

Soundings

March 2020 - 3461

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Dear Friends:

A couple months from now I will begin a 3-month sabbatical (April 20 – July 18). I am grateful for the opportunity! A sabbatical is not a 3-month vacation. It will be time of study and prayer as I take an intentional look at the changing demands of pastoral leadership for the 21st century church. A third of my time will be spent in group reflection and coaching. A third will be spent in individual reading, writing, prayer, and planning. The other third will include time of rest and time with family. In total, it will be a chance to go deeper with God, not just for myself, but for the sake of leading Lake Shore Church into the future.

The word sabbatical comes from the biblical word sabbath. The sabbath is a day of religious observance that is set apart from the demands of work. As Christians, our sabbath comes on Sundays, once every seven days. As Pastor, the chance for sabbatical comes once every seven years of ministry (or so). This will be my 8th year at Lake Shore Church and 13th year as a pastor. It will be my first sabbatical.

There never seems to be a great time to take a step away from the demands of the church's life. Not to mention that I will certainly miss all of you. But it is also a needed time. And it is for the sake of the church that I take it. While I am gone, I will be glad to know that I am leaving you in capable hands. The Rev. Isaac Chung will serve as Temporary Pastor during the Sabbatical. Isaac is great and I know you will enjoy him. You will find more about him and his family in this Soundings.

At its best, a sabbatical is time not only for the pastor to grow, but also for the congregation to refresh and recommit herself to the ministry of Christ. It is good for this commitment to happen apart from your pastor. I know you will take full advantage of staying engaged in our Spirit-led ministry and I know the entire church will learn that Lake Shore Church is bigger than the pastor who is leading her.

Sabbaticals for pastors have become very popular across the wider church. Their value has become visible as sabbatical time often leads to new seasons of growth and vitality for both churches and the pastors serving them. I look forward to that promise and to the way that God will use the sabbatical time to take us into the future God desires for us.

But first we have this season of Lent to share together. I will be preaching a series titled "Boot Camp for the Soul." It's a military term but we will use it to consider the various Lenten disciplines that can make this season "hard," and I expect, as we allow ourselves to be pushed, we will find our Lord strengthening us for this Lenten Journey. See you Sunday!

In Christ,



Pastor Adam

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Dates to Remember

March

1st Communion, Youth Choir
6th Family Game Night-6pm
8th Daylight Savings Time begins

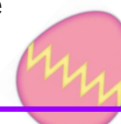
Spring Forward 1 hour @ 2am

14th Pres. Women's Conference-9am
15th Celebration Ringers, Youth Bowling
22nd Prayer Shawl Blessing
28th L.I.F.T Conference-9:30am



April

5th Palm Sunday, Communion
9th Maundy Thursday-7pm Service
10th Good Friday-7pm Service
12th Easter



Lake Shore Church Sunday School hosted a wonderful event here last month. The Michigan Opera Theatre brought their production of Jack and the Beanstalk to us. It was incredible!!

We advertised it to our church family and to our St. Clair Shores community and boy, did they come out! We had over 120 parents and kids attend this great show. We had playbills and popcorn and oh, so much fun!!

Keep your eyes and ears open for more fun events coming to you from the Sunday School Coordinators!

Like Family Game Night (pg. 4)!!



Every week on the bulletin board across from the offices, there are new, updated Prayer Lists. Feel free to pick one up and add these people to your prayers. There are Immediate Prayer needs and ongoing prayer needs listed.

There is also a list of Shut Ins and those in Care Facilities. Feel free to grab one of those - addresses are listed if one wants to send a card !



Creating a Life that Counts

featuring Amy Carroll

Our lives hold endless potential, and they're meant to be invested. Amy urges women to evaluate their pursuits, choosing what truly fills them.

March 28, 2020 ~ 9:30am - 2:30pm
Shelby Gardens, Shelby Twp. MI 48317

\$35 if registered by March 8th
\$40 if registered March 9th or later
Deadline to register is March 18 (or until sold out)

Questions?? There are flyers available on the Atrium shelf
or please contact Sandy Appel

This event is hosted by L.I.F.T. - "Ladies in Faith together"



PWPD Annual Retreat "Deeper into the Heart of God"

Hosted by Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Detroit - PWPD

Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9 AM – 2:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334



A day of fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal. All women are welcome! Keynote speaker is Sharon Garlough Brown, spiritual director, speaker and cofounder of Abiding Way Ministries. Sharon has served congregations in Scotland, England, Oklahoma and west Michigan. She is the author of the Sensible Shoes and Shades of Light series. Registration required by March 6, 2020. Contact janeell@me.com for more information.

