

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

March 13, 2019



LENT

Our own efforts will consist in shifting and sorting out everything that is not essential and that fills up space and

silence in us and in discovering what sort of shape this emptiness in us is. From this we will learn God's purpose for us.

— Caryll Houslander

Worship at Lake Shore The Second Sunday of Lent

The Worship of God
March 17, 2019

Preaching
Sakina Dixon and Kyndall Rothaus



Contemplative Prayer

A Series on Wednesday Nights during Lent
beginning March 20

6:15 — after supper

We will explore how contemplative prayer can be a pathway to repentance and transformation, deepening our awareness of communal and systemic sin and opening our hearts to become agents of love. Instead of listening to a lecture, during Lent you will be invited to participate in the practice of prayer. (No prior contemplative experience required! There is space for everyone—even the fidgety and those averse to silence.)

— Kyndall and Ross

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 20
6:15 p.m.

To vote on the recommendation of the Committee Coordinating Council to nominate the following people to serve on the search committee for the Minister to Children, Youth, and Families. All individuals have agreed to serve.

Aaron Abel
Bekah Briscoe
Sakina Dixon
Preston Dyer
Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks
Jenna Swanson
John Ucci
Angela Whorton (chair)
Laura Zimmer-Millay

“My Messy House”

by Kathleen Norris, from *Amazing Grace*
a good word to read each Lenten season

When I’m working as an artist-in-residence at parochial schools, I like to read the psalms out loud to inspire the students, who are usually not aware that the snippets they sing at Mass are among the greatest poems in the world. But I have found that when I have asked children to write their own psalms, their poems often have an emotional directness that is similar to that of the Biblical Psalter. They know what it’s like to be small in a world designed for big people, to feel lost and abandoned. Children are frequently astonished to discover that the psalmists so freely express the more unacceptable emotions, sadness and even anger, even anger at God, and all of this is in the Bible that they hear read in church on Sunday morning.

Children who are picked on by their big brothers

and sisters can be remarkably adept when it comes to writing cursing psalms, and I believe that the writing process offers them a safe haven in which to work through their desires for vengeance in a healthy way. Once a little boy wrote a poem called, “The Monster Who Was Sorry.” He began by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him: his response in the poem is to throw his sister down the stairs, and then to wreck his room, and finally to wreck the whole town. The poem concludes: “Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, ‘I shouldn’t have done all that.’”

“My messy house” says it all: with more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage and also gave him a way out. If that boy had been a novice in the fourth-century monastic desert, his elders might have told him that he was well on the way toward repentance, no such a monster after all, but only human. If the house is messy, they might have said, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?

A Case Against Hunger

**Lake Shore’s annual drive
to help replenish the shelves at Caritas**

Sundays, March 17, 24, 31

Wednesdays, March 20, 27

**before and after Sunday School and worship
before Wednesday night supper**

Here’s how it works:

- The Caritas covenant group orders cases of food that will be delivered to Lake Shore.
- You may purchase food before and after Sunday School, after worship, and before Wednesday night supper.
- You may choose between canned meats, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, peanut butter, and pasta.
- Children may purchase macaroni & cheese by the box rather than by the case.
- After March 31, Caritas will pick up the food Lake Shore has purchased to help fill the shelves.



The Mission of Caritas is “to provide urgent support to people in need in our community through emergency assistance with food, prescription drugs, clothing, household items and utilities and through two thrift stores.” Last year Caritas served 24,000 people with supplemental food assistance.

—Sponsored by: *Caritas Covenant Group*

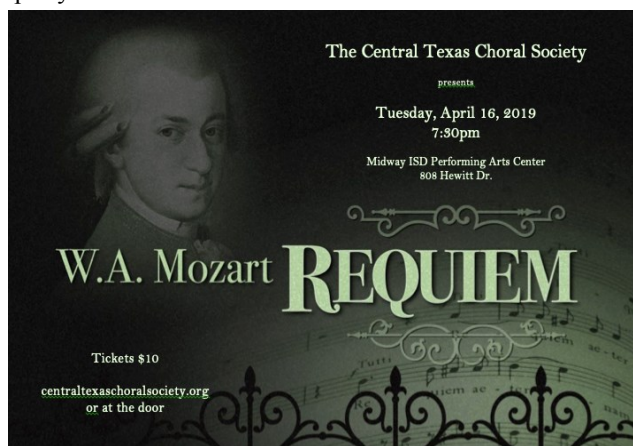
Children's Corner

This week we talked about the changing season of the church. We noticed that the colors in the sanctuary have changed to purple. We also talked about the alleluia and why we don't say it in church during Lent. The alleluia's went into a treasure box where they will be safely stored until Easter.

Lenten devotionals are still available in the hallway. It is a long journey through Lent, so it's not too late to start. Each week, the booklet will guide you through scripture, reflection, discussion, activity, and prayer.

Choose to do everything for the week or maybe just pick something that stands out to you. For a digital copy, write us at: lsbcwacokids@gmail.com

Chandler Evans playing in Mozart's *Requiem* in April. He hopes you will come to the concert.



Celebrations

Charles Conkin and Michelle Stokes are the parents of a new daughter, Edith Clare. She has a big sister, Evelyn, who was born in Waco, when Charles was Minister to Youth at Lake Shore, and a big brother, Jonas, who was born in Lexington, Kentucky, where Charles is Associate Pastor at Central Baptist Church.



