

Soundings

November 2024 - 3509

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As we turn the page on this election, regardless of the outcome, we will shift our gaze heavenward and enter a season of **Thanksgiving**. No, you won't be asked to give thanks for who won the election. Instead, we will focus on the countless reasons we have to thank God for all He is doing in our lives.

There is so much to be grateful for: the opportunity to work, to raise a family, to nurture friendships, to receive medical care, to love and be loved. We are blessed with shelter over our heads, food on our tables, and the gift of safety, security, and routine. We are given the gift of time — and the freedom to use it meaningfully.

Thanksgiving—it's not a typo. A quick search tells me I'm not the first to use the word, but the concept is powerful, nonetheless. Thanksgiving is a state of being. It is not limited to the Thanksgiving holiday or moments when life is going well. Rather, it is the intentional, daily practice of living with mindful gratitude. Realizing that everything we have is a gift from God—and that we can never repay Him for all He has done—leads us to one natural response: Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving turns mindfulness into action, just as Paul urges: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17).

This year, we invite you to participate in a special way through **Thanksgiving leaves**. In a few weeks, you will receive a leaf on which to write a "daily" moment or blessing you are thankful for. These leaves will adorn our church, creating a beautiful display of God's blessings "falling" all around us.

As James reminds us: *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows"* (James 1:17).

Thanksgiving also offers us a chance to reflect on our gratitude for the church. Personally, I am deeply thankful for this ministry and all it provides: the uplifting worship each Sunday, the sense of belonging in this community, the way we nurture the next generation in faith, the opportunities to serve, and the privilege of gathering in this beautiful, sacred space. Our ministry extends beyond these walls, making an impact far and wide.

On **November 24**, we will come together for a **Unity Service at 10:30 am**. During worship, we will dedicate our giving estimates for 2025, commit and recommit to the Second Century Dream, and celebrate all that God is doing through our church. Following the service, we are all invited to stay for a **catered brunch**. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we look forward to the future with gratitude.

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Adam

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Staff

Senior Pastor	Adam Grosch
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WE OFFER TWO SERVICES!
JOIN US FOR OUR 9AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE OR 10:45AM MODERN SERVICE.

ALL ONLINE CONTENT IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT LAKESHORECHURCH.COM! FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU CAN STREAM CHURCH THROUGH YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK.

HAVE SOMETHING
TO PROMOTE?

**ADD IT TO THE
SOUNDINGS!**

Send your promotional material to Jenna by the 17th of each month for her to add it to next month's soundings.

jenna@lakeshorechurch.com

Mission News

MISSION UPDATE

During the month of September we gave free food and clothing to 148 guest families, 383 individuals. Our volunteers committed 103.5 hours to this ministry to make it possible. Thank you for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY

Our pantry has been seeing an increase in the number of families. We are in need of tuna, spaghetti, chicken soup, tomato soup, canned beans, and peanut butter.

Our open pantry dates for November are Monday, 11/11 1-2:30, Wednesday 11/20 5-6:30, Monday 11/25 1-2:30. If you or someone you know is in need of food and clothing, please let them know that we are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome.

CLOTHES CLOSET

Our hardworking ladies in the clothes closet have changed the closet over to fall and winter. Please only donate clean, gently used, smoke-free fall and winter clothing.

THANKSGIVING AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH

On Sunday November 3rd and Sunday November 10th we will be collecting your unopened, individually wrapped candy from Halloween. There will be baskets marked "Mission" in the atrium for the candy. Our Sunday School kids are going to be packing candy bags for Westminster Thanksgiving on Sunday November 24th.

Westminster Church will be preparing and serving or delivering dinner to 1500 individuals this Thanksgiving. If you would like to make a financial donation for their dinner, please mark "Westminster Thanksgiving" on the envelope. Westminster is looking for volunteers to help prepare the dinner and on Thanksgiving to help serve or deliver.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The Christmas Gift Tree will be up on Sunday December 1. All gift envelopes for our needy families will be on the tree that day. Delivery for the Gift Tree will be Sunday December 22.

