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Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

We have had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season as we prepared and then welcomed our new born King into the world. Our Sunday morning worship, outreach events, annual concert, and Christmas Eve Services were so colorful! (see inside – pictures speak louder than words!) With new events and increased engagement across the board, we celebrate how God is at work among us!

Now we enter a new decade. What will the 2020s bring? As it starts, economic indicators across society are strong. We are living in the best of times with the stock market up, wages (finally) rising, and jobs being added. But we also live in challenging times. Deep divisions exist in our political life and we enter into an election year. Given how divisive the 2016 election was, many fear that this election could crack open the fissures that exist across society and send us into an abyss.

How should we be in the midst of this reality? Some might suggest that the church should withdraw and stay out of it. Others say we should stand up and fight. But for what? How about love? Jesus' Great Commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Is it possible to apply the Golden Rule to our political discussions? Is it possible to love those of differing beliefs and views?

Recently, Christian leaders across theological and political divides kicked off an initiative titled, "Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics." Golden Rule 2020 is a call for Americans to accept the challenge of applying Jesus' Great Commandment to our political discussions and activities in the coming election year.

How we treat others of differing beliefs is a religious issue and a moral issue. It is also not a new issue. I am drawn to Paul's letter to the Galatians. In this letter, Paul finds himself on one side of a dispute, the dispute about whether or not Christians had to obey Jewish law and become Jews in order to follow Jesus. He is passionate and emotionally charged in his conviction that you do not!

It is with the coming election that I have been drawn to Paul's letter to the Galatians. Starting January 12th, we'll begin a six-week series titled, "Free for All." In the midst of strong conviction and the reality of deep division, what might we learn from Paul? And, what might we learn from the gospel that he so well articulates? What is that gospel? Christ has saved us and freed us to become a diverse family of believers, who, full of faith, love God and others in the power of the Spirit. Let's dive into this and see where the Spirit takes us.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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Dates to Remember

January

- 1st Office Closed
Happy New Year!
- 2nd Last day for 2019 donations
- 7th 7:30pm Holy Land Travel Meeting
- 12th Communion
- 20th Office Closed - MLK
- 26th Congregational Meeting - 10am Unity Service
3pm Youth Ice Skating
- 28th 4-9pm Presbytery Meeting - in house

February

- 4th 7pm Financial Peace University
- 9th 11:15am - Baptism of Kyla Michels
- 17th Office Closed - President's Day
- 21st-23rd SpringHill Youth Retreat



Interested in traveling to the Holy Land?

Do you want to walk where Jesus walked?

Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30pm Meeting

You are invited on a trip of a lifetime with your Lake Shore Church family! Pastor Adam and Pastor Julie Delezenne, of First Presbyterian Church of Warren, will be leading a trip to the Holy Land, **February 5-15, 2021**. We will be traveling with Good Shepherd Travel, who Pastor Julie traveled with this past January. Travel (air and ground), lodging, all meals, and tour are included in the cost (\$3,490).

A generous donor has offered significant scholarship funds to those who are interested, but who need help financially. For all those wishing to learn more, there will be an **informational meeting on Tuesday, January 7**, at 7:30pm. We hope to meet throughout 2020 with those going on the trip to get to know one another and to study the places where we will be traveling.



2020 Per Capita

The 2020 Per Capita is \$45.55 per church member. This is our Presbytery, per member, stated dollar amount, that we as a church, are required to pay to Presbytery annually.

There is a designated envelope in your box of giving envelopes for this offering or you can just state on your PayPal or FaithStreet donation that it is for "Per Capita".

Questions? Call Jeanette in the church office - 586-777-8533. Please make your checks payable to Lake Shore Church. Thank you.

January 26, 2020 ~ Unity Service ~ 10am

Congregational Meeting

Immediately Following

The Session calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 26, 2020 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting will be the receipt of the annual report from various ministry teams, election of the Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and the Nominating Committee and other necessary business that has been presented to the Clerk of Session, Carole Koviak, by Sunday, January 12, 2020 for review, action and possible recommendation by Session will be brought before the congregation.

Questions or concerns? Please contact the church office at 586-777-8533



Lake Shore Church offers many options for our congregation to turn in their tithes and pledges.

There is, of course, the assigned offering envelopes and pew envelopes. But please, don't forget about our Direct Donations option (like paying your gas bill!), or PayPal or FaithStreet or Text to Give!! If you have questions or are interested in any of these options, just give the Bookkeeper, Jeanette Mazmanian, a call at 586-777-8533, Mon.-Thurs., 8am-6pm. Thank you!

