

Soundings

March 2026 - 3509

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I so appreciate the annual rhythms of our church calendar and liturgical seasons. Each year, the cycle of Advent and Christmas gives way to Lent and Easter. Together, they tether the life of the church to the very life of Christ — His birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. This rhythm forms us for life with God. As we find ourselves in Lent — a season of preparation and repentance — this year we are focusing on the theme of control: our desire for it and the cost it carries.

The older I get, the more I realize how much time I've spent worrying about things beyond my control. There is so much in life that we simply cannot control. We can be responsible. We can be faithful. We can steward that which has been entrusted to us — including our relationships. But we cannot control outcomes, other people, not the future, and certainly not God. Grasping for control is, in many ways, grasping to be like God. What hubris.

The alternative to control is surrender — trusting God to lead and guide us. After spending this month exploring how we seek control and what such grasping costs us, we will witness how Jesus completely surrendered control on the cross and what God did through that surrender on Easter morning.

Easter presents a tremendous opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, and acquaintances to church. Many people are open to coming on Easter and are just waiting for an invitation. What might happen if each of us extended one simple, personal invitation?

And to give you a tease into April — in the weeks after Easter, we will introduce a new initiative called *Reach One*. It's not complicated. It's modeled on what the early church did after they encountered the risen Christ: they shared that good news with others. Your leaders have been testing a process that invites us to open ourselves to the way God may already be working — asking Him to place just one person in our lives with whom we might help create an opening for a real encounter with Jesus. Keep your eyes open for more details later in March. Before then, we have much to celebrate — this weekend with Pastor Isaac, our worship night, and dinner with the Chung's. And the following week, March 8th as we ordain and install officers, witnessing how God continues to raise up leaders to serve His church for this current moment.

Here is what I am praying for — that God would breathe fresh life into our church. That faith would feel alive again for those for whom it has grown dormant. That hope would rise. That love would deepen. That new people would find their way here and discover they belong. Will you join me in praying for that kind of renewal? Not someday. But here and now. In us and among us.

In Christ,



Adam

General Information

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Socials

Website: lakeshorechurch.com

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Presbyterian Church

Instagram: [lakeshore_church_](https://www.instagram.com/lakeshore_church_)

Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Adam Grosch
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

Leaders

Perish Associate	Marianne Grano
Food Pantry and Clothes Closet Director	Cheryl Smark
Youth Directors	Brian & Sheryl Mieczkowski

COPY ROOM

Reminder

PLEASE PICK UP ANY
ITEMS LEFT IN THE
COPY/MAIL ROOM WITHIN
TWO WEEKS. UNCLAIMED
ITEMS WILL BE REMOVED.
THANKS FOR HELPING
KEEP THIS SHARED SPACE
CLEAR AND ORGANIZED!

Do you have information
or an event you want to
share with the church?

**ADD IT TO THE
SOUNDINGS!**

Send your details to Jenna
by the **17th of each month**
to have it in the next
month's soundings.

jenna@lakeshorechurch.com

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)

March
Sermon Series

THE COST OF CONTROL

When we face uncertainty, we do everything we can to gain control no matter the cost. But when we harness more control we create anxiety, complexity, and division in our lives. In this next sermon series, we will learn how to lean into the real power of Christ and let him work within our selves and our lives.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL SERVICES!

PALM SUNDAY 3/29

9AM TRADITIONAL WITH NURSERY CARE

10:45AM MODERN SERVICE WITH
NURSERY CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
AGES 3-5TH GRADE

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY 4/2**

7PM "WE REMEMBER CALVARY: A
CONTEMPORARY TENEBRAE SERVICE"

PRESENTED BY PASTOR ADAM AND THE
CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOOD
FRIDAY 4/3**

7PM A NIGHT TO REFLECT ON THE
COST OF CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US
MUSIC LED BY THE PRAISE BAND

**EASTER
SUNDAY 4/5**

9AM TRADITIONAL WITH NURSERY
CARE

10:45AM MODERN SERVICE WITH
NURSERY CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
AGES 3-5TH GRADE

Join us for an intergenerational
dinner event

DINNER WITH THE CHUNGS

MARCH 1ST | 6-8PM

As a part of their weekend visit with us, Pastor Isaac, Misty, and family will be offering a special dinner presentation featuring a dinner gathering that will be a lot like what they experienced in Central Asia where they have served as missionaries the last three years. This is a fun, interactive evening that includes dinner, games, and learning. Come hear stories from the front line of the mission field and learn about God's work in a culture that is a lot different than ours. Attendees are invited to bring fruit, candy, or dessert, but it is not required. We hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT LAKESHORECHURCH.COM/EVENTS

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

You may have noticed Lake Shore Church has a new friend helping out during worship and special events. Sophia Liolli, granddaughter of Joseph Claycomb, has dedicated her time and energy to taking pictures and creating a welcome video for our website gallery and front page. We have been so grateful for the amazing pictures she's captured, and that we can share them with the Lake Shore Church and St. Clair Shores community.

