# Soundings September 2023 - 3501

Dear Friends –

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Fall has come early this year. We have blessed the kids' backpacks, and many are already back to school. Someone told me yesterday the tree in front of their house has already turned colors. Can it be? It must be time to kick off a fall season at Lake Shore Church.

We return to our 9am Traditional and 10:45am Modern services on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Choir will be singing, and Sunday School begins. September 10<sup>th</sup> is also the day we are rolling out new sign ups. At the end of the month, we will begin our fall church-wide small group series on a book called "Hope for Hard Times." It will take us 4-weeks to journey through the stories of Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha and in light of their stories, we will consider how we might face the challenges of our lives with hope. Consider joining a group for these four short weeks.

We will also soon be rolling out two new program opportunities. The first is called "Life Groups." These groups will bring together entire family units (kids included!) to meet monthly in host homes and engage in whole family fellowship and bible reading. Then there is "Building Faith Friends," a new intergenerational mentorship program. We want to bridge the generational gap that exists in our society, and we want to leverage the generations present in our church to help us do so. We will be pairing those of mature faith with our young people so that each may get to know someone of another generation better. Don't think you are young enough to connect with kids anymore? Studies have shown that young kids are drawn to the oldest person in a room who will give them attention. With a structured format, we are going to make it easy. Lives will be shared, and Jesus will be loved, as we pass on the faith, back and forth, from one generation to the next.

Also on September 10<sup>th</sup>, you will have your first opportunity to buy a ticket to our Second Century Gala. Mark your calendars now for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a beautiful evening planned to include the dedication of a city commissioned historical marker, a fabulous "Made in Michigan" dinner, and live entertainment from the Saline Philharmonic Fiddlers. This is celebration fitting for 100-years and it is not a night you are going to want to miss! Plus, Friday night is only the first part of the celebration weekend. We are going to hold one last Centennial Worship Celebration on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. After we will stay for lunch! Two meals. One weekend. And a Second Century that is already underway.

Thanks for being with me on this journey. It's going to be a great fall.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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

or

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

9/10/12—Return to 9am and 10:45am Worship
The 10:45am Worship is also Live-Streamed on YouTube & FB

# 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

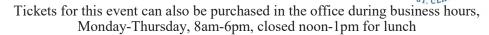
Friday, November 10th @ 6pm

A Marker Dedication from the City, Dinner and Entertainment Join us as we celebrate the past 100 years and look forward to the next!

Tickets for this evening's event are being sold between and after services Sunday, September 10th - watch for more dates!

Your ticket includes admittance to all that is happening this evening! Cash, check or credit card accepted

\$10 per Individual Ticket or \$25 for a Family Ticket



### LAST 10AM SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 10AM

# Worship Schedule

We will return to 9am and 10:45am Worship on September 10th

#### **9am Traditional Worship**

#### 10:45am Modern Worship

Sunday School during this Worship each week (ages 3 - and potty trained—thru 5th grade)
Live Stream of this Worship only

There is nursery care for those under age three (3) for both services of worship

#### CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

We are highlighting our Vacation Bible School (VBS) program this month. It takes place one week every summer and is designed for children ages 3 yrs. through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme this summer was outer space, and aptly named "Stellar". The focus was to teach the children how to see Jesus as light in the world. It was a week filled with both fun and learning and we successfully served 79 children which consisted of 50% coming from our church and 50% coming from our local community. An encouraging sign this year was that the bulk of kids were older ages, unlike prior years. Many of these kids were what we call repeaters , having first started coming 2-3 years ago, and coming back each successive year.

Every day the entire group gathered for an opening session where they sang together and learned a different Bible verse for memory. The children were then divided into smaller age-appropriate "crews" that rotated among four different stations. The children created science & art projects, played games, listened to varied Bible stories, and watched short videos that gave them a greater understanding of the Bible verses and demonstrated how they could apply them in their own lives. At the end of the session, they huddled together for more singing and dancing and a quick summary that reinforced what they learned.

The children had a blast at VBS! Eleanor, age 7 told her grandmother, "The dancing was so fun!", and Ruby, age 5, exclaimed she "Loved trying new stuff!". Three rainy evenings that moved the events inside did not detour the kids from having a fantastic time.

It was not just the little ones who raved about the experience. Sheena, a mom of two maintained, "It was such a great atmosphere. It was super fun, and a safe, wholesome, good time for all."

