

LAKESHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# THE OPEN DOOR

April 2023

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

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

**SUNDAY 10AM**

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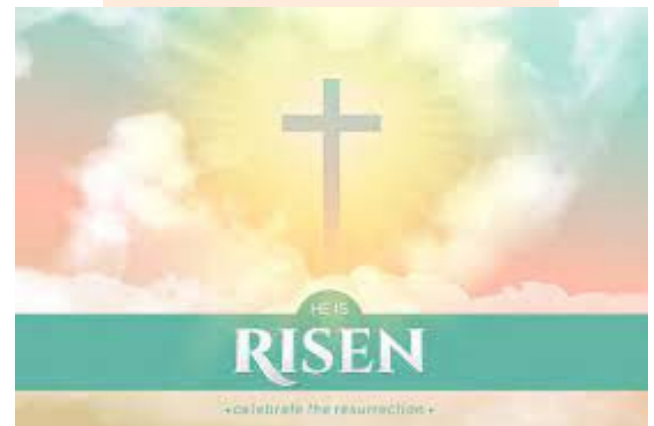
**OF SUNDAY'S WORSHIP**

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## The Message

Apr 2	Pastor Bre	Apr 23	Pastor Diane
Apr 9	Pastor Bill	Apr 30	Pastor Bill
Apr 16	Pastor Bre	May 7	Pastor Bre
	May 14	Pastor Diane	



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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

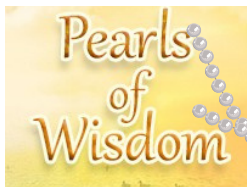
Dear Lakeshore Church Family & Friends,

Numbers are important. On Pentecost Sunday (50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ) Peter informed the crowds in Jerusalem that Jesus, who had been crucified just 52 days previously, was both Lord and Messiah. The Bible says that those who heard Peter were “cut to the heart.” They asked “What should we do?” Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” The Bible goes on to say that those who welcomed Peter’s message were baptized, and about 3,000 persons were added that day. Numbers are important to God, and it is important to keep in mind that each of those 3,000 individuals was important to God and to the early church. God cares about each sparrow and God cares about each individual. “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29-31) Each sparrow is important to God and each of us is important to God.

The number of people worshiping and serving God in Lakeshore Church is growing. For example this past Sunday, March 19th, we had 42 in worship, and last year we had 22. We had 13 in our 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study last Sunday and a year ago we had about 7. In our Fellowship time after worship we had 28 this past Sunday and about 20 last year. These numbers are important, but more important is each individual that these numbers represent.

Our purpose at Lakeshore Church is to enable each person who attends the Adult Bible Study, the worship service, or the Fellowship time to experience a better quality life because of their relationship to Jesus Christ and Lakeshore Church. They must know that they are important to us. They must know that we care about them. God cares about each of us. We love God. We love one another. From the time an individual walks through one of our doors, we need to show that we care about that individual. We do that by introducing ourselves and asking about how they learned about Lakeshore Church. When we show interest in anyone, we don’t know, we let them know they are important to us. When someone worships with us, the Evangelism & Outreach Committee sends a card the same week, letting that person know that their presence in worship was appreciated. Pastor Bill follows up with a call or a card as well. We are servants of Jesus Christ sharing the love of Jesus Christ with every individual who walks through our doors. As they walk with Jesus Christ, their lives improve. Let us continue to warmly receive anyone who joins us for any activity, and the numbers will continue to be encouraging next year and well into the future. Jesus Christ is Head of Lakeshore Presbyterian Church! Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Bill*



Pearl Vermander

### Expectations Can Be Tricky

We're told that if we imagine something we want to manifest into our lives with intensity, tenacity, and consistency, we can expect to receive it.

Yet when I've tried to do that, I've sometimes missed out on what I was believing for because it showed up in God's time and ways instead of exactly as how I imagined it 'should' and I didn't recognize it in the moment.

I can expect people to be who I think they should be as opposed to who they truly are, and then get angry or hurt by them because they didn't measure up to those impossible-because-it's-not-who-they-are specifications.

We can also assume we 'should' be able to do this, that, and the other things finished in specific time frames, then become disgusted because we didn't get it all done as perfectly as we imagined and when we thought we could.

Some people make offers and promises they won't keep.

However . . .

