

# Lynn Haven UMC

# April

## 2017



Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Because many people feel more comfortable joining as a group, we set aside one Sunday per month for new members.

If you are a believer in Christ and you are ready to make a commitment to the Lynn Haven Church, contact Terry Tatum at 850-265-5231 or Terry@myLHUMC.net.



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## *A word from our Pastor...*

We are in the Lenten season of the Christian year, the 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It is a time that prepares us for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection through prayer, repentance, and reflecting on what it means to be a follower of Christ. Lent concludes with the most significant period of time in the Christian year – Holy Week. Through a series of special events, we will commemorate what transpired during the final days of Jesus' earthly life.

In an effort to include a larger audience, Holy Week devotionals will be posted on Facebook Live each morning at 6:30 am, beginning on Monday, April 10, and continuing until Easter. Pastors, staff, and church members will present brief lessons that will enable us to focus our attention on Christ

at the start of each new day. If you miss the "live" version, you can view the videos through our website and social media links throughout the day.

On Wednesday, April 12, we will hold a Holy Week Service of Communion and Footwashing, at 6:00 pm, in the Transmitter Sanctuary. On this night we will recall the final hours that Jesus shared with His disciples when He ate the Last Supper with them and washed their feet. The service will include a message, the celebration of Holy Communion, and a symbolic footwashing ritual for those desiring to participate. Childcare will be provided only for preschool and nursery ages as elementary age children are invited to participate in the service. While many persons may be unfamiliar with or even skeptical about a footwashing

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## ADULT GROUPS

### PRISM Get-Together

Sat, Apr 8

1pm

Join our group of young professionals, singles or couples, aged 25-45(ish), at Finn's Island Style Grub in St. Andrews for their famous fish tacos, live music (laid back blues), and the best fellowship on either side of the bridge.

Please RSVP to Sarah Hedrick at 850-307-3161 via text.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Discipleship Path: Core Beliefs

Transmitter  
Chapel

Sun, Apr 2  
12:15-1:30pm

Join us for this second class in our Discipleship path course where you will learn about the core beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Please contact **Mindy Clemons** at 850-265-5231 or **Mindy@MyLHUMC.net** to reserve your spot today.

### CityServe City-wide

Sat, Apr 29  
8:00am - 1:00pm

Join us for our annual day of service around Panama City and Lynn Haven. On this day, we reach out into the community and spread the love of Christ through a wide range of projects that provide an opportunity to serve for all ages and ranges of skill. Sign-Ups will be open from April 2nd-23rd on either campus or on April 1st via our website, **MyLHUMC.net**. Childcare is available for children 5 and under. All participants are also invited to join us April 30th at Fusion at 12:30p for a celebration lunch.

Please contact **Katie Fanning** at **Katie@MyLHUMC.net** if you have any questions or would like to serve!

Miss a sermon? Listen online or download sermons at **MyLHUMC.net**.



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service, past participants – both young and old alike – have found this type of service quite meaningful.

A Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, April 13, at 6:00 pm, in the Fusion Community Room. Coinciding with our monthly prayer time being held each 2nd Thursday, we will focus on the new commandment Jesus gave His disciples in the upper room when He told them, “Love one another” (John 13:34). We will pray for the unity of the Body of Christ and seek God’s blessing on our Easter services.

We will then remember our Lord’s suffering and death with a Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness, on April 14, at 7:00 pm, in the Transmitter Sanctuary. Through Scripture reading, prayers, hymns, special music, and the extinguishing of candles, we will journey to the Cross where Jesus gave His life for us. Once again, childcare will be provided only for preschool and nursery ages.

Easter Sunday will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at Kinsaul Park. This informal gathering will include joyous singing, a message by Terry Tatum, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter services will be conducted at our regular

worship times with an additional early service. We will have contemporary services at 8:00 & 9:30 am in the Transmitter Sanctuary, along with a 9:30 am service at our Fusion campus. Easter worship in a traditional style will take place at 11:00 am in the Transmitter Sanctuary. The message will fit our Lenten sermon series as we travel “On the Road with Jesus to Resurrection.” Treasure Kids children’s church will meet for the entire hour at 9:30 and 11:00 am at Transmitter and 9:30 am at Fusion. Sunday School will not be held on this day.

I encourage you to make every effort to be with us for all of these worship experiences as we remember the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, prayerfully consider inviting a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to join us as we celebrate the Good News of salvation. Perhaps more than any other time, persons welcome invitations to church around Easter. May God bless us with a generous outpouring of His Holy Spirit as we celebrate the salvation and eternal life He has provided us through His Son Jesus – our Risen Lord!