Thank you for always supporting our Mission.
Peace and Love, Cheryl

JOIN US FOR



"Fresh Feedback"
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



We truly value your feedback and want to make sure we hear about both the great experiences and any concerns you might have about our church staff. To help us keep improving, we'd love for you to join the personnel team 15 minutes before each meeting. Your input helps us grow together!

Your participation is crucial to the betterment of our church community, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Next Meeting:
NOVEMBER 13TH AT 7PM

**[NEW
BOOKKEEPER
JOB OPENING]**

We are seeking a part-time bookkeeper to join our staff. This role involves experience in accounting, including tax filings, payroll, accounts payable/receivable, and budgeting. This also involves collaboration with our church finance team and responsibility for processing pledges and offerings.



To take a look at the full job description, visit our church website

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

Hours before the semi-truck was expected to arrive at church on Saturday October 12th, Pastor Brendan received a phone call telling him the truck carrying the load of pumpkins for us would be delayed until the next day. Even though the semi was almost 24 hours late, almost everyone who signed up to help unload the pumpkins on Saturday, showed up on Sunday to help, plus a few extra people.

After enjoying a quick lunch together, about two dozen volunteers plus our pastors donned their jackets, hats and gloves, and started unloading the 100's of pumpkins off the semi into wheelbarrows, placing them on the lawn.

The Pumpkin Patch Team had already erected the large white tent, decorated the space, and taped off large areas on the front lawn so the volunteers knew where to unload the pumpkins of various sizes. It took about three hours for the volunteers to unload the pumpkins and turn the church lawn into an amazing-looking pumpkin

patch. Pastor Adam mentioned that people passing by the church noticed the great flurry of activity on the grounds and stopped in to pick out pumpkins to purchase making the first sale of the season happen before we officially opened!

This year, the newly formed Events Team — a hybrid, two-person team of Pastor Brendan & Garry Smith — met with the Pumpkin Patch Team to discuss how they could enhance this already successful event. The group discussed how to better market this event and how to increase engagement with those who visit the pumpkin patch. They decided to create more promotions, including ads in the local paper, and handing out 3x5 cards with information about community services that LSC provides: the food pantry & clothes closet, our worship schedule, webpage info, & dates of remaining events for the year.

To additionally boost personal engagement, we will hold a children's pumpkin coloring contest with three top prizes. Prizes are to be awarded after the second service on November 3rd in the Welcome Center. A separate adult lottery drawing will also take place at the same time. Adults need only to leave their contact information at checkout and be present during the drawing to win. Not only that, prayer request cards will be available at the time of purchase to show the community we care for them, and are committed to praying for them.

The Events Team has recently met with the leadership of VBS and Trunk N' Treat. They continue to collect data on all the larger events hosted by the church, and to meet with the leaders of these teams to brainstorm ideas for better marketing in the community. They also aim to create more opportunities within the events to connect with visitors and increase the potential for further engagement. The Events Team's next focus will be the Chili Cook-Off and Memorial Day Parade.



YOUTH GLOW JUMP AND OVERNIGHTER

Friday, November 15th, 7:00pm -
Saturday, November 16th 10:00am

Join us for an exciting night of fun and adventure! We'll kick off the evening with a Glow Jump at SkyZone in Shelby Twp, followed by an overnight stay at the church. After our jumping session, we'll return to the church for an overnighter filled with games, fellowship, and fun!

Cost: \$30.00 (scholarships are available if cost is an issue)
If you don't have Sky Socks, they can be purchased for an additional \$4.00.

Please RSVP by Sunday, November 10, to Sheryl Mieczkowski at 586-549-3755

Schedule:
7:00pm: Meet at the church
7:45pm: Depart for SkyZone via bus
8:30pm - 11:00pm: Enjoy jumping
at SkyZone
9:00pm: Pizza and pop will be
served at SkyZone

What to Bring:
Pajamas
Clothes for Saturday (if desired)
Toiletries
Sleeping bag
Pillow
Air mattress (optional: the church
has some mattresses available)

If you can only make it to SkyZone or the overnighter, no problem! Please talk to your youth leader, and we will accommodate your participation.