When God makes a promise, whether in His Word or our hearts, He always follows through in HIS time and ways.

When we relinquish our desire to completely control our own (and others') lives and put our hope, faith, and trust in God, we can expect Divine intervention that can exceed any hope we imagined.

We have complete faith in the expectation that because of our Savior Jesus Christ, our sins are completely forgiven and we can let all our guilt

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**Come Away and Be....  
Renewed  
Refreshed  
Inspired**

Does that sound inviting? Does it seem like the kind of experience you've been needing?

If so, you are invited to attend the next Great Lakes Pilgrimage Spiritual Renewal Weekend, October 13-15 at Echo Grove Camp and Retreat Center in Leonard, MI.

The Spiritual Renewal Weekend is an opportunity to *Come Away* and spend time with God and each other. Let God meet you wherever you are on your faith journey and experience the weekend in your own unique way.

The Weekend is formed around a series of talks given by both clergy and lay people, small group discussions, music, singing, laughter and prayer,

Twelve members of the Lakeshore Church family have attended one of these Renewal Weekends. Here's what some of them have said about their experiences:

*"The weekend changed my life and brought me closer to God."*

*"I felt renewed. Like an old cloth with new dye."*

If you are interested in attending the Fall Weekend, now is the time to fill out an application- space is limited to 12 guests. Pastor Bill or Bev Matlas would be happy to talk with you about the weekend. Brochures and applications are available on the table in the Narthex.

## Community Corner



## The Luck of the Irish

The 32 people who attended the March 18th Irish Tea certainly were the "lucky ones" as they enjoyed an afternoon of delicious Irish treats, a cuppa Irish tea, and the melodic sounds of the bagpiper's grace notes.

The event was chaired by Linda Smalldon, who lovingly prepared an assortment of Irish food such as Blarney Stone Taters, Salmon Cheesecake, Corned Beef Puffs, Irish Eggs, and a variety of sweets.

Wanda McCormick assisted Linda in the kitchen and Linda's hubby, Dick, was the official "taste tester", a position he gladly accepted.



To round out the festivities, Jacob Beerbower, a student at Alma College, played several Irish tunes on the bagpipes



The Evangelism and Outreach Committee thanks Linda, Dick and Wanda and all those who attended who made this a very fun-filled event.



## Community Corner



## Pearls of Wisdom (cont'd from pg 3)

and shame go and live in freedom. Our lives are redeemed and we have value and are loved by Him (God!!!!) beyond our comprehension; our hearts are healed and filled to overflowing, and minds are renewed.

We can do more in peace when we rest in Him than we ever could when making ourselves miserable by trying to do in our own strength what God can much more easily do through us.

I guess it all depends on who we expect from; mortals, or our Heavenly Father.

*Dear Heavenly Abba -*

*Thank You that You are the one Being we can have full expectation of being heard by and completely and truly accepted, loved, and Divinely led to our best love and lives.*

*I surrender my dreams and hopes to You in order to better hear Your expectations of me, which are never too much, too little or not in our best interests.*

*In Jesus name,  
Amen!!!*



### With Beauty and Grace

Our very own Cassidy and Joslyn Gerrow skated with beauty and grace at the Port Huron Figure Skating Club's recent ice show held on February 25th.

The ice show, "Generations: 60 Years of Ice Magic-Ice Fantasies 2023", was held at Glacier Pointe Ice arena.



Cassidy and Joslyn have skated for ten years. Cassidy started at age seven and Joslyn started at age three.

Cassidy stated that she loves figure skating because of her family and Joslyn said she loves to skate because of the ice shows.



Cassidy and Joslyn are coached by Allysa Hankins, Linda Murray, and Tracy Slezinski.

Congratulations ladies on a beautiful performance. Well done!!!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Apr 5</b> Susan Nichol Toni Osborne	<b>Apr 24</b> Sue Dykstra
<b>Apr 8</b> Richard & Jackie Bolman	<b>Apr 28</b> George & Debi Singer
<b>Apr 10</b> Clay & Toni Osborne	<b>May 1</b> Sue Bergeon Wyatt Bade
<b>Apr 15</b> Debi Singer	<b>May 2</b> Roger & Mary-Beth Sheldon
<b>Apr 17</b> Derrick Harmon	<b>May 3</b> Melissa Dykstra Pierrette Thelander
<b>Apr 18</b> Dwaine Tabor	
<b>Apr 24</b> Roger Sheldon	

## Welcome to the Lakeshore Family

On March 19th, we welcomed Kathrin Pennanen, Janet Saxon, Jim Thelander, and Pierrette Thelander to our congregation.

