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Dear Friends:

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As we close out the month of April, we have much to celebrate. From outreach events like Comedy Night and the Easter Egg Hunt to the meals served to our homeless neighbors and food shared through our food pantry, we've touched the lives of over 500 people this past month. We are passionate about serving our city in love—and your participation makes that possible.

We also give thanks for the vibrant worship experiences that helped bring forth new life in our community, especially our Holy Week and Easter services. These services help stir hearts and spark renewal. In the church, Easter is not a single day—but a whole season. Like Advent and Lent, it stretches across weeks. As the grass grows, flowers bloom, and people step back outdoors, we continue to celebrate the new life that is found outside the tomb.

Jesus is loose. And He's bringing new life to all that has been dormant.

I am excited for what's ahead in May. The Easter story is certainly too good to keep to ourselves—and so are our own stories, transformed by the new life Jesus brings. That's why we are launching a new sermon series titled: "Something Worth Sharing: Real-life Stories of Hope after Easter." Each week, we'll explore stories of fresh starts after failure, purpose in the midst of confusion, and hope passed from one generation to the next. It's a series that is grounded in Scripture and speaks into our lived experiences—practical, personal, and full of resurrection joy. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend along for the journey.

A few events to draw your attention to:

Copper Hop Fundraiser for the Second Mile Center

This event is already upon us and it's not too late to sign up for this meaningful and fun night out. Come support an incredible cause that's making a difference in our region.

Worship Night – June 6

After the powerful evening, we shared earlier this year, Jenna is leading us again in a night of worship and praise. Expect music, energy, and a chance to be renewed. Mark your calendars now because this is not a night you want to miss!

With gratitude for this season and anticipation for what's next,

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Pastor Adam

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Worship Schedule Traditional at 9am / Modern at 10:45am

Notice! On May 25th there will be one traditional service at 10:30am as the worship band will be in the Memorial Day Parade. On June 15th we will begin our summer worship schedule - one blended service (traditional and modern) at 10:30am.

Starting in May, Pastor Adam begins a new series: Something Worth Sharing: Real-life Stories of Easter Hope

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Some stories in life are just too good to keep to ourselves—stories of fresh starts after mistakes, purpose amid confusion, and hope passed from one generation to the next. Join us as we explore real life, practical hope that changes everything.



Interested in taking a deeper step into life at Lake Shore Church? Join our pastors for a casual and welcoming conversation designed to help us get to know each other and explore what it means to be part of our church community.

We'll talk about the mission and values of Lake Shore, what church membership involves, why it matters, and how to take the next step if you're ready. Bring your questions—or just bring yourself! We'd love to connect with you.

TO REGISTER SIGN UP IN THE ATRIUM, ONLINE, OR EMAIL STACEY@LAKESHORECHURCH.COM

YOUTH ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

CHURCH CAMP

WED 7/30 - SUN 8/3 @ MICHINDOH CONFERENCE CENTER

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ENTERING 3RD GRADE THIS FALL THROUGH 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

CONTACT SHERYL TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD 586-549-3755

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 11TH-15TH 6-8:30PM

CALL CONTRACT & ADULT

PRE K-5TH

REGISTRATION

REACH OUT TO LAURA FOR MORE INFO LAURAMSEIDEL@YAHOO.COM

WE'RE HIRING AN ORGANIST! PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD AND JOIN US IN THANKING MICHAEL FOR HIS TIME WITH US:

Temporary Office Schedule Change

Please note, office hours from Monday 5/5 through Thursday 5/15 will be Monday through Thursday, 9am-5pm. Normal hours will resume on Monday 5/19. Thank you!

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

Bridging the Gap: Lake Shore Church and the St. Clair Shores Community

This spring, Lake Shore Church hosted two special events that brought joy and connection with the St.Clair Shores community. On April 5th, we hosted a Comedy Night featuring comedians Tim Steele and Eric Thompson. The sanctuary was filled with laughter as 90 people gathered — 75 from the church and 15 from the community — for an evening of clean comedy, fun, and togetherness.

Audience members shared that the comedians were not only hilarious, but also engaged the crowd in a way that made people feel included in the fun. The laughter reminded us of the joy that comes from shared moments and lighthearted fellowship, especially in times when hope and encouragement are needed most.

After the show concluded, guests were invited to continue the evening in the Welcome Center for fellowship and delicious desserts. This offered us the opportunity to connect with visitors and have meaningful conversations over tasty treats. This event was another great moment for our church, extending a warm welcome to visitors and strengthening the friendships within the church walls.

In celebration of Easter, our church hosted an exciting and eventful Easter Egg Hunt that introduced many young families to our church. With over 69 children and 47 families in attendance — including 53 kids from the community and 16 from our own church — the event turned into a beautiful reflection of what Easter is all about: sharing the story of Jesus.

