

LAKESHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE OPEN DOOR

April 2025

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door..." Revelations 3:8

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SUNDAY 10AM

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9am Adult Bible Study

10am Worship Service

11am Fellowship

2pm Lake Huron Woods Worship

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EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,

We bless your holy name for the love
you've shown us

We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus
Christ,

Who was crucified for our sake

Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,

We are more than grateful to know such
love

Thank you for the gift of new life through
his resurrection

Thank you for the privilege to come close
to you through your son

Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all
the days of our lives

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

What a glorious time of year! Every day we gain more than 3 minutes of daylight! It may be cold some days, but we know that warmer sunnier days lie ahead. Today, March 27, I plan to dig in the garden and plant lettuce, anticipating a harvest in early May! This time of year we also greet more visitors in church. Please be on the lookout for visitors and greet them. Please look around when we pass the peace in worship for visitors, who usually remain in their pews during the passing of the peace. They will feel much more welcomed if our church family seek them out, and reach out a hand to share the peace of Christ. After worship please look around for a new face and invite them to the fellowship time. All of us want to feel important. **At Lakeshore every visitor is important! Greeting visitors lets them know they are important!**

The weekend before Easter Sunday is Palm Sunday. This year we offer a two day bake sale at Lakeshore Church with hundreds of baked items for sale. **A Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and also the next day, Palm Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Any proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Lakeshore.** Please contact Brenda Losey if you'd like to have a table to display your baked goods on Saturday and/or Sunday. Brenda's phone # is 810-858-7350.

Easter Sunday is April 20 this year. Pastor Roxie will lead an Easter Pageant that includes children and adults in the worship service. A rehearsal on Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 AM will distribute speaking parts. If your child would like a speaking part, please inform Pastor Roxie (586-838-9053) ahead of time so that Pastor Roxie can distribute the parts ahead of the Saturday rehearsal. A second rehearsal will be held on Easter morning at 9:00 AM. An Easter Egg Hunt for all children will be held after worship on Easter Sunday.

On Saturday, May 3, at 6:00 PM, the Pine River Legacy Band will present a concert at Lakeshore Church. Tickets are given for a free will offering. All proceeds will go to purchase and install a new sound system for Lakeshore Church. We hope our new sound system will be up and running for this concert.

A great big TIP OF THE HAT THANK YOU to everyone who returned an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2025! The total of all the cards thus far exceeds last year's total by \$1,000. Our estimate of giving to Lakeshore totals a little over \$59,000, while our budget is slightly over \$100,000. The gifts of those who do not return an "Estimate of Giving" card is just as vital for the success of Lakeshore's mission and ministry. Thank you all for supporting Lakeshore Church with your time, talents and treasure.

The Bible tells us in Romans, "Therefore we have been buried with him (JESUS) by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Sheila Miller, 94 years of age, baptized into Christ's death, and a long time member of Lakeshore Church, has passed on to glory thanks to Jesus Christ's resurrection. Sheila served as a Deacon and as an Elder and was a member of the Personnel Committee at the time of her death. Lakeshore is a stronger Church thanks to the ministry of beloved Sheila Miller. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, with visitation at 10:00 AM, the Memorial Service at 11:00 with a meal to follow, all at Lakeshore Church.

This is a glorious time of year to remember the gift Jesus gives us through the resurrection. Soon we will observe the faces of crocuses, daffodils and tulips sending us their sweet colorful greetings. Let us enjoy God's creation!

April Birthdays

5th Susan Nichol
6th Barb Weston
15th Debi Singer
21st Margie Martin
24th Susan Dykstra
24th Roger Sheldon

April Anniversaries

8th Bolmans
28th Singers
28th Dunkels



Holiday Worship Services

April 13 Palm Sunday
10am

April 20 Children's Easter
Pageant 10am
East Egg Hunt-After
Worship



The Deacons will be hosting a Bake Sale on April 12(10am-3pm) and Sunday April 13 (after worship service). The Bake Sale promises to be a delicious and delectable event. Get your Easter goodies before they run out.



