

Soundings

October 2025 - 3509

Dear Friends,

Summer is officially over, and fall is well underway. We have noticed the change in both the rhythms and the weather. As these things have shifted, we've spent the past month taking a closer look at our **Guiding Vision: We are an intergenerational church passionate about raising the next generation in faith and serving our city in love.** This is our calling, grounded in our past—those women who started a Sunday School and helped launch this church with a heart for the city—and now refreshed for this Second Century of ministry.

October puts **“serving our city in love”** front and center. More than any other month, we find ourselves outward facing and visible. We take a step outside of our walls to gather together and turn an entire truck load of pumpkins into a Giant Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins have really become a sign of love for our city. I've even had strangers ask me, “when are the pumpkins coming?”

This is our 5th annual venture into pumpkin sales and thanks to the support of neighbors, it has become an annual success. It is also a great complement to our Trunk N Treat, which we have been hosting for decades. For that event, kids from far and wide come into our parking lot and have a ton of fun. Lake Shore Church's Trunk N Treat stands out as one of the best even as these events have proliferated across the city. It's a testimony to our hospitality and our desire to serve and make our city a better place for all families to live. We had inquiries as early as the summer asking if our date had been set because they were making their plans and didn't want to miss it.

The pumpkin delivery and Trunk N Treat are short, high-energy events—just a couple hours each with food provided! Our pumpkin patch will be open for over 150 hours this year. Will you consider taking two or three shifts? Every hour you give makes these community connections possible.

Thank you for being a church that shows our city what love looks like!

In Christ,



Adam

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Have your child join!

Lake Shore Church Children's Choir

PERFORMANCE DATES:
(during second service)

OCTOBER 12TH
NOVEMBER 17TH

The children's choir
meets every Sunday
morning in the
sanctuary following
second service
(around 12pm)



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 - 5th grade)

October Sermon Series

"Strength for the Journey"

This 3-week October series follows the journey of God's people – from being nourished at the Table, to trusting God's promises when fear abounds, to persevering with wholehearted faith.

It connects World Communion Sunday with our church's October emphasis on serving the community, reminding us that the Lord equips and sustains us for the long road of discipleship.

MISSION NEWS *Westminister Thanksgiving*

Westminister Church Detroit is looking for volunteer help and donations to help put on their 43rd annual Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers, call 313-341-2697, extension 314 or email thanksgiving@wcodetroit.org. Thank you! Please save all extra candy you may have after Halloween. We will be collecting them for candy bags to be made by our Sunday School kids to be donated to Westminister church. They will include them with their Thanksgiving dinners. There will be a marked basket on the table in the atrium on November 2nd and 9th for your candy donations. Thank you for always supporting Mission.

Youth bonfire at

BLAKE'S FUNLAND

Saturday October 11th 5pm-10pm

\$35/person includes:

Pizza, chips, water, cider, smores, bonfire,
and access to all funland activities!

Youth will leave the church at 5pm and will
be back at 10pm - transportation provided



CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

A hearty greeting from Pastor Brendan

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Have you ever wondered, “am I the only one who volunteers in this church?” What about the 80-20 volunteering rule where “20% of people in the church do 80% of the work”? If you answered yes to these questions, or if your blood pressure went up a few notches just thinking about all the people who don’t volunteer, well have I got good news for you!

Recently, Adam and I were talking about the Planning Center App. If you don’t have it yet, I highly recommend you download it! If you don’t know how, have someone help you. That is one great thing about church, we are here for one another! It is easy to use for all ages! You can sign-up to volunteer, block off your schedule, see when you are serving, be invited to serve by a leader and respond, and check what days, groups, and times you are serving.

All this to say, we signed up for a subscription that would allow one-hundred and fifty people to use the app. We currently have one-hundred and forty-eight people using the app in some way. That means at least one-hundred and forty-eight people are serving in some way in our church.

However, this doesn’t include everyone who is serving in our church. That is the exciting thing about this number! Our church is living out Jesus’ mission here to serve. If you are one of our leaders, I hope this gives you a boost of encouragement for the ministry year ahead.

If you are someone who is in the trenches serving, and wondering if you are part of the twenty percent who do eighty percent of the work, take heart you are not alone in this work. Or, if you are someone who has wanted to dive in, whether a regular worship participant, or are new to the life of our church, but have hesitated because you didn’t want to be crushed by the demands of serving, take the leap and find a place to care, serve, and grow as an integral part of the faith-life of our beloved church.

In the utter joy and abundance of the Gospel,

Brendan



Written and Submitted by Brendan Ashley

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LEGACY *Circle* TESTIMONIES

LINDA HARRELL

We give thanks to God for the life of Linda Harrell who joyfully entered the church triumphant earlier this year. Linda grew up in the United Methodist Church and came to Lake Shore Church shortly after the Methodist church closed. In coming here, she joined many of her lifelong friends, including Gail Thompson. Linda became part of the GFC small group (Girlfriends in Christ) and faithfully attended small group every Thursday morning in addition to church each Sunday. Linda valued the friendship and community ties that she established here and appreciated the stability of close friendships, church, and our city. She enjoyed her weekly routine and never ventured too far away and intentionally chose to live her life simply. Although known by many to be frugal, she was generous in giving to her church and we are pleased to receive a final gift from the proceeds of her estate.

