

Soundings

September 2024 - 3512

Lake Shore
CHURCH

Grace and peace to you, friends in faith, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Summer has come to a close, and we look forward to welcoming Adam back next week on September 8th. This date marks the end of our summer worship schedule at 10:30 a.m. Starting September 15th, we will return to our regular schedule with the 9 a.m. traditional service and the 10:45 a.m. modern service.

It will be wonderful to have Adam back leading us as we transition into the new season of our shared journey. With fall approaching, we are also beginning a new year of ministry. Please pray for the year ahead, that we may honor the Lord through our care, service, and growth together.

Rally Day will take place on September 8th following the service. This is a great opportunity to explore what our church offers and a reminder that programs and groups are resuming. For more details, please check the eblast, newsletter, website, or social media, or feel free to call the office. I encourage you to pray and consider how God might be calling you to serve this year!

Additionally, on the evening of September 8th, we will gather for Lake Shore on the Lawn at 6 p.m. This event will celebrate Pastor Adam's return with a worship service on the lawn featuring our band, and an opportunity for fellowship. We will also have an ice cream social following the service—a sweet time indeed!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this summer smooth for both me, the staff, and the church. Your support has allowed Pastor Adam to rest, study, and dream during his sabbatical.

In anticipation of Christ's unfolding work,



Brendan

P.S. I noticed a lot of pumpkin-themed items in my kitchen, so it looks like pumpkin spice season is upon us! More importantly, it means the pumpkin patch and Trunk 'n Treat are approaching. These events are wonderful opportunities to serve and engage with our St. Clair Shores community.

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We will be returning to two services on September 15th!

Join us for Traditional at 9:00am or Modern at 10:45am

ALL ONLINE CONTENT IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND THE APP!

GO TO LAKESHORECHURCH.COM, CLICK ON THE "ONLINE SERVICES" TAB, OR DOWNLOAD THE APP!
FEEL FREE TO ASK THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 15TH, THE MODERN SERVICE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

THE WORSHIP OVERFLOW ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHAPEL FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEED TO STEP OUT OF THE SANCTUARY DURING SERVICE



Mission News

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

During the month of July, we served 109 families, 275 persons. Your church family volunteered 98 hours in the pantry and closet.

Twice a month we pick up food at the Macomb County Food Program warehouse in Clinton Twp. The food is purchased through grants, donated by companies, and donated by Gleaners. All the food we get from the County is free to us. We also shop before each pantry date for all the other food we need. We are using your church financial donations for this food. Before each pantry date we pick up free bread from the Pepperidge Farm warehouse in Sterling Heights. Through these efforts we are able to give each family non-perishables, meat, dairy products, and bread products.

During our last pantry date, a man came who has only come a few times over the last couple months. He had a distinctive accent and I asked him if he minded telling me where he was from. He answered "Ukraine". I then asked him what he thought about being here in America. He responded "Safe". He and his wife are here, leaving behind all of their family. And we, as a church family, are able to give them a helping hand through our pantry and clothes closet.

Thank you for always supporting our food pantry and clothes closet through your financial donations. If you or someone you know is in need of free food and clothing, **our food pantry and clothes closet are open 9/9 1:00-2:30, 9/18 5:00-6:30, and 9/23 1:00-2:30.** We are an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome

Cheryl Smark

Thank you for supporting the clothes closet and food pantry.

Clothes closet

FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLEAN, GENTLY USED, SMOKE FREE CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.



We will be switching from summer/fall clothes to fall/winter clothes on October 14th



JOIN US FOR

"Fresh Feedback"

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



We truly value your feedback and want to make sure we hear about both the great experiences and any concerns you might have about our church staff. To help us keep improving, we'd love for you to join the personnel team 15 minutes before each meeting.

Your input helps us grow together!

Your participation is crucial to the betterment of our church community, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Next Meeting:
SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 7PM

HAVE SOMETHING TO PROMOTE?

