

# Soundings

September 2025 - 3509

Lake Shore  
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

As we find ourselves at the end of summer and the beginning of a new fall program, I pause to give thanks to the people who empower our ministry and make up our church.

Like the old children's song, "the church is not a building...the church is the people," what I've seen this summer, is not a dormant church building, but rather a church filled with people. This summer we have gathered with old friends and met many new ones. From VBS to Food Pantry, out of state mission teams, and summer camp coming and going...the people of God have mobilized to be about the work to which God has called us.

One of the leading indicators of a vibrant church isn't a packed calendar, a large budget, or even membership totals—it's the percentage of people actively serving. This summer has shown what's possible when God raises up so many capable volunteers and leaders. As we serve our city, our food pantry continues to meet record need. As we raise the next generation in faith, our record participation in Summer Camp (39) and VBS (80) points to a generation that is not just open but hungry for the gospel. None of this happens without the *DOZENS and DOZENS* of volunteers who step forward and the leaders who rally us around this work. The amazing things I saw this summer were not driven by staff or pastors, but by you, the people. I am humbled to serve among you.

Now, as we turn toward fall, leaders in our church have been working behind the scenes all summer to build on this momentum. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, our final Sunday of our summer schedule, we will celebrate Rally Day, a perfect opportunity for those who are new or returning to join a serving team. When more of us serve, our ministry grows exponentially.

Our work today grows out of a remarkable legacy. This ministry began with a Sunday School and a heart for this city. Today, our Guiding Vision—refreshed for our Second Century—beckons us to be *an intergenerational church passionate about raising the next generation in faith and serving our city in love.*

We are living into that vision.  
And we are becoming the very hands and feet of Jesus.

In Christ,



Pastor Adam



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Presbyterian Church

**Instagram:** lakeshore\_church\_

### 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

## Worship Schedule

We are returning to two services on September 14<sup>th</sup>  
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)

## MISSION NEWS

**The clothes closet is now accepting your donations. PLEASE only donate clean, gently used, summer clothing, and linens. Please put all donations in the coat closet. We are unable to accept larger household items. Thank you.**



## Lake Shore on the Lawn

with the Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers

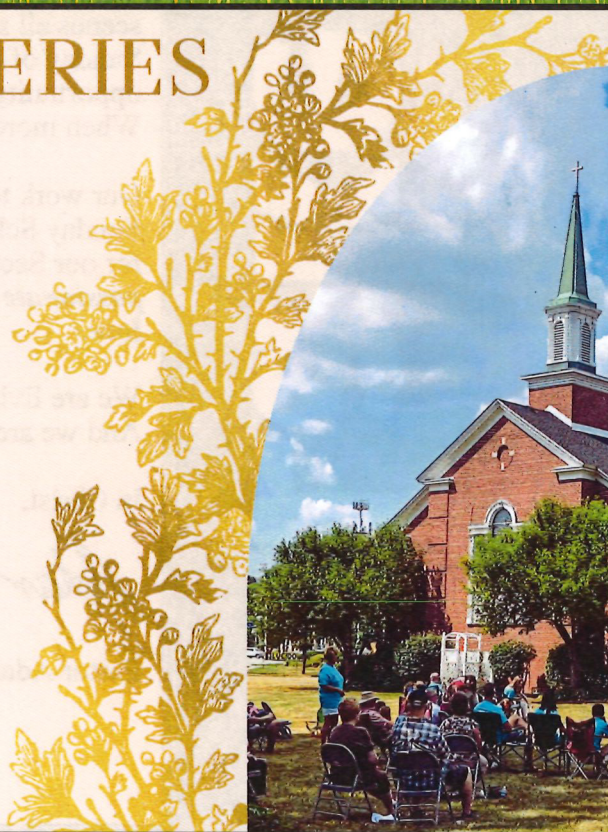
September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the Jefferson Lawn

*feel free to bring your own blankets and chairs!*



## SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

THIS SEPTEMBER IN WORSHIP, WE RETURN TO THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR MISSION AND VISION AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH—CARING, GROWING, AND SERVING. IN THIS FOUR WEEK SERIES, WE'LL EXPLORE A CORE PIECE OF OUR GUIDING VISION: OUR PASSIONATE HEARTS, RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION IN FAITH, AND SERVING OUR CITY IN LOVE. AS WE HEAR GOD'S CALLING ON OUR CHURCH, WE WILL COMMIT OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORK GOD HAS PLACED BEFORE US. THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A PART OF LSC, AND SUNDAY MORNING IS A WEEKLY CHANCE TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING.