Janet grew up on a farm in Rochester, MI and fondly remembers when Rochester was a "small town:"

Kathrin is a veteran of the United States Navy. She hails from Florida where she was a Physical Education teacher.

Jim is also a veteran of the United States Navy where he served on submarines. Following his service he went to Northern Michigan University graduating in the top of his class. He taught Industrial Arts in the Troy school system for over twenty years.

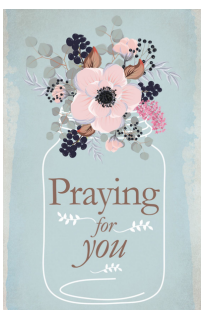


Pierrette was born and raised in Montreal Quebec, Canada. She is fluent in the French language.

As they say in Montreal. "bienvenue nouveaux membres" (Welcome new members)!

## The Lakeshore Community is keeping you in our prayers

Debi Singer  
Gail Vermander



## Finance Snapshot

### For the Month Ending 02/28/23

Operating Income:	\$ 5,540.05
Operating Expenses:	\$ 7,481.07

### Investments @12/31/22

Thrivent:	\$38,105.84
	\$16,514.60
Stifel*	\$33,729.75
New Covenant:	\$34,197.23
Presbyterian Fndn:	\$19,270.53

\*02/28/23

## Drop In and See For Yourself



It's a warm friendly relaxing time. What a great way to start the day. Sit back and listen to the reading of four scriptures.

You can participate if you wish, ask questions, express your thoughts or just simply enjoy the moment.

You are encouraged to join us at 9:00 Sunday morning. You will be welcomed with a friendly smile and a warm cup of coffee (if you wish).

Hope to see you this Sunday,  
The Christian Education Committee

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year we have the opportunity at Easter time to help people around the world who are most in need. Envelopes for your gift will be made available on April 2nd and 9th.

Our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering is divided three ways:

Disaster Assistance:	32%
Hunger Program:	36%
Self-Development of People:	32%

Thank you for considering a gift to help people in the USA and worldwide who could most benefit from our generosity.



## **Human Trafficking Conference**

**April 1**

**1-4pm**

**Lexington Municipal Mobile Park Clubhouse**

**5203 Main St**

**Lexington**

**Contact Pearl Vermander for details**

**810-941-1881**



## **CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT**

**All children are welcome to be a part of our Palm Sunday Pageant on Sunday April 2nd. Please arrive by 9:15am on April 2nd for a brief rehearsal before worship. A good Easter gift for any child in your life would be to bring her/him to church on Palm Sunday! It will be educational for all of us. It will be fun for all of us.**



**April 8**

**6-8pm**

**Family Game Night**

**Bring your favorite game and a munchie to share**



**April 12**

**6pm**

**Bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy a dinner with friends old and new**





# Children's Zone

## HAPPY EASTER!



# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Human Trafficking Conf 5203 Main St Lexington
2 Children's Pageant	3	4 1:30 pm Stewardship & Mgt	5 10 am Rug Hookers	6 4pm Deacons	7	8 6pm Family Games Night
9 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt	10	11	12 6 pm Potluck	13 12:30 pm Worship 1:30 pm Session	14	15
16 11:15 am VBS Planning	17	18	19 10 am-3pm Fiber Arts Guild Workshop	20 10 am -3pm Fiber Arts Guild Workshop	21	22
23 11:15 am E&O	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**SUNDAY**  
**9 am** Bible Study  
**10 am** Worship  
**11:15 am** Fellowship  
**2 pm** Worship Lake Huron Woods  
**7 pm** AA

**FRIDAY**  
**7 pm** AA

# May 2023

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7	8	9	10	11 12:30 pm Worship 1:30 pm Session	12	13 6pm Family Games Night
14 11:15 am Mother's Day Lunch	15	16	17 10 am Rug Hookers 6 pm Potluck	18	19	20
21 11:15 am E&O	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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**MONDAY**  
10 am RESA play group