EVENTS

The Deacons will host the annual Blue Christmas Remembrance dinner on November 19th at 6pm

This is a night of dinner and fellowship in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away. A signup sheet will be out in the atrium for your convenience. Please register and *RSVP* by November 14th so we can plan accordingly for dinner.

Thank you.

Second Mile Center ADVENT CHRISTMAS TEA FESTIVAL OF TABLES

December 3rd
6:30-8:30

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church,
16 Lake Shore Dr,
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

THE 2ND MILE CENTER IS EXCITED TO HOST ITS FIRST ANNUAL "ADVENT CHRISTMAS TEA FESTIVAL OF TABLES" TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, FOSTERING THEIR GROWTH IN EDUCATION AND SPIRIT. THIS EVENT PROMISES TO BE A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING. YOUR DONATIONS WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AS THE CENTER'S MISSION IS TO ASSIST FAMILIES AND THE WORKING POOR WHO VISIT EACH WEEK. WE PROVIDE CLOTHING, NOURISHMENT, EDUCATION, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH, EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO BUILD CHARACTER, CONFIDENCE, AND RESILIENCE.

WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO HOST A TABLE BY DECORATING IT, INVITING FRIENDS, AND ENJOYING AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A TABLE, PLEASE CONTACT PATTY MCCracken AT 313-515-9798 OR PASTOR ADAM AT 586-777-8533.

LET US BE THE CHANGE WE WISH TO SEE NOT ONLY IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT IN THE WORLD.

Lake shore church



*December
Save the Dates!*

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| SUN 12/1 | • UNITY SERVICE AND DECK THE HALLS |
| MON 12/2 | • CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7PM |
| TUES 12/3 | • SECOND MILE CHRISTMAS TEA FROM 630 - 830 |
| SAT 12/14 | • CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2PM |
| THURS 12/19 | • KIWANIS FAMILY DINNER |
| SUN 12/22 | • UNITY SERVICE - CHOIR CANTATA |
| TUES 12/24 | • XMAS EVE - MODERN 4PM TRADITIONAL 9PM |
| WED 12/25 | • CHRISTMAS DAY |
| SUN 12/29 | • UNITY SERVICE - LAKESHORE UKULELE STRUMMERS |

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

LAKE SHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

8TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH (7TH GRADE WITH APPROVAL)

Explore the possibility of making a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. During the program, participants will consider their personal relationship with God as they explore questions of faith using the 5-part story of God. Participants will be invited to consider how God's story intersects with their own.

Overview:

- Led by Pastor Adam
- Adult Covenant Partner mentorship
- 5-Part Bible Story framework with a lens of Reformed Theology
- Program runs from November 2024 - June 2025

Expectations:

- Weekly Worship Attendance
- Monthly Video Viewing and Discussions with Covenant Partner
- Active Participation in monthly Class Sessions
- Overnight Retreat at Program's End

Confirmation Day:

- Meet with Session
- Present Faith Statements
- Baptism (if not baptized)
- Welcome into Church Membership!

For more information, speak with a youth leader or contact: Pastor Adam, pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com or 586-777-8533 Sign up by contacting Pastor Adam. Please express interest by November 3rd. Our first meeting will be in November and Monthly Class Meetings will be set based on participant schedules.

SMALL GROUPS AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

Sunday Night Saints

SNS is a women's group, meeting the first and third Sundays of each month from 6:00-8:30pm

Contact Dianne Stall at 313-550-1734 for more information

Northern Suburbs

Join this group and meet in homes every other week on Tuesdays at 7pm. This is a coed group that will be reading "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado

Contact Bill Mazmanian at 586-668-6100

Bayview Bunch

Bayview Bunch meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the gathering room. They will be studying "The Fruits of the Spirit" in the Fisherman Series

Contact Debbie Rowe at 586-556-7765 or Joan Martin at 586-747-7489 for more information

Girlfriends in Christ (GFC)

GFC is a women's group, meeting each Thursday at 10:15am in the gathering room. In this season, they will be reading "Angels" by Dr. David Jeremiah followed by The Chosen videos.

Contact Zelda "Sis" Leadbetter at 586-791-6136

Breakfast Bunch

This women's group meets at the church on the second and fourth Saturdays at 10am. They will be studying "Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told" by John White.