Part of the event took place in the sanctuary, packed full with joyful parents, grandparents, and anticipating children. Pastor Adam led a meaningful Easter message tailored for the kids, focusing on the idea of "doing an egg hunt for Jesus." The egg hunt itself took place on the Jefferson lawn, with the search divided by age groups to ensure fun and fairness for everyone. A total of 1,000 eggs were hidden, and thanks to careful planning, there were plenty of eggs for every child, resulting in happy faces and very few tears.

Adding a special twist, extra-large empty eggs were scattered across the lawn. These weren't just for show — they represented the empty tomb of Jesus. Children who found these special eggs returned them to Pastor Adam and received a prize, providing a powerful opportunity to reinforce the true meaning of Easter in a way that was both engaging and memorable.

These events were a true success — not only in numbers but in the connections made, faith shared, and joy that filled the hearts of our church community and visitors. We're thankful for everyone who volunteered to make this day so special, and look forward to many more experiences to share together.

Written and Submitted by Jenna Dell

Christian Parenting and Baptism

Saturday May 17th 10:00am - 12:00pm



Are you thinking about how to raise your children in faith? Are you interested in learning more about baptism and its role in your family's spiritual journey? Join us for an open class where we'll explore a framework for Christian parenting and discuss the significance of baptism in the life of a child. To learn more or sign up, email <u>pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com</u> CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Please reach out to Jenna at jenna@lakeshorechurch.com if you would like to include your college or high school graduate on the graduation board in the narthex. Thank you!



The National Stamp Out Hunger food drive is coming up, and we're excited to share that mail carriers in our city have chosen to donate all collected food to local food pantries here in SCS. We are honored to be one of the pantries selected to receive these donations!



TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY PLACE YOUR FOOD DONATIONS NEAR YOUR MAILBOX OR PORCH, AND VOLUNTEERS WILL COME BY TO COLLECT THEM.

When donating, please focus on items that are easy to prepare, such as soup, canned vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, and mac & cheese. Many of our guest families live in temporary housing with limited cooking facilities, so please save specialty items (like artichokes, pickles, or olives) for another occasion. Our families are in need of basic, easy-to-prepare foods.

MISSION NEWS

First Presbyterian of Warren Lunch

On Thursday, April 3, we had the privilege of helping prepare and serve lunch to the unsheltered guests at First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Every Thursday, year-round, First Pres. provides a day shelter for men and women experiencing homelessness. They offer breakfast, a hot lunch, and a brown-bag dinner, along with access to showers, free clothing, and toiletries. We were grateful for the opportunity to contribute lunch and sandwiches for dinner, and we plan to continue this outreach. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible!

Blessing Bags

On Sunday, April 20th, our Sunday School kids did an awesome job of packing 50 blessing bags for the homeless! All the bags are available on the ledge in the atrium. Please feel free to take as many as you need.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet - March Recap

During the month of March we provided free food and clothing to 138 families (380 individuals) in our clothes closet/food pantry. Our awesome volunteers worked 113.75 hours to provide these services.

We are an equal opportunity provider! All are welcome!

May Pantry Dates

- Monday May 12th 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday May 21st 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Our clothes closet is currently accepting clean, gently used, smoke free spring and summer clothing.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry and clothes closet. Our guests are grateful, and our volunteers feel blessed to have such strong support from our church family.

Peace and love, Cheryl Smark



Last Day of Sunday School!

The last day of Sunday School is June 8th! We will be celebrating after second service with lunch and lots of fun on the front lawn. In appreciation of all our hard working volunteers, we invite you to attend church that Sunday to recognize you during service. We hope you join us!

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May Anniversaries May Birthdays Ellen Sumner 5/2 5/22 Elijah Grosch 5/4 Nancy & Ronald Barr Linda Whitman 5/7 5/26 Brian Freeman 5/3 Barbara & Thomas Lamb Ross Markesino **Brian Mieczkowski** 5/11 5/7 Gayle & Gerald Spiewak 5/13 Nancy Boyle Caden Jenken 5/8 5/14 Peggy Dell Jaclyn Cook Jaclyn & Jason Cook 5/16 Barbara Barak Hannah Dell Donna & William Polom 5/18 Carol Lemay 5/27 James Thompson 5/18 Keith & Cynthia Van Houzen 5/19 Linda Dick 5/28 Nico Bronzetti 5/20 Anna Be Donald & Mary-Claire Black 5/29 Kay Sumner 5/31 Alicia Troyer Zoey Santana Nicholas & Elizabeth Hunter 5/19 5/21 Sis Leadbetter Roman Webb 5/30 Madeline & Brian Freeman Ezra Hooper