

Soundings

May 2026 - 3509

Dear Friends:

In Luke 15, Jesus tells the story of the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go find the one. But the story doesn't end when he finds the sheep. The story continues as he returns with the sheep, rejoicing. And when he gets home, he calls his friends and neighbors to join his celebration. The story ends with joy, but not private joy. His joy becomes complete when it is shared with others.

Everything in life is better shared. This is why we were created: to share with God in the joy of his creation, and to share life with one another through the highs and lows.

As we have embarked on our Reach One journey, we have already begun to see some of our "ones" show up and join us for worship. And the common theme among those who have extended those invitations has been joy. Maybe surprise at first – but then joy. We never know exactly how God is going to work. But when God does work clearly among us, it becomes a time for rejoicing.

Many of us spend a lot of time seeking to deepen our own faith and grow in discipleship. As we should! But Reach One invites us to take the focus off ourselves and to become concerned about just one other person's walk of faith. Reach One asks us to be open to how God might use us to move a person from curiosity to belief, from individual spirituality to regular engagement with Christian community, from disinterest to following Jesus. As so often happens, when we take the focus off our own discipleship, our own discipleship grows. It is about making our discipleship part of "making disciples," just as Jesus commissioned His followers to do.

The Reach One sermon series, "The Shepherd is Still Searching," will wrap up as we move into Pentecost later this month. But the Reach One journey for our congregation is truly just beginning.

This series has focused on how we live in the world and how we discern where God may already be leading us. When we return to the second CPR cycle this fall, we will focus more intentionally on committing to one – walking with them, praying for them, and finding support for these relationships through others.

And when you are ready, I trust that God will use you – and perhaps in ways you never expected.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

Lake Shore
CHURCH



General Information

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Church Leadership

Senior Pastor	Rev. Adam Grosch
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Bookkeeper	Michelle Decker
Worship Leader and Communications Coordinator	Jenna Dell
Organist	Laurel Wayland
Choir Director	Ginny Stieler
Custodian	Beverly Wainio
IT	Kevin Saunders
Missions Coordinator	Cheryl Smark
Youth Director	Sheryl Mieczkowski

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)

EASTER SERIES

5 Weeks

The Shepherd IS STILL SEARCHING

Jesus once told a story about a shepherd who left ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness to go searching for the one that was lost. Easter tells us that the shepherd who searches refuses to give up. Not even death could stop Him. On Easter, we discover the Good Shepherd calls us by name and invites us to join him in seeking the one. Because everyone has one.

WANT TO CONTINUE YOUR STUDY POST WORSHIP? PICK UP A CAREFULLY CURATED "REACH ONE" WORK BOOKLET FROM THE ATRIUM TABLE TO REFLECT ON THE MESSAGE AND SCRIPTURE FROM EACH WEEK!

A letter from Pastor Adam

My thanks for your care and concern offered to me during my father's death. God has been so good to me through this. His presence and blessings have abounded. One of the blessings has been your support as I've traveled back and forth to New York. I am grateful and I thank you all. - Pastor Adam

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

THE SECOND MILE CENTER OF DETROIT A NIGHT AT THE RACES

@ COPPER HOP BREWING CO - 23401 GREATER MACK AVE, SCS
MAY 2ND FROM 5:30-10:30



BEST HAT & BEST DRESSED CONTESTS

DERBY ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

GAMES & PRIZES

LIVE RACE VIEWING

YOUTH SUMMER SAVE THE DATE

20 June 2026

29 July - 2 August 2026

8 August 2026

TOTALLY GROSS OLYMPICS

SUMMER CAMP ***REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

ROLLING HILLS WATERPARK

For more information or questions, please reach out to Sheryl Mieczkowski at 586-549-3755

LEGACY

Circle

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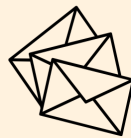
Lake Shore Church is honored to announce a gift from the estate of Ed Maconochie. Ed and his wife, Julia, were generous supporters of Lake Shore throughout their lives, and they were both individually members of the Legacy Circle Endowment Fund.

