Soundings Sept. 2019 - 3455

Dear Friends -

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As we pick up the newspaper, or our news app, the headlines give us plenty of reason to fear. The one I just read: "With Deficit Rising, **WORRIES** Grow the U.S. May be Out of Tools if Recession Hits" (bold is mine). The news we receive not only gives us reason TO WORRY, it tells us people ARE WORRYING. And if others are WORRYING about THAT then I should probably be WORRYING about that too! Whether it is the economy, politics, drugs, domestic terrorism, global warming, guns, natural calamities, the rising cost of education, personal debt, white nationalism, Antifa, or your pick of the week - there are plenty of legitimate reasons to fear for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

But when we pick up our bibles, we read something very different. God tells us over and over again, "Do not be afraid." God must have known we would need plenty of encouragement when it comes to our fears. And so, this fall, for our church-wide study we will focus on scriptures that speak to our fears, along with the book "Fearless" by Max Lucado. We aren't going to eliminate fear from our lives, but I pray that through our intentionality we will trust more and fear less. As fear takes up residence next door, and as it quickly spreads to our neighbors and then down our entire block, my prayer is that we may be able to stand up with a non-anxious presence and proclaim, "no really, there is nothing to fear!"

As we turn to scripture and God's grace, we need the encouragement, faith, and support of one another to be this non-anxious presence. That is why I encourage YOU to join one of our small groups for this study. It is an easy commitment – only six weeks! But the transformation you experience could last a lifetime.

One of the themes that kept popping up for us this summer is the importance of our identity as children of God. We claim this identity, not merely as individual believers, but as the community of God's people. We can't be in Christ without being in Christian Community. And the best way I know to experience both the love and the accountability of that community is through the intimacy that is shared in a small group experience.

You don't have to look far to find someone filled with fear. Why don't you invite them to join you this September in church and in a small group. It is that time of year where people's schedules are changing and there is a special openness to getting involved in a new thing. As our church gets involved in this new thing, my prayer is that WE become new creations filled with hope for tomorrow.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Adam

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Ukulele Group

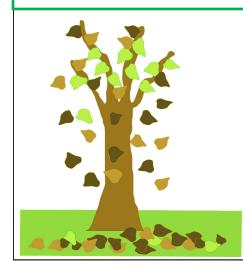
This group is going to perform at the Unity Service on September 1st!!!

If you enjoy them, consider joining them!!

Every Wednesday, from 1-3pm, come learn how to play or just come to play!!

Bring your ukulele and join us in the Welcome Center :-)

SO MUCH FUN!!



Dates to Remember

September

1st Unity Service 10am



4th Bells 6pm, Choir 7:30pm 6th-7th Photo Dates #1 & #2 #1 2pm-9pm #2 10am-5pm 9th-11th Photo Dates #3, #4 & #5 2pm-8:30pm 8th Communion, Rally Day 10:15am, Youth Groups 6-8pm 10th Membership Matters 7:30pm 15th Sunday School begins pre-k—5th grade 11:15am Sunday School begins 6th-12th grades 10:15am 17th Financial Peace University classes begin 7pm 20th Dancing with a Cause 7pm-10pm 22nd Unity Service 10am, reception for the Saunders' family 28th Fusion Youth Group Howell retreat 8am

October

- 5th Fall Clean Up, Sr. High Montreat w/parents
- 12th Habitat for Humanity Build, Youth Group Blake's

18th Trunk n Treat



FALL CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 5th

We can use all the help we can get!! Come out around 9am, Saturday, Oct. 5th and help us get these church grounds ready for - yikes, I can hardly type the word - winter! We have beautiful gardens but they take work, and lots of it! Please come share your morning with us - it'll be fun and SO rewarding!! Thank you! September 1, 2019 10am

SERVICES

UNITY

September 22, 2019 10am

Followed by a reception for the Saunders' family

Mark your calendars!

Labor Day Weekend we will enjoy one 10am worship service. And also on September 22, as we celebrate the Saunders' new adventure and wish them well! Please Join Us

Financial Peace University



Join us for this 9 week course that can change your life. Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. This is a video series led by Bill and Marianne Foskett, graduates of this course, and a couple who firmly believe in this process.

The class begins September 17th, at 7pm. Please register your attendance on the sign up sheet in the Atrium - more details can found with the sign up sheet.



<u>Welcome to another GREAT</u> <u>year of</u> <u>Youth Group</u> 2019-2020

Join us at Rally Day to register if you can, but for sure, come to Youth group at **6pm on Sunday, September 8th!!**

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

We have some great things planned for this year that you are not going to want to miss! Every Sunday from 6-8pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, or want more details, contact Sheryl or Brian Mieczkowski at 586–549–3755.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 15TH!

Sunday School 2019-2020 4year olds thru 5 grade a straight and the straight straight



Another fun year of Sunday School is about to get underway on Sunday, September 15th. All children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to join us for all the fun. We will be heading 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. Our September lesson will be Doubting Thomas. I "doubt" you'll want to miss it, so we'll see you there!



