

The Shorelines

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REFUEL



Summer is over. Have you taken the time to REFUEL during the summer? Are you rested from vacations and some time off and gotten yourself refueled for the coming fall and winter months? Have you wound down and are ready to hit the road running?

Probably not. You still feel exhausted. The pandemic is still here, and you are simply feeling tired. Let us see what we may do.

The average human spends approximately one-third of their life sleeping. You may sleep more, or if you are a type-A personality, you may sleep less. Did you know cats spend about two-thirds of their lives sleeping, while elephants, horses, and deer spend only 3 - 4 hours a day sleeping.

Do you also know that five minutes after you wake up, 50% of your dreams are forgotten and in another five minutes, 90% of your dreams are forgotten?

Here is another fun fact: Sleep deprivation kills faster than food deprivation. With all this knowledge about sleep, sleep is still a mystery to scientists. They really do not know why we need so much sleep.

Maybe, just maybe we need to stop trying to figure out why so much and go to the beginning. God created the universe and us in six days and on the seventh day, God rested. God did not rest because God needed rest, God rested to show us we need rest. The creator created us to rest.

There are three verses in the Book of Matthew where Jesus talks about rest. They are as follows: **"Come** to me all you who are weary

and burdened and I will give you rest. **Take** my yoke upon you and **learn** from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
Matthew 11: 28-30.

Jesus is telling us to COME, TAKE, and LEARN. Jesus is telling us that He knows we need rest and that rest is found in Him.

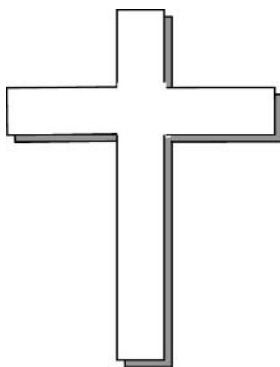
Do you have stress? Do you have a burden? Name it. Spell it out. Do not sit around grumbling about it. Do something about it.

God sent His Son for us in order that we may have life. Life here and eternal life with God.

Come to Jesus. Take his yoke. Learn from Him. He knows you need rest and that rest comes from Him.

This pandemic has thrown all of us for a loop. COVID-19 is here with us and we need to learn how to live with it. Instead of stressing out about it, let us come to Jesus, learn from Him how we can find rest, and be better for ourselves, our community, and our God.

The words Come, Take, and Learn are all action verbs for us to be in Jesus. Jesus has the answers for us in all we do. Come, Take, and Learn from the one God sent for us; Jesus Christ, our Savior.





Things Better Said by Others

Jesus looked at them and replied, “This is impossible for mere humans, but not for God; all things are possible for God.” Mark 10:27, NET

When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you’ll never get back. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time. Rick Warren

The greatest weapon we have against evil is doing good in Jesus’ name. Kay Warren

(Jesus said,) “For this is the will of my Father – for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”. John 6:40, NET

People generally see what they look for; and hear what they listen for. Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

If you want to change the world, find someone to help you paddle. Admiral William H. McRaven

Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what. Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost. When health is lost, something is lost. When character is lost, all is lost. Billy Graham

I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the hearts of the youth. Martin Luther

Knowing what’s right doesn’t mean much unless you do what’s right. Theodore Roosevelt

I personally believe that each of us was put here for a purpose – to build not to destroy. If I can make people smile, then I have served my purpose for God. Red Skelton

A nickel isn't worth a dime today. Yogi Berra

FOCUS – Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

*By perseverance, the snail reached the ark.
Charles H. Spurgeon*

Send your favorite quote. It will be an inspiration next month.

Anniversary of your baptism

<i>Andy Moore</i>	<i>10/01/1961</i>
<i>Amy Dorroh</i>	<i>10/20/1974</i>
<i>Melissa Grey</i>	<i>10/21/1973</i>
<i>Linda Miller</i>	<i>10/24/1954</i>
<i>Michael Carroll</i>	<i>10/25/2003</i>
<i>Kathye Eargle</i>	<i>10/25/1959</i>
<i>Richard Koon</i>	<i>10/25/1959</i>
<i>Caroline Ayers</i>	<i>10/26/2008</i>
<i>Christopher Sealey</i>	<i>10/26/2007</i>
<i>Reagan Woods</i>	<i>10/28/2001</i>
<i>Lindsay Hanks</i>	<i>10/30/1988</i>



Kids Are Stressed Too

Everybody gets stressed from time to time. People deal with stress in many different ways. These include hitting things like a wall or each other, screaming, eating, and substance abuse. None of which help.

Many other ways are better and can really help all of us in dealing with stress. Six ways are listed below.



