

July Birthdays

|                    |    |                |    |
|--------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Kassidy VanderKolk | 1  | Jo Raines      | 14 |
| Joe Altoft         | 1  | Joe DePotty    | 17 |
| Elaine Bosker      | 1  | Joanne Jackson | 18 |
| Alyssa Eckardt     | 1  | Grant Thrun    | 18 |
| Max Thrun          | 3  | Jim Warner     | 20 |
| Mae Rush           | 4  | Tom Kosten     | 21 |
| Mark Von Keitz     | 8  | Janie Rush     | 23 |
| Jane Mazei         | 9  | Betsy Myer     | 24 |
| Lei Wiltshire      | 10 | Brian Rayner   | 26 |
| Teasha Sinke       | 11 | Steve Werner   | 30 |
| Heidi Carter       | 13 |                |    |

FREEDOM

What is Freedom?

What does Freedom mean to me?

What do I do with my Freedom?

Notes

July Anniversaries

|                         |    |      |
|-------------------------|----|------|
| Thomas & Tammy Sinke    | 1  | 1978 |
| Herb & Bonnie Rush      | 3  | 1971 |
| Jeff & Nancy Booi       | 10 | 1976 |
| Dennis & Melinda Pepper | 14 | 1984 |
| Frank & Tammy Pytlowany | 15 | 1995 |
| James & Kathy Stowell   | 18 | 1975 |
| Phil & Linda DePotty    | 26 | 1975 |
| Landon & Aimee Mendes   | 26 | 2008 |

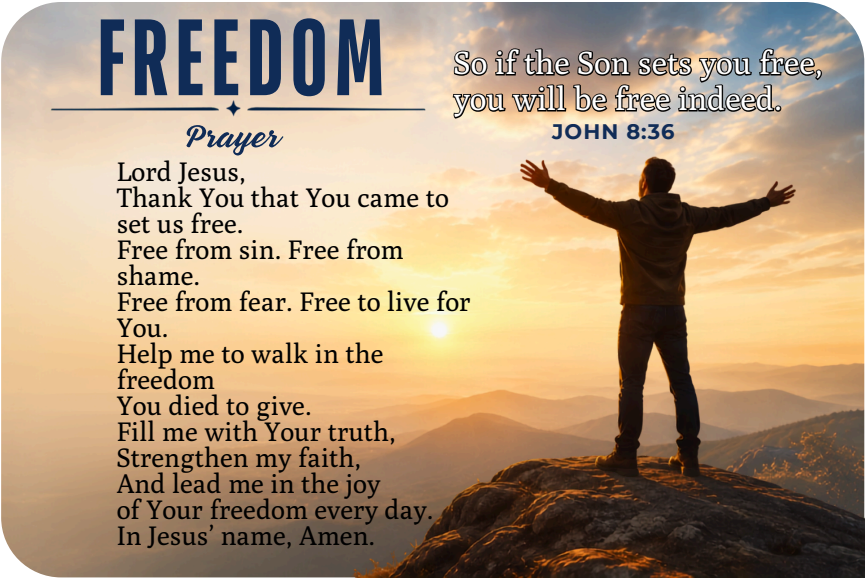


Prayer Request/Praise Report?

Text Bonnie Rush 517-281-3860



July 5, 2026



# Welcome to Lakewood Church!

## Sunday Gatherings

**9:30am** – Sunday School (adult & kids)  
Sunday School is in the education wing.

**10:30am** – Worship Service & Live Stream  
**Nursery** Infants to Age 3 Room 106  
**H2O Kids** Age 4 to Grade 4

**5:00pm** – Ignite Grades 5 to 12



## First-Time Guests

We're so glad you're here!

Please scan **CONNECT QR** and complete online form!

Then pick up your free gift and coupon for **FREE PIZZA** at the **Welcome Center**!

## Small Group Connections

|                                                     |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sundays – Prayer Room<br>4:30pm – Bible Study       | Tuesdays – Prayer Room<br>8:30am – Prayer Circle |
| Tuesdays – Room 101<br>9:30am – Ladies' Bible Study | 2nd Wednesdays – 101/PR<br>6:00pm – Care Group   |



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## Community Dinner @ Central UMC — July 9

It's our church's turn to help with the Community Dinner on Thursday, July 9, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Central UMC! We are looking for volunteers to bring a dessert, help serve the meal, or do both. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love through fellowship and service to our community. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## What a Mess-VBS" — July 14-16 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at **"VBS 2026: What a Mess!"** Join the Lakewood Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) on July 14-16 at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds! Kids entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy exciting games, fun crafts, engaging Bible stories, and lots of laughter as they learn that Jesus loves messy people! This is a free event with great opportunities to make new friends, have fun, and grow in faith



## Get Involved in Ministry!

Our church ministries thrive through the faithful service of volunteers. Whether your gifts are in hospitality, outreach, worship, education, care ministries, or behind-the-scenes support, there is a place for you to serve. Ministry Surveys are available at the Information Station in the Narthex. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to use your gifts and make a difference in our church family.

## Centershot — Begins August 11

Get ready for an exciting summer with Centershot! Kids ages 8–17 will learn archery skills, build confidence, make friends, and grow in their faith during this fun 8-week program. A beginner's class on August 4 is perfect for first-time archers. Whether new to archery or already experienced, everyone is welcome. Space is limited—register today!



## You're Invited to the Haven of Hope Open House Celebration!

Come celebrate the exciting launch of Haven of Hope, a local faith-based ministry dedicated to healing hearts, restoring relationships, and bringing hope to our community! Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and celebration as we thank God and everyone who has helped make this dream a reality. **Saturday, August 29. 9650 Thompson Rd., Lake Odessa, MI 48849** Enjoy Delicious food, Family-friendly games, Live entertainment, Silent auction, Fellowship and ministry tours. Whether you've supported Haven of Hope from the beginning or are just learning about the ministry, this is a wonderful opportunity to see what God is doing and be part of the vision for the future. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us for this special day of celebration and hope!

## SAVE THE DATE:

- **Staff--Parish Rm 101** — Mon, 7/6 – 6:00pm
- **Prayer Circle** — Tues, 7/7 – 8:30am
- **Women's Bible Study** — 7/7 – 9:30am
- **Silver Threads** — 7/7 – 1:30pm
- **Care Group** — Wed, 7/8 – 6:00pm
- **Missions Meeting** — Thurs, 7/9 – 6:00pm
- **Trustees Meeting** — Sun, 7/12 – 8:30am
- **Finance Meeting Rm 101** — Mon, 7/13 – 6:00pm
- **Leadership Meeting Rm 101** — Mon, 7/13 – 7:00pm
- **Keenagers** — Tues, 7/14 – 11:30am
- **Euchre** — Sat, 7/18 – 6:00pm
- **Congregational Care Group Meeting** — Tues, 7/21 – 11:00am

# ReCONNECT

I would like more info about: (check all that apply)



- ☐ Online Directory ☐ Believer Baptism
- ☐ Church Membership ☐ Baby Dedication
- ☐ E-mail Newsletters ☐ Ministry Service
- ☐ E-mail Prayer List ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this section if you wish to update info or respond to the above.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday Gatherings

6/14/26:118

6/21/26:TBA

6/28/26:TBA