

# Lake Shore Lines newsletter

March 27, 2019



“Lent is the time for trimming the soul and scrapping the sludge off a life turned slipshod. Lent is about taking stock of time, even religious time. Lent is about exercising the

control that enables us to say no to ourselves so that when life turns hard of its own accord we have the stamina to stay “yes” to its twists and turns with faith and hope.... Lent is the time to make new efforts to be what we say we want to be.”

— Joan Chittister

## Search Committee Update:

The church has approved the search committee for the Minister to Children, Youth, and Families.

The committee members are: Aaron Abel, Bekah Briscoe, Sakina Dixon, Preston Dyer, Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks, Jenna Swanson, John Ucci, Laura Zimmer-Millay and I. I will be serving as chair of the committee.

I want to thank all folks who put in time and effort to discuss the needs of our children, youth and families and created a job description they felt would meet our needs. Thanks also to the personnel committee for their work. The church approved the job description previously. As you can see, some positive and productive work has already taken place. The position has been advertised and I will share more with you about that in my next update.

Please keep the search in your prayers. Even now, God is preparing the way for the person who will be a wonderful addition to our church and staff.

Peace and blessings,  
Angela Whorton

## Worship at Lake Shore The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### The Worship of God

March 31, 2019

### Sermon

*Kyndall Rothaus*

### The Scripture

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

## Contemplative Prayer



### A Series on Wednesday Nights during Lent

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*

## Steppin' Out

Saturday, April 13

Baylor students will help us give our buildings and grounds a good spring cleaning.

## A Broken and Contrite Heart

God, at the same time that you renew the world with spring, we are called to give ourselves to the season of Lent, to consider our humanity, to reflect on the brokenness of our lives and of the world.

We are called to come to terms with the shards of our lives, with the realization that life is not only welcome fields of bluebonnets or a purple iris regally punctuating a yard with your glory. It is also the raw grittiness of ashes and the sharp angles of the hard news of life, whatever the season.

And this is how we walk through Lent, carrying the pieces of what is broken that we collect along the way and bringing them for you to bless even in their brokenness, maybe especially in their brokenness.

For things fall apart. We fall apart.  
Things shatter.  
Things unravel.  
They tear.  
They wear away,  
They disappoint.  
They fragment.

Cyclones swallow villages.  
Rivers consume farmland.  
Guns take lives, and fear of the other robs your children of joy .

O Lord, break our hearts .  
Leave them open and vulnerable.  
for the sake of the life of your world,  
for our brothers and sisters who are living with profound loss,  
and at the risk of breaking our hearts  
in your name.

As we bring our gifts to worship,  
may we remember that you tell us,  
*“The sacrifice acceptable to you  
is a broken spirit, And a broken  
and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not despise.”*

Amen.

Sharlande Sledge  
Invocation, March 24, 2019

## A Case Against Hunger

Two more chances to help  
replenish the shelves at Caritas

tonight, March 27  
before and after supper

this Sunday, March 31  
before and after Sunday School  
and worship



- We still have cases of beefy taco and beef lasagna dinners for \$12; cases with 6 boxes of toasted oats per \$18 case; 12 cases of chicken noodle soup; spaghetti sauce, \$10 per 12 per case; Ramen noodles, 24 packages per \$5 case
- Children may purchase macaroni & cheese by the box rather than by the case.
- After Sunday, Caritas will pick up the food Lake Shore has purchased to help fill the shelves.

## “No Roofs, No Roads, No Bread”

No doubt many of you have read of the ravages of the Cyclone Adai upon the densely populated African nations of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. A report in Monday’s *New York Times*, copied below, titles the situation “No Roofs, No Roads, No Bread.” The article has very few words. Only pictures can tell the story.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/25/world/africa/cyclone-idai-africa-mozambique-zimbabwe.html>

Here is a list of organizations already involved in the relief efforts. Lake Shore has supported in the past: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/21/world/africa/how-to-help-cyclone-idai.html>

- [Doctors Without Borders](#) has teams in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique, including in Beira, that are assessing damage and prioritizing need. Though some areas in the region are still inaccessible except by boat and helicopter, the group is already supporting health centers with supplies and medical resources in Malawi.

- [The International Rescue Committee](#) has deployed medical staff and supplies to a mobile clinic in Chimanimani, Zimbabwe, and is waiting to gain access to other areas. The group is also providing food. Longer term, the group’s focus is on water, sanitation and health, as well as economic recovery.

- [The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#) is already providing shelter and water purification supplies in Beira. Two additional emergency response units have been deployed to the city to provide sanitation facilities and water. The International Committee of the Red Cross is helping register missing persons and reconnect families separated by the storm.