Do you want to know more about Jesus's (2nd) Most Quoted Book of the Old Testament? Are you in Middle or High School? Do you like TimBits (sometimes)? Then join us on Sunday mornings between services up in the Middle School youth room and learn more about Deuteronomy!! Led by Brian and Sheryl Mieczkowski, we will be completing our study of the first five books of the Bible.

September Birthdays 2nd Pat Ihrie, Todd, Morawa, Ruth Sandora 3rd Nicolle Filipek, Barb Jenken, **Rich Kindlinger**, Patrick Michels Mike Harris, Kelly Norris 5th 8th Elliana Eddy 10th Jill Rader 11th Sheena Michels 13th Christopher Wernet 15th Nicole Thompson 16th Luca Bronzetti, Rebekka Vachon, 19th Joan LaFountain 21st Jackson Dell 22nd Bradley Wernet 25th Lillian Glowniak 26th Suzanne Mueller 27th Patrick King 28th Pat Belanger, Val Harvey, Jean Stanaitis

Communion Sundays

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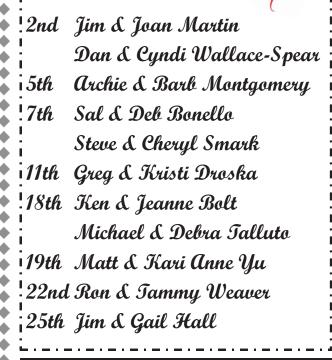
We are still collecting canned goods on Communion Sundays. If you are able, please try to remember to bring an item or two with you. There is a collection table in the Atrium and all items are donated to our very own Food Pantry. Thank you





<u>September</u>

<u>Anniversaries</u>



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 avail-

able near that sign up sheet or you can check with Lynne Henry for details.



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

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6-8pm, beginning September 22, 2019. Childcare is provided.

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

MOPS & MOMSNEXT

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

Mission News ~

<u>Toiletries</u>

Summer is drawing to a close way too quickly! Dig through your drawers and pull out all those unopened, unused sample size toiletries that you collected while on vacation. There is a big bin in the coat closet where you can deposit them. Our Sunday School kids are going to be packing hygiene bags for the homeless this fall.

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

It is soon time for our season changeover in the clothes closet. So.... please put all your summer donations in storage. Please only donate fall/winter clothing that is clean and gently used. Our ladies in the clothes closet have the daunting task of sorting, sizing, and hanging all of your donations. Thanks to them our closet is super organized!!

Our food pantry is always in need of spaghettios, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste. Our system is to buy the large shampoos and dish soap at the dollar store. We then break each large bottle down into your small donated water bottles. We stretch our pantry supplies and dollars to the max!!

Second Mile

Our Second Mile dinners will be resuming in September. On the third Monday of each month we provide dinner to kids and adults who come for a community dinner at Second Mile.

Please consider signing up for a month.

Halloween bags

Halloween bags will be available for you to decorate and fill on Oct 6. Bags need to be returned by Oct 27!!

Thanks for always supporting Mission. Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Smark

Need to Use the Kitchen?

It is open for the use of all members, church groups, and caterers. Please book use through the church office as you would any other room. Once you book the kitchen you will receive special training from a member of our new kitchen team. In order to maintain our commercial kitchen license we are keeping the kitchen locked. The Gourmet Frog continues to be available for catering needs.





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 class.. The current 5 week session just started check it out - drop in to a class!!









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	SEPTEMBER 2019					
Sun	12pm YMMS Mon	Tue	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 Thu	Office Closed Fri	7:30 pm NA Sat
1 10am Unity Service	2 Labor Day Office CLOSED	3	4 1pm CRP Class	5 10:30am Gentle Chair Yoga 7:30pm Small Group Leaders	6 2 - 9pm Pictorial Pics	7 10am - 5pm Pictorial Pics
8 Communion RALLY DAY 12:30pm Trustees	9 1pm Food Pantry 2 - 8:30pm Pictorial Pics 7pm Bible Bus 7pm Personnel	10 10am Staff Mtg. 2 - 8:30pm Pictorial Pics 7:30pm Membership Matters	11 10:30am Bayview Bunch 2 - 8:30pm Pictorial Pics 4pm Finance	12 10:30am Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Unity Planning Mtg	13	14 10am Breakfast Bunch Habitat Run
15 5pm Ruddock Small Group	16 11am CLM 7pm Session/ Deacons/Trustees	17 10am Traditional Planning Mtg 7pm Financial Peace University	18 9:30am Circle 1pm CRP 5pm Food Pantry	19 10:30am Gentle Chair Yoga	20 6pm Beach/ Daniels Reh. 7pm Dancing With a Cause	21 4pm Beach/ Daniels Wedding
22 Second Mile Golf Outing 10am Unity Service 11am Reception 6pm MOPS	23 1pm Food Pantry	24 7pm Financial Peace University	25	26 10:30am Gentle Chair Yoga	27	28 8:30am Fusion Howell Retreat 10am Breakfast Bunch
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Watch for more details about the Flu Shot Clinic we will host here on October1.



