

August Birthdays

Diane Slocum	1	Fred Slater	16
Landon Mendes	1	Claire Benham	17
Kylie Eckardt	2	Pastor Kathy Smith	18
Carter Doak	3	Maddy Pytlowany	18
Andrew (Ace) Bond	4	Ellie Benham	18
Melody LaNew	4	Abrielle Turien	19
Craig Rush	7	Rachel Jordan	20
Roger Altena	7	Jane Sandborn	24
Lisa Mazurek	8	Owen Eckardt	25
Ken Michaud	8	Charles Mattice	26
Laura Woodman	10	Barb Ackerson	28
Phoebe Doak	10	Heath Carter	31
Maggie Benham	12	Chris Jimenez	31

August Anniversaries

Luke & Jane Sandborn	2	1986
Ben & Stacy Gangwer	8	2009
Alonso & Jennie Orante	9	2013
Joe & Veronica DePotty	11	2018
Doug & Susan Flessner	13	1988
Clare & Tammy Sutliff	14	1993
Kurt & Barb Ackerson	15	1987
Ron & Barbara Bond	20	1977
Dennis & Kathy Smith	2	1968
Dave & Mary Beswick	23	1997
Larry & Lynne Hilton	25	1967
Todd & Dawna Dylewski	26	1996
Paul & Mary Quigley	31	1968



Prayer Request/Praise Report?

Text Bonnie Rush 517-281-3860

WALLS

DON'T HAVE THE
Final Word

For He Himself is
our peace,

who has made both one,
and has
BROKEN DOWN
THE DIVIDING WALL
of hostility.

EPHESIANS
2:14 (NIV)

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for being our peace. Tear down every wall
of fear, pride, shame, unforgiveness, and doubt that
keeps us from You and from one another. Fill our
hearts with Your love, strengthen our faith, and help
us walk in the freedom You have given us through
Christ. May our lives reflect Your grace as we love and
serve others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE WALL I'M MOST TEMPTED TO BUILD IS

THIS WALL WAS BUILT BECAUSE

THIS WALL IS KEEPING ME FROM

TODAY I NEED TO TRUST GOD WITH

ONE BRICK I NEED TO LAY DOWN IS

THIS WEEK I WILL TAKE ONE STEP BY



August 9, 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 4:30pm – Bible Study	Tuesdays – Prayer Room 8:30am – Prayer Circle
Tuesdays – Room 101 9:30am – Ladies' Bible Study	2nd Wednesdays – 101/PR 6:00pm – Care Group



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Keenagers Lunch – August 11

Come enjoy great food and even better fellowship at our Keenagers Lunch on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 11:30 a.m. at Buddy's on the Beach. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults 55 and older to gather, share laughter, and connect with friends old and new. Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you there! Everyone 55+ is welcome.

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 23

Join us on **Sunday, August 23**, during worship for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! We'll bless students with school supplies and snacks, and offer a special prayer for students, teachers, bus drivers, and school staff as they begin a new school year. We invite everyone to be part of this meaningful time of encouragement and prayer.

Community Dinner – August 27

Join us for our Community Dinner on **Thursday, August 27**, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Central UMC for a delicious meal and fellowship. We're also looking for volunteers to bring a dessert, help serve, or both as we share God's love with our community.

VFW BBQ Fundraiser – August 29

Join the VFW & Auxiliary Post 4461 on **Saturday, August 29**, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. for a delicious pulled pork dinner with all the fixings! Dine in or take it to go. A suggested \$10 freewill donation supports a great cause while you enjoy a great meal. Everyone is welcome!

Haven of Hope Grand Opening!

Join us **Saturday, August 29**, at 9650 Thompson Rd., Lake Odessa, for the Haven of Hope Open House Celebration! Enjoy food, family fun, live entertainment, ministry tours, and more as we celebrate this new faith-based ministry bringing hope and healing to our community. Everyone is welcome!

Men's Breakfast Returns – September 12!

Men's Breakfast is back beginning **Saturday, September 12**, at 8:30 a.m. All men and boys are invited to enjoy a great breakfast, meaningful fellowship, and encouragement as we grow together in faith. We'd love to see both familiar and new faces around the table! If any ladies would like to help cook or serve, please contact Valerie Raymer or Sue Winkler.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Finance Meeting** – Mon, 8/10 – 6:00pm – Room 101
- **Leadership Meeting** – Mon, 8/10 – 7:00pm – Room 101
- **Keenagers** – Tues, 8/11 – 11:30am
- **Silver Threads** – Tues, 8/11 – 1:30pm
- **Care Group** – Wed, 8/12 – 6:00pm
- **Euchre** – Sat, 8/15 – 6:00pm

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

7/19/26: 124

7/26/26: 140

8/2/26: 143