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.

Deacon SPOTLIGHT



Jim Thompson

Stacie and I joined Lake Shore Presbyterian in the fall of 1982 under the guidance of Dr. Dale Ihrie. We felt the warmth and pleasant vibes, with each visit from numerous members, thus both decided this church is to become our church.

Becoming a trustee in the mid to late 1980s, one of the duties in serving our lord, was to participate in morning collection services. During that time period trustees perform usher duties, fast forward I am still ushering. As a member of Linda Demers team for the last 45 plus years.

I served our Lord once again by becoming a session member, prior to Covid in spring of 2020. Difficulty for everyone involved, but with prayer and collective wisdom our session and church evolved to become better.

A joyous time for me was joining the bell choir. This participation in our church life gave me new perspective in receiving God's beauty through music.

Finally my desire to join deacons was to simply experience new venues in serving fellow members. Along with becoming a better person to everyone I come in contact with.

God bless,
Jim Thompson

Join Lake Shore Church for our Annual

Trunk n' Treat

October 17th 6-8pm

Coming to you in just a few
short weeks!

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Halloween festivities!

Visit the decorated trunks and cast your vote for the best trunk! A special prize will be awarded to our winner!

You can also stop by our pumpkin patch to pick the perfect pumpkin, with proceeds supporting community events like this one.

Enjoy your free hot dogs, cider, donuts, and water as you round the trunks. Whether you're handing out candy or just soaking in the atmosphere, it's a night you won't want to miss!

Sign up in the atrium to decorate your trunk, volunteer, or be part of the fun.

We look forward to a SPOOKTACULAR evening with you!



Reach out to Pastor Brendan for specifics on volunteer positions!

Fifth Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser October 11th-31st

Pumpkin Delivery

As a reminder, the pumpkin patch will be open from October 11th through 31st. We're on the lookout for able-bodied volunteers to help with unloading the pumpkins at 9am on October 11th and setting up the patch!

Pumpkin Sellers

If you are looking for other ways to support the patch, you can also sign up for selling shifts available: Monday - Saturday 11am-7pm, and Sunday 12pm-5pm. To sign up, reach out to Pastor Brendan or look for the signup outside the Welcome Center.

This event is more than just a fundraiser; it's a celebration of our community! Don't miss out on the fun and opportunity to make a difference.



Here's what our pumpkin sellers can look forward to during their hours:

Flexible Payment Options: Customers can pay with cash or card—whatever is most flexible!

Coloring Raffle: Join in on the fun by entering our coloring raffle! All customers and church members/visitors are invited to color our coloring page and fill out a contact card to enter. You can submit it by returning your page in person to the church office.

Prayer Requests: Customers can submit prayer requests with us to feel the love and support from our congregation.

And so much more! Join us!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 	29	30 	1	2	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 Mourner's Path 1:30pm	8 Staff Meeting 9am Bayview Bunch 2pm	9	10	11 PUMPKIN DELIVERY 9am Youth @Blakes 5pm 
12 Children's Choir Performance 10:45am MomCo 6pm No Youth Group	13 Food Pantry 1pm 	14 Mourner's Path 1:30pm	15 Ardmore Elementary Class at the Pumpkin Patch 9:30am	16	17 TRUNK N TREAT 	18
19 Baptism 10:45am	20 Deacons 7pm	21 Mourner's Path 1:30pm	22 Bayview Bunch 2pm 	23	24	25
26 Youth Halloween Party 6pm MomCo 6pm	27 Food Pantry 1pm Session 7pm 	28 Mourner's Path 1:30pm	29	30 Kiwanis Group 6pm	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	1 

Weekly Activities

Tues - Dulcimer group 10am
Wed - Ukulele Strummers 1:30am, AA 7pm
Thurs - GFC Small Group 10am, Band Rehearsal 5:30pm, AA 7pm, AIAAnon 7:30pm, Choir 7pm
Sat - NA 7:30pm
Sun - Youth 6pm

October Anniversaries

10/3 Jonathan & Emily Troyer
10/5 Skip & Susan Bearance
10/8 Laura & Scott Glowniak
Stephen & Alexis Hooper
10/12 Sean & Natalie Corbett
10/18 Bryan & Alicia Troyer
10/19 David & Jeannie Opperman
10/23 Dick & Kathy Marino

October Birthdays

10/3 Linda Graber	10/15 Carol Jobak
10/4 John Hunter	10/16 Tom Barton
Peggy Chamberlain	10/19 Olivia Guske
10/5 Ed Maconochie	10/20 Jameson
10/6 Owen Markesino	Mazmanian
10/7 Mo King	10/22 Robert Shade
10/8 Meghan Guske	10/23 Emma Dell
10/9 William Polom	10/25 Kara Kraus
Shirley Bolyea	Brett Mazmanian
10/11 Charlene	10/26 Peggy Ball
Wunderlich	10/27 June Foukes
10/13 Alex Bonello	10/29 Courtney Carroll
Janice Oswald	10/31 David Opperman
Dale Graber	