

# Soundings

March 2025 - 3509

Lake Shore  
C H U R C H

Dear Friends,

**We live in a world of extremes. So often, choices are framed as either-or, when in reality, life is far more nuanced.**

**Economic Status:** We frequently hear about growing income inequality, leading us to believe people are either ultra-wealthy or living in extreme poverty. But most people live somewhere in or near the middle class, navigating varying degrees of financial stability throughout life's seasons.

**Mental Health:** Conversations around mental health are often presented in absolutes—a person is either “mentally healthy” or struggling with severe illness. Yet mental health exists on a spectrum. Many of us experience periods of stress, anxiety, or sadness without having a formal diagnosis, reflecting the complex realities we all face.

**Parenting Styles:** Parenting debates often focus on “helicopter parents” (over-controlling) versus “free-range parents” (overly permissive). But most parents blend approaches, being protective in some areas and encouraging independence in others, based on context and their child's unique needs.

**Faith:** Faith, too, is often cast in black and white terms—you either have Jesus or you don't. But for many, both inside and outside the church, faith is a journey lived in tension between belief and doubt, curiosity and certainty. Moments of strong faith can coexist with deep questions, sometimes in the very same breath.

These are just a few examples, but the list goes on. As we approach Easter, our Bible readings will focus on common faith issues that are often presented as either-or choices. But Scripture invites us to see these issues in their full complexity. This Lent, we'll explore that richness through our series titled *“Everything in Between”*—a collaboration with *A Sanctified Art*.

**Life isn't black and white. It's filled with nuance, uncertainty, and complexity—and it's often in the in-between spaces that we encounter God most deeply.**

If you find yourself navigating gray areas in your life and long for a faith that engages the real tensions of the world rather than avoiding them, Lake Shore Church is the place to be over the next two months. I hope you'll join us.

In Christ,



**Pastor Adam**

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Instagram: "lakeshore\_church\_"

### Staff

Senior Pastor	Adam Grosch
Associate Pastor	Brendan Ashley
Office Manager	Stacey King
Bookkeeper	Michelle Decker
Communications Coordinator & Worship Leader	Jenna Dell
Organist	Michael Brooks
Choir Director	Ginny Stieler
Custodian	Beverly Wainio
IT	Kevin Saunders

# Worship Schedule

Traditional at 9am  
Modern at 10:45am



## ATRIUM BOX FOR FEEDBACK

CHECK IT OUT  
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The Big Blue Box in the atrium is your opportunity to share suggestions, compliments, or concerns with the Session. Simply complete a notecard with your name and drop it in the box. The Clerk holds the key and reads the cards each month (without revealing your name), discussing your feedback during their meetings. Whether you have positive feedback or concerns about the church, we encourage you to drop a note in the box. Your input is important to us, and the Session reviews all notes, responding directly if your name is included.

Thank you for helping us improve at Lake Shore Church!

## 6-Week Lenten Class

# "Angels among us"

LED BY PASTOR MARIANNE GRANO

Join us this Lenten season for an inspiring six-week course. Angels Among Us, taught by Pastor Marianne Grano, where we will explore the fascinating world of angels and their presence in Scripture, tradition, and culture.

This course will take place on six consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Chapel at Lake Shore Church.

- **March 9** - Angels in the Old Testament: Dive into the powerful encounters with angels in the Hebrew scriptures, exploring their roles as messengers and protectors.
- **March 16** - Angels in the New Testament: Discover how angels appear in the life of Jesus and the early Church, guiding and ministering in crucial moments.
- **March 23** - Angels in Church Tradition: Uncover how angels have been interpreted and depicted throughout Christian history and in the teachings of the Church.
- **March 30** - Different "Species" of Angels: Learn about the various types of angels, from Seraphim to Cherubim, and their unique functions.
- **April 6** - Famous Angels: Explore iconic angels, including Michael, Gabriel, and others, and their profound influence in religious thought.
- **April 13** - Angels in the Movies: Reflect on the portrayal of angels in popular culture and film, examining how these celestial beings resonate in today's world.

