

Soundings

March 2024 - 3507

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As I looked out onto our congregation during our Ash Wednesday service, I was struck at the diversity of ages gathered. From the first decade of life on up through the 80s, every decade was represented. On Sunday mornings, you are sure to find members in their 90s as well. Indeed, Lake Shore Church is a multi-generational community. I don't take this for granted and I consider this diversity a great gift to us and a great gift to the wider community.

I was struck on Ash Wednesday because it looked different than we see on Sunday morning. Sometimes I think our age diversity is obscured by our Sunday morning schedule. Nevertheless, we do not let this schedule divide us. Indeed, we know that age is *not* an automatic predictor of worship style preference. For example, one couple finds themselves split on their style preference and so they just go back and forth between the two services. We are finding that offering two different styles of worship, rather than being a point of division, is a way to honor our diversity and our vision for being an inclusive church.

In an age where society often feels divided along generational lines, with stereotypes and misconceptions driving wedges between groups, Lake Shore Church stands out for its unity. Our diversity is not a coincidence; we have been working to build it since before the pandemic. That new and younger families are now a part of our community reflects our desire and vision to be a multi-generational church that is raising up a new generation of faith. We know that every age has something to contribute to this critical mission. And so, we celebrate the vibrancy of youth, the resilience of middle age, and the wisdom of our elders.

Having this intergenerational mix gives us a unique opportunity for mentorship and growth. We are a place where the young can seek guidance and the old can find renewed purpose. In this, we can find that our diversity is not just something to tolerate but something we embrace.

We thrive as one. As we gather for worship, let us always remember the gift of our multi-generational congregation. Let us strive to be a model of unity and love, not just within our church walls, but in the broader community as well. In a divided world, let's embrace our church where all ages can come together in harmony and peace, knowing that it is the Lord of all who brings us together.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

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All on-line content is now available through the church website & app!

Go to - www.lakeshorechurch.com

click on the "online services" tab

Or Download the app (questions? Ask the office.)

The 10:45am Worship is also Live-Streamed on YouTube & FB

****NEW**** 10:45am worship will be live-streamed into the chapel for those who may need to step out.

Lent & Easter information

ALL are always welcome and invited!



Palm Sunday - 3/24 - Sunday Services at 9am & 10:45am

Palms are distributed

10:45am Worship is live-streamed - link below

child care for ages up to three(3) at both services

Sunday School at 10:45am service for ages 3yrs-5th grade

Maundy Thursday - 3/28 - 7pm Service with Communion

Worship is live-streamed - link below

child care for ages up to three(3)

Good Friday - 3/29 - 7pm Service "Wandering to the Cross"

Worship is live-streamed - link below

child care for ages up to three(3)

Easter Sunday - 3/31 - Sunday Services at 9am and 10:45am

10:45am Worship is live-streamed - link below

child care for ages up to three(3)

Sunday School at 10:45am service for ages 3yrs-5th grade

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!

"Come Thou Fount" Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal (2003)

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it,

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

On the evening of Friday, February 2nd, 18 young people from Lake Shore Church (LSC) arrived at SpringHill Camp in Evart, Michigan to experience Winter Teen Retreat. Six boys, twelve girls and five adult leaders from our church spent the weekend with over 700 other young people from various churches around the state to worship together, grow their relationship with Jesus and have an enormous amount of fun !



Winter Retreat is a tradition in our Youth Program . Kids in 6th through 12th grades go back every year to experience the faith-building moments and exciting activities. Not only do many of these experiences turn into treasured memories that last a lifetime, but it is a time where they often reaffirm their faith at this weekend-long event.

SpringHill has what they call Sessions that take place 4 times throughout the weekend – where youth and leaders gather to worship, listen to powerful messages, and sing along with the live band. After the service, everyone breaks up into small groups to dive deeper into the message they heard. This year DJ Code & The Joe Guerra Band were there, and the guest speaker was Heather Flies, a Youth Pastor from Minnesota. The Sessions are lively, fast paced, high quality productions geared to energize the participants. Retreats like these are incredibly significant to the spiritual lives of young people and they often draw in friends of our core youth group members because of their “wow factor” as they bust open the myth that some of society holds that church isn’t fun.



This year’s theme was “All in With Jesus”. Flies asked the young people, “What gets in the way of you being all in with Jesus?” She explained that God needs to be our foundation. All the other things in life like the way we look, our athletic abilities, our friendships, etc., are only temporary and will fade or change over time. She contrasted that with the fact that our relationship with Jesus endures forever. At the end of the weekend, she challenged the youth to think about what they needed to *START* doing in their lives to become closer to God and what they needed to *STOP* doing as well.

