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Lake Shore  
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Dear Friends:

This is not the summer we were planning for! And even worse, we don't know what to plan for anymore. In some ways the ambiguity is frustrating. We wish we could just continue on as we were before. In other ways, the ambiguity has given way to fresh and creative vision. This vision is helping us thrive rather than simply survive the current time.

As we live boldly in the present, God's abundant provision for our ministry keeps manifesting itself. As doors close to former plans, new doors open. We don't always know what's through these doors, but as we step through them God brings everything we need together so that we are best fulfilling our mission to transform lives in the name of Jesus.

Case in point is our current worship schedule: online and on-lawn. I never dreamed it would be possible to do both a pre-recorded service AND a live service outside. And yet God has brought all that we've needed to make it possible. As we first thought about outside, we didn't have the right equipment or technical expertise. It wasn't until AFTER we made the decision that we discovered the right equipment and we found those with the knowledge to make it happen. We didn't have enough volunteers to do it all and yet as the call for help goes out, you are showing up to help. I've wondered, how could we have a live-band without our modern music pastor? I am still not sure, but God is bringing just the right people together to make it possible each week. We wondered if the weather would hold. So far, so good! Now that we have gotten into this worship format, it's hard to imagine doing it any other way. I continue to be amazed with the number of hearts we are connecting with week in and week out. Perhaps the biggest surprise to me personally is just how well our digital worship offerings continue to be engaged as we've added our in-person option.

Another case in point, Summer Camp 2020. We didn't know if it would happen until about 3 weeks out. What happened required a complete change in the programming plans but what a blessing it turned out to be! Now comes our August 12th, Family Fun Night Program, "Love Your Neighbor." As we discerned the door to VBS was closing, God gave us fresh vision for something different. The leadership and the help needed to make this event a success has really come together, and I give thanks and praise to God.

It would be easier to say, because of the pandemic, we can't do this or that. Or that's a great idea, but we don't really have what we need to make it possible. Instead, we've lived into our value of abundance and we've shifted and are innovating each step of the way. The result is that God is using us to reach a community more interested in the gospel message than ever before. My prayer is that God might help us move people from this interest in the message to an interest in living this Jesus life. This is the transformation that God seeks.

Certainly one day we will be on the other side of this pandemic. In the meantime, we cannot wait, for people need Jesus today. Besides, the world on the other side will look different than our pre-COVID-19 world. I think we will be ready for it. Thanks to you all for your heart and your help with our mission!

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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**ON-THE-LAWN @ 10:30AM**  
**ONLINE @ 9:15AM**



**Join us Online** – you already know what that is about, we’ve been doing it since March! This is a pre-recorded service. But have you ever joined us for the interactive premiere? That happens on Facebook and it is a way to connect personally with others in the church while you still worship from home. Come on over to Facebook and say “hi.” **Online has a new time start of 9:15am.** That is when you will find the premiere. You can still watch it any time after on Facebook, Vimeo, You Tube, or our website.

## **OR . . . On the Lawn – Worship outside will begin at 10:30am.**

**Masks.** We are asking for everyone to bring their own masks. We will also have them available. We think wearing masks is a nice thing to do for each other, especially when we are engaging in interpersonal interaction. Those who have medical exemptions or are unable to wear masks are still welcome.

**Social Distancing.** We are asking everyone to sit with members of your household and/or pre-arranged Covid-19 group ONLY. With everyone else, please observe and maintain social distance.

### What about seats?

We encourage you to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or whatever else will make you comfortable.

### Can I stay in my car?

Absolutely. We have an FM transmission station - 87.7 - so that you can listen to the service through your car radio. Just a user note - turn your volume up loud, it’s a quiet station....

### What about the sun?

We encourage everyone to lather up on sunscreen and to wear your sun hats. Also, feel free to bring sun umbrellas, rain umbrellas, or anything else that will help you to create your own shaded area. Natural shade will be limited.

### What about rain?

If rain is predicted we will cancel our outside service. Each Sunday morning watch your email and text messages for word if “on-the-lawn” is “on.” We will be sending out word around 8:30am. If we cancel, that means we are online only. However, for those who still show up at 10:30am, we will host a watch party of the online service (or some form of it) in the sanctuary. If we are “on-the-lawn” and rain comes in the middle of the service, we will just have to break it up and try again the following week.