Clerk's Corner

Let's talk about the Big Blue Box. It is your opportunity to express your suggestions or concerns to the session. All you need to do is complete a notecard with your name on it and drop it in the box. The Clerk holds the key to the Blue Box and each month at the Session meeting, the cards are read aloud (without reading your name) as part of our correspondence. Your thoughts, suggestions or concerns are discussed and feedback is then provided to you.

I look forward to hearing from you, Carole Koviak, Clerk of Session

Ukulele Jam

Come join us in the Welcome Center!!
Wednesday's at 1pm

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 still only \$18.

Remember to fill out the form and get it to Stacey King in the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2020 4 year 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 March, we will be learning the story of the Widow's Offering.



Everyone is invited - bring a friend too!!

Youth Groups - February 2020

- 3/1 Regular Youth
- 3/8 Regular Youth
- 3/15 Bowling
- 3/22 Group Youth
- 3/29 Regular Youth



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!

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



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

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

Childcare is provided - 0-5 years old. March's dates are the 8th and the 22nd.

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

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

Lake Shore Church Sunday School
is hosting

Family Game Night

March 6th 6-8 pm

Dinner included!

Please register your attendance on the sign up sheet in
the Atrium or by emailing
jeanette@lakeshorechurch.com



Have you heard?

Pastor Adam will be taking a sabbatical later this year.

It will be for three months, shortly after Easter, April 20 – July 18. It will be a chance for Pastor Adam to have focused study, prayer, and rest time. The topic he will be studying is "Leading The Church During Times of Change." Sabbatical time will be spent with 1/3 conferences and small group study, 1/3 independent reading, writing, and study, and 1/3 rest and family time. Pastor Adam will be unavailable during this time of renewal.



After eight years of service, we look forward to the energy and vitality this sabbatical will provide to our pastor. And don't worry, we will have pastoral coverage that whole time and are working on who that will be! If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Adam or a member of the sabbatical planning team: Sheryl Mieczkowski, Sue Goeddeke, Jared Dell, or Nancy Barr.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1st Deb Bonello
2nd Greg Droska
3rd Kayla Daniels
Dave Oswald
4th Debra Talluto
8th Brian Vahovick
9th Allison Harris
Diane Oravec
Micha Thompson
10th Andrew Jenken
13th Corinne Dickinson
14th Mary MacNeil
15th Paul Kraus
Linda Williams

16th Marguerite Duffy
Ray Harvey
Jennifer Martn
18th Jennifer Hunter
19th Logan Reedy
20th Al Bednarski
Ed Harvey
22nd Keith VanHouzen
23rd Rhonda Okker
24th Frank Welch
27th Ila Harvey
Jeanette Mazmanian
28th Kris Sipple
29th Jude Thompson
30th Cheryl Hohn
Scott Sumner
Marissa Talluto

31st Bob Hovis

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Jared & Peggy Dell
16th Kurt & Cheryl Hohn
26th Sue & Dan Loughman
28th Ray & Val Harvey



UPDATE

The Sabbatical Planning Team says it will be -

(drum roll please...) **Pastor Isaac Chung** - here's a bit about him ...

Pastor Isaac served White Lake Presbyterian Church from November, 2012 through September 2019. A graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary - Southern California, he served as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bay City, MI for two years before being called to White Lake Presbyterian Church.

Isaac comes with a unique perspective and wide experiences. Though of Korean heritage, he was born to missionary parents in Bangladesh and spent much of his childhood in Pakistan. Before arriving to the mitten state, he lived all over Southern California graduating from Maranatha High School (Pasadena) and UC San Diego. He has served churches in San Diego, Diamond Bar, Pasadena, Garden Grove, Fullerton, Bay City (MI) and White Lake (MI) working with children, youth, college-age students, young adults, families, and the faithful of all ages. He spent many years working in camp and conference ministries, and loves anything to do with missions.

He is passionate about the LA Dodgers, In-N-Out Burgers, and his family - Misty, Evangeline, Isaiah and Alexis, but not necessarily in that order. He ventures into Triathlons and runs (sic) with Misty and dreams one day of doing an Ironman (maybe Kona?). He strums a guitar, climbed trees as a job, and officiates volleyball at the college level. You can always convince him out for a cup of coffee and a good conversation.

We warmly welcome Pastor Isaac and his family to our Lake Shore Church family!