Community Corner

Church Meeting



April 1 2pm Stewardship

April 3 1pm Deacons

April 3 3pm E and O

April 10 12:30 Worship

April 10 1:30 Session

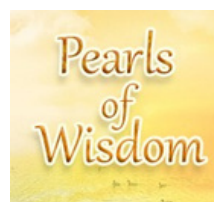
April 10 3pm Christ. Ed.

Irish Tea

What a great time we had at our Irish Tea held on March 15th. As promised, we enjoyed many different types of Irish food.

Thank you to Lois Koon. She is quite talented and we appreciate her. Lois was the hostess for the tea.

Entertainment was provided by our own Phil and Marsha Larson



Pearl Manasseh

My Cup Runneth Over

Good Day Good Person -

Are you a pray-er? I have an urgent request and I'm know you good people will help with this situation.

My beloved Mighty Mouse, the friend who has become my ninety-four year old English Mum, had a fall and could use some intercession.

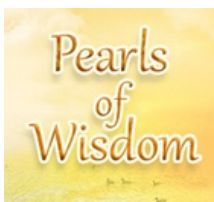
Just a couple of months ago we created a verbal contract wherein she agreed she wouldn't leave this realm until she could celebrate when something specific happened in my life, and it hasn't happened yet. So you see, she has to stay and be able to celebrate, too.

To be honest I don't know how dire her situation is, just heard how tired and kinda defeated she sounded when she left a message earlier today saying she'd been taken somewhere for more care. I haven't gotten back to her yet because I figure she needs to rest.

I'm really hoping and praying that when I talk with her we'll be laughing again and this will just be a blip in her impressive life. (Please, God?)

She's someone who knows as much about me as anyone can (and vice versa) in only about ten years. In spite of the PTSD and DID reactions and the times earlier in our relationship when I tried to push her away because of the attachment disorder issues, she not only never let me go, she's also always been accepting of me as I was in any phase of this healing journey. She's even frequently told me what a blessing I am for her!

I can never tell her enough what a blessing she is



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I actually love it when I get to do anything for her because she's taught me how to love in a reciprocating way; that's been a 'Holy Grail' goal.

She's the person I laugh with the most, and it's always at ourselves.

At the beginning of the week we went to a solemn occasion.

What's unfortunate though is one of our greater sources of humor is MM is blind and I'm not the best 'leader person for the blind'. I appear to be capable of assisting in only one aspect when trying to guide her; either watching the ground so she doesn't trip, or keeping an eye on her other side so she doesn't run into solid surfaces.

On the way into the church she had to walk across grass, an uneven sidewalk, then up 7 or 8 steps and she never tripped. However, we then had to go through a narrow doorframe, down an aisle and through a second doorway. (uh-oh)

I have no idea how many times her left side hit a door frame or pew so we were trying not to laugh at my ineptitude, but after the umpteenth time I leaned down to (hopefully) quietly whisper in her ear, "I'll pay you a dollar for every bruise you end up with". She quickly responded with "Is that all you're paying me? Shouldn't it be more by now?" I couldn't keep the laughter completely suppressed any longer.

It was such a respectfully quiet, solemn room, and then there was us. I honestly expected someone to ask us to leave, and rightfully so.

.A couple of weeks ago I read something about if you have two or three people in your life who you can be your real self with, truly trust and can count on even when your back is turned, then you're richly blessed. I was in such a snarly, sniveling mood at the time I hard a time coming up with two - Mighty Mouse being one of them, of course.

Yesterday when I was writing a gratitude list, per usual MM was on it, and then was able to acknowledge 5 or 6 other people who fit the 'truly trustworthy friend' list.

It's the first time I've ever personally experienced the heart and soul healed and edifying: "My cup runneth over."

Thank You, God. †

I pray you, too, can acknowledge those who genuinely have your back, including yourself.

Amen. †



In Memorial

We come with sad news that our beloved Sheila Miller has passed away. Sheila was a long time member of the church having become a member on June 6, 1975. She served on Session and as a Deacon. Her most recent committee was personnel in which she served to the end.



April Events



April 13 after Worship

Community Corner