

Soundings

October 2026 - 3509

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

It's great to have our fall season underway. From outdoor worship to Rally Day, to the Reach One sermon series, we have found ourselves coming back together, getting back into the rhythms, and getting focused on our mission in the world.

In the middle of all of this, I have been thinking about the gift of offering another person our time and attention. One of the things that is in short supply these days is presence. Our lives are busy. Our calendars fill up. And because our time is valuable, we naturally begin to ask what we are accomplishing with our time. What will come from this meeting? What's in it for me? I understand that. I ask those questions too.

But God seems to operate differently. In Scripture, God's promise is not simply, "I will accomplish something for you." It is, "I will be with you." And in Jesus, that promise becomes flesh. God comes near and enters ordinary human life and in the process gives us his presence. Now through the Holy Spirit, his presence is with us forevermore.

Reach One has been inviting us to pay attention to that kind of presence. Sometimes reaching one person looks remarkably ordinary. It may mean staying in the driveway an extra 10 minutes because it gives you an opportunity to talk with your neighbor. It may mean calling someone who has been on your mind. It may mean listening instead of offering an answer. It may mean showing up for a coffee without needing to accomplish anything at all.

As we now move into October, we are heading into John's gospel to talk about love. Jesus does not speak of love as a distant idea, but as a way of being present to one another. In a world that so easily teaches us to label people not like us as "other," Jesus calls us into something different: to neighbor them. To draw into relationship and to love one another as he has loved us.

In an age of division and distrust, I think we could all use that reminder right now.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

General Information

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Church Leadership

Senior Pastor	Rev. Adam Grosch
Parish Associate	Rev. Marianne Grano
Office Manager	Stacey King
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

Fall Cleanup

The garden team will be working together to prepare the church grounds for the winter. Join them Saturday, October 3rd at 9am to lend a hand.

Garden tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

Worship Schedule

Traditional - 9am, Modern - 10:45am

Nursery care - available for infants through age three

Summer Sundays (Sunday School) - available for kids ages three through 2nd grade

Livestream available during the modern service - visit us online at lakeshorechurch.com/multimedia

October Sermon Series

LOVE ONE ANOTHER:

REPLACING "OTHERING" WITH "NEIGHBORING"

Jesus shows that love is not merely an idea or feeling but a way of living through radical, unexpected acts of service, inclusion, and compassion. He calls us to follow his example by welcoming those who are different from us, serving others humbly, and becoming his love multiplied throughout the world. Like branches connected to a vine, we can only bear the fruit of love when we remain rooted in God's nurturing love and prune away the barriers that keep us from deeper relationships with God and one another. Ultimately, Jesus invites us to see each other as friends and equals, trusting that when we lead with love rather than fear, we can endure hardship, remain connected, and embody Divine Holy Love in the world.

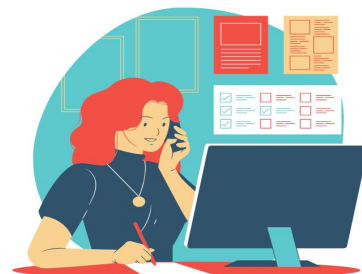
GIVING COMMUNION

The Deacons offer communion to members who are shut-ins, either permanent or temporary (e.g., post-surgery) brought once a month to local members at a time scheduled between the server and recipient.

Please contact Barb Lamb (586)-808-2001 after 5pm M-F for more information, or if you know someone in need

J O B O P E N I N G O F F I C E A N D O P E R A T I O N S M A N A G E R

Lake Shore Church is seeking an Office and Operations Manager. Help us spread the word. This is a three quarter time position, generally 28-32 hours per week, depending on final schedule and the set weekly hours the office is open.



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

Join Lake Shore Church for our Annual

Trunk n' Treat

October 16th 6-8pm

Coming to you in just a few
short weeks!

Bring the whole family for an evening of trick-or-treating, fun, and community! We'll have free food and drinks for everyone to enjoy, plus prizes for the best decorated trunks!

CANDY DONATIONS

We would love your help stocking up on candy for the event! Candy donations can be dropped off at the church in the office or the box in the atrium.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers should plan to arrive by 5pm to get their trunks set up and ready for the fun. Sign up in the atrium or online at lakeshorechurch.com/events.

Whether you're decorating a trunk, handing out candy, helping with food, or simply bringing your family to enjoy the evening, we'd love to have you join us! Let's get ready to have a **spooktacular** night!



