

# Soundings

November 2023 - 3503

Lake Shore  
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

Get ready to step into history, for we are on the brink of a weekend that will celebrate the profound legacy of our church. November 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be a culmination of the last 18 months of 100-year celebrations, grounding us in an appreciation for the faith and witness of those who have come before us.

I personally reflect on this legacy with gratitude. When I was a child, before I even knew about the city of St. Clair Shores, let alone Lake Shore Church, this ministry was quietly shaping a young girl by the name of Alison Cory. She attended Sunday School, VBS, church camp, and sang in the children's choir. Her faith was incubated in this place. That faith continued to flourish after she left. Through the providence of God, 20 years later, Alison became my wife, and we now delight in raising our children within the embrace of this church.

Each generation faces their own challenges. But through every challenge, this church's ministry has endured. As we begin a Second Century, we find ourselves continuing the legacy on which this church was founded, a legacy of vibrant family ministry and service to the community. We do this in the challenge of an age where fewer families are attending church or see any need for church. This is why family outreach is being integrated into our life of worship, Sunday School, youth, and mission programs. Rather than waiting for people to come to us, we want to reach people where they are.

As Alison and I dream about the future, we find ourselves praying that Lake Shore Church may be the church that reaches a new generation of families and disciples today's kids to begin a lifetime of faith. We pray that tomorrow's church may be stronger because of our contributions today.

Lake Shore Church is not merely a physical structure or a congregation. It is a living testament to faith, weaving the stories of countless lives together to form families and nurture lifelong commitments to following Jesus. Alison and I believe in this mission so strongly that we've chosen to support the Second Century Dream with a sacrificial commitment above and beyond our regular tithe. We view this investment as crucial, not just for our own children, but for all those we are called to reach.

As we come together to celebrate, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in making this vision a reality through your financial support. Together, may we place our trust in God, "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is in work within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Together, with his guidance, we will welcome new members and raise up a new generation rooted in faith.

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](http://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**

## WESTMINSTER THANKSGIVING

Westminster Church, Detroit, is celebrating their 41st year of providing Thanksgiving dinner to the community. This year they hope to provide 1400 dinners to needy in the community.



They need our help! They need volunteers to help prepare dinner Monday thru Wednesday, November 20-22. They need volunteers to help serve dinner and clean up on Thursday, November 23. And they need volunteers to help deliver dinners to senior complexes and housebound seniors on Thursday, November 23.

Volunteers can email [p.kaye@wcodetroit.org](mailto:p.kaye@wcodetroit.org) or you can call the dedicated phone line 313-34-2697, ext. 314, to sign up. If you would like to make a financial donation, please designate Westminster Thanksgiving on your donation.

## 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Friday, November 10th @ 6pm

A Marker Dedication from the City, Dinner and Entertainment  
Join us as we celebrate the past 100 years and look forward to the next!

Tickets for this evening's event are being sold between and after services and in the office and through our online giving platforms - PayPal, FaithStreet and the church app.

Your ticket includes admittance to all that is happening this evening!  
Cash, check or credit card accepted

\$10 per Individual Ticket or \$25 for a Family Ticket

Questions? Contact the church office.

Join us on Sunday, November 12th for our Unity Worship at 10:30am with a final Centennial Celebration Continental Brunch immediately following service - free to all!

This date is also Commitment Sunday.

Watch your mail for your 2024 Estimate of Giving cards.



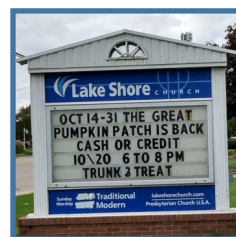
## CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

When asked what the busiest time of year at churches is, you will inevitably hear Advent and/or Easter as responses. This is true at Lake Shore Church as well, but in addition to these is the month of October when we host our Annual Trunk N Treat and Pumpkin Patch. This Fall month is jam packed with fun and focus on our local community.

October kicks off with a semi-truck delivering hundreds of pumpkins of all sizes to us. Members and friends alike arrive with their wagons, and wheelbarrows in tow to help unload the pumpkins and place them on the lawn amidst the hay bales and decorations for the upcoming fundraiser. This year they worked in steady rain and colder than usual temps. The metaphor of a well-oiled machine came to mind watching them work together to get the job done in less than 3 hours. Both of our pastors worked side by side with their congregation and volunteers. On consecutive days, through Halloween, our members take 2 hour shifts during the week and on weekends to sell pumpkins (and gourds) to all who visit. This event takes a huge volunteer effort, (almost 100 people!) and every dollar made goes right back into hosting additional free community events throughout the year. This allows us to connect with our neighbors in SCS and engage in light conversation with those buying pumpkins. It offers them a festive outdoor environment to choose the pumpkins they will use to decorate their homes and make memories with when carving jack-o-lanterns with their families & friends. We frequently hear comments about how much they appreciate us hosting a pumpkin patch as an alternative to retail store shopping, and telling us to, "Keep the change as a donation", when making their purchases. The past two years Gail & Tim Thompson, Debbie Rowe & Ginny Stieler managed this event as a team. They continue to play a key role in the planning & organization now under Pastor Brendan.