Activities such as ice skating, sledding, indoor high ropes, paintball, crafts, swimming, dodgeball, basketball & rock climbing, plus more, are available to the young people throughout the weekend in between Sessions & community meals. One of the highlights of the weekend was the Broom Ball Tournament where the church youth groups competed against each other. Broom Ball is played on ice and is a game like field hockey but played with brooms .



This year our youth were asked for the first time to share their cabins with other youth from First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, which just happens to be where Pastor Brendan’s wife, Rev. Ashley S. Ashley serves as Associate Pastor. Pastor Ashley was one of the adult leaders on their retreat team. The young people got along well and enjoyed getting to know each other. Sheryl Mieczkowski, our Youth Director, said she, “Witnessed God working through our group turning what could have been an inconvenience (having to share their cabins) into a positive experience.” She was proud at how open and welcoming the youth were.



I spoke to all five LSC youth leaders that attended. It was Laura Glowniak’s first time, and she told me she was, “Really impressed with how action-filled the retreat was. The kids were never bored, and the worship and music were uplifting.” Josh & Kayla Daniels spoke about the big encounters with God that they see the youth experience each year at these retreats. They likened it to watching a seed planted in the ground (at the retreat) and over the course of subsequent weeks (Sunday nights when the youth groups meet) watching that seed sprout and grow until it blossoms into a flower. Sheryl & Brian Mieczkowski spoke about how rewarding it is for them to see the youth encouraging one another, and the deep, authentic conversations that happen in the small group discussions. Retreats like this strengthen the friendships among the youth as well. —————>

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I also sat in on the following Sunday night mid-high youth meeting at church. Sheryl and Brian recapped the important points of the retreat messages with the youth and then asked them what they had decided to *START & STOP* doing in their own lives to put God first. I received feedback from the youth about what they loved the most about the weekend. Their enthusiastic answers ranged from paintball, sledding, and the Sessions to swimming in the pool. Leo, summed up the entire retreat with his own slogan, "Exciting Games, Fun Songs & Strong Hugs". When I asked them what they found most meaningful about the Sessions, Margaret said the dramatization of a father & son skit that portrayed that even if you turn your back on Jesus, he will always be there to listen to you and welcome you back connected with her. Leo said that the speaker's descriptive account of Jesus on the cross made him realize how much more brutal the crucifixion was and he found himself feeling grateful for all that Jesus went through for us.

Retreats offer a time to unplug from technology and have fun while bonding with peers. They create intentional spaces where young people can have "mountain top experiences" that impact their lives forever. We are thankful for the way God works through LSC to provide these opportunities for the youth. And we are grateful to Sheryl and her team of leaders who give of their time and serve God so faithfully.



Written & submitted by Michele Maksout.



Brew for Jesus

Brew for Jesus is a beer-based Bible study designed to be discussed in a small group setting. This study is meant for Christians and those seeking to learn more about Christ by looking at what is involved in brewing beer and how that can serve as an analogy to concepts in Christianity. We plan to meet at Dragonmead Brewery - 14600 E. Eleven Mile Rd., Warren - beginning in April (be on the lookout for the start date!) and will meet every other Tuesday evening at 7pm.



Sound interesting?? Right now you can sign up in the church lobby, call the church office or speak with Pastor Brendan. As we firm up the last bit of detail, watch for online sign up and information also.

"Flock of Believers"



30's thru 50's

JOIN US for . . .

Whirlyball!

Saturday, April 27th, 7-9pm

19781 15 Mile Rd.

Clinton Twp., 48035

Cost is \$36 per person due when you RSVP to Michele Maksout at 586-246-3921

Are you
grieving?

Maybe this
workshop is
for you!

Walking the Mourner's Path™

"Transforming grief into joyful living"

This class will be an eight (8) week workshop, that we ask for your full commitment to, and led by Gayle Spiewak and Ginny Stieler. It is scheduled to begin in early April.

Right now we are gauging interest in the class.

On the atrium shelf you will find pamphlets with class details and the three (3) day and time options for attending the workshop. One option will be chosen based on majority preference.