Contact Ginny Stieler at 586-879-4289 or Gayle Spiewak at 586-530-9735 for more information

SMALL GROUPS

BREW FOR

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JESUS

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY NIGHTS 7:30-8:30PM

OCTOBER 22

NOVEMBER 5TH AND 26TH

DECEMBER 3RD AND 17TH

IN THESE NEXT FEW MONTHS, PASTOR BRENDAN WILL BE EXPANDING ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

MARK RECOUNTS THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS, EMPHASIZING HIS MIRACLES, TEACHINGS, AND AUTHORITY AS THE SON OF GOD. IT MOVES QUICKLY THROUGH EVENTS, CULMINATING IN JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION, HIGHLIGHTING HIS ROLE AS THE MESSIAH.

**LOCATED AT
DRAGONMEAD BREWERY
14600 E. ELEVEN MILE RD, WARREN**

ANCHOR SMALL GROUP

Facilitated by Joan Martin and Michele Maksout

TUESDAY NIGHTS 7-8PM
OVER ZOOM

To get involved, text Michele at 586-246-3921

Walking the Mourner's Path

We're happy to announce that we plan to offer another "Walking the Mourner's Path" workshop this January - February 2025.

Please get in contact with either Gayle Spiewak [586-530-9735] or Ginny Stieler [586-879-4289] to sign up or receive more information.

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					All Saints Day 1 	2 Sunday Services • Traditional @ 9am • Modern @ 10:45am Child Care • Sunday School: ages three through grade five • Nursery: infants through age three  Weekly Events Sunday: • Youth Group @ 6-8pm Tuesday: • Band and Tech Team Rehearsal @ 6pm • Anchor Zoom @ 7pm Wednesday: • Lake Shore Ukulele Strummers @ 1:30pm • Men's AA @ 7pm Thursday • Girl Friend's in Christ @ 10:15am • Choir @ 7pm • AA @ 7:30pm • Al Anon @ 7:30pm Saturday • NA @ 7:30pm
Fall Back! 3  Communion Sunday Trustees 12:15pm Sunday Night Saints 6pm Children's Choir Performance (Modern Worship) 10  Momco 6pm	4	5	6	7	8	9 Breakfast Bunch 10am
					14 Youth Event - Skyzone Overnighter 	16
17 Sunday Night Saints 6pm *No Youth Group*	18 Session 7pm Deacons 7pm	19 Remembrance Dinner 6pm	20 Food Pantry 5pm-6:30pm 	21	22 Breakfast Bunch 10am	23
24 Dedication Sunday *Unity Service @ 10:30am with Brunch to follow	25 Food Pantry 1pm-2:30pm 	26	27 Bayview Bunch 2:30pm	28 Thanksgiving  *Church Closed*	29 *Church Closed*	30



November Anniversaries

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

November Birthdays

11/1	Virginia Stieler	11/19	Austin Bell
	Dawn Flanigan		Natalie Corbett
11/3	Haley Esch	11/20	Ryan Hunter
11/4	Scarlett Schloss		Sue Loughman
	Brendan Vahovick	11/21	Nathaniel Custer
	James Martin		Vera Markovitch
	Mark Szandzik	11/23	Denyse Rice
11/5	Stacey King	11/25	Sheryll Secord
11/7	Josiah Daniels	11/26	Matthew Tarrant
11/11	Barbara Carless	11/27	Frances Bozick
11/12	Melissa Ratliff		Jared Dell
11/13	Gayle LaPlante		James Hall
11/14	Juli Springfield	11/28	Adelaide Partridge
11/15	DeLaney Willmer		Finley Szandzik
	James Whitman	11/29	Lindsay Wallace
11/16	Jessica Willmer		Darlene Ruddock
11/18	Ginger Callsen	11/30	Jason Cook

Unity Service Schedule

- 24 November**
Dedication Sunday - free brunch in the fellowship hall after service
- 1 December**
Thanksgiving Weekend - Deck the Halls after service
- 22 December**
Christmas choral performance of "The Living Creche" given by our very own choir
- 29 December**
New Years Weekend - Music given by the Lake Shore Ukulele Strummers