Whether you're new to the subject of angels or looking to deepen your understanding, Angels Among Us will offer thought-provoking insights and meaningful discussions. As part of our Lenten reflection, this course invites you to consider the angelic presence in your own life and faith journey.

We hope you'll join us for this unique opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others at Lake Shore Church.

LENT SERIES 2025  
@ LAKE SHORE CHURCH



# everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

This lenten series speaks to anyone in discernment, those navigating life's gray areas, and all who long for a faith that engages with real-world tensions rather than avoiding them. join us this Lent as we discover that God is present not just at the extremes, but in the colors, contrasts, and space in between.

## FRESH FEEDBACK

We value your feedback and want to hear both your positive experiences and concerns about our church staff. To give your feedback, join the Personnel Team 15 minutes before each meeting and help us grow together!

Next Meeting:  
March 12th @7pm



Join us!

March 1st @12pm

# Chili-Cook-Off

AND KARAOKE CONTEST

ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CHILI COOK-OFF CHAMPION AND ANOTHER TO THE KARAOKE STAR!

TO COMPETE IN THE CHILI COMPETITION, SIGNUP IN THE ATRIUM OR ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR WEEKLY EBLAST.

COMING SOON!



## CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH:

“Music is transformative for people, and it’s a huge part of worship for many. I wanted to offer a worship experience immersed in music where the Holy Spirit could be felt and draw people closer to God.” Jenna Dell

About 50-60 people gathered in the Sanctuary on Friday evening on the night of January 31st for Lake Shore Church’s first ever Worship Night. Jenna Dell, our Modern Worship Leader, members of the Praise Band and members of Fellowship Chapel Church came together to provide the music for the evening. Thirteen modern worship songs, both upbeat and meditative, were performed while a slide show played on the large screens. Two readings of scripture and a mini message by Pastor Brendan based on the second chapter of Matthew rounded out the night of worship.

“Jenna & the band led us into the precincts of divine grace and helped me connect with God in a way that continues to reverberate in my soul. The night certainly left a lasting impact on my heart!” Pastor Adam

There was a multi-generational mix of people praising God that evening including a large group of high school and college age young adults. Most people stood and sang the entire evening save for the time Pastor Brendan spoke. There was a good mix of both well-known, favorite songs as well as some new selections that were introduced that evening. Many who experienced the night of worship have asked if another one is scheduled.

“It was such an uplifting evening; I hope that more people will get to experience it next time! It was a phenomenal night of worship.” Darlene Ruddock

A big thank-you to Jenna, Pastor Brendan, tech support & the musicians who put this Worship Night on for us.

Our fantastic musicians included Zaq Siefert (piano) & Jackson Mocerri (drums) from Fellowship Chapel Church in Sterling Heights.

Madeline Freman (electric bass), Scott Sumner (keyboard and tech), Nick Hunter (percussion) Hannah & Emma Dell (vocals), & Brian Moore (electric guitar) from Lake Shore Church.



# LEGACY

*Circle*

## TESTIMONIES

TARA ALDEA

Tara went through a major 15-hour brain surgery in 2021. It was a risky surgery and there were no guarantees. She was told to make sure “everything was in order.” As she considered her plans, she was moved knowing others had made plans to leave money to the church. As a young woman, she realized that making end of life plans is not just for those who at the end of life or even for those going in for major brain surgery. It is something to consider in every phase of life. While plans may change over the course of life, when you make a plan today, you are offering a witness to what is most important. As Tara considered her faith and her church, including Lake Shore Church in her final plans became an easy decision.

Have you considered creating your own lasting legacy? The Legacy Circle is a special society for those who have included Lake Shore Church in their end-of-life plans. Becoming a member is a meaningful way to express gratitude for the blessings you've received and ensure that Lake Shore Church continues to thrive for generations to come.

The amount of your gift is entirely up to you. Legacy gifts are invested in Lake Shore Church's Growing Tomorrow Permanent Endowment, creating a foundation for ministry that will bless future generations.