Mission News ~

MCWARM

On Sunday, February 23rd, we prepared and served dinner to the homeless guests being housed by MCWARM at Christian Trinity Church. Christian Trinity has been using the New Life Assembly of God building in Roseville. We fed 100+ persons that night. We also took warm clothing, new socks, and hygiene products for the guests. We also provided lunches for the next day.

MCREST

On Tuesday, March 17th, we will be preparing and serving dinner to the homeless guests being housed by MCREST at Triumphant Cross Church, SCS.

Cereal and Cans for Communion

On the first Monday of the month, Communion is served during service. We would like to use that Sunday sharing of the bread as a reminder to bring food for our pantry guests. If you could please bring a canned good or box of cereal, it would be greatly appreciated. Our food pantry is open the second and fourth Mondays of the month 1-2:30pm, and the third Wednesday of the month 5-6:30pm. If you know someone who is in need of our help, please pass along our pantry information. We are open to all. Through our food pantry/clothes closet, we provide food, hygiene products, clothing, and household products.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School kids packed those bags, mentioned above, for the homeless on Sunday, February 23. They are so helpful!

Easter Bags

We will be providing bags for our church family to decorate and fill for Easter. The bags will be donated to the Children's Home of Redford and St John Hospital Pediatrics Ward. **PLEASE** only take as many bags as you are sure you are going to fill and return. For Halloween we only received 78 of the 100 bags back.

Thank you for always supporting Mission.
Cheryl Smark



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. Next session begins 3/26.

The Lake Shore Church Community Ambassadors

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

Thank you



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.



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

MARCH 2020



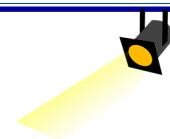
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 9:30am Cortright Grp. 12pm YMMS | | 1 pm Ukulele Group 6pm Homestyle Dev. 6pm Bells 7 pm Men's Aa 7:30pm Choir | 10:15 am GFC Small Grp 1 pm Pinochle 7pm Band 7:30pm AA, Al Anon | Office Closed | 7:30 pm NA |
| 1 Communion Youth Choir 12:45 Trustees 5pm Ruddock Gp 6pm SNS | 2 | 3 10am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Bible 101 | 4 1pm CRP | 5 10:30am Gentle Yoga | 6 6pm Family Game Night | 7 |
| 8 Spring Forward 6pm MOPS | 9 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus | 10 6:30pm Bible 101 | 11 10am Bayview Bunch | 12 10:30am Gentle Yoga 7m Galindo Grp 7pm VS Int. Tm | 13 | 14 9am Presbyterian Women of Detroit Conference 10am Breakfast Bunch |
| 15 Bells 1pm Youth Groups Bowling 5pm Ruddock Gp 6pm SNS | 16 7pm Session/ Deacons/Trustees | 17 St. Patrick's Day  10am Trad. Mtg | 18 1pm DRP 5pm Food Pantry | 19 6pm Mod. Tm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Prayer Shawl Blessing 6pm MOPS | 23 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus | 24 | 25 10am Bayview Bunch | 26 10:30am Gentle Yoga 7pm Galindo Grp | 27 | 28 L.I.F.T. 9:30-2:30 Conference |
| 29 5pm Ruddock Gp | 30 | 31 | |  | | |

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

A NEW Session Member—

Hi, my name is Brian Mieczkowski. I started attending Lake Shore Church when I began dating my wife, Sheryl, and I've been a member for about 12 years or so. I've served as a Trustee, on the Finance committee and, most recently, with the Abundance and Generosity committee. However, most people probably know me as the co-leader of the middle school youth group Fusion along with my wife. We've been doing that for around 10 years and it's been a great blessing to our family. We also have been running Sunday School for the middle and senior high students on Sundays for the past 7 years, so we keep very busy. I look forward to serving on Session and helping Lake Shore Church spread the Good News of Jesus to as many people as possible!!

Check back next month to meet another leader . . .



Easter Schedule

5th 9:15am & 11:15am - Palm Sunday, Communion
9th 7pm - Maundy Thursday
10th 7pm - Good Friday
12th 9:15am & 11:15am - Easter



THE SECOND TIME IS THE CHARM.

Coming this Spring.

Organization of the Lake Shore Church Women's Committee.

If you are interesting in assisting with the organization of this committee, please contact Lisa Denise Peterson @ PETERSONL285@MACOMB.EDU. Please inform me of your interest by Friday, April 03, 2020.

Looking forward to a great re-launch!!



Interested in traveling to the Holy Land?

Do you want to walk where Jesus walked?

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. 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. Questions?? Please speak with Pastor Adam.



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.

