

# Soundings

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Lake Shore  
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

Doctors Sallie Permar and Cameron Wolfe from Duke University are renowned medical scholars with vast experience in the spread of infectious diseases like Covid-19. They have shared that the scientific consensus on mask wearing is quite clear. According to the consensus, masks are effective in protecting the individual wearing them as well as for the collective benefit of the community.

When we view the mask as something designed to protect the individual then whether or not you wear one is really up to you. That is what it means to live in a free society. Who am I to say what the best thing is for you to do? Each one of us has a different feeling about how uncomfortable wearing a mask is and each one of us has a personal understanding of the perceived risk we are taking on by not wearing one. It should be up to each person to decide. Personally, I find them very uncomfortable.

Yet, you will still see me wearing a mask. Why? It is for the second reason that I wear them, to protect everyone else. I see it as a way to do what Jesus told me to do, "Love my neighbor." Science tells us that there is a pre-symptomatic phase of shedding, which means that I could pass it to other people unwittingly. My wearing a mask fundamentally protects you when I don't know I am infectious. Even if both you and I agree that we are both willing to take on the risk, I still wear one, not for you or I, but so that I can protect the next person I may come in contact with.

Even if the medical community has gotten this wrong (I have no reason to think they have), I am still glad to wear a mask if it makes people more comfortable. At the same time I know there are people who as a matter of conscience have decided not to wear a mask under any circumstance. I pass no judgment on people who have decided this. My calling is to love these neighbors too.

People talk about their freedom not to wear a mask. This is a freedom based on individual rights. Individual freedom leads one to choose what is best for them. It leads us each into our own personal preferences. Christian freedom means we are free to choose what is best for the other. For as long as the medical consensus calculates my wearing a mask to be an effective benefit to my neighbors, I am glad that I am free to wear one.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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, 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.** When you are up and about and interacting with others, always maintain at LEAST six feet of distance. In addition, stay tuned for additional information that will make it easier for us to social distance when we are finding our places on the lawn. We will be asking everyone to sit with your 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 are working on getting FM transmission so that you can listen to the service through your car radio.

### 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 by 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?

We will be offering a new digital bulletin! These will be emailed and posted on the 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?

It’s been a long time since we celebrated communion. Many of us have longed for the sacrament and we will have communion on July 12<sup>th</sup>! 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.

## Online Services Share a Message of Hope

Our online services continue to make a big impact. In the beginning of the pandemic, our online engagement was connecting at a heart level with over 500 people weekly! Compare that to our average 200 person attendance in 2019.

God is working in some powerful ways to open people's hearts during this time. Do you know friends or co-workers who are showing a new openness to hearing the gospel message? Allow God to use you and be bold in sharing and inviting people into a relationship with Jesus. Connect them to our online ministry and invite them to join you for worship. Do you have a story to share about how you've shared the gospel message in this time? Email [pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com)

Still today, months into this Covid-19 time, our online worship services continue to connect with MORE hearts than we had been connecting with in-person before the pandemic began. Even as we move into an in-person option, online will continue to be a critical way for us to share the message of Jesus and reach new people.



## Do you want to support our new worship plans?

Please pray for our church as we make this transition. And pray if God might be calling you? God is calling new people into service. We need help to make our plans a reality. We need 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 in person plans and our dreams for future digital ministry. Training will start soon. No experience needed or necessary.

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

**SUPPORT / VOLUNTEER / HELP**

## Thank You to the Re-Opening Task Force

We want to thank the members of this Task Force for all of their dedication, prayerful consideration, and well, just all the hard work that they've given to this team. They have been meeting more than weekly to get us safely back to where we are. 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.



# TOP 10 Reasons *To Worship Outside*

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Participation

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Drive In Theater

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Unity Service

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Volunteers

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Connecting

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Family Easability

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Social Distance

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Less Restrictions

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Unity in Diversity

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New Outreach

*It's Summer!*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



1st Randy Springfield  
2nd Lillian Carroll  
Jim Karwowski  
3rd David Jenken, Sr.  
Gail Thompson  
Sheri Vahovick  
4th Tom Wernet  
5th Barb Lewis  
6th Madison Jenken  
Erma Nyiri  
Nicholas Opperman  
7th Emily Cook,  
Tim Thompson  
8th Laurie Lozon  
Paul Kidwell  
12th Beth Bungard  
Ron Hagen  
Donna Polom