LSC YOUTH GROUP
OCTOBER 17TH | 6:30-9PM

BLAKE'S CAMPFIRE & FUNLAND

\$30/PERSON

RSVP BY 10/7

JOIN US FOR:

SEMI-PRIVATE CAMPFIRE | ADDITIONAL RESERVED COVERED SEATING AREA NEAR CAMPFIRE SITE | CIDER & DONUTS FOR EACH PERSON | S'MORES KIT FOR THE GROUP | UNLIMITED ADMISSION TO BARNYARD FUNLAND : GIANT JUMPING PILLOWS, ANIMAL PETTING FARM, STRAW MOUNTAIN, TRICYCLE TRACK, JOHN DEERE PEDAL TRACK, HAUNTED VILLAGE, AMISH PLAY STRUCTURES, WATER DUCK RACES, INFLATABLES (WEATHER PERMITTING), SPORTS ZONE, HAYRIDE/TRAIN RIDE THROUGH THE ORCHARD, AND MORE!

17985 ARMADA CENTER RD, ARMADA, MI 48005

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH:
BUS LEAVES AT 5:30PM FROM THE CHURCH
AND WILL RETURN AROUND 10PM

IF YOU NEED A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND, PLEASE
REACH OUT TO SHERYL AT 586-549-3755 OR
SAM111706@YAHOO.COM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED AND PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO
RESERVE A SPOT



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER NOW!

Unfortunately, the pumpkin patch has been canceled this year due to the construction on Jefferson Ave. The construction will prevent the semi truck from safely accessing the lot, and it will also make it more difficult for our community to access the event. We're disappointed to miss you this year, but we will see you in 2027!



CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

We began our Reach One journey back in the spring, and have revisited the series this fall. However, Reach One is not a sermon series, but an invitation for us as Christians to go out in the world and glorify God by reaching the churchless. We may find when talking to others about our faith, it is uncomfortable. Concerns in my own head were raised when I thought about what Reach One would be like for me. What if I push someone away further? What if my friendships get ruined? Do I even know enough to preach the gospel to someone who hasn't met God before?

These are all valid concerns, but they don't have to give us fear to do what God is calling us to do! Pastor Adam has been working alongside our Lake Shore Church Deacons who have been working the Reach One cycles: **Commit** to the Journey, **Pray** for Discernment, **Relate** to Others with Curiosity, **Commit** to One, **Pray** for Your One, **Relate** to Others for Support. Some of our deacons have generously shared their stories answering the following questions to share with you, our LSC friends and family:

"If you've found your One, how did you find them? What has been a challenge you have faced, and if you have overcome it, how did you?

I found my One through our church and Pastor Adam. He introduced me to Gina, and we had been meeting twice a month to pray and discuss scriptures that had spoken to us. This was working very well, and I believe I was receiving just as much meaning from the meetings as Gina was. We spoke a lot about our faith and the belief that placing our challenges in God's hands was what both of us needed to do. We also spoke about forgiveness and being able to let go of negative memories that hinder spiritual growth.

The challenge came with health issues for both of us. We are now on hold until we are both well enough to continue. I look forward to continuing this journey with her.

I have also been reaching out to another friend I met at church but have not been able to connect with her. I continue to pray and ask God for His guidance with Laura. She is a dear friend, and her faith has been shaken a bit. I am praying she will find a path back to God and His love. The Reach One effort is unique for each of us. I am pleased and surprised that my humble efforts are seeming to make a difference.

Pam Boyd

I found my "Reach One" at work, and our relationship is still in the beginning stages. She has recently gone through some personal challenges and had to relocate from her original residence to St.Clair Shores. I knew she was moving to this area, so I waited until the timing felt right to invite her to church. She is already a believer, so I feel like the next step is to be intentional and invite her to join us at church.

One of my biggest challenges has been wanting her to have a positive experience and be a good connection. I worry that if she comes and things don't go well, it will somehow reflect on me, especially because I will still need to maintain our relationship through work. I've been concerned about the potential disappointment and how that might affect our friendship or working relationship. I've been praying about it and reminding myself that it's not about me and that it's in God's hands. I don't need to carry the pressure of how she responds or worry about disappointment; my role is simply to take the next step and extend the invitation.

Peggy Dell

Helping someone come back to church or bringing someone to church for the first time is a gift that God wants us to receive. We invite you to consider the people in your life, and how God can bless them abundantly with His presence, guiding them to see His love, perfection, and purpose.

Written and Submitted by the

Lake Shore Church Deacons and Jenna Dell

MISSION NEWS



Blessing Bags

On Sunday October 11th, our Sunday School classes are going to be packing blessing bags for Motor City Mitten Mission. The bags will have socks, socks, hygiene wipes, washcloths, and hats. Every night MCMM goes out to feed and clothe the unsheltered. They look for those persons living on the streets, under the overpasses, and in their cars. MCMM provides a hot meal, brown bag lunch, clothes, and blankets. Our blessing bags will be included in their distribution. We also help MCMM by sharing our extra bread products we get for food pantry from Pepperidge Farm.