As in all good things, it takes a village to work together to create community events like VBS. This was Laura Glowniak's fourth year as Volunteer Director and when asked why she continues to devote her time to VBS she said, "This is a great way to reach out to kids in the community. While they are busy having fun, they are also learning about God and being exposed to what it is to be a Christian." We are fortunate that Laura shares her gifts of leadership and organization to coordinate the annual VBS program, but she could not do it single-handedly. She (and the entire church) is grateful for the 41 volunteers who served along- side her that created this outstanding week for all the children. Some volunteers are present during all five sessions, where others serve in alternative roles, like Gayle Thompson who coordinated membership for preparing and serving dinner daily to the rest of the volunteers and their families prior to the flurry of activities each evening.

VBS is an important part of our children's programing at Lake Shore Church. Most importantly, it is a terrific opportunity to share the gospel and introduce children to Jesus, but it is so much more than that too. It's a great platform for discipling our younger members. Miley, age 15 conveyed to me, "I was a crew leader for pre-school kids, and I really wanted to help with VBS because when I was younger it was one of the places that helped me learn about Jesus in a fun way. I wanted to be able to make a fun environment for other kids..." Her younger sister Lexie, age 12, crewed 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and expressed, "I like helping with the older kids because they are close to my age, and I can connect with them and form relationships. I like when they are comfortable enough with me to share how God helps them (and is part of their lives)."

VBS is a place where lasting friendships can be formed and the impact of what happens within the church walls and out on the lawn travel into homes. Younger parents, Lindsay & Michael, who live close to Lake Shore Church, explained to me that their son Graham just recently started asking questions about God and Jesus unexpectedly. When they saw that we were hosting a VBS program they thought the timing was perfect and enrolled him. Graham not only made a new friend, but he also came home excited and overflowing with stories of the activities he participated in and what he learned about Jesus.

Sunny, age 5, had a bright pink cast over her arm that she broke a week before VBS. She could only attend the first night because of her pending surgery. On subsequent days of the program, the rest of the children gathered and prayed for a good surgery and quick recovery for their friend. The adults sent home goody bags for Sunny and her siblings so they could enjoy the same activities they missed that week.

God is doing wonderful things through Lake Shore Church, and we are delighted to serve the community and give children an opportunity to know Jesus and to develop a closer relationship with Him.







# WELCOME St. Clair

#### The Pumpkin Patch is back . . .

The pumpkins will be delivered on October 14th - watch for the sign up sheets with more details to help unload!!

There will also be sign up sheets

available for you to volunteer to sell pumpkins - usually just for a two (2) hour block - but feel free to sign up for

The sale will run from Sunday, October 15th through Wednesday, November 1st. Hours vary - check the sign up sheets for more details.



**BBQ Potluck** Axe Throwing

RESCHEDULED

#### Rescheduled for Saturday, September 9th @ 6pm

Please RSVP to Michele by text at 586-246-3921

More details will be provided upon sign up.



Hit the GREEN to raise some GREEN\$\$ To Support Detroit Kids



Cocktails. Dinner, Auction, 50/50 Drawing & Awards Ceremony

Saturday, September 30, 2023 Shot Gun Start - 2:00 PM Dinner & Ceremony - 7:30 PM **Farmington Hills Golf Club** 37777 II Mile Court

Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Register / Donate / Sponsor

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#### SEPTEMBER 10th -

1st chance to buy tickets to the 100th Anniversary Gala \$10 Individual Ticket \$25 Family Ticket Watch for other dates and times!

Purchase your book for the Churchwide Study \$10

Sunday School Begins -10:45am

Youth Groups begin - 6pm

Sign Up for everything else!!

October/November dates . . .

10/7 = Fall Clean Up

10/14 = Pumpkin delivery



10/15-11/1 = Pumpkin Patch open for sales

10/20 = Trunk n' Treat



11/10 = 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner

11/12= 100th Anniversary Celebration & Lunch Stewardship Sunday



We are a great group of moms, with kids of all ages, who get together twice a month to share and learn and grow our "village". We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6-8pm.

Join us September 24th @ 6pm for our first meeting of 2023-2024 calendar year. More details available on September 10th!



With the great response we always receive from the community for this event, please know that we are in need of lots more cars for our Trunk 'n Treat!

All it requires is handing out candy/treats from the trunk of your car - decorations are optional - the church can even offer some help if you run out!!

Please give it some prayerful consideration and watch for the sign up sheet for those that want to participate!

It's a wonderfully fun evening!

#### FALL CLEAN UP—10/7—9-11am

Please, if you can spare an hour or two, it would be so appreciated!

Tools Provided!



Donuts & Water 🕢 Provided!

Let's get these award-winning gardens ready for our Michigan winter!