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

### *Mission News— Celebrating Stacey and a Summer of Service*

This summer was one of our busiest hosting seasons yet at Lake Shore Church! We welcomed **three mission groups over six weeks**, with a total of **114 guests** staying in our building. During busy weeks like these, the office anticipates a lot of activity in and out the doors, interruptions, and also some unexpected challenges. We give thanks for **Stacey** as she was the steady, capable presence at the heart of it. Her leadership, flexibility, and calm under pressure made an enormous difference—not just in logistics, but in keeping everyone safe and cared for.

During the week the mission group **Maine East** was with us, the building experienced **significant flooding**. We had water coming in through the drains of the Fellowship Hall and the Underground, where Maine East was keeping all of their belongings. In that moment of crisis, Stacey quickly took charge. She moved 20 people upstairs—away from the water, bacteria, and musty air—and rearranged meetings and groups to keep the rest of the week running smoothly.

She monitored kitchen and hallway cleanup, coordinated alternate dining in the Welcome Center, and stayed in regular contact with April Shields (our Mission Group Liaison), keeping her fully in the loop. Her partnership with **Greg**, the Maine East team leader, ensured the group had what they needed—and Greg expressed his gratitude repeatedly.

**Pastor Adam** shared a reflection last Sunday morning about Hurricane “Latrina” - the last time the basement flooded ten years ago!

*“...what is amazing to consider is how 10 years ago, after “Latrina,” we built back in order to be a blessing to those who were impacted by the floods of that storm. Maine East has been coming here for 10 years, and now 10 years later they became a blessing to us – jumping up to help when the floods returned. Thanks to them, we avoided the worst of the damage that might otherwise have happened. Recovery this time is a small fraction of what we had 10 years ago, and in large part thanks to them. They must have diverted 1000s of gallons considering that they were collecting water for over an hour while the storm was happening. Twenty teenagers who didn’t hesitate to help!”*

The **Mission Serv director** also praised our hospitality and space, calling it one of the best church hosts they've worked with. And Maine East, now a 10-year mission partner, plans to return again next summer—undaunted by the flood, and thankful for the welcome they always receive.

Of course, this summer's success took a team—thank you to **April, Tim, Dan, Beverly**, and all who supported the effort. But we especially want to lift up Stacey, who carried an extra load with grace and strength. We are grateful—for Stacey, for our mission partners, and for the ways God continues to work through our church community.

## Room Reservations

If you or your team needs a room for a meeting at the church, please be sure to check with Stacey in the office first. Many of the rooms are in use throughout the week, and we want to ensure that everyone has the space they need during their scheduled meeting times. Thank you for your cooperation!



# VBS RECAP!

## 2025 STATISTICS!

**Volunteers: 50+**  
Of those 50+ we had 9 youth volunteers and 11 first time volunteers!

## Total kids: 80

Kids from Lake Shore: 30

Community kids: 50

New to Lake Shore VBS: 38

Returning: 12

## BEHIND THE SCENES:

### Volunteer Dinners

Each evening before VBS, a volunteer provided dinner for other volunteers and their families, giving them time to eat together before the program began.

### Mission Project

Through Operation Kid to Kid, the children raised over \$340 to help provide warm clothing and blankets for families in North America. On Sunday at our final collection, we raised over \$520!

### VBS Crews & Activities

Kids were placed into small crews with a leader and traveled together through the day's stations:

- Sing & Play Peak (worship and music)
- Wild Bible Adventures (Bible stories)
- Imagination Station (science and crafts)
- Glacier Games (outdoor play)
- Sticky Scripture (memory verses)

### Daily Highlights

Each day included a Bible Point, Bible Story, Memory Verse, and a Bible Buddy from the Alaskan wilderness. Together they learned to "Trust Jesus"!