On Thursday October 21st, a local SCS homeschool group is coming to church to pack blessing bags for our congregation to distribute to the unsheltered. Bags will be available on the table in the atrium. Take as many as you you'd like to distribute.

Candy Collection/Candy Bag Packing

Please save all your extra Halloween candy for us! We will be collecting all extras November 1st-15th. There will be a basket in the atrium marked for Mission. The candy will be packed by our Sunday School classes on November 15th into sandwich bags and donated to Westminster Church to be included with their Thanksgiving dinners.

Westminster Church Thanksgiving

Westminster Church is once again making dinner for the community with limited dine-in from 12pm-3pm. Most of the dinners are delivered to senior housing, group homes, and shelters. They are in need of volunteers in the days before and on Thanksgiving to help deliver. Call 313-341-2697 ext. 314, or email thanksgiving@wcodetroit.org to get involved. We will be donating the candy bags packed by Sunday School classes along with a financial donation. If you would like to make a financial donation, please designate "Westminster Thanksgiving" on your offering envelope.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

We will be accepting clean, gently used, smoke free fall and winter clothing starting October 12th. Please leave donation bags in the coat closet. We accept linens, blankets, and small household items, but please do not donate large household items. The food pantry is always in need of tuna, spaghetti, soup, canned fruit.

The history behind the clothes closet starts 20+ years ago. Lou Hough and Lois Fraser had been collecting food and distributing bags of food as people called church for help. When the welcome center was built, the food pantry moved into its current location. Lou who had been helping in the pantry, asked one day if she could bring in a few clothes she had and put them in the small room in the hallway for families. The room was just a small storage area. By that time, we had established a new system in the pantry with regular days and hours. People loved the addition of the clothing, and so it grew. But we outgrew the little closet/room, and moved into a classroom. That classroom was temporary until the closet was moved across the hall into its current location. During these moves, Lou had asked Gayle Spiwak if she wanted to "help out" in the closet. "Help out" turned into running the closet ever since! We have a great group of volunteers who move racks, sort bags upon bags of clothes, arrange items on tables, size, sort, fold, and hang clothes. But more importantly, they treat every guest family with respect, knowing it isn't easy to ask for help or show up at a food pantry/clothes closet. Please say a prayer of appreciation for our clothes closet volunteers who do such wonderful work with kindness and care.

MCWARM

MCWARM program will be starting November 1st at St. Margaret Church. They do amazing work feeding and clothing the needy in this area. We will on occasion be making sandwiches for the lunches they provide 3 times a week to 80-100 persons. If your small group or other group would like to make sandwiches, please let me know.

Thank you for always supporting Mission.

Cheryl Smark

October 2026

Weekly Activities

Tuesdays - Dulcimer Group 10am
Wednesdays - Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers 1pm, AA 7pm
Thursdays - Girl Friends In Christ 10:30am, Band 5:30pm, Choir 7pm, AA 7:30pm, AIAnon 7:30pm
Saturdays - NA 7:30pm
Sundays - Youth 6pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 4 Communion Sunday Night Saints 6pm	 5	 6	 7	1	2	3 Fall Cleanup
11 Sunday Night Saints 6pm	12 Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 1pm	13	14 Bayview Bunch 2pm	15	16 Trunk N Treat 6pm	17 Blakes Bonfire - Youth Event 5:30pm
18 Sunday Night Saints 6pm	19 Session 7pm Deacons 7pm	20	21 Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 5pm	22	23	24
25	26 Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 1pm	27	28 Bayview Bunch 2pm	29	30	31 

October Anniversaries

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

Deacons Remembrance Dinner

{ November 10th at 6pm }
 { in the Gathering Room }

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.

October Birthdays

10/3 Lin Graber	10/15 Carol Jobak
10/4 John Hunter	10/16 R. Thomas Barton
Peggy Chamberlain	10/19 Olivia Guske
10/6 Owen Markesino	10/20 Jameson Mazmanian
10/7 Mo King Jr.	10/22 Robert Shade
10/8 Meghan Guske	10/23 Emma Dell
10/9 Bill Polom	10/24 Henry Welkenbach
Michael Troyer	10/25 Kara Kraus
Shirley Bolyea	Brett Mazmanian
10/11 Charlene Wunderlich	10/26 Peggy Ball
10/13 Alex Bonello	10/27 June Foukes
Janice Oswald	10/29 Courtney Carroll
Dale Graber	10/31 David Opperman
Lincoln Welkenbach	