

# Soundings

November 2025 - 3509

Dear Friends:

Over the last few years we've prayed, we've planned, and we've prepared fertile ground for this moment. Now, it springs up, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19). The Future is Here.

As I look around Lake Shore Church, I'm amazed at what God is doing – not because of our plans or programs, but because of God's faithfulness. God has been so good to us. As we continue to live into our Second Century, we acknowledge how God has carried us through change, challenge, and renewal. It's why new people of every generation are finding a home here, why long-time members are discovering new places to serve, and why our ministries continue to grow in depth and reach.

God is clearly at work, and it's exciting to see new life taking root all around us. With this new life comes both opportunity and responsibility. The ministries we prayed for are now flourishing – and they depend on us to sustain them.

This year's campaign isn't just about meeting a number but celebrating the new life that God is bringing and responding with gratitude and trust. We are inviting each person to pray:

***"Lord, what part do you want me to play now for the future you are building among us?"***

As we pray this prayer, we recognize that generosity begins with God. Every gift we give is simply a reflection of what God has already given: grace poured down. In response to God's goodness, the prayer invites us to consider, what proportion of my income is God calling me to give for His work at Lake Shore Church? Proportional giving is an act of faith. It says, "Lord, my trust is in You, not my income."

I am reminded that we often overestimate what we can accomplish in one year, but underestimate what God can accomplish in three. The fruit of our faithfulness rarely shows up overnight, but over time, it changes everything. God's future isn't something distant. It's already unfolding – right here, right now, among us. Just imagine what God is going to accomplish through the Lake Shore Church in the years ahead.

Keep your eyes open for our annual campaign mailing and vision brochure. Then, mark your calendars for the **Unity Service on November 16th at 10:30am.**

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

Lake Shore  
CHURCH

## Church Contact Information

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### Staff

|                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Senior Pastor                               | Adam Grosch     |
| Associate Pastor                            | Brendan Ashley  |
| Office Manager                              | Stacey King     |
| Bookkeeper                                  | Michelle Decker |
| Communications Coordinator & Worship Leader | Jenna Dell      |
| Organist                                    | Laurel Wayland  |
| Choir Director                              | Ginny Stieler   |
| Custodian                                   | Beverly Wainio  |
| IT                                          | Kevin Saunders  |

## CHURCH CLOSURE

This is a reminder as winter is coming, the church will be closed when Lake Shore, Lakeview, or South Lake schools are closed due to inclement weather.

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

Join us Sunday mornings!

**Traditional @ 9am; Modern @ 10:45am**

Nursery care available at both services (infants through age three)  
Sunday School at the modern service (ages three - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

*November*  
**Sermon Series**

# The Future

*Is Here*

During the month of November, we will highlight that building God's future requires ongoing faith, generosity, and collaboration. From Nehemiah's rebuilding to Jeremiah's hopeful investment, the focus is on sustaining ministry and nurturing growth through continuous support. Each act of giving declares faith in God's promised, fruitful future.

## Commitment Sunday

Unity Service - November 16th  
10:30am

Commitment Sunday is a special day when we bring our pledges for the coming year, celebrating how our gifts of time, talent, and resources support God's work through our church. It's a joyful moment to give thanks for God's generosity and to commit together to the mission ahead. Join us Sunday for worship and a catered lunch in the fellowship hall following.



**LAKE SHORE CHURCH  
PODCASTS**

## Did you know we have a podcast?!

Listen to the sermons at your own rate each week!  
Go to "Podcasts" on your iPhone and search "Lake Shore Church" to listen back each week!  
Only available on Apple devices

# CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

Every fall season, our Lake Shore Church volunteers and staff come together to carry out the Trunk N' Treat and Pumpkin Patch events. Without fail, we have had overwhelming support from not only our church family, but our St.Clair Shores community.

I know this to be true as a life-long member of this church. As a child, I would look forward to the Trunk N' Treat every year. I have vivid memories of circling the decorated trunks over and over again, collecting as much candy as possible and having a blast, playing games with my youth group friends. One year, I recall the haunted hallway that took place outside the Sunday School classrooms downstairs. I remember sticking my little hands in "brains" (which happened to be cooked spaghetti) and cautiously admiring the spooky decorations. I fondly look back at those memories not realizing the effort of our church family to create a fantastical world to be enjoyed by all.

