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Dear Friends:

How are you doing? Some of us are doing OK. Others are struggling . A few of us have been sick. Many of us know someone who has been sick. A couple of us know people who have died. Some of us are waiting this thing out at home alone and fighting the battle against isolation every day. Others are enjoying our spouses and the down-time of this respite. Others are trying to manage being together with the kids 24/7 with full-time work responsibilities and home-schooling. Some of us are on the front lines of this battle and feeling the stress and burden of it all.

Where you live certainly impacts how you experience this crisis. Being in metro-Detroit is certainly different than being up north or in a state that is so far less-impacted. I am also aware that being locked in our homes in the suburbs is a different experience than those who are living in Detroit. One member of a presbytery committee I am involved with lives and worships in Detroit and knows 15 people of close connection that have died from COVID-19.

An unknown author has stated that we are NOT in the same boat. We may be in the same storm but we are all experiencing this storm differently. There is no one way through it. There is no right or wrong way through it.

Our current series: "Anchors for the Storm," acknowledges that storms are a part of life. Sometimes the storm is little and passes in a couple days. Sometimes the storm is bigger: a marriage falls apart, a job loss, financial ruin, a diagnoses, the death of a loved one. And sometimes the storm is so big that it impacts all of society, even the whole world.

For all of the storms of life, we need strong ships that are anchored in faith and in our Risen Lord. Through the resurrection, God gives his disciples and us this grounding. As we continue in the Easter season, and as we each commit to worship and study and prayer, we will hear about the anchors God has provided. Each week I will lift up a new anchor for the storm. Now more than ever we need anchored. We need reminded of our faith.

When we are anchored we begin to experience the storm differently. We have eyes of faith instead of eyes of fear. We begin to see new opportunities to serve and to grow. This virus is not anything we can see and yet it has caused such a storm. How much bigger is our God whom the disciples did see! I praise God for he has been speaking to many of us in powerful ways during this time. Please let me know how he has been speaking to you. And thanks for continuing to join me for Sunday morning worship!

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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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 Service is being streamed online (detailed instructions on the insert), 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.

As the building is currently closed, the best way to ask a question or get information is through email, though the church is still receiving phone calls during regular business hours (Mon-Thurs / 8am-6pm) Please find staff emails listed below:

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Food Pantry will continue to operate on its regularly scheduled dates and times as a drive-thru service. Also, for the coming time, we will be an emergency food pantry. What that means is that a person in immediate need can call the office, and shortly thereafter, pick up a bag of groceries (in a drive thru fashion too). Please pass that information to anyone you know who may be in immediate need. Thank you.

Food 5/11/2020 1-2:30pm

Pantry 5/20/2020 5-6:30pm

NO Pantry Memorial Day

Let's take a moment to thank all the people behind the scenes for these wonderful online Sunday services each week! We all sit on our sofas and enjoy a great worship service without giving a thought to how much HARD work goes into producing it. From staff to volunteers (all while social distancing!), from stateside hymns from the sanctuary to the Canadian music from Windsor, from the shores of Lake St. Clair to Pastor Adam's dining room - all this is recorded, bits and pieces from everywhere - then put together (hours and hours and hours of editing!) for us to enjoy each and every Sunday morning. These incredible people had our service online in less than a week when this “stay at home” order first began. Unbelievable!!

So just a shout out to everyone involved in putting this together each and every week.

We thank you!



Until we are able to take our offering like this again, there are a few different ways to get your donations to the church. Of course, you can always write a check and put it in the US Mail (office staff will still be collecting the mail). Or you can go the our church website - 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. Thank you all.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

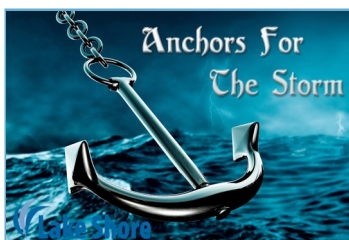


4th Ellen Sumner
 5th Sandra Wallace
 7th Linda Whitman
 8th Randy Haselhuhn
 9th Rich Krysinski
 11th Kate Haselhuhn,
 Ross Markesino
 14th Peggy Dell,
 David Huyghe
 15th Susan Cowen
 16th Barbara Barak
 17th David Morin
 18th Irene Barbour,
 Chris Crussen,