ADD IT TO THE SOUNDINGS!

have your information to Jenna by the 17th of each month to have it in the next month's newsletter!

jenna@lakeshorechurch.com

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH

Youth Summer Camp took place at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan earlier this month. I heard about what a fantastic time everyone had through conversations with both young people, youth leadership, and Pastor Brendan. Eleanor, age 8, who went to camp for the first time this year was asked if she would attend again, "Of course, I would go to camp again! You make a lot of new friends and have lots of fun!" She was surprised that there was a lake they could swim in (not just a pool), and even though she was a little nervous about going on the inflatable water slide the first time, it ended up being her favorite part of camp. She also shared, "I learned from Pastor Brendan that we can work together for different purposes," during one of his evening messages.

There were 31 youth this year camping. 12 of these young people had never been to camp before, and 5 of those had no formal association with Lake Shore Church. 12 adult leaders and volunteers accompanied the youth. It was the largest number of campers in the last several years. Leadership commented on how excited they were to see so many unfamiliar faces this year. It was a special joy to watch how welcoming the veteran campers were, and how they made sure the newbies felt loved and included.

What did an average day at Youth Camp look like? There are two worship sessions – one in the morning led by the Youth Leaders and one in the evening led by Pastor Brendan, Jenna, or Pastor Kevin from Canada. Both Sessions consisted of praising God by singing their favorite worship songs, and a time for discussion in small groups. A fun skit acted out by leaders combined with a leader-led message in the morning, and in the evening, the pastors presented different messages. In between the worship sessions and meals are fun group activities such as swimming in the lake, canoeing, kayaking, playing on the large lake inflatables, and games such as Flag Tag, Water Balloon Volleyball, and Earthball. Archery was offered for the first time this year and was a huge hit with the kids.

Each year the Youth Leaders gather to brainstorm and decide on a theme for camp. They create the entire program from top to bottom which is no easy feat! They choose scripture as their foundation, write the messages and skits, make costumes, and write the small group questions for each morning worship session (not to mention all the organizational tasks involved in planning camp). Their dedication to young people and God shows, and we are thankful for all that they do to make camp successful every year.

This year's theme was, "Choose Your Own Adventure." Each day a different Bible verse was tied to each lesson. They explored popular children's movies such as Finding Nemo, Cinderella, and Pinocchio while reimagining what they would look like if God were authoring them. Some of the small group questions they discussed were,

"Where do you see Jesus in our version of this story?"

"How would God create a different ending to this story, and how would the lesson be different?"

Laura, who completed her 3rd year serving at Camp, and her first as a Youth Leader, told me that she was grateful for the awesome weather they had. It didn't rain and the temperature was moderate the whole week. She thought this year having two pastors instead of one was special since it gave the youth two distinct personalities with different ways of presenting the messages, maintaining their engagement.

Emma, age 17, completed her last year as a camper this summer. She started attending camp in the 3rd grade, she recalled. She has also played in the camp band the last few years. She told me that, "Camp has always helped me open my mind and heart to new people and experiences, and has helped me grow as a Christian in my faith. I have also developed a deeper understanding of the Bible." She loved having Pastor Brendan at camp and said, "His messages helped add a lot to the theme of camp....and it was interesting to hear his personal stories and how those experiences made him into the Christian he is today." She would encourage young people to attend camp next year saying, "If you want to have the time of your life and an experience you will never forget while also learning about God, then camp is for you!"

This was Pastor Brendan's first year at camp. He gave two out of the four evening messages. One evening he spoke about how God is "Creator" and what it means to be created by God and how we can live into that. Another night he spoke about the Resurrection, and how it tied into the children's stories they studied that morning. He told me he had a blast with the kids during their free-time activities, and it was great to get to know the youth better over those several days.

Pastor Kevin spoke one evening about being all in for God, and how sometimes we need to make sacrifices. He modeled a real-life sacrifice by choosing to follow through with his commitment to the youth, and staying with them while his eldest daughter went into early labor with her first child. The baby was born while he was at camp Thursday night. He didn't visit the baby until Sunday when he returned home. Talk about turning a lesson into a real-life experience!