The Pumpkin Patch has been a hit for our community for a whopping five years, providing pumpkins for families to carry on their own traditions. I imagine these families meticulously carving each pumpkin to perfection to place on their front porches for Halloween night.

At the beginning of our Pumpkin Patch fundraiser this year, a member of our St.Clair Shores community posted on the city Facebook group writing a great review for our pumpkin patch. They praised us for the variety of pumpkins we offer at a reasonable price. Just this small act sparked excitement in the comment section, and I can imagine the number of families who attended our patch all because of this one post.

We even had Miss Rossi's Kindergarten class at Ardmore Elementary attend our Pumpkin Patch for the second year in a row. The children got to pick out small pumpkins while enjoying their cider and donuts in the process.

I'm sure all of us can recount an exciting event from our childhood like this one. How amazing that Lake Shore can be a part of building these precious childhood memories!

We are not just a caring and growing church, but a serving church. The acts of our volunteers and staff don't go unnoticed to carry out these events each year, and we are grateful for the time and effort that is dedicated to make each one a success.

Thank you to everyone who got involved. We appreciate you whether you decorated a trunk, passed out cider and donuts, or spent a few hours of your time selling pumpkins and interacting with members of our city.

All glory to God and his blessings,  
Jenna Dell

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# LEGACY *Circle* TESTIMONIES

## JOYCE ROBINSON

Joyce Robinson was a faithful member of the church and was excited to be able to leave the church money in her final plans. She made the decision decades before she died and enjoyed thinking about the impact her gift would make long after she was gone. Toward the end of her life, she voiced a strong confidence in Lake Shore Church's future and our ability to continue to reach the next generation of families. Young people and the future of the church were so important to her. Interestingly, she did not have kids of her own. Her passion for the past and the future led her to naming both the Lake Shore Church and the St. Clair Shores Library's genealogy program major recipients of her estate. After her death, Joyce's gift was presented in worship by her sister Judy Wilson. It was her sisters joy to do so. Joyce had a distinguished career as a Pharmacist, graduating from Wayne State's Pharmacy program as one of two of the first female graduates.

Have you considered creating your own lasting legacy? The Legacy Circle is a special society for those who have included Lake Shore Church in their end-of-life plans. Becoming a member is a meaningful way to express gratitude for the blessings you've received and ensure that Lake Shore Church continues to thrive for generations to come.

The amount of your gift is entirely up to you. Legacy gifts are invested in Lake Shore Church's Growing Tomorrow Permanent Endowment, creating a foundation for ministry that will bless future generations.

To learn more, please contact Pastor Adam or the church office.

# MISSION NEWS

## Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

Our Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used, smoke-free fall and winter clothing and household linens. Please no out-of-season clothing or large household items — storage is limited, and last month our volunteers had to dispose of a truckload of unusable donations. Thank you for helping make their work easier!

The Food Pantry is in need of: tuna, chicken soup, tomato soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, and jelly.

We're now assisting families three times a month—77 families came through in just two hours last Monday! We receive about 60% of our food from the Macomb Food Program, with the rest purchased through your donations. Thanks to our partnership with Pepperidge Farm, we also receive fresh bread three times a month, sharing any surplus with other local ministries.

If you or someone you know needs food or clothing, join us:

Nov 10 (1-2:30 PM)

Nov 19 (5-6:30 PM)

Nov 24 (1-2:30 PM)

All are welcome — we are an equal opportunity provider.

## Halloween Candy Collection

Save your leftover candy! From Nov 2-9, drop it in the atrium container. On Sunday, Nov 16, our Sunday School kids will pack candy bags for Westminster's Thanksgiving dinners.

## Westminster Thanksgiving Dinner

Westminster Church prepares and delivers Thanksgiving meals to the community. They need volunteers for meal prep and delivery drivers on Thanksgiving Day. Details are available on the atrium table and bulletin board. Christmas Gift Tree

Our annual Gift Tree begins Sunday, Nov 30. Pick up an envelope with a child's gift request and return your gift by Gift Tree Sunday, Dec 21.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!  
Cheryl Smark

