly in member's homes on a rotating basis.

This group was originally formed for those people who live in cities north of St. Clair Shores

They are currently studying *They Walked with God*, By Max Lucado.

Please talk to Bill Mazmanian for more information.

Bayview Bunch

Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 (occasionally 12:30)

This group has been in existence for 20 years! All are welcome.

They just started a study on *Love Does*, by Bob Goff.

They come together to study a variety of Bible-based books and the Bible itself.

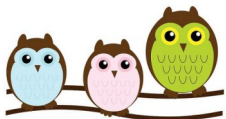
For more information contact Joan Martin or Sheryll Secord.

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 they will be holding an open seat for you!

The plan is to highlight each of these groups, one at a time, in the weekly eblast - watch for it!

For more information, contact the name listed with the above groups or just call the church office.



Spring is in the air...



When the Lake Shore, Lakeview 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!

March Birthdays

3/2 Greg Droska	3/20 Al Bednarski
3/3 Kayla Daniels	Mike Boyle
Dave Oswald	Garry Smith
3/4 Debra Talluto	3/22 Keith VanHouzen
3/7 Kelsie Isham	3/23 Rhonda Okker
3/8 Brian Vahovick	3/24 Russell Hepner
3/10 Andrew Jenken	Jacob LaRowe
3/13 Cheryl Zito	Frank Welch
3/14 Mary MacNeil	3/27 Ila Harvey
3/15 Paul Kraus	Jeanette Mazmanian
3/16 Ray Harvey	3/28 Kris Sipple
Jennifer Martin	3/29 Jude Thompson
3/17 Madeline Freeman	3/30 Cheryl Hohn
3/18 Jennifer Hunter	Scott Sumner
	Marissa Talluto
	3/31 Bob Hovis

and Anniversaries

3/2 Jared & Peggy Dell	3/26 Sue & Dan Loughman
3/16 Kurt & Cheryl Hohn	3/28 Ray & Val Harvey



Mission News

MCWARM

On Tuesday, February 28th, we prepared and served dinner to the 50 homeless guests being sheltered by MCWARM at First Presbyterian of Warren. In addition to dinner, we brought warm clothing, socks, hygiene bags, toothbrushes, winter hats. We will also made sandwiches for lunches for the week. Thank you for supporting our outreaches.

MCREST

On Tuesday, March 14, we will be preparing and serving dinner to the 50 women and children living at the MCREST facility in Mt Clemens. MCREST opened this beautiful, renovated apartment building in 2022. All women and children enrolled in MCREST live at the facility while looking for permanent housing. If you would like to help with dinner, please contact Cheryl at casmark1@wowway.com.

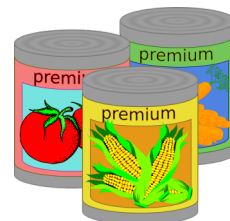
Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

If you or someone you know is in need of free food and clothing, our food pantry/clothes closet is open the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 1-2:30pm, and the third Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30pm. We are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome. No ID or proof of income is ever required.

We are seeing more families and receiving less food from the County. We are in need of canned veggies...corn, peas, green beans. We can always use canned pasta. (I find ALDI to be a great resource with lowest prices)

Thank you for supporting Mission.

Love and Peace, Cheryl Smark



Spotlight on . . . New Deacon, Dam Boyd



Almost one year ago, I was baptized by Pastor Adam and I became a member of this wonderful church. From that moment forward, I knew God was calling me to **serve** in any way needed and I looked for **opportunities** to do just that! I was fortunate enough to find volunteer positions working in the Clothes Closet, with the Sunday School classes and recently, was commissioned as a Lay Minister.

Public service has always been a way of life for me and over the last 30 years, I have held several different positions that allowed me to fulfill that mission. These positions included working as a letter carrier for the City of S. Clair Shores, helping children learn to read as an elementary school teacher, and working as an eligibility specialist with the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, helping low-income families and seniors receive state assistance.

I was honored when I learned that I had been nominated to serve as a Deacon for our church and I am so grateful for your faith and support! It is a blessing to do the Lord's work and I look forward to the opportunities that await us!

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

Monday, March 13th	1pm—2:30pm
Wednesday, March 22nd	5pm—6:30pm
Monday, March 27th	1pm—2:30pm

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

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

MARCH 2023



* = a Small Group
Sun

Mon

6:30pm Band Prac.
7pm *Anchor
Grp **Tue**

1:30pm Ukuleles
7pm Men's AA **Wed**

1:30pm Pinochle
7pm Choir Prac.
7:30pm AA
& AI Anon **Thu**

**Office
Closed Fri**

7:30pm NA **Sat**



1
9am Staff Mtg.

2
9:30am - GFC*

3

4

5 Communion
12pm Trustees
6pm - SNS*

6

7

8
1:30pm
Bayview Bunch
4pm Finance
6:45pm
Personnel

9
9:30am - GFC*

10

11
10am Breakfast
Bunch

12
12:30pm Youth
Bowling
6pm MOPS*
NO Youth @ 6

13
1pm Food
Pantry

14

15
9am Staff Mtg.

16
9:30am - GFC*
11:30am
Pastor's Group

17



18

19 10:30am
Unity Service
Centennial
Celebration #3
6pm—SNS*

20
7pm Deacons
Session

21
10am Trad.
Worship Mtg.

22
1:30pm
Bayview Bunch
5pm Food
Pantry

23
9:30am - GFC*

24

25
10am Breakfast
Bunch

26
6pm MOPS*

27
1pm Food
Pantry

28

29
9am Staff Mtg.

30
9:30am - GFC*

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thank you!

A HUGE thank you to all who have sent
notes or cards or called me - I so
appreciate every one of you!

Adele Kerske

Thanks to the generosity of the entire
congregation, we were able to donate
75 coats to students at the Macomb
Montessori Academy. Thank you all for
helping these kids!

thank you!

Jennifer Hunter