Prayers for . . .

The children and grandchildren of Carolyn Plaa: Christy Plaa Malar and her daughter, Haley; Katy Plaa Malar and her sons, Ty and Hunter; and her sister, Mary Priddy. We have their addresses in the office if you would like to send them cards.

Rosemary Richards' daughter Elizabeth, who is doing better every day. She is in a step-down room at Medical Center Dallas, and because of her steady progress in her therapy, she is now awaiting a bed in neurological rehab. The family is greatly heartened by these encouraging reports.

Louise Clark, who is one of our nursery workers, received a diagnosis of congestive heart failure and type-2 diabetes last week. She has fluid in her lungs. Our prayers are with Lou as she sees the heart and lung specialists.

Fred Gehlbach, who is scheduled to come home from St. Catherine's on Friday.

John DeVries, whose uncle, Gerald Jud, 99, died in Montrose, PA, where he had been in hospice care.

Nathan Stone and his doctors are continuing to explore options for treatment.

Kyndall, who asks for prayers for her foster baby.

JoAnn Miller, who returned from the hospital on Saturday.

Palm Sunday Soup Supper

Palm Sunday — April 14, 6:00 pm

We give in partnership with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition for the benefit of refugees and asylum seekers in Texas

Each year this ministry focuses on an area of the world where people are suffering from war, political unrest, or natural disaster, resulting in hunger and food insecurity. At the Soup Supper we each choose a one-of-a-kind bowl to purchase and fill with soup. We encourage everyone who eats at the Soup Supper to take a bowl home to eat from all of Holy Week while praying for those our money is helping. The cost of the soup is already covered through your gifts to the Lake Shore missions budget. All the money given for bowls at the Soup Supper goes directly to hunger relief.

The Soup Supper is a chance for Lake Shore members and their guests to gather for a simple meal and time of prayer as we remember our neighbors who experience hunger as a daily need. Every bit of the money (\$15 for each adult and \$5 per child) from this year's Soup Supper will go directly to the Interfaith Welcome Coalition in San Antonio. Lake Shore's missions budget pays for the soup. Each person who eats supper pays for a bowl made by Glenda Ramsower, of Lake Shore, and Paul McCoy, of Baylor.

The IWC came together in the summer of 2014 in response to the overwhelming need of unaccompanied children coming to the United States from Central America. In response to the crisis a broad network of faith communities and community organizations began working closely with RAICES, a nonprofit organization who are the legal advocates for refugees and asylum seekers. The IWC's values are the basic human dignity of all people; listening to and sharing the stories of the people the churches serve; seeking justice and fairness on behalf of those in need; and shared faith which inspires us to welcome the stranger.



Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
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 Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor
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**Volunteers for
 Sunday, March 17**

Extended Care: Jenna Swanson
 Judy Bowman
 Ushers: Barbara Hobbs
 Willie Hobbs
 Greeters: Barbara Hobbs
 Henry Kari

Staff Notes

Krysta is out this week.

Sharlande will be out next Wednesday and Thursday.

Youth Update

Wednesday (3/13) - No dinner/seminar/youth Sunday (3/17)
9:30am - Sunday School: check ins
5:30-6ish - Youth at the Movies- *Captain Marvel* (probably at the AMC)

Upcoming

ASAP - RSVP for Summer Camp/Retreat
March 22nd - Company of Parents: Talking about Sexuality and Gender ([RSVP Here](#))
March 24th - Youth Meeting with PPoGT instructor
April 12th — Company of Parents: Enneagram and Understanding
May ?? - Company of Parents: Talking to Kids and Youth about Finances

**Wednesday night supper
 March 20**

Chicken a la Paris, rice, mushrooms, bundle beans, dessert
 children, \$3.00
 youth & adults, \$6.00



The forum on China that Steve Gardner is organizing on March 20-21 will feature presentations by the Chinese Consul General and other notable speakers. For information on the program and free registration, see baylor.edu/globalbusiness.

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

February, 2019 LSBC Financial Snapshot

This represents the new report format we will use on a monthly basis to report on church finances. By tracking our income and expenses relative to the same time period in the prior year, we get a more accurate reflection of how we're doing meeting our budget and controlling expenses.

	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	% Change	Year To Date, 2019	Year to Date, 2018	% Change
Undesignated income	\$ 24,678	\$ 44,770	(45%)	\$ 80,424	\$ 73,756	+9%
Designated income	\$ 4,951	\$ 501	+888%	\$ 7,188	\$ 601	+1096%
Total Income	\$ 29,629	\$ 45,271	(35%)	\$ 87,612	\$ 74,357	+18%
Expenses	\$ 41,533	\$ 59,045	(30%)	\$ 77,108	\$ 101,410	(24%)
Difference	(\$ 11,904)	(\$13,775)	14%	\$ 10,504	(\$ 27,054)	NM

Notes: Undesignated income is for the annual church budget. The 2019 Church Budget is \$521,779, a 2% increase over the 2018 Budget. 2019 income numbers do not include the Deborah Harris gift, which has been moved into a 6-month Certificate of Deposit at Extraco bank.