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Dear Friends:

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You've probably noticed. The vitriol. The indignation. The outrage. It has permeated into nearly every aspect of our lives. The church is not immune. We see outrage *toward* Christians, outrage *from* Christians, and outrage even *within* the church body. Ed Stetzer says we are living in "The Age of Outrage." Outrage marks our current cultural reality.

Stetzer says that there are a couple reasons for this. One is the increased polarization in society. We have seen a sorting by race, class, religion, and politics. As we sort into like-mindedness, we create our own reality to affirm our "rightness." This, along with the recent ability to customize our news, has created media silos such that people of different politics are no longer engaging one another with the same basic set of facts. We have come to the point where one side doesn't even understand the other and instead of seeking understanding, the strategy has simply become to overpower the opposite side. Add to this the reality of today's technology, which has not only fundamentally changed the way we communicate and receive information, but actively contributes to the escalation of outrage. On social media and other platforms, outrage, instead of burning and dying down, is more like a California megafire that flares up bigger and faster and quickly spirals out of control. Once it gets out, no one can get a handle on it, until it scorches and burns down everything that it touches.

What are we to do? Stetzer suggests there are two default responses to outrage. The first is to stand your ground and fight back by meeting outrage with outrage. The second, and perhaps more popular approach, is step back and disengage altogether. Stetzer suggests a third way. Namely, to engage outrage with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are going to talk about what this looks like and how to do it. I don't think we need to spend a lot of time naming the cultural reality of division and its accompanied outrage. We can all see it. We are all experiencing it. Nor do I think we would do well to dive into the specific issues that can so easily divide us. However, I do think if we spent time thinking about how Christians should be responding and living, in the midst of outrage, we will strengthen our discipleship and our witness.

So begins our Fall preaching and small group series! Ed Stetzer who holds the Billy Graham Distinguished Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College is providing us the resources to guide us through this topic. The series kicks off on September 20th and I want to invite you to not only join us for worship but to go deeper. While you can do so on your own, the best way will be with a small group. Like so much of life, this year's small group experience will be a little different but it is filled with options including both in-person and online. Signs ups have already begun! I hope you will join me.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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ON-THE-LAWN @ 10:30AM

until

October 11, 2020

When we move back indoors! The insert has all the details!



ONLINE continues @ 9:15AM

Join us, beginning September 20th, as Pastor Adam kicks off his 6-Week Fall Preaching Series that will be the basis of the Church Wide/Small Group Study.

Pastor Adam will be preaching on the book, "Christians at our Best - A 6-week Guide to Living in the Age of Outrage"



and most of the Small Groups will be following along with this book as well.

If you are not part of a Small Group and would like to be, just call the church office and we will try to get you into a group that works for you! *Bonus - if you're a first timer, as a welcome, we will gift you the Small Group Study book!

If you are going to follow along individually, (not part of a Small Group) please read and follow with "Christians in the Age of Outrage" (Both books by Ed Stetzer and/or Andrew MacDonald.)

If this topic/reading <u>really</u> speaks to you, you can of course read both books following Pastor Adam's sermons each Sunday! And if you're looking to delve even deeper still, there are videos available online also! (ask for details)

Books are available for purchase (\$10 each) - you won't need to read until after Pastor's sermon that first Sunday.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Barbara Natenheimer

2nd Pat Ihrie,

Ruth Sandora

3rd Nicolle Filipek,
Barb Jenken,
Rich Kindlinger,
Patrick Michels,
Octavio Galindo-Meir, Jr

5th Kelly Norris

8th Elliana Eddy

10th Jill Rader

11th Sheena Michels

13th Christopher Wernet

15th Nicole Thompson

16th Luca Bronzetti

19th Joan LaFountain

21st Jackson Dell

22nd Bradley Wernet

23rd Michele Maksout

26th Suzanne Mueller

27th Patrick King

28th Nicklas Bardeleben

Pat Belanger Van Harvey Jean Stanaitis



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Jim & Joan Martin Dan & Cyndi Spear

5th Barb & Archie Montgomery

7th Sal & Deb Bonello Steve & Cheryl Smark

11th Greg & Kristi Droska

18th Ken & Jeanne Bolt Mike & Debra Talluto

21st Josh & Kayla Daniels

25th Jim & Gail Hall





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



4th Peggy Chamberlain

John Hunter

5th John Franklin
Ed Maconochie

6th Owen Markesino

7th Mo King

8th Janet Gingrich

9th Shirley Bolyea

11th Tim Fischer

Linda Harrell

Rex Richards

Charlene Wunderlich

13th Alex Bonello

Breanna Droska

Dale Graber

Janice Oswald

15th Carol Jobak William Wojcik

16th Tom Barton Miles Fischer

23rd Tyler Cook

Emma Dell 25th Kara Kraus

Brett Mazmanian

26th Peggy Ball

27th June Foukes

29th Cortney Carroll

31st Dave Opperman

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5th Skip & Sue Bearance

8th Scott & Laura Glowniak

12th Sean & Natalie Corbett

15th Warren & Thelma Vernier

19th Dave & Jeannie Opperman

23rd Dick & Kathy Marino



Sept. - Oct. **Food Pantry Dates**

9/14 Monday 1-2:30pm 9/23 Wednesday 5-6:30pm 9/28 Monday 1-2:30pm 10/12 Monday 1-2:30pm 10/21 Wednesday 5-6:30pm 10/26 Monday 1-2:30pm Food Pantry dates are as listed to the left for September and October. 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 the 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.