Michael Eddy,
 Carol Lemay
 19th Linda Dick
 20th Anna Be, Alicia Troyer
 21st Zelda (Sis) Leadbetter
 22nd Elijah Grosch
 26th Jackie Cook,
 Hannah Dell,
 Caden Jenken,
 Brian Miezckowski
 27th Jim Thompson
 28th Nico Bronzetti
 29th Kay Sumner
 30th Bev Eagan,
 Theresa Harvey
 31st Roman Webb,
 Cindy White

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Nancy & Ron Barr
 3rd Barb & Tom Lamb
 7th Gale & Jerry Spiewak
 8th Jackie & Jason Cook
 14th Holly & Mark Koehler
 18th Mary-Claire & Don
 Black
 Cindy & Keith
 VanHouzen
 19th Liz & Nick Hunter
 26th Corinne & Al
 Dickinson



Feeling isolated? Wanting to see a friendly church face? Just struggling? Having community is such an important anchor for storms we face, such as the one we are in, so we

are gathering an Anchor Group to meet online for connection, encouragement, and deeper discussion, as we share our challenges, our "wins", and our lives together.

Join our Anchor Group on Zoom, Tuesday nights 7:00-8:00pm, during this unique time that we are in. Other groups may form as needed.

For an invitation or more information, please email your name to connect@lakeshorechurch.com or text CONNECT to 586.981.0567

The Second Mile Center of Detroit is continuing in ministry during social distancing. The neighborhoods around the center are hit hard. While the normal programming has ceased, the ministry has been focused on education related to the need for social distancing and has been doing home deliveries of food and other things to help meet the needs of the families enrolled in the program.

Let's keep them all in our prayers and give them the thanks they deserve for their hard work and commitment!!



LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Hello everyone! My name is Cassidy LaRowe. I am 22 years old and am blessed to be married to my wonderful husband, Jacob LaRowe. Together, we have a puppy named Finnigan who is a bundle of joy. We have been married for a little over a year and moved into our home the day we got back from our honeymoon. I am currently working at Ardmore Elementary School as a Special Needs Paraprofessional and absolutely love making positive impacts on children. I attended Lake Shore Church with my family at a young age and became a member a few years later. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring church. I believe God is guiding me to be a part of many great things at Lake Shore Church. I have the great pleasure of working with the youth group, alongside some amazing individuals, and I am thankful to be a Deacon. I am excited to see where God takes me through this journey at Lake Shore Church and am blessed to be a part of such an awesome, loving church family.

Check back next month to meet up with another leader in the church.

A New Deacon -

Cassidy LaRowe

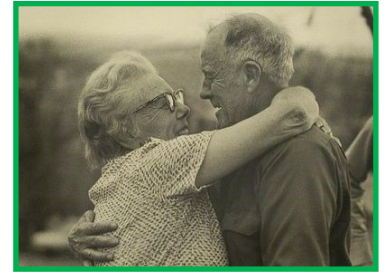
Lake Shore Church's Growing Tomorrow Legacy Circle

The Presbyterian calendar designates May 3, 2020 as the start of Older Adult Week / Wills Emphasis. These are things we really do need to think about and plan for.

Have you taken advantage of the opportunity to include the church in your will or final plans?

Is this something you might be interested in? Something you might want to talk to someone about? Need more information on?

Call the office @ 586-777-8533 and they can direct you accordingly. Thank you for your consideration.