Mo King ... Good Luck & ...



FPU = Financial Peace University

Next session begins February 4, 2020
runs for 9 weeks and ends March 31, 2020

7pm



If you're interested in taking this class, please follow this link to register - fpu.com/1108867

Ukulele Jam

The Strummers are on break until Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 1pm, come join us in the Welcome Center!!

Newbie or old pro—doesn't matter!!

It's so much fun!! No need to sign up or register—just show up with your ukulele!



The 2020 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board.

Sign your name to whatever date you prefer. Please, only two bouquets per week! We can no longer accommodate more than two.

Each bouquet is \$18. Remember to fill out the form and get it to Stacey King.



December Recap @ Lake Sho



Selfies
With
Santa



Cops
For
Kids



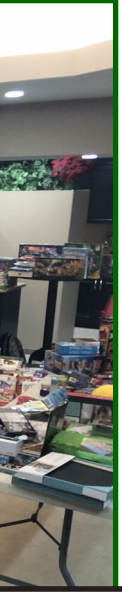
Youth Groups out caroling



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What a fun, busy, month we had!! Starting with the Candlelight Communion service, to Selfies with Santa, Cops for Kids distribution, the Annual Choir Concert/Sunday School Pageant, Youth Christmas Caroling, Needy Gift Sunday, and our Christmas Eve Services!! Phew!! Doesn't it all sound wonderful!!

Here are some pictures, so you can see the good works happening here at Lake Shore Church, as we celebrated the birth of our Lord. And I do mean CELEBRATE!!



Choir Concert
Pageant



Christmas Eve



Gift Sunday



Mission News ~

Gift Tree

Thank you for your support of our Gift Tree for Needy Families. The families on the tree have been referred to us by the counselors in the St Clair Shores schools. This year there were 27 families, 62 children on the tree. Each child ages birth -12 received a shirt, pants, and toy/game. Each child ages 13-18 received a shirt. Each family received a Christmas dinner basket, and a gift certificate to purchase their main dish.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness to these families. Also, a big thank you to all our drivers who delivered gifts and dinners to our Gift Tree families.

Second Mile

This year for Christmas we purchased gifts for 15 children from The Second Mile Center. Each child received a shirt, pants, socks, and a toy/game. Also, thank you to all volunteers who have been helping provide dinner at Second Mile on the third Monday of each month.

MCREST

On December 29th, we will again be providing dinner for the homeless women and children being housed by MCREST at Faith Community Church, SCS. We also will be providing lunches for the next day for all the MCREST guests. If you would like to help with dinner, contact me.

MCWARM

On February 23rd, we will be providing dinner for the homeless individuals being housed by MCWARM at Christian Trinity Church. At this dinner we usually feed 100+ homeless guests. Sign up sheets will be available in January.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

We continue to see new guests at food pantry/clothes closet. We are always in need of tuna, spaghetti, soup, canned fruit. We welcome your donations to our clothes closet. But please only donate clean, gently used clothing and household items. Our ladies in the clothes closet work very hard to sort, hang, and organize all of your donations. Thank you to our generous, caring church family for their continuing support of all Mission outreach.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude and love, Cheryl Smark



**Lake Shore MOPS & MOMSnext -
for all moms w/ children ages 0-18!!**

Fear less - Have more fun - Find your people
Check us out on FB—lakeshorechurchmops

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6-8pm.

Childcare is provided - 0-5 years old. January's dates are the 12th and the 26th.

Meetings, mom's nights out, service projects, connect with other moms ...

Homestyle Devotions

If you're looking for a mid-week dose of devotions, why don't you join us for our Homestyle Devotions? It's our Wednesday evening, potluck style dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Devotions at 7pm. All are welcome, we just ask that you sign up on the form in the Atrium. There is more information available near that sign up sheet or you can check with Lynne Henry for details.



When the Lake Shore, Lakeview or South Lake School Districts are closed due to inclement weather, the church is closed also.

Please remember to check your local radio or TV school closing listings as we would not want you to go out in bad weather only to find the church building closed.

Thank You.