13th Peggy Gyongyosy  
16th Sofia Corbett  
18th Phyllis Semmelroch  
Jeffrey Bearance  
19th Julie Bednarski  
20th Dick Marino  
Mika Reedy  
23rd Elsa Brous,  
Ann Bungard  
Cassie Dolsen  
24th Renee Bronzetti  
Jacob Droska  
25th Cindy VanHouzeen  
26th Grayden Eddy  
27th Margaret Hall  
Gayle Spiewak  
28th Adele Kerske  
29th Jackie Borkowski  
Miley Mieczkowski  
30th Sidney Schloss  
31st Pat Bolle

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

6th Jim & Charlene  
Wunderlich  
7th Dale & Lin Graber  
12th Marc & Linda Williams  
16th Rich & Cheryl Kindlinger  
18th Bob & Jeanette  
Mazmanian  
19th Ray & Nicolle Filipek  
20th Richard & Phyllis  
Semmelroch  
Tim & Lisa Fischer  
27th Ed & Julie Macomochie



SO many ways to get your gifts to the church - - - - Of course, you can always write a check and put it in the US Mail , or you can go the our church website - [www.lakeshorechurch.com](http://www.lakeshorechurch.com) - click on the "Donate" tab at the top of the page, and choose either PayPal or FaithStreet. Both are user friendly, fee free for givers and safe, secure places to make your offering. Either can be used to make a one time gift or to set up a recurring gift.



As always, we are a blessed and grateful church community.

### July - Food Pantry Dates

7/13 Monday 1-2:30pm  
7/22 Wednesday 5-6:30pm  
7/27 Monday 1-2:30pm



Food Pantry dates are as listed to the right. We are still an active emergency pantry also. 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.

## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Hello,

My name is Carol Jobak. I have two sons, Brandon and chad. Brandon is married to Jessica and they have two beautiful daughters, Evelyn and Blythe. Chad and his wif, Sarah were just married this past Labor Day Weekend at Belle Isle Casino.

I have worked for Lamphere Schools, in Madison Heights, as a middle school café manager for the past 34 years.

I have been a member of Lake Shore Church for about four years now. I am currently serving as a Deacon and I am looking forward to doing more with my church family.

### A New Deacon -

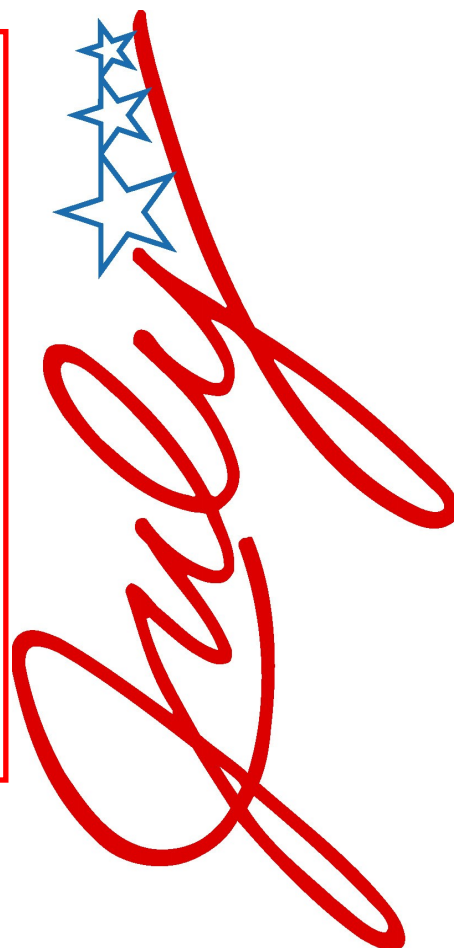
Carol Jobak

During these 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 (beginning 7/12/20), 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) Please find your staff emails listed below:

Pastor Adam - [pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:pastoradam@lakeshorechurch.com)  
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Pastor Isaac - [pastorisaac@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:pastorisaac@lakeshorechurch.com)

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.



**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/>

This information plays right into the information below



## Lake Shore Church Kids

**NEW Facebook Group for parents with kids pre-k through 5th grade**

We have recently added a new group to our Lake Shore Church Facebook page - Lake Shore Church Kids! This is a private group so you must join to enjoy all the perks, but that is easy to do!



We encourage everyone to share pics or clips of what you and your child/children enjoyed in the weekly lessons available. (See above!) and to share the group/page with your friends and family.

And if you don't have a Facebook account, there is not a better time to get one!!

Join us in this fun new adventure - we can't wait to see you online!