

# LAKE SHORELINES



December 13, 2017

## the IRRATIONAL Season



**Worship at Lake Shore**  
**The Third Sunday**  
**of Advent**

**The Worship of God**  
*December 17, 2017*

**Sermon**  
*Kyndall Rothaus*

**The Scripture**  
*Isaiah 64:1-4; 8-11*

If by chance some winged angelic messenger from God should appear to us this season, whether it be the angel Gabriel or an angel like most of the ones we see this time of year . . . I think that angel's word from the Lord would be the same as those first words that the angel spoke to Mary: "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you."

— William Willimon



## Missions Tree

Thank you for your favorable response to the Advent Missions Tree. More than sixty percent of the projects have been selected.

In this season of giving, you may be able to help with another project in our world, by writing a check for a place in our world that we have connected with this year — Houston (for the hurricane relief that will need funds for a long time); Chengdu, China (for the Ramirezes new ministry); Turkey (to help Syrian refugees).

Or choose from those still left for Habitat for Humanity, the Family Abuse Center, and the Meyer Center. These community agencies have suggested a number of ways we can help them.

**Remember:** If you shopped for an item in a store, please check the due date for your selection/s; the date is printed on the gift tag. Gifts for some of the local non-profit agencies are requested by this coming Sunday, December 17, or Wednesday, December 20, so they can be delivered prior to Christmas. Gifts do not need to be wrapped.

Monetary gifts and gift cards may be turned in to the office until Sunday morning, December 24. We appreciate your help with fulfilling the wish lists submitted by our local and global partners.

## After Wednesday night dinner Christmas music tonight

Wednesday, December 13  
6:15 p.m.

Carols and songs performed in all styles  
by Lake Shore church family members



— children, youth,  
and adults. Hear  
their vocal and  
instrumental music  
on guitar, violin,  
viola, cello, piano —  
and maybe some that  
surprise you!

## Caroling and Chili Supper Wednesday, December 20

Be here at 5:00.

We'll board the bus in the front of the church.

The bus leaves **promptly** at 5:15 p.m.

Chili *after* caroling (corny dogs for children)  
(so eat an appetizer before you board  
the bus if you're used to eating early!)

\$3 adults, \$2 children (corny dogs for children)

We don't use our regular Wednesday night supper list  
for this meal, so sign up on the list outside.

The office or email [krysta@lsbcwaco.org](mailto:krysta@lsbcwaco.org).



## Service of Light in the Darkness

December 17  
3:00 p.m.

*A quiet interlude from the expectations of the holidays, especially for those who find this season difficult.*

*A time of worship to bring our pains and losses before God to redeem in hope.*



### ***Celebrations...***

Katy Plaa Jarvis graduated December 16 from the occupational therapy program at MCC. She will take her state board exams in early 2018.

### ***Prayers for . . .***

Joan Parsons is having a procedure tomorrow on her back. Dianna Vitanza, who fell at Baylor on Friday and broke her arm.

David Ryals, charter member and deacon of LSBC, as he undergoes chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer that was diagnosed last September. He will continue chemo for two more months before additional testing will be completed to determine further treatment. David and Becky live in Austin. We have their address in the church office if you would like to send a card.

David Mosley, who had a nuclear stress test Tuesday morning. He will know the results in a couple of days.

Bob Goldsmith, who joined Lake Shore in 1995, died on December 3. Our prayers are with his wife, Delores, and their children. His service was Thursday, December 7.

Susan Johnson asks for prayers for her mother, Patricia Johnson, who broke both legs when she was involved in an accident in her nursing home in Connecticut. She has severe dementia.

## 2017 budget contributions

Contributions must be received before December 31st to be counted in this year's budget.

[Click here](#) to read about Alice Baird's letter in the WacoTrib.

## Choir Rehearsal

There will be an abbreviated choir rehearsal Wednesday, December 20 at 7:45, to go over the anthem and introit.

**Christmas Eve Service  
Sunday,  
December 24  
6:00 p.m.**



## Welcome to the Neimeiers

We welcome Kasey and Brandy Neimeier, our newest Lake Shore members. When asked what drew them to Lake Shore, they responded, "We have been visiting for about a month and fell in love right away with the people and atmosphere. We heard through Charley Garrison how affirming the church was and wanted to be a part of something so beautiful. It is our belief that all are loved by God, and it is important to be in a church that believes the same."

The Neimeiers have two grown children, Austyn and Christian, who occasionally attend with them. And most weeks they bring their granddaughter, Sapphire.

Kasey and Brandy were both raised in South Texas, but moved from Weatherford most recently. They are both photographers. "We value family time. We play video games when we can," Kasey said." He wants to work with children at church, and Brandy would like to put her photography skills to work for the church.

Welcome to Lake Shore, Brandy and Kasey. We look forward to getting to know you better, growing together, and living into the kind of church God calls us to be.



### Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian  
Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist  
Claire Helton, Minister to Children  
Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth  
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager  
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC  
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager  
Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor  
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 17

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship  
3:00—Newsletter Deadline  
3:00—Light in the Darkness  
4:30—Soulfriends

#### Tuesday, December 19

1:30—Staff Meeting

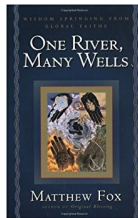
#### Wednesday, December 20

5:15—Chili and Caroling  
7:45—Choir Rehearsal

### Staff Notes

Sharlande is taking PTO hours on Monday and Tuesday, December 18 and 19.

### The Metanoia Sunday School Class



The Metanoia Sunday School class will begin discussion of *One River, Many Wells* by Matthew Fox on January 7. All are welcome. Contact Claudia Beal at [three-beals@gmail.com](mailto:three-beals@gmail.com) or 254-855-1621 for questions about the class.

### Volunteers for Sunday, December 17

Extended Care: Abigail Freiberger  
Ushers: Noah Fau  
Lawyah Kari

### Wednesday night supper December 20

Chili and corny dogs  
\$300 for Adults  
\$2.00 for Children

We're not using the standing reservations list on December 20. Please call or write your name on the list in the hall if you will carol and eat next Wednesday night.

## WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

ABRIDGED

### Wednesday 12/13

Christmas Music performed by LS children, youth, and adults

### Sunday 12/17

**Deadline to sign up for Mid Winter**

9:30am - Sunday School  
3pm - Service of Light in the Darkness  
5-8pm - Progressive Dinner

### Upcoming

12/23 - Chandler Evans' Birthday  
12/25 - Zach Wilson's Birthday  
1/12-14th - MidWinter Retreat

For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email [zach@lsbcwaco.org](mailto:zach@lsbcwaco.org).

**No Sunday School classes on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve  
Worship at 10:45 both Sundays.**

### Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2017 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,346.15. This week's budget receipts were \$8,917.50.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$467,307.69	\$458,064.41	(\$9,243.28)

To give online, please click [here](#).