*Craig Carter*  
Lead Pastor, LHUMC

# God-Sightings

Mission trips are very important to me because they help me snap back to reality. It is so easy to get caught up in the stresses of everyday life and that can make us take the small things for granted. For example, having a roof over our head, having food in our stomach, etc. I saw the Lord at work while we served at the hunger project on our recent mission trip to Nashville last week. On one of our projects some of the students paired up and carried 50 pound bags to each table - there were 40 tables there. Then a majority of the group assembled boxes to transport the bags of food. It was a very humbling moment to see everyone in an assembly line working together as a team to put together as many boxes as

possible. My heart was filled with compassion, for the families that are less fortunate, and also for the students. The fact they spent their time and money during Spring Break helping bag food for families that are less fortunate is truly compelling. This trip was full of laughter and joy, but most importantly, it was full of love. Love for our fellow brothers and sisters, and most importantly, love for Christ. It was an honor to serve and be the light of Christ for so many people. A great big thank you to our church for supporting Youth Ministry and giving us opportunities to serve like this.

*Holley Rice*  
Youth Intern

## YOUTH

### Fusion Schedule

#### Sundays

**5pm** Students begin to arrive

**6-7:30pm** Worship & Small Groups

**7:30pm** All students picked up

#### Wednesdays

**3:30pm** Students may arrive

**5-7:30pm** Message & Free Time

**7:30pm** All students picked up

### High School Graduation Sunday

Sun, Apr 30

11:00 am

Parents of High School Graduates - We will hold a special graduation service on April 30th at the 11:00 service at Transmitter that we would love to have your student attend. There will also be a luncheon that follows. To help us plan accordingly, please reserve your graduate's seat today.

Email Neal McGee at [Neal@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:Neal@MyLHUMC.net) or call 850-248-3800 to RSVP for this event or if you have any questions.

## CHILDREN

### Ascent Dates for April

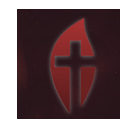
Fusion

Select Sundays, 4p

Attention parents of 5th and 6th graders! Please get your children involved in this wonderful ministry that is designed for kids of this age as they prepare to move from Treasure Kids to the Middle School Youth Group.

April sessions will be held on the 9th and 23rd at Fusion from 4-5:30pm.

Please contact a member of our Children's Ministry at **850-265-5231** for more information.



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To submit an article for the Newsletter, fill out a Newsletter Submission Form or email [BGarmon@myLHUMC.net](mailto:BGarmon@myLHUMC.net). The deadline is the 20th of the month to print for the following month.



## Easter Eggsplosion!

Fusion

Sun, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm

Join us for inflatables, games, snacks, age-tiered egg hunts, and a special Easter-themed activity for children. We're collecting pre-filled plastic eggs in

the lobby of either campus currently. Contact our Children's Ministry at **850-265-5231** with any questions.

## April dates to remember...

Core Beliefs Class

Palm Sunday

Easter Eggsplosion

Communion & Foot Washing Service

Fusion Prayer Night

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter

Discipleship "Serve" Class

CityServe

CityServe Celebration

Graduation Sunday

Apr 2

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## Wednesday Night Dinner



### Apr 5

Chicken Alfredo,  
Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread,  
Chocolate Mocha Cake

### Apr 19

Teriyaki Pork Roast,  
Fried Rice, Mixed Veggies,  
Salad, Roll,  
Cookies

### Apr 12

Pot Roast, New Potatoes,  
Glazed Carrots & Onions,  
Salad, Roll,  
Cherry Dump Cake

### Apr 26

Shrimp & Sausage Jambalaya  
Rice, Cajun Mixed Veggies,  
Salad, Biscuit,  
Bread Pudding

**Wednesday Night Supper is held at the Transmitter Campus Fellowship Hall (5:00-5:45pm)**  
**Cost is \$5 for adults & children 11+, and \$2 for kids ages 2-10 (not to exceed \$16 per family).**  
**Reservations are required by 12pm on the Monday preceding dinner. Sign-up on the worship**  
**guide tear-off or email [mahow@knology.net](mailto:mahow@knology.net).**

Sunday Service Times - Transmitter Campus (4501 Transmitter Rd)  
9:30 am • Contemporary Service  
11:00 am • Traditional Service

Fusion Campus (3203 Minnesota Ave.)  
9:30 am • Contemporary Service