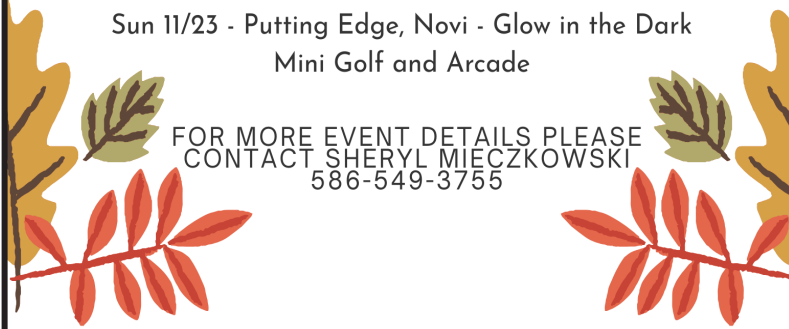


## NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

Sun 11/16 - Group Youth Dinner will be served Sunday

Sun 11/23 - Putting Edge, Novi - Glow in the Dark  
Mini Golf and Arcade

FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS PLEASE  
CONTACT SHERYL MIECZKOWSKI  
586-549-3755



## Deacons Remembrance Dinner

*November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm*  
*RSVP by November 12th*

You, your family, and friends are invited to an evening of fellowship, shared remembrances of those we've lost, and a beautiful dinner. Come as you are with memories to share, and feel free to bring a picture of your loved one you'd like to dedicate.

## BREW FOR JESUS

COPPER HOP BREWING CO  
@7:30PM

NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>

BREW FOR JESUS IS A BI-WEEKLY SMALL GROUP  
THAT GATHERS FOR GOOD BREWS, MEANINGFUL  
CONVERSATION, AND AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP.  
COME HANG OUT AND CONNECT WITH US!



## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST | 7:00 PM

HOSTED BY THE DEACONS | GUEST SPEAKER RUTH AZAR  
SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE SECOND MILE CENTER  
COOKIE/PUNCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

## DECK THE HALLS!

November 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship  
Light lunch will be provided

Spread Christmas cheer  
with us as we decorate the  
halls of the church!

*The more the merrier*

## CHILDREN'S Christmas PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
DURING WORSHIP

STAY TUNED TO RSVP AND FOR THE  
MANDATORY REHEARSAL DATE!



## Chancel Choir Concert

December 14th

Merry Christmas! The Chancel Choir and the staff at Lake Shore Church are offering a day of worship, eats, and music!

Combined worship at 10:30  
Lunch 11:45-12:30  
Choir Concert 12:45

Join us for a wonderful day of fellowship!



# NOVEMBER



| SUNDAY                                                                                        | MONDAY                                         | TUESDAY                                                          | WEDNESDAY                                             | THURSDAY                                                    | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 26<br>                                                                                        | 27<br>                                         | 28<br>                                                           | 29<br>                                                | 30<br>                                                      | 31<br> | 1                                 |
| 2<br>Communion<br>                                                                            | 3                                              | 4<br><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b>                                     | 5                                                     | 6                                                           | 7      | 8<br><b>Breakfast Bunch 10am</b>  |
| 9<br><b>MomCo 6pm</b>                                                                         | 10<br><b>Food Patnry 1pm</b><br>               | 11<br><b>Veterans DAY</b><br><b>Mourner's Path 1pm</b>           | 12<br><b>Bayview Bunch 10am</b><br><b>Finance 4pm</b> | 13                                                          | 14     | 15                                |
| 16<br><b>Unity Service</b><br><b>Commitment Sunday</b><br><b>Children's Choir Performance</b> | 17<br><b>Deacons 7pm</b><br><b>Session 7pm</b> | 18<br><b>Mourner's Path 1pm</b><br><b>Remembrance Dinner 6pm</b> | 19<br><b>Food Pantry 5pm</b><br>                      | 20<br><b>Kiwanis 6pm</b>                                    | 21     | 22<br><b>Breakfast Bunch 10am</b> |
| 23<br><b>Deck The Halls! 12pm</b><br><b>MomCo 6pm</b><br><b>Youth - Putting Edge</b>          | 24<br><b>Food Patnry 1pm</b><br>               | 25<br><b>Mourner's Path 1pm</b>                                  | 26                                                    | 27<br><b>Church Closed</b><br><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i><br> | 28     | 29                                |
| 30<br><b>No Youth</b>                                                                         | 1                                              | 2                                                                | 3                                                     | 4                                                           |        | 6<br>                             |

## November Anniversaries

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

## December - Save the Dates



### Unity Services:

**December 14th, 21st, and 28th**  
**Jan 3rd**

**Christmas Eve 4pm and 9pm**

## November Birthdays

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