# Soundings March 2019 - 3450

Dear Friends -

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Last month as we looked at the stories Jesus told, we reflected on how the stories of the bible are formative for our lives as Christians. Indeed, stories are how we make sense of the world. One of the benefits of following the church liturgical calendar is that it helps place us in the larger Christian story. The annual cycle of celebrating Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter focuses our attention and our hearts to rehearse the story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. (Starting with Pentecost, we then rehearse the story of the Holy Spirit and the Church. Then we come back to Advent and repeat the whole cycle again.) As we now find ourselves in Lent, we are pointed to the part of the story where the cross and Jesus' sacrifice come into view. Naturally, it is a more solemn time.

As we journey through Lent this year, we will read and study Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul writes from difficult circumstances. He is imprisoned because of his preaching of the gospel. And yet, instead of a solemn letter, we find a joy-filled letter. Perhaps even in the solemnness of the cross and the season of Lent, we can find joy as well.

Lent is often marked by extra spiritual disciplines; a season where we may give something up or take on something more. But these things shouldn't be considered an added burden as if this is something "extra" that we have to pack into our already busy lives. As we consider some of the Christian disciplines and practices that Paul lifts up directly and indirectly in his letter, we will discover the joy that he finds through these practices and we will consider how we find joy in them for our lives as well.

Entering into distinctly Christian practices is so important for our faith formation. Indeed, I think the practice of our faith is more formative than simply believing the faith. It is those practices such as prayer, scripture reading, gathering with other Christians, witnessing, hospitality, simplicity, and giving that make us who we are as the people of God. As we gather on Sunday mornings and for dinner and discussion on select Sunday nights throughout Lent (check inside this Soundings for more details), we will consider many of these distinctly Christian practices in light of the Lenten season and in light of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I am looking forward to the Lenten season this year. And I look forward to having you a part of our story at Lake Shore Church this month as well.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

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## March

- 1st 7pm Movie Night hosted by DITZ
- 5th 7:30pm Leadership Orientation
- 6th 7pm Ash Wednesday Service Ashes/Communion
- 10th First Sunday of Lent, 6pm MOPS
- 11th 1pm Food Pantry
- 18th 7pm Deacon/Session Meeting
- 19th 7:30pm Confirmation, MCREST @ Triumphant Cross
- 20th 5pm Food Pantry
- 30th Youth Splash Village
- 31st NO YOUTH GROUPS

## April

- 14th Palm Sunday
- 21st Easter Sunday

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!



Easter

## "Discovering the Joy in Lent"

Pastor Adam's Lenten Sermon Series will begin on March 10th and wrap up on April 14th (Palm Sunday) Here are the scriptures that coordinate with each sermon -

March 10th - Joyful Prayer - Philippians 1:1-11 March 17th - Joyful Witness - Esther 4:9-14, Philippians 1:12-26 March 24th - Joyful Humility - Philippians 1:27-1:11, Philippians 2:12-18 March 31st - Joyful Hospitality - Philippians 2: 19-30 April 7th - Joyful Asceticism - Philippians 3 April 14th - Joyful Giving - Philippians 4

April 21st - Easter Sunday

## Ash Wednesday

Lenten

Join us Wednesday evening, March 6th, at 7pm for a communion service and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome!



## Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner and Devotion

#### Every other Sunday in Lent we will enjoy dinner, scripture, and discussion together.

### Sundays starting at 5:30pm - March 10th, March 24th and April 7th - and dinner is free!!

When the people of God gather around scripture the Spirit moves! Come join us for a close reading of Paul's letter to the Philippians. We will also discuss the joy found in different Lenten disciplines and consider what it might look like to incorporate these disciplines into our lives.

\*Note - these gatherings coincide with youth group night. Youth and their parents are invited to dinner!

## EASTER CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday ~ March 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Ashes & Communion

LENTEN DINNER SERIES SEE SCHEDULE ABOVE

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15AM & 11:15AM - PALMS

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL  $18^{TH}$ 7PM-SERVICE & COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 19<sup>™</sup> 7PM - SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> 9:15AM & 11:15AM COMMUNION



## Sunday School Youth Groups In March, the pre-k through 5th 3/3 - Regular Youth Group graders will be learning about the 3/10 - Regular Youth Group **Banguet with Simon** 3/17 - NO YOUTH GROUP 3/24 - Regular Youth Group 3/30 - Frankenmuth Splash Village Keep an eye out for emails, texts, etc with Everyone is always Welcome! more information on the Frankenmuth Come join us!! trip! **Deacons Beacon**



If you haven't heard yet, our very own Bill Mazmanian, had an article published in the January/February Upper Room! If you don't still have your copy, the article is posted on the bulletin board! What a wonderful surprise to see someone we know write such an enlightening article and have it published. Thanks Bill and congratulations!



DITZ

March 1st, a DITZ sponsored movie night!

7pm, in the Chapel popcorn, water, lemonade, and desserts

"Cheaper by the Dozen" A GREAT family movie!!