# CAMP RECAP! 2025

## STATS!

- 39 youth campers
- 3 pre-campers
- 12 adult volunteers

## ON THE DAILY:

- Recited the Lord's Prayer
- Memorized Ephesians 6:18
- Reflected on REAL answered prayers shared by the congregation and friends

## THEME: PRAYER WARRIORS

This year, we focused on learning how to pray using the Lord's prayer as our model. Our curriculum was inspired by How to Pray by Pete Greig, exploring the acronym PRAY: Pause, Rejoice, Ask, Yes

## ACTIVITIES

- Prayer Walk (rock painting, emotion wheel, scripture, and reflection)
- Created snow globes and wrote personal Psalms and prayers - now on display in the Atrium!
- Prayer Chants led by Pastor Adam
- Group games, high ropes, ziplining, and bonfires!

## LESSONS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Different types of prayer
- Forgiveness and how God calls us to forgive
- How God answers prayers even in the most unexpected ways
- Understanding how we each learn best: visual, auditory, reading/writing, and kinesthetic



**What an amazing year!**



# **RALLY DAY!** AFTER CHURCH **SEPT. 7TH**

A DAY TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
GROUPS AND VOLUNTEER POSITIONS!

- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Small Groups/Life Groups
- Choir
- Worship Band
- Social Media Team
- Tech team
- First Impressions:  
Greeters/Ushers/Coffee Hour
- MOMCO (formerly MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers)
- Children's Choir
- Pumpkin Patch Delivery/Sellers
- Trunk n' Treat Cars/Helpers/Servers



## **Join the Lake Shore Church Choir!**

Rehearsals begin on  
**Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!** We'd love to have you!

## **BREW FOR JESUS**



JOIN US EVERY  
**OTHER THURSDAY  
NIGHT AT 6PM  
STARTING SEPT. 14TH!**

WE ARE FINISHING THE GOSPEL  
OF MARK AND MOVING INTO THE  
BOOK OF RUTH. WE HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!

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**COPPER HOP BREWERY**

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## **2025-2026 LAKE SHORE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays during the 10:45am Service

Ages 3 - 5th Grade

Register Today!



## **Worship Team!**

DO YOU HAVE A SECRET TALENT? THE LAKE SHORE CHURCH BAND IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS IN OUR ROTATING SCHEDULE. IF YOU PLAY GUITAR, ELECTRIC GUITAR, BASS, PIANO/KEYBOARD, SING, OR PLAY DRUMS, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO JENNA IN THE OFFICE!

BUT IF YOU WOULD RATHER STAY ON THE TECH SIDE WITH THE SOUND BOARD, WORSHIP SLIDES, OR LIVE STREAM TEAM, REACH OUT TO PASTOR BRENDAN!

**COME RAISE A HALLELUJAH WITH US!**

## **Looking for a close-knit community to grow and connect with?**

Join one of our many Small Groups or Life Groups and get involved today. It's a great way to build meaningful relationships and deepen your faith. To get in touch with these group leaders, contact Jenna or Stacey in the church office.



# Deacon SPOTLIGHT



Jackie  
Borkowski

My name is Jackie Borkowski, and I'm a new member of the Deacons Team. I've been married to Dennis for 38 years. We have two beautiful daughters, an awesome son-in-law, and two amazing grandsons—plus two beloved grand-dogs I can't forget!

I've been a member of Lake Shore for about 15 years. My small group has been a big part of my faith journey, and through it, I've made some wonderful friends in the congregation.

In the past, I've served as a trustee and worked with Stacey on the brick paver program. I also maintained the church grounds and gardens for many years and continue to volunteer at various events. I'm grateful to be part of such a caring and growing church, and I look forward to continuing to serve in meaningful ways. Have a great day!

- Jackie Borkowski

## Annual Endowment Draw

We're grateful for those who've included Lake Shore Church in their final plans or given to the Growing Tomorrow Permanent Endowment. These gifts, no matter the size, reflect a heart for lasting impact.

Each year, the endowment funds ministry beyond our regular budget. This year's endowment supports the following ministries:

### Caring

- Traditional music (organist) - \$1,000
- Office Staff Support - \$1,000
- Thank You Luncheon - \$2,500

### Growing

- Summer Sundays Program - \$1,000
- Youth Summer Camp - \$5,700
- Youth Prayer Books - \$500
- Youth Group Program - \$2,600
- Youth Event Transportation - \$5,200

### Serving

- Second Mile Center - \$2,000

For a total of \$21,500 in ministry that otherwise would not be supported. We give thanks to God for this growing and ongoing annual resource!