May God guide us as we respond to the great need caused by the devastation of life and land, homes and crops, dreams and daily life in southeastern Africa. — *Global Missions Covenant Group*

## Children's Corner

The Easter Walk is a special Holy Week event for children. If you are available to help Wednesday, April 17, please get in touch with Barb Francis or Jenna Swanson.



Children are welcome at the Soup Supper on Palm Sunday evening at 6:00. Special bowls available for them at 5:00 each. Please sign up in the hall outside the office. And look for ways your family can help the refugees we will remember at the supper.



### Prayers for . . .

Christiana Owusu sent word this morning that a *mfam kesie*, a big heavy wind hit the village of Twifu Heman Sunday. It tore apart houses of many of the students at Shalom. Two people were displaced. The Ghanaian



government has come in to help. Christiana Owusu said, "The school lost only some of the roofing, but, of course, we are blessed to be able to repair." Our prayers are with the children from Shalom and the people in the village.

Gerri Carey, who is recovering from surgery last week on her hip and on her wrist. Fred is in Georgia with her.

Elizabeth Buchanan, Rosemary Richards' daughter, who is in rehab at Zale-Lipsy Hospital in Dallas.

Louise Clark, who will see a heart specialist Friday and a lung specialist in April. She would love to receive cards of encouragement. Her address is in the church directory.

Fred and Nancy Gehlbach at home.

Nathan Stone as he waits for an appointment at MD Anderson.

Chris Williamson, who was in a terrible car accident late Saturday night; his car hit a bull as Chris was traveling back from Oklahoma on I-35. Chris is OK, but his car was totaled.

# Palm Sunday Soup Supper

## April 14, 6:00 pm

\$15 (adults) and \$5 (children) for a soup bowl to take home filled with your choice of two Central American soups

**Sign up in the hallway or contact the office.**

**This year we give in partnership with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition in San Antonio for the benefit of refugees and asylum seekers**



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. Volunteers advocate for reform and compassion at all government levels. All day every day volunteers are at the bus station and at the airport to welcome mothers and children coming out of detention. They give each woman and child a backpack filled with helpful supplies for the journey. They help explain the complicated journeys and help to calm fears. A trauma-informed overnight shelter, La Casa de Maria y Marta at San Antonio Mennonite Church (pictured above) is provided for families whose travel is interrupted for any reason. This year we are so glad that John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Mennonite Church, will be with us at the Soup Supper to tell stories of the religious experiences of refugees who have stayed at his church where the sanctuary and other areas are transformed into "rooms in the inn" whenever they are needed.

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.

If you would like to add something to the backpacks of these children making the long journeys, volunteer Jo Pendleton, who is part of Lake Shore's extended family, suggests: Matchbox cars (something the slim IWC budget doesn't allow regularly); coloring books and the smallest packs of crayons (8 count); and bags of Hershey Kisses (you'll find out why at the Soup Supper!).

**Our Church Staff**

Louis Garcia, Custodian  
Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist  
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager  
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC  
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager  
Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor  
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**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 31**

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship  
3:00—Newsletter Deadline  
4:00—Soulfriends

**Wednesday, April 2**

5:15—Supper  
6:15—Children’s Activities  
6:15—Seminar  
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

**Staff Notes**

Kyndall will be out next week.

**Youth Update**

This Week

Wednesday (3/27) - The youth will join the church in the contemplative service planned by Ross and Kyndall.

Sunday (3/31)

9:30am - Sunday School: check ins

5 - 7:30ish - Heroes Heroes Heroes

Upcoming

ASAP - RSVP for Summer Camp/Retreat

April 26th (waiting on Jon Singletary to email back; if anyone runs into him, give him a poke) -

Company of Parents: Enneagram and Understanding

May ABA - Company of Parents: Talking to Kids and Youth about Finances

**Missions Calendar**

**Meals on Wheels**

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Children’s Center**

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

**Case Against Hunger**

March 27, 31

**Soup Supper**

April 14, 6:00pm

**Volunteers for Sunday, March 31**

Extended Care: Michelle Powell  
Gail Boyd  
Ushers: Faith Kopplin  
Pamela Smallwood  
Greeters: Kristi SoRelle  
Henry Kari

[Sunday School Classes](#)

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

**Wednesday night supper April 3**

Fish and Slaw

children, \$3.00; youth & adults, \$6.00  
Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

**All Church Picnic**

Sunday, April 28  
Fields’ Farm



**Easter Hydrangeas**

Every Easter, you have the chance to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love. We will adorn the front of the sanctuary with hydrangeas

in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. **Submit your order form and payment of \$15 for each hydrangea by Tuesday, April 16.**

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I have included \$ \_\_\_\_\_  by check or  by cash.