Ed's faith was deeply personal and sincere. He sought to discern the direction of God in his own life and to follow where he believed God was leading. Many will remember Ed for portraying Jesus for many years in our Good Friday play—a role he carried with humility and reverence.

His professional life included many years working at Faygo, where his generosity often took tangible form as cases upon cases of soda pop donated to support our Food Pantry and other ministries.

Ed had a compassionate heart for people from every walk of life. He carried a quiet "live and let live" spirit and believed deeply in extending grace. His connection to Lake Shore Church was intertwined with his love for Julie. They were always in it together — encouraging one another, supporting one another, and sharing a deep affection for this church community they called home. In Julie's passing, Ed felt the weight of that loss profoundly. Yet even in seasons of searching and transition, his trust in God remained central. Through this final act of generosity, we witness again a shared legacy of faith and stewardship. In many ways, their commitment continues — a testament to lives lived with open hands before God.

We give thanks for Ed's faith, his compassion, and the lasting impact of the Maconochie family's generosity.



MAIL CARRIER'S **FOOD DRIVE**

SAT, MAY 9TH



The National Stamp Out Hunger food drive is coming up, and we're excited to share that our pantry has once again been chosen to receive these food donations!



We are looking for volunteers to help unload food from the mail trucks upon delivery, and cart them down to the pantry. We are looking for help between 12-5pm on May 9th - please email Cheryl Smark at casmark1@wowway.com if interested. This is a great way to get some community service hours done! Thank you. Cheryl Smark

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD DRIVE, SIMPLY PLACE YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEAR YOUR MAILBOX OR PORCH, AND MAIL CARRIERS WILL COME BY TO COLLECT THEM.

YOUTH SUMMER *Camp*

JULY 29TH - AUGUST 2ND

ACTIVITIES:

| Worship Nights | Waterfront Activities | Group Games |
| Beach Access | Zipline | High Ropes | Campfire |



For more information:



Sheryl @ 586-549-3755



lakeshorechurch.com/events

LEGACY *Circle* DINNER

MAY 12TH | AT 6PM

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR ADAM FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SPECIAL DINNER, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.



Mandatory RSVP by May 5th

JOIN US FOR *Membership Matters* CLASS

May 17th

12:00 pm

Wondering what your next step in faith might be? Whether you're new or already feel at home at Lake Shore Church, join us for a casual conversation with Pastor Adam. You'll learn more about our church, ways to get involved, and why membership matters. It's a great chance to ask questions, connect, and explore what it means to belong. Everyone's welcome—we'd love to get to know you!

MEMORIAL DAY *Parade*

COME
SUPPORT!

SUNDAY
5/24/26

WATCH THE LAKE SHORE CHURCH BAND
PERFORM ON A FLOAT FOR THE MEMORIAL
DAY PARADE! FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM
TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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.

Deacon SPOTLIGHT



Emily Kinyon

My name is Emily Kinyon. My husband, Kyle, and I have lived in St. Clair Shores for the past 15 years and have 2 kids, Evelyn and Hudson. We first came to Lake Shore Church for VBS a few years ago when the kids were old enough to attend. Everyone was so kind and welcoming that we came to service that Sunday and have been coming ever since. Our family became members this past summer and in the fall, Pastor Adam baptized the kids all along with their baby cousin, Ellis.

I have really enjoyed participating in and being a part of many different groups here the past few years including Sunday school, VBS, Life Groups, Mom Co, the Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas Pageant. Our kids love being part of Sunday school and kids choir. Over these last few years we have met so many great people, had such fun experiences, and made many new friends along the way.

I am happy to be given this opportunity to serve as a Deacon with this great team. I am looking forward to helping our church, church leaders and community through fellowship and service together.

God Bless,
Emily Kinyon

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!

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

On March 28th, we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt, open to our church community and all our neighbors throughout the city of St. Clair Shores.

