# Soundings September 2021 - 3478

#### Dear Friends:

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I wonder if you understand what I mean when I say our society is more connected than ever before, and yet at the same time, more isolated than ever before. The way we connect is rapidly shifting. Information and people may be at our fingertips, but loneliness is endemic. We long to belong, to find that deep and abiding community where we are truly seen and known.

The values in our society work against the formation of such community. We champion our individual freedoms and any group that might infringe on those freedoms by making a claim on our life becomes suspect. We aren't interested in being part of a community that might seek to tell us we are obligated to more than ourselves.

Rather than communities of belonging, we find ourselves networked. Networks are easy and low stress. A network is a group of loosely affiliated individuals where membership is not well defined. It's easy to come in and out of a network based on our needs and desires in any given moment. We can leverage our networks to reach and find other people who may help our cause and meet our needs. It's how we can friend someone without ever befriending them.

The community of Jesus followers is very different. We believe that we are bound together and inextricably linked. We believe that a claim has been made on us. People aren't here for us. Nor are we here for them. Together we are here for Jesus who has brought us together. We probably wouldn't choose each other and we can't get out of being together. The fellowship of Jesus is unlike any other group in society. The church is peculiar indeed!

As we enter a new school year, I want us to celebrate church. Not just the peculiarity but the incredible blessing of Christian Community. This fall, worship and small groups will encounter intentional community practice as we seek to name and celebrate this special thing we have together. There is something powerful in belonging to something that is bigger than ourselves. Welcome to our Fall Series: "The Good and Beautiful Community."

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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# IN-PERSON Worship @ 10:30am on Sundays in the Sanctuary This service is Live-Streamed also

ONLINE @ 9:15am
Pre-recorded service premieres

All on-line content is now available through the church website & the app!

Go to - www.lakeshorechurch.com click on the "online services" tab

or

**Download the app** (questions? Ask the office.)



















#### FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

As we enter the fall season, we will continue with the 10:30am format. We are working toward two services but are still waiting to decide when the right time is to make that move.

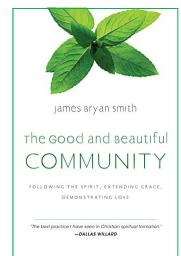
Thank you for your understanding and your patience.

Churchwide Book Study - Beginning September 19th - a six week series

#### "The Good and Beautiful Community"

No one wants to be lonely. We all need relationship ad there is not a place quite like a church to find it. What is Christian Community exactly? Join us as we take a look at the distinctive movement we call Christian. As we discover life together, we will engage in both spiritual formation and community engagement. Based on this book by James Bryan Smith, we will be forming community around sermons, weekly practices, reading and small groups. Church isn't for consumers anymore, We hope you will join us.

Books will be for sale in the Atrium as soon as they arrive. \$15



Just a reminder that there is only one full time office staff person. Please be patient and wait an extra minute (or two) if you're at the door and leave a message if you call. Thank you for your understanding.







Sun	Mon	Tue	7pm Men's AA <b>Wed</b>	1:30pm Pinochle 7:30pm AA Thu	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat
			1 1:30pm Ukulele	2 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 10am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Bus 7pm Anchor Grp	8 1:30pm Ukulele	9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	10	11
12Communion Congregational Mtg Rally Day Youth Pool Prty	13 1pm Food Pantry	14 10am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Bus 7pm Anchor Grp	15 1:30pm Ukulele	16 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	17	18
19 Sunday School Begins 10:30am Churchwide Study Begins	20 7pm Deacons 7pm Session	21 10am Staff Mtg. 7pm Anchor Grp Financial Peace University (FPU) Begins 7pm	22 1:30pm Ukulele 5pm Food Pantry	23 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	24	25 Grocery Give-Away @ St. Thomas 10am—noon
26 MOPS Begins 6pm	27 1pm Food Pantry	28 10am Staff Mtg. 7pm Anchor Grp 7pm FPU	29 1:30pm Ukulele	30 9:30am GFC 10:30am Yoga	flappy S	September  Senuz

#### Hiring Nursery Workers!

Must be 15 years old, be reliable, have baby-sitting experience, have a ride to and from work/ church (if not driving). Mostly Sunday mornings with a few occasions outside of that during the year. Please contact Stacey King, Nursery Supervisor, at 586-777-8533 or stacey@lakeshorechurch.com, Monday-Thursday, 8am-6pm, for more information.



This small group meets via ZOOM every Tuesday at 7pm.

All are welcome! Call the office for more info.

## Trunk N Treat 2021

### Mark your calendars . . .

Friday - October 15th - 6pm ALL ARE WELCOME!



In conjunction with this event, we are hosting a "Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser" in October and are looking for volunteers to help staff it. The pumpkins will be available for sale to the entire community and we will need staffing for just a few hours at time if we can get enough help.

Call the office if you're interested & available! 586-777-8533 Thanks!

#### LAKE SHORE CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

Ignite - 3rd-5th graders / Fusion - 6th-8th graders / Velocity - 9th-12th graders

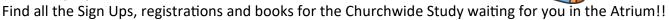
JOIN US @ Brian and Sheryl's on Sunday, September 12th, from 4-7pm for a POOL PARTY!!

3rd-12th graders all invited!

Call or Text Sheryl for more info or to RSVP—586-549-3755

#### RALLY DAY & "The Blessing of the Backpacks"

Sunday, September 12th, in the Atrium hallway



All kids and youth are invited to bring their school backpacks into church so they can be blessed as we recognize the beginning of the school year and offer a blessing upon our kids as they begin anew.