To learn more about joining the Legacy Circle and leaving your own mark on the future of Lake Shore Church, please contact Pastor Adam or the church office.

# MISSION NEWS



### **Socks and Gloves Drive**

We are looking for *new or very gently used* men's socks and gloves. Please no dress socks as we are looking for warm, full length socks. There will be a basket on the table in the atrium from Sunday February 23- Sunday March 9. We will be donating the socks and gloves to the men enrolled in the MCREST program. Many of the men do not have transportation and either are taking buses or walking to get to the MCREST offices to get meals and their mail. Extra socks and gloves are always appreciated!

### **MOMCO**

On Sunday March 9, our MOMCO moms are going to be making sandwiches for the men enrolled in MCREST. We have committed to providing 60 sandwiches a day for the week of March 9. Our MOMCO moms are quite the quick, efficient group!! Must be all the experience they have doing this at home! We are so appreciative of this group!

### **MCREST dinner**

On March 11 we will be preparing and serving dinner to the 50 women and children enrolled in the MCREST program. We are doing this in partnership with Triumphant Cross Church, SCS, as they take on a hosting week. We have been partnering with them for the last 8 years.

Through MCREST the women and children are being housed in the MCREST apartment building in Mt Clemens. They are being helped with managing their finances, finding permanent housing, and other social services. MCREST is working to help them help themselves.

The men enrolled in the MCREST program (the ones we are making sandwiches for the week), are currently being housed in motels in SCS, Roseville, and Mt Clemens. Eventually they will be housed in an apartment building next door to the current MCREST building.

### **Blessing Bags**

We have a new batch of blessing bags available for you to distribute. We made 50 bags and then we were given a donation of 25 bags from someone who saw a Facebook post about our food pantry. Always feel free to add anything else you want to the bags.

### **Food pantry/clothes closet**

Thank you for always supporting our food pantry and clothes closet. The clothes closet is accepting clean, gently used, smoke free winter clothing. Our pantry is always in need of tuna, canned pasta, canned veggies, cereal, canned chicken noodle and tomato soup.

Three times a month we pick up free bread and treats from Pepperidge Farm warehouse. We have been able to share our bounty with Immanuel Church Eastpointe, and St Margaret Church SCS (MCWARM).

Thank you for always supporting Mission.  
Cheryl Smark

# ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5TH @ 7PM

ASH WEDNESDAY ACOUSTIC SERVICE - FT. THE LAKE SHORE CHURCH BAND

DRIVE THROUGH ASHES

If you are not able to join us for the Ash Wednesday service in the evening, come by between 11am-1pm to receive a blessing.

Lake Shore Presbyterian Church Presents

## Comedy Night

Two Headliners

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Show at 7 PM

Event Address:  
27801 Jefferson Avenue,  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

<https://bit.ly/LakeshoreChurch>

Tickets \$15

Call for more information  
(586) 777-8533



Tim Steele

Tim is a DryBar veteran who entertains audiences at corporate events, private parties, and comedy clubs. His perspective on life, including parenting and marriage, has made him a favorite in the clean comedy scene. The Faith Channel lists Tim Steele as one of the "6" best Christian comedians of 2024.



Eric Thompson

Eric has been delighting and entertaining audiences since the early 1980s with his unique style of comedy, magic, and illusions. Eric is an accomplished comedic magician and a veteran of hundreds of venues, including comedy clubs, theaters, college campuses, and corporate events.



Tickets \$15

# YOUTH UPDATE

THE MOVIE NIGHT ON 3/28 WILL BE TAKING PLACE OF THE YOUTH EVENT ON 3/29.

Please make sure to correct your calendars!

## Youth "Drive In" Movie night

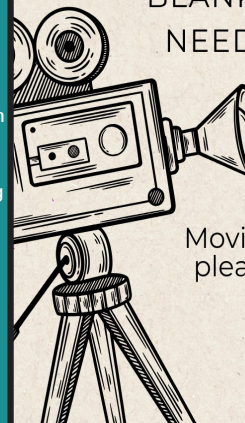
FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH  
7:00PM-9:30PM

In the Fellowship Hall  
\*Gymnasium down stairs at LSC\*

BRING A CHAIR, PILLOW, BLANKETS, OR ANYTHING YOU NEED TO BE COMFORTABLE

See you there!

