

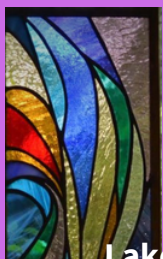
LAKESHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPEN DOOR

May 2026

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE
SANCTUARY
SUNDAY 10AM
-OR-
ACCESS THE LIVESTREAM
OF SUNDAY'S WORSHIP
<https://meet.google.com/rik-bqqf-rye>
phone call: 1-929-282-0976 and
at the prompt enter: 574 737 948#.



9am Adult Bible Study
10am Worship Service
11am Fellowship
2pm Lake Huron Woods

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From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever asked the question: “Why do I set aside time every week to travel to Lakeshore for worship?” or “Why do I put my hard earned money into the offering on Sunday morning?” or “Is it worth my time and money to be involved with Lakeshore Church?” We all put a lot into Lakeshore Church. What do we get out of it? What do we get back for our investment?

We worship GOD, because HE made this wonderful world and this inscrutable universe. The Bible makes clear that God wants us to worship Him. **In the Ten Commandments the first commandment is: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:2-3)** When Jesus was being tempted in the desert by the devil he said to the devil, “You shall worship the LORD your GOD, and serve only Him.” This is God’s world and we were created to worship God.

In worship, and ideally in all we do, we meet Jesus, our resurrected LORD. Jesus teaches us how to live our lives to be the most abundant possible. The lessons Jesus teaches are not things we learn in the world outside of his body, the church. For example Jesus teaches, **“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.” (Luke 6:37-38)** Where in the world could you learn not to judge others and not to condemn others.? Where else could we learn that when we forgive we receive forgiveness, and where could you learn that when we give, we receive? Jesus teaches things that are not obvious, but when we put them into practice, we find that Jesus speaks the Truth. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!

In Lakeshore we become Christ’s followers who practice prayer. When we go through difficult stretches in our lives, we benefit from prayer. Jesus said, **“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” (Matthew 21:22)** Prayer concerns are prayed for on Sunday mornings during the Pastoral Prayer. Every Thursday at 10:30 AM prayer warriors gather and pray for all the concerns that have been raised in worship and other times. We’ve seen God mercifully answer prayer. We have experienced our church family come through dire health challenges fully healed. Prayer has also helped people heal from the loss of a loved one or the loss of a beloved pet. We support one another in prayer. We all benefit.

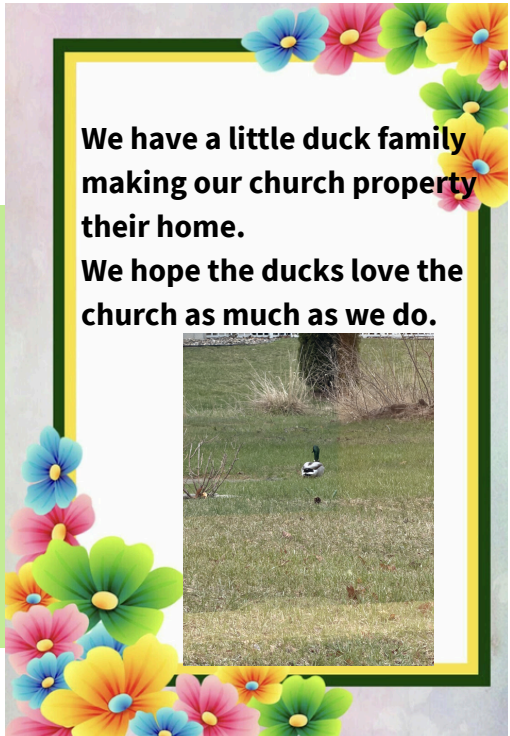
.At Lakeshore we are all a bunch of sinners who must rely upon the grace of God for salvation. We come together without the need to put on airs. We can be ourselves. Each of us is different and no one is better than the next person. We’re traveling through life together. We need each other to get through this life and we need Jesus Christ to enter eternal life. **Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)** When we give our concerns over to God, our worries diminish. Thanks be to God!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Philippians 4:4) We, the Lakeshore Church family, have many reasons to rejoice. I thank God for you, and for all our Lakeshore Church family!!



**Lee Fearnside's
Memorial Service**

**May 9th in Church
1pm
Luncheon to follow**



**We have a little duck family
making our church property
their home.
We hope the ducks love the
church as much as we do.**



**The Evangelism and Outreach
committee would like to welcome
two groups who use our facilities
for their meetings. The
International Club meets on the
third Saturday of each month. The
Pythian Sisters meet on the fourth
Monday of the month. If you would
like to join either group, please talk
to Sue Dykstra**



*On April 19th, the
congregation was blessed
to have Dr. Melissa Allison
deliver the sermon. Dr.
Allison serves as Stated
Clerk for the Detroit
Presbytery.*

May Devotional

Attitude of Gratitude by Bill Crowder

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful (Colossians 3:15)

In my state in the United States, the winters can be brutal, with sub-zero temperatures and never-ending snow. One bitterly cold day, as I shoveled snow for what seemed like the thousandth time, our postman paused in his rounds to ask how I was doing. I told him that I disliked winter and was weary of all the heavy snow. I then commented that his job must be pretty rough during these extreme weather conditions. He responded, "Yeah, but at least I have a job. A lot of people don't. I'm thankful to be working."

I have to admit that I felt quite convicted by his attitude of gratitude. How easily we can lose sight of everything we have to be thankful for when the circumstances of life become unpleasant.

Paul told the followers of Christ at Colossae, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). He wrote to the Thessalonians, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Even in our times of genuine struggle and pain, we can know God's peace and permit it to rule our hearts. And in that peace, we'll find reminders of all that we've been given in Christ. In that, we can truly be thankful.

Music Fest Fellowship Concert

May 2nd at 6pm

Circle of Friends will be performing

CANCELLED

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Mother's Day Brunch

Please join us on May 10th at 11am to celebrate mothers on their special day!

**Communion
May 3rd**



May

Birthdays

1st Sue Bergeon
11th George Singer
12th Lois Koon
20th Pat Pryor
28th Lisa Sears

Meetings

6th Deacons 4pm
7th E and O 11am
12th Stewardship 10am
14th Worship 12:30pm
14th Session 1:30pm

Events

10th Mother's Day Brunch 11am
13th Potluck 4pm
16th Craft Day 1-3pm
28th Pray With the Pastor 12pm-2pm

Easter Service

As usual our Easter Worship was quite meaningful. The title of Pastor Bill's sermon "YES! HE IS Risen"

Our congregation is very blessed to have such a knowledgeable pastor as we do. God truly blessed our congregation!



Food Collection
Deacons will be collecting food on May 3rd. Please bring nonperishable food items

**GOD
NEVER
STOPS,
LISTENING,
SO
NEVER STOP
PRAYING**

Our prayer group meets every Thursday beginning at 10:30am. After praying, we all go to a restaurant and enjoy the fellowship of the prayer group members. We do what Presbyterians do best, pray and eat. Everyone is welcome to join us!



FAMILY FEUD

What Do Presbyterians Do Best?
The survey said

1. Love Jesus
2. Read the Bible
3. Pray
4. Cook
5. Eat
6. Pray some more



If you like to sing, please see Phil Larson and join the choir. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Loon
Photo taken in Huron
County