In addition to the Pumpkin Patch, we host a Trunk N Treat on a Friday evening in October inviting families to LS for a merry evening of music, a hotdog & chips dinner, cider & donuts and of course...candy! Some years we have had community guests such as the SCS police dog, a coastguard boat, and a spooky hearse from a local funeral home. The entire event is free, and everyone is welcome. It has become a beloved tradition that many in SCS look forward to and it is common for the church office to receive calls every Fall asking for the date of this event so residents make sure they don't miss it. The joy of the event overflows into the pumpkin patch giving a big boost to pumpkin sales the evening of Trunk N Treat and making it the largest single day of sales throughout the entire fundraiser. Kayla Daniels has captained this event the last three years, with Susan Huhn, Linda DeMers, Kris Sipple, Pam Boyd and Tim & Gail Thompson rounding out the team. This is our largest outreach event with 800-1000 children and adults in attendance, which now falls underneath Pastor Brendan's leadership. There are over 25 additional volunteers that man this event not including all those who bring their cars and pass out sweet treats. The best decorated trunks also receive a special prize.



At the heart of outreach is love for our neighbors. We show that love by hosting events like these in hope to connect with and build relationships with the community and spread God's word. The impact made through Trunk N Treat and our Pumpkin Patch cannot be overstated. We see the smiles on the children's faces, feel the appreciation of the adults and have had people walk through our doors on Sunday morning seeking to know more about our church and hear about God because of these events. God is truly working through Lake Shore Church, and we are thankful for this.

Written & submitted by Michele Maksout.

## Travel the Roman Empire with Paul A 12-week study led by Rev. Marianne Grano

This Adult Education course will be led by Rev. Marianne Grano - for those interested, there is a sign up sheet on the Atrium shelf. Here is a quick overview of the course.

In this twelve-week course, we will travel the Roman Empire with Paul, learn about the places he visited, what he experienced on his journeys, and the stories behind his famous letters. We will also take two field trips: December 10, to the Detroit Institute of Art, to consider Paul's influence on Western culture and art; and February 25, to the Special Collections Library of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, which holds the oldest extant collection of Paul's letters in the world (we will attempt to arrange a private viewing) and the Kelsey Museum of Archeology in Ann Arbor, where we will view artifacts of ancient Rome, Egypt, Babylon, and Assyria. Our trip to Ann Arbor will include a celebratory end-of-class dinner.

The class will take place Sunday evenings, from 6-7:30pm in the Chapel, beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## LET'S GO TO THE HOP ~ 11/3/23 ~ 7-9PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN FRIDAY EVENING DANCING AND LISTENING TO  
THE SOUNDS OF DETROIT'S PREMIERE 16 PIECE BIG BAND  
FEATURING LISA AND JEFF WATZ

TICKETS ARE \$10 AT THE DOOR  
AND INCLUDE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

CRUISE ON IN WITH YOUR  
CLASSIC CARS  
AND COME SEE THE SHOW!



The Deacons will host the  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Christmas  
Remembrance Dinner on  
November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

This is a night of dinner & fellow-  
ship in remembrance of our loved  
ones who have passed away.

Please save the date. A sign-up sheet will be  
out in the atrium for your convenience—  
please register so we can plan accordingly for  
dinner. Thank you.



## "Flock of Believers"



Saturday  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from  
7-9pm

Corn Hole  
at Great Shots  
Backyard Bar &  
Games in  
Clinton Twp.

**Gen Xers!**  
New group for all those  
in their 40's and 50's.

No cost to play thanks to an anonymous donor.

Event is limited to 16 players, so please RSVP soon to  
Michele at 586-246-3921.

## Deck the Halls



Join us Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>,  
after the 10:45am worship, as  
we get the church ready for the  
Christmas Season.

All are welcome! We'll have a light lunch and  
crafts for the younger kids. Nursery care will  
be offered for the children under age 3.

There's a sign up sheet on the Atrium shelf so  
we can plan accordingly for lunch—Thanks!

**Monday, December 4th @ 7pm**

The Deacon Hosted

## Candlelight Communion Service

Open to all



A beautiful way to begin your holidays

## Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
All are Welcome



Join us for this wonderful time  
of Christmas fun!

December dates to note . . .

- 12/4 = Candlelight Communion Service 7pm
- 12/16 = Choir Concert/Children's Pageant 2pm
- 12/24 = 10:30am Unity Worship  
4pm Christmas Eve Family Worship  
9pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
- 12/31 = 10:30am Unity Worship



MOPS

this is motherhood

We are a great group of moms, with  
kids of all ages, who get together  
twice a month to share and learn and  
grow our "village".

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of  
the month from 6-8pm.