SPRING



May brings us flowers and time outdoors (within distancing guidelines please) and usually many fun dates on our calendars. Here are a few "interesting" days I've gathered from calendars and online ~

May 1st - Friendship Day
May 3rd - begins Older Adult Week
May 4th - National Star Wars Day
May 7th - National Day of prayer
May 9th - National Lost Sock Memorial Day
May 10th - Mother's Day
May 13th - National Apple Pie Day



May 16th - National Sea Monkey Day
May 22nd - National Vanilla Pudding Day
May 24th - Brother's Day
May 26th - National Paper Airplane Day
May 27th - Grape Popsicle Day
May 30th - National Mint Julep Day
May 31st - National Smile Day

Some of these sound FUN - who doesn't want to celebrate "Grape Popsicle Day"? Or Paper Airplane Day?? Enjoy!



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!



You will find weekly, interactive Sunday School type lessons, videos, activities, etc. Currently there is a "Family Sunday School" series running with a new episode being introduced each Sunday.

We encourage everyone to share pics or clips of what you and your child/children enjoyed in the weekly post. 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!! Seriously though, each week's lesson should also be available on the church website—www.lakeshorechurch.com, ministries, kids.

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



How the Virus Stole Easter

By Kristi Bothur
(With a nod to Dr. Seuss)

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'Twas late in '19 when the virus began
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full,
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming."

"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo."

"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn't be so!

But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
Stood puzzling and puzzling.

"Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then?
Well....the story's not done.
What will YOU do?

Will you share with that one
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.

May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.

May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,

May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,

But not only that -
Let it start a revival.

ANCHORS FOR THE STORM

A 6-week Easter Series running April 19th – May 24th

Hebrews 6: 19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Good Friday was the biggest storm there ever was. Darkness came over the whole land. The very ground beneath them shook. The death of Jesus upended the lives of the disciples. They ended up huddled in a home. They were lost without him. But three days later Jesus found them. He showed them life when there was no life. Hope when there was no hope.

Through the resurrection, God provided them anchors – not just for the moment – but anchors that grounded them in resurrection truth that they carried with them for the rest of their lives. These anchors offer stability in every storm. Before the cross became a symbol of Christian faith, there was the anchor. An ancient sign for safety, the church used the anchor to symbolize their grounding in resurrection hope.

We all face storms in this life. Discover with us Anchors for the Storm.

We know we’re all anxious to get back to “normal”, and we want you to know that your Session has appointed a team to lead us safely into our reopening. There is no current time frame, just a team of your church leaders, ready to research and follow the federal and state guidelines to get us all safely back into the building together. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. In the meantime . . .

Sunday morning worship services will be available online at 10am each Sunday. You can watch then or any time after that. The easiest way to watch would be to follow the link in the weekly eblast. If that option is not available to you, then go to the church website - www.lakeshorechurch.com - click on Online Services and choose the correct date.

If you have Facebook, you can go to the church’s Facebook page - Lake Shore Presbyterian Church - and find the post at 10am Sunday morning. The post will premiere on Facebook and is hosted. This means it will be participatory and interactive making it the best way to worship “with” your church on Sunday morning.

Please try this before Sunday morning (you should still be able to find and watch prior Sunday services), if you have questions or issues, reach out and we can help you troubleshoot.

If you aren’t connected to the internet, audio CD’s are being delivered weekly.

Pastor Adam has some thoughts about worshipping virtually:



- 1) Figure out what device you are going to use beforehand (TV, computer, phone) and get it set up. The bigger the screen the better.
- 2) Get the rest of your space ready. Time to tidy up! Get rid of all distractions. If you aren’t using your phone, silence it and put it away.
- 3) Come as you are, but remember it is still church
- 4) Get comfortable, but not too comfortable. Yes, you should get out of bed. If you are using a computer and there are two of you, get 2 chairs!
- 5) Remember that worship is interactive. Stand (if able), when it’s time to stand. Sing, when it’s time to sing. Pray (yes, out loud), when it is time to pray. You can now comment/like on Facebook live! We look forward to “interacting” with you during service!
- 6) Remember we are still worshipping together. Even though we aren’t physically together, we are still having the same worship experience. Start as close to 10am as possible.
- 7) Make it an experience for the whole family. Worship with the kids and be ready with alternative worship activities. The Lake Shore Church Kids Facebook group is up and available with lots of resources for the kids and the entire family.