At this year's Easter Egg Hunt, we had about 100 children in attendance, which is twice what we had last year! Over the last six months, we are proud to have fully integrated a new text outreach tool to contact previous worship and church event visitors which has helped expand our attendance at upcoming events. We are also very grateful for our collaboration with the Shorewood Kiwanis as their publicity helped to bring members of our community to the front lawns of Lake Shore Church.

The event began with Pastor Adam reading a Bible lesson in the sanctuary about the disciples discovering the empty tomb. The kids then went for the egg hunt, finding about 1,200 eggs. Church and Kiwanis volunteers had filled each egg with a trinket or piece of candy, and also hid them around the church grounds. There were several large empty eggs, signifying the empty tomb, and when a child found one, they took it to Pastor Adam and got a special candy prize, symbolizing the everlasting life we obtain through the grace of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

The petting zoo was a new feature added to the Easter Egg Hunt itinerary this year, and it was well loved by all, children and adults alike.

After everything was said and done, everyone joined in the Welcome Center for snacks and a fun coloring activity. We are very happy with the outcome of this event, and are excited to see it grow in years to come!



Written and Submitted by Garry Smith, edited by Jenna Dell
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A letter from Cheryl and Steve Smark...

Thank you to our church family for your love, prayers, and support for our grandson Caden and our family over the last year as he battled cancer. We will miss him every second of every day for the rest of our lives.

Our love and thanks to all of you.

Cheryl and Steve Smark



2026 Flower Signup Sheet

There are many slots still available to sign up for Sunday morning flowers!
To sign up for flowers email Stacey in the office at stacey@lakeshorechurch.com

Weekly Activities						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Sunday Night Saints 6pm LAST DAY OF YOUTH GROUP 6pm						Second Mile Center Copper Hop Fundraiser 5:30pm
			Experiencing God 6:45pm			Breakfast Bunch 10am Post Office Food Drive
	Food Pantry 1pm	Legacy Circle Dinner 6pm - Fellowship Hall	Bayview Bunch 2pm Finance 4pm Experiencing God 6:45pm			
Membership Matters 12pm Sunday Night Saints 6pm MomCo 6pm	Deacons 7pm Trustees 7pm		Food Pantry 5pm Experiencing God 6:45pm			Breakfast Bunch 10am
Memorial Day Parade! One Service - Traditional @ 10:30am	Church Closed MEMORIAL DAY		Bayview Bunch 2pm Experiencing God 6:45pm	Kiwanis 6pm		

May Anniversaries

- 5/2 Nancy & Ronald Barr
- 5/3 Barb & Thomas Lamb
- 5/7 Gayle & Gerald Spiewak
- 5/8 Jaclyn & Jason Cook
- Donna & William Polom
- 5/18 Donald & Mary-Claire Black
- Keith & Cynthia Van Houzen
- 5/19 Nicholas & Elizabeth Hunter
- 5/30 Madeline & Brian Freeman

May Birthdays

5/4 Ellen Sumner	5/21 Zelda Leadbetter
5/5 Ellis Witsberger	Ezra Hooper
5/7 Linda Whitman	5/22 Elijah Grosch
5/10 Benjamin Burrows	5/24 Todd Burrows
5/11 Ross Markesino	5/26 Brian Mieczkowski
5/13 Nancy Boyle	Brian Freeman
5/14 Margaret Dell	Caden Jenken
5/16 Barbara Barak	Hannah Dell
5/18 Carol Lemay	Jaclyn Cook
5/19 Linda Dick	5/27 James Thompson
5/20 Anna Be	5/28 Nico Bronzetti
Alicia Troyer	5/29 Kay Sumner
	5/31 Roman Webb
	Zoey Santana

Lake Shore Church VBS 2026
Ages 4 - 5th Grade

RAINFOREST FALLS
 Exploring the Nature of God
August 9 - 13
6:00 - 8:30 PM

<https://vbspro.events/p/lakeshorevbs2026>