We are grateful to offer young people such a special camp experience at Lake Shore Church, and we know that it is God who is behind all that we do. Praise be to God!



take a look at some highlights from summer camp!

God bless this ministry



LAKE SHORE ON THE LAWN

Jefferson Lawn at Lake Shore Church
All are welcome! Invite your friends!

SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 6PM

Adam returns!
featuring the Band

Join us to celebrate Pastor Adam's return from his summer sabbatical! He'll be sharing insights from this transformative experience and reflecting on how our church has operated during his absence.

This special event is completely free—bring your family and friends for an evening filled with music, reflection, and the Word of God. Plus, don't miss our ice cream social in the Welcome Center afterward.

It's going to be a night you won't want to miss!

Please feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets for your comfort.

CONTACT BRENDAN WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



RALLY DAY SEPT 8TH

SIGN UP FOR ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE GROUPS AND VOLUNTEER POSITIONS!

September Anniversaries

- 9/2 James & Joan Martin
- Dan Spear & Cyndi Wallace-Spear
- 9/5 Archibald & Barbara Montgomery
- 9/7 Steve & Cheryl Smark
- 9/11 Kristi & Gregory Droska
- 9/18 Michael & Debora Talluto
- Ken & Jeanne Bolt
- 9/21 Kayla & Joshua Daniels
- 9/25 James & Gail Hall

September Birthdays

- 9/2 Patricia Ihrle
- Ruth Sandora
- 9/3 Nicolle Filipek
- Barbara Jenken
- Rich Kindlinger
- Patrick Michels
- 9/5 Kelly Norris
- 9/9 Susan Smith
- 9/11 Sheena Michels
- 9/12 Walker Szandzik
- 9/13 Christopher Wernet
- Neesha VanGorder
- 9/15 Nicole Thompson
- 9/19 M. Joan LaFountain
- Tanya Kudla
- 9/22 Bradley Wernet
- 9/23 Michele Maksout
- 9/24 Jaceson Hunter
- 9/25 Lillian Glowniak
- 9/26 Morgan Willmer
- Zoe Troyer
- 9/27 Katherine Partridge
- Patrick King
- 9/28 Nicklas Bardeleben
- Patricia Belanger
- Valerie Harvey
- Jean Stanaitis

ANCHOR SMALL GROUP

Facilitated by Joan Martin and Michele Maksout

TUESDAY-NIGHTS 7-8PM
OVER ZOOM
COMING SOON MID-SEPTEMBER

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUNDAY MESSAGE? "ANCHOR" IS HERE FOR YOU!

DIVE DEEP: WE EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURE AND KEY POINTS FROM THE SUNDAY SERMON.
APPLY IT: DISCUSS HOW TO PRACTICALLY LIVE OUT THE MESSAGE IN YOUR DAILY LIFE.
SHARE & GROW: OPEN UP ABOUT HOW GOD SPOKE TO YOU THROUGH THE SERMON.

NO BOOK NEEDED! JUST LISTEN TO THE SERMON, AND YOU'RE READY TO JOIN IN. WE FOCUS ON MAKING THE MESSAGE PERSONAL AND APPLICABLE.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO SMALL GROUPS OR A SEASONED MEMBER, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS.

READY TO ANCHOR YOUR FAITH? WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU.

*To get involved, text
Michele at 586-246-3921*

Current Zoom Info: Meeting ID = 3441485834; Passcode = 922813

Garden Team Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, September 28th
Hours: 9 am - 11 am
Bring your own garden tools
Hope to see you there!

We will be cutting back the perennial flowers and ornamental grasses and will trim shrubs as needed, to get everything tidy for their winter rest.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any compliments or concerns about the church, please drop a signed note in the blue box on the atrium shelf. Your feedback is important to us, and session guarantees to review everything at their meetings. Thank you for helping to better this church!

BREW FOR JESUS!

