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## Wednesday Night Dinner



### December 6th

Teriyaki pork roast, fried rice,  
mixed vegetables, salad, tea, roll,  
cookies

### December 20th

No Dinner

### December 13th

Honey baked ham, au gratin  
potatoes, green beans, roll, salad,  
tea, dump cake

### December 27th

No Dinner

**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 [annemah@knology.net](mailto:annemah@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

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*December*  
2017



**Sunday, December 10th**

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.

### CHRISTMAS HOURS

Our church office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

The office will also be closed on January 1, 2018 in observance of New Years Day.



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

I love Sunday morning worship. There is just something about coming together with the people of God, singing praise, hearing the Gospel proclaimed, and being reminded that we are adopted sons and daughters of the living God that puts a smile on my face. While I love what that moment is each and every week, there is a concern that always lives within me on Sundays. The concern is that when the Spirit moves and the feeling of God's presence is palpable that experience becomes the end goal for which people long.

While a good feeling on Sunday morning is a positive thing, it cannot be the end of worship. Rather that good emotion should launch us towards continuous transformation into Jesus' image (2 Corinthians 3:18). As those moments transform us they should then transform our actions and cause us to create new doorways to make & grow disciples of Jesus Christ.

Now I don't know if you noticed it or not but I dropped the word "should" two times in the previous two sentences. Often people use that word "should" to identify lack, where life isn't being lived as it is supposed to be lived. On this occasion however I use this word should as a mechanism for celebration of what our worship has been and the direction in which it is leading us.

In the recent past during worship services our congregation has heard much about the changes we desire at Fusion. As a result of God moving in hearts and minds, people have responded beyond good feelings. Individuals have since offered financial, time, and spiritual resources to transform Fusion so that we may use it to transform Bay County.

Because of the way past worshipful moments have led to present transformative actions, I'm thrilled

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Charge Conference

Dec 4, 6pm-Transmitter Sanctuary

Our District Superintendent, Doug Pennington, will convene this annual meeting where 2017 ministry reports will be received, church officials will be elected and goals for 2018 will be adopted. This year's conference will be a group meeting of the following UMC's: Lynn Haven, Forest Park, Parker, Aldersgate and Hiland Park. Only Church Council members may vote, but all are invited to attend. For more information, contact *Terry Tatum* at [Terry@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:Terry@MyLHUMC.net).

### Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 - Both Campuses

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. As a result, we will have a revised worship schedule on Dec 24th. Similar Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelighting Services will be held at both campuses. There will be a service at Fusion at 9:30am along with three services at Transmitter at 11am, 2pm, and 4pm. While the musical style may slightly vary, every service will feature joyous carol singing, a children's message, celebration of the Lord's Supper, and candlelighting. Choose the campus and time that best fits your family's schedule and invite a friend to join us.

### Israel Informational Meeting

Dec 10- Transmitter Chapel

Interested in going on the Israel Pilgrimage on May 1-11th? Join Jim Luther on Dec 10th at 12:15pm for a brief informational meeting!

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

to report we're in the middle of many positive changes at Fusion. We're seeing the long needed HVAC upgrade realized, have a new and improved nursery facility, will soon have inflatables to use weekly for children's ministry and weekday recreation events, and have a number of new activities going on, not the least of which are children's flag football leagues and adult soccer leagues.



While it is a gift to see each of those tangible things transforming in front of me, what is more significant is that I'm already getting to share time with members of our community who, until now, haven't been a part of Fusion. I've been able to share with numerous parents that when they bring their kids they'll be in a place that is safe and fun, but more significantly is a Christian community where they are welcome. Likewise, I've been

able to gather at midfield before flag football games and pray over children that they may know and grow in the knowledge of Christ.



As exciting as all of this is, it is not the end, but rather just the beginning of a new cycle of worship. You see when we take moments like this to give thanks for all that God is doing through his people at LHUMC it specially prepares us for even more amazing worship that will lead to new change in us as individuals and as the body of Christ. For those reasons, I thank you for what we've been able to do, hope to see you at Fusion through the week and at worship on Sunday, and even more than that look forward to the future God has for us. All of this tells me that the best is yet to come.