September Birthdays									
9/2	Patricia Ihrie	9/15	Nicole Thompson						
	Ruth Sandora		Luca Bronzetti						
9/3	Joseph Eagan	9/19	Tanya Kudla						
	Nicolle Filipek		Joan LaFountain						
	Octavio Galindo-Mier, Jr.	9/22	Bradley Wernet						
	Barb Jenken	9/23	Michele Maksout						
	Rich Kindlinger	9/24	Jaceson Hunter						
	Pat Michels	9/25	Lillian Glowniak						
9/5	Kelly Norris	9/26	Zoe Troyer						
9/8	Ryan O'Donnell	9/27	Patrick King						
9/9	Susan Smith		Katherine Partridge						
9/11	Sheena Michels	9/28	Nicklas Bardeleben						
9/12	Walker Szandzik		Pat Belanger						
9/13	Sunny Sorrells		Val Harvey						
	Neesha VanGorder		Jean Stanaitis						
	Christopher Wernet		V						

#### and Anniversaries

- 9/2 Joan & Jim Martin Dan & Cyndi Spear
- 9/5 Archie & Barb Montgomery
- 9/7 Sal & Debra Bonello Steve & Cheryl Smark
- 9/11 Kristi & Greg Droska
- 9/18 Ken & Jeanne Bolt Mike & Debra Talluto
- 9/21 Kayla & Joshua Daniels
- 9/25 Gail & Jim Hall



# Churchwide Study - begins Sunday, September 24th "Hope in Hard Times" by Magrey deVega

This easily readable book is a 4-week study offering modern day lessons on how to live faithfully in the midst of life's challenges and draws inspiration from the stories of Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha. We will look at how they lived in the midst of their challenges and we'll follow closely the scriptures from 1 Kings 17 through 2 Kings 6.

Books will be on sale starting September 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10.

Sign-ups for small groups are taking place, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We invite the whole church to jump into a small group and join us for this short 4-week study.

The study runs on the Sundays from September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>.

FYI – The format for this study is to read the corresponding scripture and/or book, come to Sunday Morning Worship, and then meet with a small group to discuss.

### FYI - TAX \$AVING TIP

Based on IRS rules for retirement accounts, folks over 70.5 are required to take an annual minimum distribution (RMD) from their tax deferred savings accounts by December 31 each year. Did you know you can transfer that RMD to qualified charities, for example Lake Shore Church, without it being deemed taxable income to you? Up to \$100,000 annually can be transferred directly from your IRA to a qualified charity as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It has to be a direct transfer to qualify as tax free. The tax free transfer does not qualify you to take a charitable contribution donation also, but in many cases it is a better tax benefit, and it is definitely a benefit to the receiving charity. Consult your tax or financial adviser for further information.

\*Nothing in this statement is intended to constitute legal or tax advice. Please consult your tax adviser to determine the best option for your particular situation.

9am Traditional 10:45am Modern 10:45am Sunday School 6pm Youth Groups

# SEPTEMBER 2023



* = a Small Group Sun	Mon	6:30pm Band Prac.	1:30pm Ukuleles 7pm Men's AA Wed	1:30pm Pinochle 7:30pm AA & Al Anon <b>Thu</b> 7pm Choir	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat
		LOREMZ BUS SERV	- TOTAL - TOTA		1	2
3 LAST 10am Summer Worship	4 Church Closed In observance of Labor Day	5	6 7pm Small Group Meeting	7 9:30am GFC*	8	9 9am-noon Women's Circle 10am Breakfast Bunch
Communion Return to 9am & 10:45am Worship 10:45am Sunday School begins 6pm Youth Groups begin	11 1pm Food Pantry 6:45pm Personnel	12 5:15pm Nominating Team	9am Staff Mtg 1:30 Bayview Bunch	14 9:30am GFC* 1pm G & A	15	16
17	18 7pm Session Deacons	19	20 5pm Food Pantry	21 9:30am GFC*	22 6:30pm Women's Small Group	23 10am Breakfast Bunch
24 Churchwide Study begins 6pm MOPS	25 1pm Food Pantry	26	27 9am Staff Mtg	28 9:30am GFC*	29	30 Second Mile Golf Outing



# "Come, make a joyful noise!"

Join the choir or bring a friend! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Contact any choir member or Peggy Braden, Choir Director @ 586-777-8533 or by email - promingsongbird@yahooo.com



# Youth Opportunities!!!!

Keep an eye out for all the youth/kids registration & sign ups beginning September 10th! Details will be with the sign up paperwork.

Kids Choir - ages 4-5th grade Sunday School - ages 3-5th grade - Register here Youth Groups - three (3) separate groups

three (3) separate groups Ignite - 3rd-5th grades Fusion - 6th-8th grades Velocity - 9th-12 grades