Check the calendar for dates! All are welcome!



## November Birthdays

11/1	Dawn Flanigan	11/18	Ginger Callsen
	Ginny Stieler	11/19	Austin Bell
11/2	Tessa Reedy		Natalie Corbett
11/3	Haley Esch	11/20	Ryan Hunter
11/4	Jim Martin, Scarlett Schloss		Sue Loughman
	Mark Szandzik,	11/23	Denyse Rice
	Brendan Vahovick	11/25	Isabella LaRowe
11/5	Stacey King		Sheryll Secord
11/7	Bill Hohn	11/26	Matthew Tarrant
11/11	Joshua Daniels	11/27	Frances Bozick
11/12	Barbara Carless		Jared Dell, Jim Hall
11/13	Melissa Ratliff	11/28	Adelaide Partridge
11/14	Gayle LaPlante		Finley Szandzik
11/15	Juli Springfield	11/29	Darlene Ruddock
11/16	Jim Whitman		Lindsay Wallace
		11/30	Jason Cook

## and Anniversaries

11/1	Barb & Dennis Jenken
11/3	Tyler & Mark Szandzik
11/8	Holly & Tom Wernet
11/19	Margaret & Rick Fantucci



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!



## MISSION NEWS

### Upcoming Mission Events

**On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** there will be a container in the atrium labeled "Westminster Candy" for all that extra Halloween candy you would like to donate for our Westminster candy bags.



**On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** our Sunday School kids are going to be packing bags of candy to be donated to Westminster Church for their Thanksgiving dinners.

**On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** our MOPS moms are going to be making sandwiches for MCWARM at St Margaret Church, SCS. St Margaret Church hosts MCWARM from November 1 thru April. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday they provide showers, clean set of clothing, breakfast, hot lunch, and brown bag dinner to homeless or needy guests. Last year they averaged between 100-125 guests each day they were open. I hope to plan some other sandwich/lunch making events this winter.



**On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** the Gift Tree will set up in the atrium. Please stop by to pick a child's gift or dinner card off the tree! Gift Tree Sunday will be December 17th. All of the needy families on the tree have been selected by the counselors at the schools in SCS. Each child thru age 12 will receive pants, shirt, and toy/game. Each child 13-18 will receive a shirt. Each family is given a food basket with all the makings for Christmas dinner, plus a food gift card to purchase their main dish. Please include one of our Gift Tree kids in your shopping!

Our clothes closet has been changed over for the season. Please donate only clean, smoke free fall and winter clothing.

Thank you for always supporting Mission!  
Peace and love, Cheryl Smark



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

# NOVEMBER 2023



\* = a Small Group  
**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

1:30pm Ukuleles  
7pm Men's AA  
7:30pm Band  
Practice

**Wed**

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

**Thu**

**Office  
Closed**

**Fri**

7:30pm NA

**Sat**



**1**  
9am Staff Mtg

**2**  
9:30am GFC\*  
1:30pm Pinochle

**3**  
7pm Sock Hop

**4**

**5** Communion  
6pm SNS\*

**6**

**7**

**8**  
1:30pm Bayview  
Bunch  
6:45pm Personnel

**9**  
9:30am GFC\*  
1:30pm Pinochle

**10**  
Centennial Gala  
6pm  
Ticket Required

**11**  
10am Breakfast  
Bunch

**12**  
Unity Worship  
10:30am  
Centennial Brunch  
Noon  
Commitment Sunday  
6pm MOPS\*

**13**  
1pm Food Pantry

**14**  
6pm  
Remembrance  
Dinner

**15**  
9am Staff Mtg

**16**  
9:30am GFC\*  
1:30pm Pinochle

**17**

**18**  
Flock of Believers 7pm

**19**  
12:30pm Youth  
Great Skate  
6pm SNS\*  
6pm Rev. Grano  
Study

**20**  
7pm Session  
7pm Deacons

**21**

**22**  
1:30pm Bayview  
Bunch  
5pm Food Pantry

**23**  
CHURCH  
CLOSED  
Happy Thanksgiving 

**24**

**25**  
10am Breakfast  
Bunch

**26**  
Deck the Halls  
Noon  
6pm MOPS\*  
6pm Rev. Grano  
Study  
NO YOUTH Grp

**27**  
1pm Food Pantry

**28**

**29**  
9am Staff Mtg

**30**  
9:30am GFC\*  
1:30pm Pinochle



## Youth Groups - Mark Your Calendars!

**November 19th - Youth event to Great Skate @ 12:30pm**

**December 9th-10th - Overnighter event at church - 6pm-10am**

**And....it's never too late to join us for Middle & High School Bible Study!  
Sunday morning from 10-10:40am**

**As always, contact Sheryl for more info - 586-549-3755.**

**All of the above events are open to all Youth Groups**



**SpringHill will be here before you know it -  
February 2-4th, 2024 - Save the Date!!**



## DECEMBER