1. **Get support.** Reach out to people who care about you. A parent, other relative, pastor, coach, or school counselor can be very helpful. Do not forget about your friends. Friends can be a big help. Friends can also be worried about the same thing or similar problems; such as a big test, a divorce, or the death of a beloved pet.
2. **Don't freak out.** It is easy to let your feelings go wild when you are upset. Name your feelings – "I am so angry!" Say or think about why you feel the way you do. Then, find a way to calm down and find a way to express them. Go for a walk, listen to music, or play with a pet. This helps you get in a better mood and can help you to easier deal with the issue.
3. **Don't take it out on yourself.** There are always people to help you. People want to help you. Be kind to yourself and ask for a helping hand or pat on the back. Do not think you do not deserve it; you do. You deserve to get through the tough situation and can, with help.
4. **Try to solve the problem.** After you have calmed down, try to solve it. Maybe, you cannot solve all of it, but can do a piece of it. That is success and that helps. Always remember you can get help from adults. Many adults have gone through the same thing. Get help from us 'more mature people.'

- 5. Be positive - most stress is temporary.** It may not seem temporary, but generally it is. By calming down, seeking help, and working on it, you can get through it.

PRAY TO JESUS. Yes, Jesus is there for each of us and has been through it all. Jesus listens, Jesus cares, and Jesus gives answers to you and gives answers through the people in your life. With Jesus in your life, you will be saying, *‘What stress, Jesus got that.’*



Notes from the Music Director

Hello Everyone!!! Our Macedonia Choir has been working hard the last few months on our Christmas cantata "How Great Our Joy"- It's not too late to come and join us. If you are unable to make it to the practices I have CDs of all the vocal parts on hand. The Christmas Cantata will

be Sunday December 12th. We will only have one service that Sunday at 10:30am.



On another note our organist Pam Carroll will be having knee replacement surgery on October 6th. Please keep her in your prayers as we pray she has a successful surgery and speedy recovery. I would like to thank Doris Morris, Nancy Richardson, Fran Hentz and Olivia Fulmer for subbing in for Pam while she is out recovering. We will not have choir practice in October.

Jubilation Choir (ages kindergarten-5th grade) meets the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary prior to Kids for Christ. This month we will meet Sunday October 10th and 24th.

Psalm 71:23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered.

I'm Christ's Love,

Julie Livingston



- **While at our drive-in service**, tune to 90.1 FM to listen on your radio.
- **Join us for bible study** in person or via Zoom, Wednesdays at 11:00 am!
- **Jubilation Choir practice** - 4:30 pm on Sundays that KFC meets at 5 pm.
- **Macedonia's Homecoming celebration will be on October 10th**, one service only, at the lakeshore, 10:30 am, with Holy Communion. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 am. Golden Agers may start arriving by 9:30 am for pictures in the sanctuary. There will be no homecoming meal.
- **Lakeshore services will continue through November 14th**. There will be only one worship service on November 14th, at the lakeshore, 10:30 am, to bring our congregation together for the annual Congregational Meeting, preceded by Sunday School at 9:30. Winter schedule to resume November 21st, service in the sanctuary at 8:30, Sunday School at 9:30 and second service in the sanctuary at 10:30.
- **Worship & Music Committee** will meet Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 pm.
- **Please join the family of Tommy Brown** to celebrate his 80th birthday. Drop in for cake & ice cream at the Fairview Community Center, Friday, October 15th, 4 – 7 pm. Please bless us with the gift of your presence only.
- **Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church** will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic Saturday, October 9th, 9 am – 1 pm. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available to the public on a walk-in basis. Pfizer boosters will also be available to those who are eligible. All are welcome!
- **Dance Fitness with Julie** - You are invited to join an amazing group of ladies on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall at Macedonia for Dance Fitness Class. This class is similar to Zumba which I have taught in the past but I have changed the format to better suit our class. Classes are FREE and everyone is welcome! A love offering is accepted each month for those who would like to give. You do not have to be a member of Macedonia to attend. Taking care of your body (your temple) is an investment for yourself so you can live more fully for the Lord!! If you have any questions please call or text me: (803) 295-1791.
Blessings, Julie Livingston

Summary of August 8, 2021 Church Council meeting

The following motions were approved at the August 8, 2021 church council meeting.

1. The youth will have a spaghetti supper, bake sale, and donation sale for their upcoming October youth trip.
2. The Lakeshore service will continue until the second Sunday in November. Council will look at this again at their October meeting to determine to go inside or continue outside.
3. One Homecoming service will be held on October 10th at the Lakeshore at 10:30 am. Sunday School will be at 9:30 am. The meal will be after the outside service. (Subsequent to this meeting, the meal has been cancelled).
4. Corey Shaver will be a missionary to Japan starting sometime by January. Council approved \$5,000 to support this work and also approved a love offering from the congregation.