...as well as the **Blood Drive** being held here on October 29th! Please consider giving blood - it is so needed!





2019 Lake Shore Church Photo Directory.

If you have scheduled your photo time, please remember to show up!!

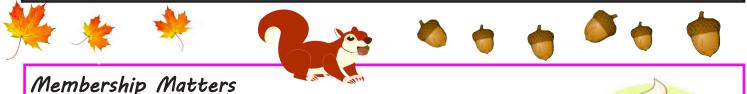
WHEN is the photo shoot? FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th & 11th, 2019, Fri. 2-9pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Mon., Tues. & Wed., 2pm-8:30pm

Thank you all for your participation!!! SMILE!

Dancing with a Cause

You've heard of the T.V. program, **Dancing with the Stars.** Here at Lake Shore Church, we have our own version of that, **Dancing with a Cause**. Everyone is invited to get your dancing shoes out, gather your friends and family, relive the days of American Bandstand, and have a toe-tapping time of dancing to all sorts of live music performed by The Swing Shift Orchestra big band and fantastic vocalists. All age groups as well as people in the community are invited to this special event. Your mind and body will benefit as you support a Habitat for Humanity building project. Members of Lake Shore Church, along with other churches, will soon participate in this worthy cause. It's a win-win evening of fun all through the joy of dancing! The Bible says, "There is a right time for everything: A time to cry; a time to laugh; A time to grieve; a time to dance;" (Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 4). The Lake Shore Church time to dance **Dancing with a Cause** is:

Date: Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 Time: 7:00-10:00 p.m. Price: \$5.00 per person (additional cost for snacks, beverages, raffles) Band: The Swing Shift Orchestra Big Band and Vocalists Contact for further details: Lynne Henry (586) 498-9263 or (313) 719-0309 Note: This event is open to all in the community and it's not necessary to have a dancing partner.



Interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Lake Shore Church?? Then join us for dessert on September 10th at 7:30pm· There's a sign up sheet in the Atrium to register your attendance· Questions? Contact Pastor Adam



We have a build date!!

October 12th - Saturday - 9am-4pm

The scheduled projects for that day are painting and trim, could change though...no experience necessary, they just ask that our work crew be over 14 years old. Lunch is provided. Questions?? See Josh Daniels

Is God Calling YOU into Leadership? Caring – Growing – Serving Your church will soon be searching for Board Members, will you answer the call?

Here is a brief summary of the job descriptions for each board of Lake Shore Church and the Nominating Committee. Please read them over and if you find one that speaks to you, please look for our table on Rally Day (September 8th, between services), where you can find a sign up sheet and people to answer your questions.

We hope you will prayerfully listen for God calling you into leadership. . .

Session – The Session (board of Ruling Elders) is the council for the congregation. The Session leads the mission, administration, and spiritual life of the church. Session is responsible for setting the vision and direction for the church. They work to provide and oversee all church programs. Elders serve for a three (3) year term. They currently meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

Deacons – The board of Deacons is the caring arm of the church. They provide sympathy, care and compassion to our church members. The Deacons have teams that provide many caring outreach opportunities - too many to list! They also organize and host the annual Remembrance Dinner (formerly Loss & Grief) and the Christmas Candlelight Service. Deacons serve for a three (3) year term. They currently meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

Trustees - The board of Trustees, under the direction of Session, manage the business aspects of the church. They are responsible for overseeing the maintenance and care of the property and facilities of the church. Trustees serve for a three (3) year term.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee searches for, and recommends for election, those whom God is calling into a leadership role with one of the 3 boards (Session, Deacons, and Trustees). This committee has one member from each of the boards and also 4 at-large members of the church. This is a unique position in the church because of its contact with the various boards and ministries, as the team searches for board members. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

NEW YOLK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR MAX LUCADO

FEARLESS



Fall Church-wide Study

Join us in this Fall tradition! A six week sermon series by Pastor Adam on six chapters from the book *Fearless, by Max Lucado*. This will coincide with our Small Groups. Adam will begin on Sunday, September 15th, and Small Groups and individuals should begin the week of the 15th. You can purchase your book on Sundays, between services in the Atrium—\$8. Mark your calendars for the Wrap Up Dinner being held here on Wednesday, October 23, at 6:30pm—that's always a great way to recap the book!

The following is the reading schedule for the series -

Week 1 - Chapter 1

Week 3 - Chapter 3 Week 5 - Chapter 13 Week 2 - Chapter 2 Week 4 - Chapter 10 (yep, 10) Week 6 - Chapter 14

Kirk in the Hills in collaboration with Montreat Conference Center and Princeton's Institute for Youth Ministry, Presents

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A Conference for Senior High Youth Leaders, Senior High Youth and their Parents



Saturday, October 5th 10am - 4pm Kirk in the Hills Online Registration @ kirkinthehills.org