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## Wednesday Night Dinner



### Sept 6

BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Corn on the Cob, Biscuits, Salad, Banana Pudding, Tea

### Sept 20

Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Ice Cream, Tea, Roll

### Sept 13

Tacos- Seasoned Beef, Chicken Tortillas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Guacamole, Salsa, Sour Cream, Refried Beans, Cheese, Onions, Jalapeños, Chips, Tea, Watermelon

### Sept 27

Red Beans and Rice with Smoked Sausage, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad, Tea, 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

# Lynn Haven UMC

# September 2017



## Sunday, September 17<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...

God blessed our congregation with an incredible gift in 2012 that we have since operated as the Fusion Fitness Center. It has served the needs of our church and community in a variety of ways by giving us an alternative worship site, providing a home for our youth ministries, and allowing us to offer Bay County residents marvelous recreational opportunities. There is no doubt Fusion has made a difference in countless people’s lives and enabled many persons to have life-changing encounters with Christ. That being said, it has never been financially solvent nor do we feel we have maximized its ministry potential.

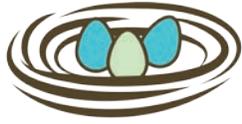
Earlier this year, Fusion Campus Pastor Rudy Olivo put together a team of LHUMC members with backgrounds in business, sports, government, and non-

profit organizations. They looked at various ways we could better utilize the Fusion facility and ultimately brought in two consultants to help us find a way forward. One of them, Dan Cook, is an architect who builds churches and schools. He also has created a company called BGW Sustainable Solutions that helps congregations utilize their facilities to generate income. The other consultant, a business partner of Dan’s named Shawn Walker, runs Event Management Solutions (EMS), which operates recreational facilities across the country.

After much prayerful consideration and deliberation, the church council decided to enter into a management agreement with EMS to run the day-to-day operations at Fusion. We are currently in an interim, joint relationship

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



the nesting place

a spiritual retreat for adoptive and foster Moms

### Transmitter Campus Sept 22-23rd

A spiritual retreat for adoptive and foster Moms will be held at the Transmitter campus September 22-23, 2017. Our 3 retreat sessions will include door prizes, worship, and video recordings of gifted speakers addressing topics from a Christian perspective that are important to the heart and mind of adoptive and foster Moms.

Registration is limited to 50 people. To register, or for more information, go to [www.mylhumc.net/](http://www.mylhumc.net/) or email [Katie@mylhumc.net](mailto:Katie@mylhumc.net).

### Mobile Food Pantry

Fusion Sat, Sept 9th  
Community Room 7:30am-12pm

We will distribute food to local families that are in need. Servants are needed to pre-pack boxes at 7:30am and to distribute food at 11am. Contact Heather Howell at [Heather@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:Heather@MyLHUMC.net) to serve or with any questions.

### Help Feed Hungry Students

Lynn Haven UMC is partnering again with New Horizon Learning Center for the *Feeding our Future* program. This program is successful in meeting the needs of students who would otherwise go hungry during the school day. For more information, or to sign up your life group, family or individually, please email [Doris Hast](mailto:DorisHast@dorsann@live.com) at [dorsann@live.com](mailto:dorsann@live.com).

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## A Word From Our Pastor... (cont. from page 1)

until November 1 when Shawn and his group will become the principal operators. While fitness activities will still be present, we will increase the recreational emphasis, especially with additional programs targeting children and youth. Fusion will still be a ministry of Lynn Haven UMC; EMS will simply be the operational manager. We will keep Fusion's distinctively Christian environment and our youth will continue to use the facility for their Sunday and Wednesday night programs.

We hope and pray the partnership will produce two results. For one, our goal is to make Fusion financially stable and even profitable, thereby creating an income stream that will enable us to channel more financial resources into ministry and mission. This partnership with EMS will also allow us, as a church, to focus on ministering to people rather than trying to run a business. We anticipate an increased flow of patrons at Fusion which will give a larger pool of persons to reach with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We plan on having church members serve at various times and be assigned to specific programs for the sole

purpose of interacting with the clientele. We want to welcome people in Jesus' name, tell them about our church's ministries, share the gospel with them, and pray for their needs.

If you would like more information about our plans, please come to a "town hall" (or should I say "church hall") gathering on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 pm in the Fusion Community Room. After a presentation by Terry, Rudy, and I, you will have the opportunity to hear from our EMS partner, Shawn Walker. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers.

I am excited because I am convinced this is going to be a "previval" for Fusion. If you don't know and understand the word, previval, you've obviously been skipping church the past month! I sincerely believe this is a new beginning that will enable us to grab hold of the future the Lord has planned for us and to reach many people for Christ. To God be the glory!

In Christ,

*Craig Carter*

Lead Pastor, LHUMC

### Sermon Review

Interested in digging deeper into the sermon or talking about the message in more detail later on during the week? Visit [mylhumc.net](http://mylhumc.net) and check out our sermons that are located under the media tab to download a brief study guide that accompanies the messages you hear each week.

## God-Sightings

*“And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”*

*Matthew 18:5 NIV*

On Sunday, August 6th, we hosted a Back-to-School Bash for the children at Southport Elementary School. We gave out free school supplies for each grade, had free haircuts and provided games and bouncy houses outside for the children to enjoy. It was evident that God was using our servants, Southport teachers and the children in big ways! Here's a message from their principal.

“It was an overall feeling that God was present watching over us. Children were happy and smiling. For many students, this is a day that will live in their lives as a great memory as a big event over the summer. Just the simple things that many of us take for granted... a haircut. Those smiling faces were priceless. God truly blesses our school and we have so much to be thankful for.”

*Holly Buchanan*

Southport Elementary Principal



## JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Two Opportunities to visit where Jesus walked, lived, taught and performed miracles

Dr. Doug Pennington is leading a 10 day Holy Land Classic tour through *Educational Opportunities Tours*, January 16-25, 2018. If you are interested, there will be a meeting in the music room on September 10th at 4pm. For more information, email Doug at [ds.mpcdistrict@yahoo.com](mailto:ds.mpcdistrict@yahoo.com).

Jim Luther is leading an 11 day tour through Israel with *Jerusalem Tours International*, May 1-11, 2018. During this tour you will experience a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of Jesus. For more information, contact Jim at [jimluther22@gmail.com](mailto:jimluther22@gmail.com) or at (850)265-5231.

## September dates to remember...

Church Office Closed  
1st Night of AWANA  
Wednesday Night Dinner Starts Back  
Mobile Food Pantry  
IMAGINE Kick-Off  
ROCK the UNIVERSE  
KNOW: Starting Point & Core Beliefs  
The Nesting Place  
Gretna Family Mission Trip Meeting

Sept 4  
Sept 6  
Sept 6  
Sept 9  
Sept 10  
Sept 8-10  
Sept 10  
Sept 22-23  
Oct 1

## YOUTH

### 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

## ROCK the UNIVERSE

September 8-10

Experience two nights of powerful tunes from Christian Rock's brightest stars at *Universal Studios Florida*. Lift your hands and let your heart soar with amazing performers including Christ Tomlin, Casting Crowns, Lecrae, plus other top contemporary Christian music artists.

For more information, visit [MyLHUMC.net](http://MyLHUMC.net) or contact **Neal McGee** at [Neal@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:Neal@MyLHUMC.net)

## CHILDREN



Transmitter  
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Our first official night of AWANA is Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. For more information, contact **Mary** at [MaryMc@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:MaryMc@MyLHUMC.net) or visit [mylhumc.net](http://mylhumc.net).



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