### What about bulletins?

There is a new digital bulletin! It is available on the church website at the end of each week leading into our Sunday morning gathering. The Wi-Fi password is *Welcome2Lakeshore* and it works on the lawn. You can pull it up on your phone or tablet and follow along. Alternatively, you can print it off at home and bring it with you.

### Will there be communion?

We are back to our monthly communion schedule. Onlawn we will be using pre-packaged wafers and juice. Communion will be celebrated online too. If you are planning to worship online that day, please prepare to provide your own bread and juice/wine.

### More Info?

Check out the church website - Sunday Services - Worship Outside - for more details.

## Macomb Habitat Race for Shelter Goes Virtual This Year!



Our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Race for Shelter Half K Race** is virtual this year. You can get outside on the 546-yard racecourse you choose, on the day you prefer between **August 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. For a \$30 fee (\$65 for families), each participant will get a t-shirt, medal, and an oval vehicle sticker for your support of Macomb Habitat. The race is on RunSignUp.com for registration, and we will have contact-free delivery in Macomb County, mailing to those outside the county.

Start making extra trips to the mailbox, so you are in shape for this big race! Here is the link for you to sign up to help us build a new home for a family:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/MountClemens/MacombHabitatRaceforShelter05K>

## SUPPORT / VOLUNTEER / HELP

God is calling new people into service. Is He calling you? We can always use new people to help with worship planning, music, readings, and hospitality.

We also need help with setup, take down, and perhaps most important, our new technology. New techs are needed to support our current in person service and our dreams for future digital ministry. No experience needed or necessary!

If you are hearing the call or just want to hear more about these opportunities, email [pastorisaac@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:pastorisaac@lakeshorechurch.com).



We want to thank the members of this Task Force for all of their dedication, prayerful consideration, and all the hard work that they've given to this team. They have met quite often to get us safely back to where we are—worshipping in person, outside! They aren't finished though, they are still working on what comes next! Let's keep this team in our thoughts and prayers as they discern what and when our next transition will be.

**THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR PATIENCE**

Our Bookkeeper/Communications Coordinator, Jeanette Mazmanian, is now a part-time, remote employee. That's good news for everyone! Same amount of work but less hours - as so much is digital these days!! As exciting as it is that our Bookkeeper/Communications Coordinator can now work remotely, it also means that the office is now, basically, a one person office - one person to answer the phones, doors and all that takes place on a daily basis. So please, when you call and your call is not answered right away, just leave a message and you will receive a call back as soon as possible. The same goes for ringing the doorbell. We want to be able to give you the kind, personal attention that you are used to receiving from our office staff. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding.

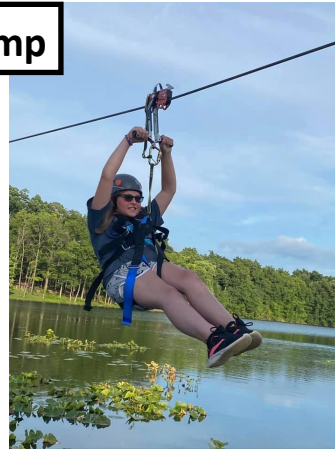
# SUMMER CAMP 2020

We had 18 youth attend and 8 leaders. Our theme was Fearless (because Jesus is my Essential). The verse we focused on 2 Timothy 1:7 - *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.* We had large group lessons and small group discussions about being Fearless in difficult times.

Kevin and Paula wrote an awesome camp song for us called "Fearless" and sent us many songs on video so that we could have music even though they could not attend. Jenna Dell helped lead worship which was a true blessing.

We were able to incorporate lots of new activities such as a group play, lip sync battle, brown bag skits related to difficult real life situations with a humorous twist, enjoyed songs around the campfire with Pastor Isaac, Jenna, Jake, Josh and many of the youth helping to lead the music, a giant slip n slide, and ziplining. Camp Michindoh treated us to a Banana Boat ride, a favorite activity of leaders and youth alike.