## <u>March Bírthdays</u>

Deb Bonello 1st 2nd Greg Droska Kayla Beach, Dave Oswald 3rd 4th Deb Talluto **Rosalie Howson** 5th Diane Oravec, Micha Thompson, 9th Tammy Weaver 10th Andrew Jenken 13th Corinne Dickinson 14th Mary MacNeil 15th Paul Kraus, Linda Williams 16th Marguerite Duffy, Ray Filipek, Ray Harvey, Jennifer Martin 18th Jennifer Hunter 19th Logan Reedy, Victoria Schick 20th Al Bednarski, Ed Harvey 22nd Brittany Arthur, Keith Van Houzen 23rd Rhonda Okker 24th Frank Welch 25th Ben Decker 27th Ila Harvey, Jeanette Mazmanian 28th Kris Sipple 29th Julian Thompson 30th Cheryl Hohn, Scott Sumner, Marissa Talluto 31st Bob Hovis

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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 Treasurer, Jeanette Mazmanian, a call 586-777-8533 <u>March</u>

## <u>Anniversaries</u>

- 2nd Jared & Peggy Dell
- illth Frank & Tari Martin
- 16th Kurt & Cheryl Hohn
- 26th Dan & Sue Loughman
- i28th Ray & Val Harvey
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## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Is a special offering we collect every Palm Sunday. It is a worldwide, Lenten season, time to share God's love, collection. We share with our neighbors around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. There are envelopes in your giving boxes or you **One Great** 

can find them in the pews. Thank you for your heartfelt gifts.



She Dreams

#### Renew Your Passion to Dream

Annual L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Faith Together) hosted Women's Conference

> March 23, 2019 9:30am-2pm

Shelby Gardens 50265 Van Dyke, Shelby Township

Informational brochures are available on the Atrium shelf - if you'd like more information please contact Sandy Appel.

## Mission News ~

## **Blessing Bags**

On Sunday, February 24, our Sunday School kids, (all 3 of them that day!!) packed 100 mini blessings bags. The kids packed a new pair of socks, a granola bar, and some mints into a sandwich bag. We made the bags to take with us to MCWARM dinner. Great job kids!!!

## MCWARM dinner

On Sunday, February 24, we prepared and served dinner to the 100 homeless individuals being housed by MCWARM at New Life Assembly of God. We were working with our friends from Christian Trinity who are hosting MCWARM for the week.

We brought dinner and lunch supplies for the next day. We also brought our mini blessing bags, new donated T-shirt's and sweatshirts and hygiene bags packed by our Sunday School kids. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped with this outreach.

And please keep in your prayers, all of our struggling brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Second Mile

Thank you to our Community Ambassadors for bringing dinner to the kids and adults at Second Mile. Our friends at Second Mile so appreciate your support. We are still looking for persons to do the Community Dinner on the third Monday of the month in March, May, June.

## **Easter Bags**

Looking ahead to Easter....we will once again have bags available for you to decorate and fill for Easter. The bags will be donated to the Children's Home of Redford and St John Hospital Pediatric Ward. PLEASE only take as many bags as you are going to be able to return.

Thank you to my church family for always supporting Mission. **Cheryl Smark** 



## LAKE SHORE CHURCH MOPS

Join us March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm here at church! Childcare provided

> Second Sunday of each month September thru June - 6-8pm

For more information, or to register, contact us at lakeshoremopsscs@gmail.com or 586-343-1092 Facebook.com/lakeshorechurchmops





9:15 & 11:15 am Services of Worship 10:25 am Wired Word 10:25 am 6-12th Grade Sunday School 11:15 am pre-k - 5th Grade Sunday School	March 2019					
12:30pm Youth Choir 6pm Youth Groups Sun	Mon	Tue	6 pm Homestyle Dev. 7 pm Men's \AA Wed	10:15 am GFC Small Grp 1 pm Pinochle 6pm Bells 7pm Band 7:30pm Choir 7:30pm AA, AlAnon	Office Closed Fri	7:30 pm NA Sat
		In like a lion, out like a lamb!			1 Novertee 7pm	2
3Communion 12:30pm Trustees 6pm SNS	<b>4</b> 7pm Personnel	5 6:30pm Bible 101 7:30pm Leadership Orientation	6 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	7	8	9 10m Breakfast Bunch
10 12:30pm Nursery Staff Meeting 6pm MOPS	11 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus	12 10am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Bible 101	13 10am Bayview Bunch	14	15	16
17 Bells 6pm SNS	18 11am CLM Mtg 7pm Deacons/ Session	19 10am Trad. Mtg 7:30pm Confirmation MCREST @ Triumphant Cross	20 5pm Food Pantry	21 6pm Mod. Mtg.	22	23 10am Breakfast Bunch
24	<b>25</b> 1pm Food Pantry 7pm Bible Bus	26	27 10am Bayview Bunch	28	29	30 Youth Splash Village
31 NO YOUTH GROUPS	<b>Clerk's Corner</b> The Session welcomed the new leaders (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees) with a dinner prior to the February meeting.					
	Session: Jan Conflitti, Jared Dell, and Bob Mazmanian Deacons: Nancy Burke, Rich Kindlinger, Barb Lamb, and Kris Sipple Trustees: Dan Spear, Lisa Peterson Linda DeMers, Stacie Thompson					
	Carole Koviak, Clerk					

586-610-1277







## Lake Shore Church's Growing Tomorrow Legacy Circle

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.

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 !

Thank you for thinking of those on either of these two lists !



## 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 every Wednesday, 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 Jody Krysinski for details.



FINALLY MY WINTER FAT IS GONE. NOW I HAVE SPRING ROLLS.

## The 2019 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 that.

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