*Just a quick side note - The Clothes Closet is NOT accepting any donations at this time. We have no idea when we will be able to open to the public again and we just don't have the storage area—we apologize for any inconvenience. We thank you for thinking of us and will absolutely let you know as soon as we are able to take your donations again! What a blessing you all are to our community! Thank you!

Sunday School

Thank you to all families who responded to the Sunday School survey. Your input has the Sunday School team working hard to plan for both in person and online! Sunday School will start on 9/20 for kids who are 3 years old (and potty trained) through 5th grade and runs during the 10:30am Worship service.

We are developing lessons that are socially distant, and are requiring teachers to wear masks all the time and kids to wear masks when we are inside. There are other safety precautions in place and we will go over those when classes begin.

For those who can't attend in person, we will post a link to online Sunday School weekly. This will give parents the opportunity to keep kids engaged in Sunday School with a weekly, age appropriate video from The Parent Cue, for Toddlers, Elementary, and Pre Teen kids. The links to those youTube videos will be posted on the Lake Shore Church Kids Facebook each week.

Jr. High & High School will begin Sunday School classes on Sept. 20th - COVID-19 restrictions are moving our class to the Underground. For safe social distancing and mask wearing. We will meet at 10am & plan to continue our journey through the Old Testament—See ya there!

Stay tuned for more updates on Facebook and through your email. Please pray for all Sunday School leaders, teachers and kids, as we work through new and unique challenges this year.

Youth Groups

Youth Groups began on September 13th and are planning to meet regularly at the church each Sunday evening from 6-8pm.

Watch your emails, texts, and Facebook for more details and upcoming events!

We have three Youth Groups - Ignite 3rd-5th Grade Fusion 6th-8th Grade and Velocity 9th-12th Grade. Need more info? Contact Sheryl at sam111706@yahoo.com or the church office.



MOPS is back! We know that it's a hard time to be a mom - quarantined at home, working from home, managing virtual learning - it's all hard and you are doing a

great job! Come talk with other moms for support and encouragement. All moms are welcome from pregnancy to those with kids up to age 18. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6-8pm. Weather permitting we will be meeting outside at the church. There is no childcare this year. If we meet inside, masks are required.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Grosch, abgrosch@gmail.com.

With so much beginning to come back here at the church, lots more happenings, here's a quick reminder of days, hours,

Masks are required inside the building (medical exceptions only)

Church is open Monday thru Thursday, 8am-6pm - closed daily between noon and 1pm for lunch - on occasion this varies, please call before arrival

If you phone during regular business hours and your call isn't answered right away, please leave a message and someone will get back to you asap.

Staff emails are as follows - General questions should be addressed to Stacey's email. pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com, stacey@lakeshorechurch.com, jeanette@lakeshorechurch.com, treasurer@lakeshorechurch.com, ginny@lakeshorechurch.com,, kevins@lakeshorechurch.com, pastorisaac@lakeshorechurch.com

We are SO excited to be reopening to ANY extent again—thank you for your patience and perseverance!

IT'S HERE!! WE HAVE A DATE!!

Worship is moving indoors on October 11, 2020!

Below are all the details you should know . . .

There will be one (1) worship service at 10:30am

The change to two (2) services will be determined by a benchmark of attendance numbers - namely, when we start seeing 75 people regularly in worship, that will tell us it is time to split into two services.

That change will be communicated, at that time, in as many ways as possible, for all to get the information in a timely manner.

There are policies in place that have been adopted for all indoor worship services

- A. Masks are required (medical exemptions only) Worship leaders, actively leading worship, would be exempt
- B. No congregational singing no choir
- C. Social distancing in effect (6' apart per household group)
- D. Ushers will dismiss by individual rows at the end of the service.

Online worship will continue to be provided each week

Other Indoor Building Use Information

Masks are required inside the building at all times.

Medical exemptions only.

If you are in need of a mask, please see an usher, staff member, or hospitality person

There are hand sanitizer stations all over the building

Some are automatic touchless and others are spray. Please use them often!

Each room in the building will have posted the maximum numbers of people allowed That will allow the use of all rooms as needed—the room will determine the number of persons allowed.

As always, you must clear your meeting date and time through the church office.

Again, please self check before you come to the building -

if anyone in your household exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, we respectfully ask you to enjoy worship from home, online. For whatever else might be bringing you to the building, should COVID symptoms appear, make a quick call to the office to see if your question/concern can be handled by our staff. Thank you for this consideration.

While we have a few weeks to be outdoors still, and should the weather <u>not</u> be cooperative, here's the plan for that!!



Worship Plans for Inclement Weather

If we are unable to hold the on-lawn service due to inclement weather, we are committed to moving inside for worship. And because we will be inside, there will be increased safety measures - social distancing, masks required, singing restrictions, etc. - but it will still be worship and will still include live music. Remember to check your email and/or text messages on Sunday mornings (around 8:30am) to find out if the 10:30am service will be held outdoors or indoors.

Lake Shore Church is committed to everyone's safety but we do understand that there is increased risk in public gathering. We encourage every member to use wise discernment in determining how and when they join us for in-person worship.