Movie snacks will be available, but please eat dinner before coming



DID YOU KNOW THAT LAKE SHORE CHURCH IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM? GIVE US A FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK AT LAKE SHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ON INSTAGRAM AT LAKESHORE\_CHURCH\_

Do you have information or an event you want to share with the church?

## ADD IT TO THE SOUNDINGS!

Send your details to Jenna by the 17th of each month to have it in the next month's soundings.

[jenna@lakeshorechurch.com](mailto:jenna@lakeshorechurch.com)

## Middle and High School Bible Study

Sundays from 10:00-10:45am in the Underground  
Taught by Brian and Sheryl Mieczkowski



# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
Communion Sunday 2 *Installation and ordination of officers during service			Ash Wednesday 5			Chili Cook Off @12pm 1
Angels Among Us Class Starts 6:30pm 9	Food Pantry @1pm 10		Bayview Bunch @2:30pm 12 Personnel @7pm			Breakfast Bunch @10am 8
Momco 6pm	2nd Mile Center Meeting @7pm					
Angels Among Us @6:30pm 16	Session and Deacons @7pm 17 St. Patrick's Day		Food Pantry @5pm 19			Breakfast Bunch @10am 22
Angels Among Us @6:30pm 23	Food Pantry @1pm 24	New Member @6:30pm 25	Bayview Bunch @2:30pm 26	Confirmation Class @4:30 27	Youth Movie Night @7pm 28	
Momco 6pm						
Angels Among Us @6:30pm 30						

- Sunday Services**
- Traditional @ 9am
  - Modern @ 10:45am
- Child Care**
- Sunday School (10:45am): ages three through grade five
  - Nursery: infants through age three

- Weekly Events**
- Sunday:**
- Youth Group @ 6-8pm
- Tuesday:**
- Dulcimer Group 10am
  - Band and Tech Team Rehearsal @ 6pm
- Wednesday:**
- Lake Shore Ukulele Strummers @ 1:30pm
  - Men's AA @ 7pm
- Thursday:**
- Girl Friend's in Christ (Small Group) @ 10am
  - Choir @ 7pm
  - AA @ 7:30pm
  - Al Anon @ 7:30pm
- Friday:**
- Office Closed
- Saturday:**
- NA @ 7:30pm



## March Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 3/1 Carol Sayers      | 3/20 Al Bednarski       |
| 3/2 Gregory Droska    | Garry Smith             |
| 3/3 Dave Oswald       | Ryan Willmer            |
| Kayla Daniels         | 3/22 Mike Boyle         |
| 3/7 Kelsie Isham      | 3/23 Keith Van Houzen   |
| Isla Corbett          | 3/24 Rhonda Okker       |
| 3/8 Brian Vahovick    | Frank Welch             |
| 3/13 Cheryl Zito      | 3/27 Russell Hepner     |
| 3/14 Mary MacNeil     | 3/28 Jeanette Mazmanian |
| 3/15 Paul Kraus       | 3/29 Kristin Sipple     |
| 3/16 Raymond Harvey   | 3/30 Julian Thompson    |
| Ray Filipek           | Cheryl Hohn             |
| Jennifer Martin       | 3/31 Scott Sumer        |
| 3/17 Madeline Freeman | Robert R. Hovis         |
| 3/18 Jennifer Hunter  |                         |

## March Anniversaries

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|------|--------------------------|
| 3/2  | Jared & Margaret Dell    |
| 3/16 | Kurt & Cheryl Hohn       |
| 3/26 | Sue & Daniel Loughman    |
| 3/28 | Raymond & Valerie Harvey |

## Easter



save the dates

- Ash Wednesday - March 5th  
Join us for drive through ashes from 11am-1pm, and the service at 7pm
- Palm Sunday - April 13th
- Good Friday - April 18th
- Easter - April 20th