Although it's been some time since attending Lake Shore Church, Sophia is no stranger. She was baptized as an infant by our former pastor, Pastor Duncan, and attended church through elementary school. Sophia recalls going to Sunday School in the chapel, watching bible stories on VHS tapes and running around with her friends. She started becoming more involved shortly after her grandfather's passing in July 2025.



After having conversations with Sophia, Adam discovered her talent for media and camerawork, a gift that could help us in a long overdue welcome video that Adam and I (Jenna) have been tabling for some time. Over the last six months Sophia has been gathering short clips to chop down into one beautiful video that we presented a couple of weeks ago during worship. If you missed it, it's now live at lakeshorechurch.com/welcome/

Sophia attended Alma college for five years receiving her bachelor's degree in new media studies. There she learned about media, camera literacy, journalism, film, and video editing. Apart from her college education, Sophia has had a love for photography and film for years. Her love for film began as a kid when she watched the Godfather with her Dad, inspired by the details of the film production. She has owned a camera for over a decade now and enjoys shooting for weddings, baptisms, and even animal photography. If you need her for any of your personal events, feel free to reach out and we can get you connected!

Sophia has dreams of breaking into the film industry, but while working on her dream she spends her time dog sitting and working for a nonprofit thrift store called "The Full Circle Foundation". This nonprofit organization supports kids and young adults who have mental disabilities and prepares them for the world we live in today.

We are beyond grateful we were able to welcome Sophia back into the life of our church, and that we have seen God's transformation of these gifts for his glory.



Written and Submitted by
Jenna Dell

Photos by Sophia Liolli

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PALM SUNDAY**

Join presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Give by using the envelopes in the pews or the envelopes in the 9am worship service bulletins.

MISSION NEWS

MCWARM

On Sunday 2/15, one of our small groups, Sunday Night Saints, devoted their meeting to making sandwiches for MCWARM at St Margaret, SCS. We had 200 sandwiches made, and delivered on Monday.

On 2/5 the kids enrolled in NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) at Jefferson made 150 sandwiches and cookie bags for MCWARM.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from November 1st through April 1st, MCWARM volunteers provide breakfast, hot lunch, and brown bag dinner to anyone in need. They also provide showers and a fresh set of clothing. The volunteers have been helping 100+ persons every time they are open. They are truly doing God's work. And they are so grateful for any help we provide.

Blessing Bags

We recently put together 50 more blessing bags for anyone to take and distribute to the unsheltered. The bags have gloves, hats, socks, snacks, and hygiene bags in them. Feel free to add any other items!

On Tuesday 2/17, the Kindness Club at Ardmore Elementary School put together mini blessing bags for MotorCity Mitten Mission. The bags contained socks, snacks, and hygiene wipes. These bags will be distributed by MCMM when they do their nightly runs, with dinners and cold weather gear for the unsheltered. The kids are learning how they can make a difference in the world through their kind acts.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

The food pantry and clothes closet will be open on the following dates: Monday 3/9 from 1-2:30, Wednesday 3/18 from 5-6:30, and Monday 3/23 from 1-2:30. We are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome.

Through our connection at Pepperidge Farm, we continue to share our bread bounty with MCWARM, MCMM, and Immanuel Methodist Church.

Thank you for continuing to support Mission,
Cheryl Smark

BREW FOR JESUS

DRAGONMEAD BREWERY

7:30PM

MARCH 5TH AND 19TH
APRIL 2ND, 16TH, AND 30TH



THE BREW FOR JESUS SMALL GROUP IS STILL ACTIVE!
THEY START BIBLE STUDY AT 7:30, ALTERNATING THURSDAYS
ON THE 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH.

LOCATED AT 14600 E 11 MILE RD, WARREN, MI 48089

LAKE SHORE CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat 3.28 | 10am-12pm

FREE FOR CHILDREN: INFANTS THROUGH AGE 10

CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON WITH US BY
ATTENDING OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

- GOSPEL LESSON
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- EASTER BUNNY VISIT
- PETTING ZOO
- SNACKS

Register online at lakeshorechurch.com/events



IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE SHOREWOOD KIWANIS

FLOCK OF BELIEVERS

Social Group for People ages 30s-60s

SATURDAY,
MARCH 7TH

CORNHOLE

6PM - 8PM

Cost - \$10 per person

Great Shots in Clinton Township
36901 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48035



TO RSVP: TEXT MICHELE AT
586-246-3921



LASER TAG YOUTH GROUP EVENT

REVOLUTION LASER

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH 4-7PM

35335 SOUTHBOUND GRATIOT AVE,
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48035

\$20/PERSON INCLUDES:

3 HOURS OF LASER TAG, A \$5.00 ARCADE CARD, AND DINNER
EXCLUSIVE USE OF LASER TAG AND THE ARCADE

PLEASE NOTE TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THIS
EVENT. YOUTH IS TO BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP AT LASER
TAG, ARRIVING AT REVOLUTION LASER AROUND 3:45PM

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE - IF NEEDED CONTACT SHERYL
RSVP BY TUESDAY 3/10/26.