Questions? Call Gayle or Ginny



March Birthdays

3/1 Carol Sayers	3/20 Al Bednarski,
3/2 Greg Droska	Garry Smith, Mike Boyle
3/3 Kayla Daniels,	3/22 Keith Van Houzen
Dave Oswald	3/23 Rhonda Okker
3/4 Debra Talluto	3/24 Frank Welch,
3/7 Isla Corbett, Kelsie Isham	Russ Hepner
3/8 Brian Vahovick	3/27 Ila Harvey
3/13 Cheryl Zito	Jeanette Mazmanian
3/14 Mary MacNeil	3/28 Kris Sipple
3/15 Paul Kraus	3/29 Julian (Jude) Thompson
3/16 Ray Harvey, Ray Filipek,	3/30 Cheryl Hohn,
Jennifer Martin	Scott Sumner,
3/17 Madeline Freeman	Marissa Talluto
3/18 Jennifer Hunter	3/31 Bob Hovis



March Anniversaries

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



Q: What's the Easter bunny's favorite type of music??



A: Hip Hop!!

MISSION NEWS

Blessing Bags

On Sunday, February 18th, 50 blessing bags were assembled by our caring youth during their Sunday night group gathering. Thank you so much for putting together the bags. Please feel free to take as many bags as you need off the table in the atrium. With spring approaching (we hope!!!!), stores may have winter hats and gloves on clearance. We are always in search of adult hats and gloves for our bags. Please put in the large bin in the coat room and mark MISSION.

Clothes Closet/Food Pantry

Thank you for your donations of current season, smoke free clothing for our closet! We are grateful for food donations. Please make sure they are not more than 12 months past their date. We are always in need of tuna, spaghetti's, cereal, and egg noodles.

MCWARM

On Wednesday, February 28th, we prepared and served dinner to the unsheltered guests being housed overnight by First Presbyterian Church of Warren. We also took hygiene products and clothing. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve in partnership with First Pres.

MCREST

ON Tuesday, March 12th, we will be preparing and serving dinner to all the women and children being housed at the MCREST shelter in Mt Clemens. We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with Triumphant Cross Church, of St. Clair Shores, for their week of hosting.

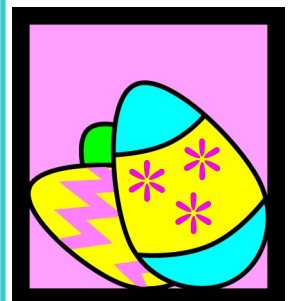
Thank you for always supporting Mission.
Cheryl Smark

NEW MEMBERS
CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Membership Matters
March 6th, 6:30-8pm
Sign up in the
Welcome Center

No commitments, come see
what we're all about!



9am Traditional
10am Middle & Hi
School Sunday School
10:45am Modern
10:45am Sunday
School - PreK-5th grade
6pm Youth Groups

MARCH 2024



* = a Small Group
Sun

Mon

6pm Band
Practice

Tue

1:30pm Ukuleles
7pm Men's AA

Wed

6pm Bells
7pm Choir
7:30pm AA
& AI Anon

Thu

**Office
Closed**

Fri

7:30pm NA

Sat

		1 5:30-7pm Games/Crafts		2

3 Communion 12:15pm Trustees	4 7pm Session	5	6 9am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Membership Matters	7 9:30am GFC*	8	9 10am Breakfast Bunch
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10 12:45pm Youth Laser Tag 6pm MOPS*	11 1pm Food Pantry	12 MCREST Dinner @ Triumphant Cross	13 2:30pm Bayview Bunch*	14 9:30am GFC*	15	16
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24 Palm Sunday 6pm MOPS*	25 1pm Food Pantry	26	27 2:30pm Bayview Bunch*	28 9:30am GFC* 7pm Maundy Thursday	29 7pm Good Friday	30
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31 Easter Children's Choir 	<p><u>2024 Presbytery Support</u></p> <p>The 2024 Presbytery Support (aka Per Capita) is \$51.50 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.</p> <p>There is a designated envelope in your box of giving envelopes for this offering or you can include a note with your electronic gift.</p> <p>Questions? Want to learn more about this? Call Jeanette in the church office at 586-777-8533.</p>	<p>March 1st - Friday - 5:30pm Board Game & Lenten Craft Night</p> <p>Join us for family game night, wear pajamas, make crafts, and appreciate the artists in our church!</p> <p>A sign-up sheet with ALL the details will be in the Atrium.</p> <p>Snacks and beverages will be provided.</p> <p>Open to the community so bring a friend, bring a neighbor - this is a perfect opportunity to share your church!</p>
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