## The COVID-19 Edition of Summer Camp



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1st Floyd Brennan  
Wyatt Fetherolf  
Tyler Huyghe  
Marilyn Schueneman  
2nd Mary Milio, Liam Wojcik  
4th Dee Swoveland,  
Mackenzie Shenkosky  
7th Cyndi Wallace-Spear  
8th Diana Tarrant  
12th Pamela Galindo-Mier  
Cindy Markesino  
13th Jeannie Opperman  
14th Don Black, Damien Esch  
Sarah Phillips  
15th Kathy Meeker  
18th Mike Talluto

21st Adele Belanger  
Kurt Hohn  
Shelby Hunter  
Dianne Stall  
23rd Lexie Mieczkowski  
Marc Williams  
24th Lynne Morgan  
25th Vance Harvey  
Sheryl Mieczkowski  
26th Cathi Schloss  
27th Mary-Claire Black  
Kathy Marino  
Jane Sey  
29th Adam Grosch  
Jackie Omlor  
30th Joan Martin  
31st Laura Glowniak  
Melanie Reedy

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5th Harry & Zelda Leadbetter  
9th Stephan & Diana Tarrant  
11th Rob & Margaret Hall  
22nd Curtis & Mary Chase  
24th Bill & Lynn Mazmanian  
26th Jim & Stacie Thompson  
27th Jeff & Dawn Flanigan  
28th Ross & Cindy Markesino  
Dave & Janice Oswald



SO many ways to get your offering to the church in this COVID-19 era - US mail, PayPal & Faith-Street, both online options that are safe, secure and easy! Our website has all that information easily accessible. Thank you all for your efforts and prayerful giving in support of Lake Shore Church and the work we have pledged to do—thank you!

Our neighbors in Christ, Triumphant Cross (13mile & Greater Mack) will be giving away milk, cheese, produce, etc. every Friday from now through the end of August - from noon until they run out each week. This is open to everyone. Please pass this info along.

### July - Food Pantry Dates

8/10 Monday 1-2:30pm  
8/19 Wednesday 5-6:30pm  
8/24 Monday 1-2:30pm

Food Pantry dates are as listed to the left for August. The Food Pantry is SO appreciative of this congregation and its friends that have supported us during this COVID-19 pandemic! The gifts of food and monetary donations has been unsurpassed during this time!! You all have made our job of helping the needy in this area incredibly easy and we couldn't be more grateful.



Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

**Sunday at Home** by the Parent Cue network helps families that are looking for a way to encourage and develop their kid's faith in Jesus, since going to church just isn't practical or possible sometimes.

Each Sunday, you can have a 20 – 30 minute meaningful family experience custom-designed to the age of your kids.

<https://theparentcue.org/faith/>



During these STILL uncertain and ever changing times, your leaders and staff at Lake Shore Church are doing all they can to keep you informed and connected to your church family. The Sunday Worship Services are available online (now at 9:15am) and On-The-Lawn Worship at 10:30am, the weekly eblast is sent out every Thursday afternoon, numerous emails are sent to keep everyone up to date and “in the loop”, and Facebook posts are plentiful. Add text messaging to that & you should always be in the know!

As the building is still mostly closed, the best way to ask a question or get information is through email, phone calls are answered during regular business hours (Mon-Thurs / 8am-6pm)

Small groups and meetings (of 10 or less) can be held in the building now. You must schedule through the church office. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the building and practice social distancing. Thank you.



Mark Your Calendars - Wednesday, August 12th @ 6pm

Join us on the Jefferson lawn for . . .

## The 1st - Socially Distant Family Fun Night

Bring your dinner and your seats (lawn chairs or blankets) and your 6' of social distance and let's enjoy a picnic together on the lawn.

Then - LET THE FUN BEGIN - there's games, and skits, and music, and crafts, all kinds of fun - centered around “Loving our Neighbor”.

The Second Mile Center will be bringing their “Sign Mime” group to “sing” a few songs for us - super cool!



Plus, the evening will end with a sweet treat . . . Shhhh, don't tell anyone, but it's gonna be - shhhhh - an ice cream truck!! This is an event with no cost, we just ask, if you're able, to bring an item or two for the food pantry.

To let us know if you can attend, please either call the church office or email [jeanette@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:jeanette@lakeshorechurch.com) or text your name & # attending to 66599.

OPEN TO ALL - Come join the fun!