"BREW FOR JESUS" IS A BEER-BASED BIBLE STUDY DESIGNED TO BE DISCUSSED IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING.

THIS STUDY IS MEANT FOR CHRISTIANS AND THOSE SEEKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHRIST BY LOOKING AT WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BREWING BEER AND HOW THAT CAN SERVE AS AN ANALOGY TO CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIANITY.

LOCATED AT
DRAGONMEAD BREWERY
14600 E. ELEVEN MILE RD, WARREN

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY EVENING AT
7:30PM

SPEAK WITH PASTOR BRENDAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

Trunk n' Treat.

October 25th

Join us for the fun and be part of the excitement! We're looking for individuals to help at trunk n' treat with various roles including food serving, crowd management, clean-up, car decorating, and more. Be sure to check out the **sign-up sheet at Rally Day** to find the perfect job for you!



Pumpkin Patch Volunteers

It's that time of year again! Lake Shore Church is excited to kick off its fourth annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser!

The pumpkin patch will be open from **October 12th to 31st**, and we would love your support to make it a success.

We're looking for volunteers to help with **unloading the pumpkins at 2pm on October 12th** and setting up the patch. Afterward, we will be offering pizza, soda, and cookies as a thank you for all of your hard work!

We also need enthusiastic volunteers to cover **two-hour selling shifts**, Monday through Saturday from 11am to 7pm, and Sundays from 12pm to 5pm.

Join us on Rally Day to sign up for your preferred time slots!

Your involvement makes all the difference—thank you for your support!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Office CLOSED Labor Day	2	3	4	Choir Begins 7pm	5 Office Closed	6
8 Communion Sunday Rally Day 11:30am Lake Shore on the Lawn with an Ice Cream Social! 6pm	9 Pastor Adam's first day back in the office Food Pantry 1pm-2:30pm	10	11 Staff Meeting 9am Bayview Bunch 2:30pm Personnel 6:45pm	12 Traditional Liturgy Team 2pm	13 Office Closed	14 Breakfast Bunch 10am
15 Two Services Resume: Traditional 9am Modern 10:45am Trustees 12pm Youth Group Resumes 6-8pm	16	17	18	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 Meuller's Farm - Youth Event (will take place of this week's Youth Group)	23 Eastside Collaborative 12pm Food Pantry 1pm-2:30pm	24	25 Staff Meeting 9am Bayview Bunch 2:30pm Nominating Team 5pm	26	27 Office Closed	28 Fall Cleanup with the Garden Team 9am-11am
29	30					

Summer Unity Services -
10:30am through
September 8th

Child Care -

- Summer Sundays: ages three through 2nd grade
- Nursery: infants through age three

Two Services Return
September 15th:

- Traditional @ 9am
- Modern @ 10:45am

Weekly Events

Sunday:

- Youth Group @ 6-8pm

Tuesday:

- 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) @ 10:15am
- Choir @ 7pm
- AA @ 7:30pm
- Al Anon @ 7:30pm

Saturday

- NA @ 7:30pm



A thank you note, from a loving member

Dear Lake Shore Church,

Your lovely cards that arrive frequently are truly welcome. It is a reminder of the many years spent in a Lake Shore pew. My daughter Sheila says I have to stop looking back and spend more time looking ahead. That is easier said than done. I had a wonderful marriage with Bob Barr, and raising my three girls. Thanks to their attendance at church, they turned out to be great wives and mothers.

My daily grief is Jeanne Barr Carey. She is now unable to feed herself and never gets out of the wheelchair. I have not seen her for several months. The time before last, she looked at me, then at her daughter, Allison, and said, "Who is that woman standing there." Heart breaking moment when a child no longer recognizes her mother.

I do keep in touch and talk with some of my long time friends and neighbors. All were so good to me. I remember my life and friends so fondly. This is a wonderful place, but like Oz's [Wizard of Oz] Dorothy, I want to go home.

God bless my church, and the wonderful people. Wish I could be with you.

Fondly, Cecelia Barr