#### Sunday School begins the following week - September 19th, for ages 3 thru 5th grades

Preschoolers thru 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary and after the Children's Moment with Pastor Adam they will be dismissed to Sunday School.

6th –12th grade Sunday School classes are on hold for the time being.

compassion - this year, love will save us!

Make sure you join us for Youth Groups though!! See above posting . . .

This fall, **MOPS** returns to meeting in person on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month - the first meeting will be **Sunday, September 26th from 6-8pm**. All moms with kids 0-18 are welcome to join us for some kid-free time to meet other moms in the same season of life. This year we will explore the MOPS theme "All for Love". This year we embrace the transformative power of love, to the point where it starts to affect everything we do - the way we talk to our kids, interact with strangers, handle disappointments, celebrate victories, make decisions. When love floods into our lives, it all shifts. Join us as we talk, share and move into less comparison, more community, less fear, more

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Barbara Nattenheimer	
2nd	Pat Ihrie	
	Ruth Sandora	
3rd	Nicolle Filipek	
	Barbara Jenken	
	Rich Kindlinger	
	Pat Michels	
	Octavia Galindo-Mier Jr.	
5th	Kelly Norris	
10th	Jill Rader	
11th	Sheena Michels	
13th	Christopher Wernet	
15th	Nicole Thompson	
16th	Luca Bronzetti	
19th	Joan LaFountain	
21st	Jackson Dell	

#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Jim & Joan Martin
	Dan & Cyndi Spear
5th	Archie & Barb
	Montgomery
7th	Sal & Deb Bonello
	Steve & Cheryl Smark
11th	Greg & Kristi Droska
18th	Ken & Jeanne Bolt
	Mike & Deb Talluto



21st Josh & Kayla Daniels

25th Jim & Gail Hall

#### Mission News

**THANK YOU to everyone for the unbelievable amount of school supplies!!!** All supplies have been given to our friends at Second Mile Center - all theirs had been lost in the recent flooding in Detroit. Thank you for your generous, caring spirit!

22nd Bradley Wernet 23rd Michele Maksout 24th Jaceson Hunter 25th Lillian Glowniak

Suzanne Mueller

28th Nicklas Bardeleben Pat Belanger

Jean Stanaitis

Val Harvey

26th Zoe Lang

27th Patrick King

Saturday, September 25, from 10am—noon, we will be collaborating with St. Thomas and New Life Church in a Grocery Give-Away. Held at St. Thomas, both churches will be holding food drives to collect food to hand out. We (Lake Shore Church) will be donating hot dogs/sausages, cereal, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and bar soap. We are all hoping to reach needy families in that area.

We will SAFELY be reopening our own Food Pantry and Clothes Closet for inside use beginning Monday, September 13th. We will be requiring masks for workers and guests alike. Our area downstairs is small and gets congested and we need to protect everyone! We are hopeful that after 18 months of running this program outside, we are able to safely indoors. Prayers please for all our workers and families.

Vacation season is quickly coming to an end - Please donate all unopened sample size toiletries. We will be packing hygiene bags using these donations, which are included it the Blessing Bags. These bags are available in the Atrium for you to take and hand out to the homeless.

Thank you all for always supporting the Mission work here at Lake Shore Church! Cheryl Smark

#### Financial Peace University (FPU) - Tuesday evenings @ 7pm - begins 9/21

You don't have to go it alone! Join our Financial Peace class! When debt isn't holding you back, nothing can stop your from living the life you dream.

The link to register can be found on the church app or the church website. If you need assistance with registration or the cost, please call the church office.



#### "Growing Tomorrow Legacy Circle" - Endowment Fund

Once per year, the finance team requests a withdrawal of 3-5% from our Endowment Fund - per the Fund guidelines. We, historically, use these monies to fund things outside the reaches of our annual budget, replenish a depleted fund or even to help offset the cost of other events. It has previously funded the Trunk N Treat event, the Memorial Day Parade party, our support of the Second Mile Center, Habitat for Humanity, helped offset the cost of Triennium for the youth, etc.— all within the guidelines of "caring, growing, & serving".

Have you taken advantage of the opportunity to include the church in your will or final plans? That's how our Endowment Fund grows and affords us these extras!

Call the office @ 586-777-8533 and they can direct you accordingly.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session calls a Congregational Meeting of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 12th, immediately following the worship service.

The spirit is continuing to lead us as we reorganize our ministry and our staff. You may have heard that we are looking to hire a Worship Director. Well, the vision just got bigger! We want to bring our vision for outreach together with our vision for worship. We are now looking for a "Director for Worship and Outreach". Or maybe an "Associate Pastor for Worship and Outreach". Are we hiring a musician, a director, or a pastor? Truthfully, we think it could be any of the above! We want to keep the possibilities open as we search for our next full-time staff member. In order to be open to the possibility of calling an Associate Pastor, our hiring team is becoming a "Pastor Nominating Committee". The members of this committee need to be elected to serve by the congregation. We will hold this election at the above mentioned congregational meeting called by the Session for after church on September 12th.

#### **Summer Camp Recap**

What an eventful camp!! We had 26 campers, 4 pre-campers and 10 leaders.

Our theme was Grace—God's Greatest Gift, Ephesians 2:8. We had lessons with videos, skits and small group discussions.

We lost power for about 12 hours and learned how to manually flush toilets with lake water - LOL!

We played Gaga Ball, 9 Square in the Air, went zip-lining, had a giant bubble slip-n-slide, and had fun at the waterfront and campfires!

There was an epic lip sync battle and brown bag skits!! Here's a few pics.....