9:15 & 11:15 am
Services of Worship
10:25 am Wired Word
10:25am 6th-12th grade
Sunday School
11:15am pre-k-5th gr.
Sunday School
6pm Youth Groups

JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am Cortright Grp. 12pm YMMS			1 pm Ukulele Group 6pm Homestyle Dev. 6pm Bells 7 pm Men's AA 7:30pm Choir	10:15 am GFC Small Grp 1 pm Pinochle 7pm Band 7:30pm AA, Al Anon	Office Closed	7:30 pm NA
			1 Happy New Year Office Closed	2 10:15am GFC	3	4
5 12:30pm Trustees 3pm Epipany Festival 5pm Ruddock Small Grp. 6pm Youth	6 7pm Personnel	7 6:30pm Bible 101 7:30pm Meeting Holy Land Trip	8 10am Bayview Bunch 1pm CRP 6:30pm Community Ambassadors	9 10:30am Yoga 7pm Galindo-Mier Small Grp. 7pm VS Team	10	11 10am Breakfast Bunch
12 Communion 6pm MOPS 6pm Youth	13 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus	14 6:30pm Bible 101	15 6pm Leadership Training	16 10:30am Yoga	17	18
19 5pm Ruddock Small Grp. 6pm Youth	20 Office Closed MLK Day 7pm Session/ Deacons/Trustees	21 10am Trad. Mtg.	22 10am Bayview Bunch 1pm CRP 5pm Food Pantry	23 10:30am Yoga 6pm Mod. Mtg. 7pm Galindo-Mier Small Grp.	24	25 10am Breakfast Bunch
26 10am Unity Service Congregational Meeting 3pm Youth Skating 6pm MOPS	27 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus	28 4pm Presbytery Meeting	29	30 10:30am Yoga	31	



Thursdays, from 10:30-11:30am, there is a Gentle Yoga Class here at the church. This class is designed for those who have trouble getting up and down off the floor. The fee for this class is \$12 for a drop in or \$10 per class if you prepay for the five week session, due at first session. The next session begins Thursday, January 9th. Come check it out!

The Lake Shore Church Community Ambassadors

Are once again accepting your donations of **blankets**, hat, gloves, (all new or gently used), & new socks. There is a collection bin in the coat room.

Thank you



SUNDAY SCHOOL

2020 4year olds thru 5 grade

All children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to join us for all the fun. We head downstairs to our Sunday School rooms right after the Children's Moment during the 11:15am service. We are planning all kinds of exciting things and we hope you'll be part of the fun.

In January we will be learning all about how "The Lord is my Shepherd".

Everyone is invited - bring a friend too!!



Youth Groups - January 2020

- 1/5 Regular Youth
- 1/12 Regular Youth
- 1/19 Group Youth
- 1/26 Ice Skating (3-5pm, All)
(more details to come)



Keep an eye out for more details, emails, etc. for special events.

- Ignite - 3rd—5th Grade
- Fusion - 6th—8th Grade
- Velocity - 9th—12th Grade

Everyone is always welcome—come, bring a friend!

Jr. High & High School Sunday School is held each Sunday at 10:25am - Join us!

Our every Thursday pinochle group is always looking for new players!

If you want to join them, they gather here at the church on Thursdays at 1pm.

They play cards, share a snack and a cup of coffee - it's fun!! ?'s - call the church.



Annual Epiphany Festival

Join us for this annual festival!! Sunday, January 5th at 3pm at American Lutheran Church—across from McLaren Hospital—38795 Mulberry, Clinton Twp., 48036. Lake Shore Church, along with three other churches will be presenting music of the season. This is always a wonderful event!!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1st Alison Grosch,
Florence King | 17th Sharon Harwood |
| 2nd Sara Welch | 18th Christene Miles |
| 3rd Thelma Vernier | 19th Nancy Burke,
Sarah Huyghe |
| 5th Kelsey Lievens | 21st Cecelia Barr |
| 6th Bill Mazmanian | 22nd Judith Barton |
| 7th Dolores Henry | 23rd Margaret Sadler,
Animi Thompson |
| 9th Kristi Droska | 24th Jim Wunderlich |
| 11th Cindy Phillips | 25th Sean Williams |
| 12th Noah Williams | 27th Rosanna Olson |
| 13th Kennedie Greenhoe | 28th Derek Eddy |
| 15th Marj Richards | 30th David Jenken Jr |
| 16th Jan Conflitti,
Donna Kidwell,
Octavio Galino-Mier | |



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Adam & Alison Grosch
- 5th Al & Julie Bednarski
- 18th Paul & Kara Kraus
- 26h Pat & Sheena Michels