Help Us Keep Lake Shore Church Financially Strong

Refer us any Real Estate deal in the whole state of Michigan and the day of close, Mark and Jennifer Foster (original Lake Shore members in 2001) will donate 25% of their brokerage earnings to Lake Shore Church



Mark and Jennifer Foster:
586-805-6000

Reach One is coming to Lake Shore Church...

God is calling Lake Shore Church to love our neighbors, share Jesus with others, and trust the Holy Spirit one person at a time.

Faith is growing.

Stories are unfolding.

Momentum is building.

2026 Presbytery Support



2026 Presbytery Support (this includes per capita) is \$56.00 per church member. Whether or not you are a contributor, we send money on behalf of each member to the presbytery. Your annual contribution helps to keep our church budget balanced—thank you for your support!

You'll find a designated envelope for this offering in your box of giving envelopes, or you can simply include a note with your electronic gift.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact our new bookkeeper, Michelle Decker, at the church office: 586-777-8533.



Who is your one?

EXPERIENCING GOD

A 12-Week Cohort

If you are seeking a deeper relationship with God and are ready to take this next step in your faith, please make sure to reach out to Pastor Adam at pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com. We are still taking participants, and anticipate the start of the small group in the near future.

Instead of just learning **about** God, are you ready to **experience** God in your life? If you've ever wanted help moving from the theoretical to a practical spirituality, this study is for you. This twelve-week book, video, and small group experience will awaken you to the way God is moving and working in your life. The expected outcomes in this study include coming to know God more deeply, learning to recognize God's voice, and understanding God's will for your life. God is already at work. Are you ready to join him?

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Help us in welcoming and celebrating our new leaders during worship on March 8th!

GIVING COMMUNION

Did you know the Deacons offer communion to members who are shut-ins, either permanent or temporary (e.g., post-surgery)? Communion is brought once a month to local members at a time scheduled between the server and recipient.

Please contact Barb Lamb (586)-808-2001 after 5pm M-F for more information

Coffee hour Signup

HELLO! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR ON THE CALENDAR IN THE WELCOME CENTER KITCHEN. MOST SUNDAYS HAVE 9:00 AND 10:45 AM SLOTS (SOMETIMES JUST ONE). FEEL FREE TO BRING A SNACK TO SHARE.

THANK YOU!
CHERYL Z. & KRIS S.



MARCH 2026

Weekly Activities

Sundays - Youth Group 6pm
Tuesdays - Dulcimer Group 10am
Wednesdays - Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers 1:30pm, AA 7pm
Thursdays - Girl Friends In Christ 10am, Band Rehearsal 5:30pm, AA 7:30pm, AlAnon 7:30pm, Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Saturdays - NA 7:30pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Dinner Presentation with the Chung's 6pm Sunday Night Saints 6pm Group Youth 6pm	2	3	4	5	6	7 Flock of Believers Cornhole Event 6pm
8 Ordination and Installation of Officers Momco 6pm  Daylight Savings	9 Food Pantry 1pm  2nd Mile Center Meeting 7pm	10	11 Leadership Training 6:15pm	12	13	14 Breakfast Bunch 10am
15 Trustees 12pm Sunday Night Saints 6pm Youth Laser Tag 5pm	16 Session 7pm	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18 Food Pantry 5pm	19	20	21
22 Momco 6pm	23 Food Pantry 1pm 	24	25	26 Kiwanis Meeting 6pm	27	28 Easter Egg Hunt 10am-12pm  Breakfast Bunch 10am
29 Palm Sunday  One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbytery	30	31    				

March Anniversaries

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

March Birthdays

3/1 Carol Sayers	3/20 Al Bednarski
3/2 Gregory Droska	Garry Smith
3/3 Dave Oswald	Ryan Willmer
Kayla Daniels	Mike Boyle
3/7 Kelsie Isham	3/22 Keith Van Houzen
Isla Corbett	3/23 Rhonda Okker
3/8 Brian Vahovick	3/24 Kyle Kinyon
3/9 Mark Madison	Russell Hepner
3/13 Cheryl Zito	Emily Kinyon
3/14 Mary MacNeil	3/27 Jeanette
3/15 Paul Kraus	Mazmanian
3/16 Ray Harvey	3/28 Kris Sipple
Ray Filipek	3/29 Jude Thompson
Jennifer Martin	3/30 Cheryl Hohn
3/17 Madeline Freeman	Scott Sumner
3/18 Jennifer Hunter	3/31 Bob Hovis

2026 Flower Signup Sheet

The flower sign up poster is now on the bulletin board across from the office! To sign up for flowers, sign your name on the poster, fill out the small form next to it, and put the form along with your check/cash in Stacey's mail slot in the mail/copy room.