Other items discussed included the following:

1. Debby Fulmer presented several items for council to discuss and repair or replace. These included the dishwasher and sink in the kitchen, sell or donate old dinnerware in the kitchen, and old chairs and benches in the back of the sanctuary. Property committee will bring a recommendation back to council.
2. Bus committee will recommend to council by November what to do with the van and bus. A CDL is needed to drive both of them and we have currently have no CDL drivers. Also, the vehicles are old and require maintenance.
3. A Macedonia mission statement will be adopted at the next meeting.
4. We are considering online giving for Macedonia. This could help with contributions and with new members.
5. First responders' meal went well with 50 people attending and 77 meals prepared.

Macedonia Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Eight Months Ended August 31, 2021

	August Actual	8 Month Actual	8 Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income				
Offerings	\$35,396	\$244,151	\$178,209	\$65,942
Use of facilities	0	2,341	0	2,341
Total income	<u>35,396</u>	<u>246,492</u>	<u>178,209</u>	<u>68,283</u>
Expenses				
Professional - pastor	7,355	63,661	68,301	(4,640)
Professional - worship	1,643	14,408	13,653	755
Professional - administrative	1,971	15,816	15,767	49
Worship - outreach	0	23,055	23,675	(620)
Worship - witness	0	392	1,233	(841)
Worship - worship	484	4,060	3,500	560
Worship - growth in faith	0	6,419	5,333	1,086
Worship - property	2,992	25,265	28,760	(3,495)
Worship - administrative	1,084	7,029	6,760	269
Capital expenditures - property	2,050	35,368	13,333	22,035
Total expenses	<u>17,579</u>	<u>195,473</u>	<u>180,317</u>	<u>15,156</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$17,817</u>	<u>\$51,019</u>	<u>(\$2,108)</u>	<u>\$53,127</u>

Your offerings to God through Macedonia remain strong for the year. Thank you for your faithful financial support of God's ministry at His church. Expenses would be under budget except for paying the new roof on the lakeshore building.

Since we do not do a monthly budget, the pastor calculated an eight-month budget for this statement. If you want a more detailed statement, please contact the church office.

Let us continue to give to God with our offerings and talents for 2021 as God continues to bless us with His grace and mercy.



1	Judy Graham	12	Gunnar Franklin
2	Madeline Grey	13	James Fulmer
2	Dick Haug	14	Teri Barnes
3	Pam Carroll	15	Tommy Brown
3	Augie Rollins	15	Kenny Fulmer
3	Erick Wessinger	16	William Grey
4	Michael Lindler	18	Joseph Sabbagha
4	Drew Moore	19	Leesa Iseman
4	Frances Seibert	20	Pastor Terry Hundley
5	Kathy Sabbagha	20	Dick Witakowski
5	Dottie Tolbert	24	Rick Richardson
6	Wayne Fulmer	25	Meredith Fulmer
7	Leon Fulmer Sr.	28	James Martin
8	Richard Amick	31	Doris Morris
8	Abby Crim	31	Savannah Robertson

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>October Wedding Anniversaries</i></u>	<u><i>Years</i></u>
<i>6</i>	<i>Otis & Melissa Williams</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Harold & Ola Mae Fulmer</i>	<i>66</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>Sam & Julie Woods</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>Doug & Jayne Gayman</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>Leon & Brenda Fulmer</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>Neal & Kathey Eargle</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>Robert & Teri Barnes</i>	<i>33</i>





October

Date	Events
3	- World Communion Sunday – Holy Communion
4	- 10:00 am Goldies meeting - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
5	- 6:00 pm Petrea Circle meeting
6	- 11:00 am Bible study - 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting
7	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
10	- HOMEcoming – 10:30 service ONLY – at the lakeshore with Holy Communion - 9:30 am Golden Agers begin arriving for pictures in sanctuary - 7:00 am Council meeting - 4:30 pm Jubilation Choir practice - 5:00 pm KFC & Youth
11	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
13	- 11:00 am Bible study
14	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
18	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
20	- 10:00 am Senior Bass Club - 11:00 am Bible study
21	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
24	- 4:30 pm Jubilation Choir practice - 5:00 pm KFC & Youth - 5:00 pm Kathy Derrick Circle meeting
25	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
26	- 10:00 am Staff meeting - Ladies' night with LMM, restaurant TBD
27	- 11:00 am Bible study
28	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
31	- Reformation Sunday; Holy Communion