## LAST CALL!!! PATIO PAVER PROJECT

We are taking orders for engraved brick pavers to add to our beautiful patio! These engraved bricks make wonderful memorials but can also be used to honor an anniversary, wedding, birthday, etc.

To add a brick, with your choice of engraving, the cost is \$100 while larger bricks are also available for \$250.

To buy a brick paver, visit Stacey in the office for a form.



Join Lake Shore Church for our Annual

# Trunk n' Treat

October 17th 6-8pm

Our church's annual Trunk N' Treat event is just around the corner!

Join us for a fun-filled evening where everything is free, including hotdogs, cider, donuts, and water. Enjoy the atmosphere as you visit the festive, decorated trunks and enter for a chance to win a prize for the best trunk design! Visit our pumpkin patch for you to pick out the perfect pumpkin where the proceeds go toward community events like this one.

Whether you're handing out candy or enjoying the treats and festivities, it's a night you won't want to miss! Sign up in the atrium to decorate your trunk and be part of the excitement. We look forward to a spooktacular evening!



Reach out to Pastor Brendan to volunteer!

Fifth Annual

# Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

October 11th-31st

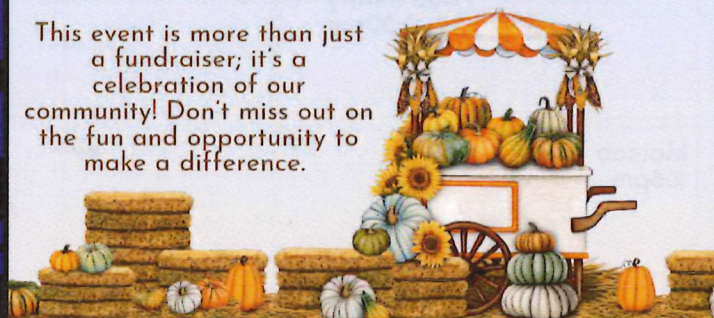
## \*Pumpkin Delivery\*

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, please reach out to Pastor Brendan or look for the sign up in the atrium after Rally Day.

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.



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Luncheon & Ceremony - 1:30 PM

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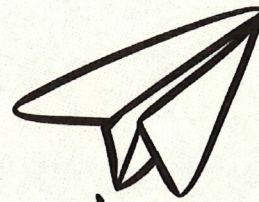


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Deadline for Reservations: **September 9, 2025**



# September 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Church Closed 1 ★ <b>LABOR DAY</b> ★ ★★★ DAY ★★★	2	3	4	5	6
Rally Day @11:30am Lake Shore on the Lawn @6pm	Food Pantry @1-2:30pm Personnel @7pm	9	Finance @1pm Trunk N Treat Meeting @6pm	11	12	Breakfast Bunch @10am
Resume to two services - Youth group and sunday school begins 14	15	16	17	18	19	2nd Mile Center Golf Outing 20
21	Food Pantry @1-2:30pm 22	23	24	Kiwanis Meeting 6-8pm 25	26	Breakfast Bunch @10am 27
Momco @6pm 28	29	30				

## September Anniversaries

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

## September Birthdays

- 9/2 Ruth Sandora  
Patricia Ihrle
- 9/3 Nicolle Filipek  
Rich Kindlinger  
Barbara Jenken  
Patrick Michels
- 9/5 Kelly Norris
- 9/9 Susan Smith
- 9/11 Sheena Michels
- 9/12 Walker Szandzik
- 9/13 Christopher Wernet  
Neesha VanGorder
- 9/15 Nicole Thompson
- 9/16 Luca Bronzetti
- 9/18 Emily Troyer
- 9/19 Joan LaFountain  
Tanya Kudla
- 9/22 Bradley Wernet
- 9/23 Michele Maksout  
Diane Miller
- 9/24 Jaceson Hunter
- 9/25 Lillian Glowniak
- 9/26 Morgan Willmer  
Zoe Troyer
- 9/27 Katherine Partridge  
Patrick King
- 9/28 Nicklas Bardeleben  
Val Harvey  
Jean Stanaitis