Thankfully,

*Rudy Oliver*

Fusion Campus Pastor, LHUMC

## December Dates to Remember...

Youth Christmas Camping Party	Dec 1-3
Charge Conference	Dec 4
Mobile Food Pantry	Dec 9
Israel Information Meeting	Dec 10
2018 Mission Trip Info Meeting	Dec 10
A Christmas Celebration	Dec 17
Christmas Eve Worship 9:30am (Fusion), 11am, 2pm and 4pm	Dec 24

# Extravagant Generosity

Thank you to everyone that supported our Pumpkin Patch this year. We raised **\$14,499.81** for local missions! All proceeds from this year's patch will go to our partnerships with Southport Elementary School and New Horizons Learning Center and to the Hardly Able ministry.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Operation Christmas Child boxes. We packed **463** boxes this year!

These boxes will be shipped all over the world to children who otherwise might not have gotten anything for Christmas. Thank you for your Extravagant Generosity!

## A Simple Christmas Offering

Christmas decorations have been up in some stores since before Halloween. TV ads are already telling us what this year's "hottest toys" are. The Christmas season can seem chaotic and overwhelming and the temptation to buy more is greater than ever.

What would it look like if we bought a few less material gifts this year and used that money to change a life? Join us in a Simple Christmas Offering! No waiting in lines, no Amazon Prime needed, no shipping charges; just a simple offering that can have a major impact.

Join us in giving a financial gift to Anchorage Children's Home, the United Methodist Children's Home, and to building new buildings which serve as churches and schools for our friends in Uganda. Each of these ministries has an ongoing, transformative impact on children's lives. Providing hope, healing, education, and a promising future, these organizations will take our Simple Christmas Offering and turn it into a bright future for children in need.

To give, designate "Simple Christmas Offering" on your check, give online at [mylhumc.net](http://mylhumc.net), or pick up a Christmas offering envelope from the Simple Christmas Offering display in the lobby.



### Dec 17th, 4-6pm- Transmitter Campus

Celebrate Christmas with a night of fun, fellowship, food and a special Christmas performance! This is a Christmas event for all ages. Fellowship and fun begins at 4pm and the Christmas story starts at 5pm!

### End of Year Giving

Please help our congregation end the year strong and continue its tradition of faithful giving by "catching up" or exceeding your 2017 financial commitment. All contributions must be received in the church office by *noon December 29*, or in the offering plate or online by *December 31*, to be counted on your 2017 giving statement.

Are you interested in knowing what you have given to the church this year? Visit [mylhumc.net](http://mylhumc.net) to access your Fellowship One account or contact [TrishWallaceatTrish@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:TrishWallaceatTrish@MyLHUMC.net).

## YOUTH

### Schedule

#### Sundays

**4:30-5:30pm** Middle School Only Games/ Small Groups

**5:30pm** High School students arrive

**6-6:30pm** Worship for MS & HS

**6:30pm** MS goes home

**6:30-7:30pm** HS Small Groups/Pick-Up

#### Wednesdays

**5:00pm** Students arrive

**6:00pm** Game/Message

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

#### High School Retreat

**January 12th-14th, Camp Baldwin**

Join us for our High School retreat! Our theme is "Outsiders." Jeremy Steele will be our speaker and our band is "For The Fatherless". There will be several youth groups attending this event, so space is limited. The cost is \$115 and the deadline for the \$50 deposit is Sunday, December 3rd.

For more information, or to sign-up, contact [Neal@MyLHUMC.net](mailto:Neal@MyLHUMC.net).

## CHILDREN



### Transmitter Campus

**Dec 8th, 5:30pm-9pm**

Children ages 6 weeks - 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of games, crafts, movies and more. \$12 per child and don't forget to wear your Christmas pajamas!

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



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