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Wednesday Night Dinner



April 4th

Pot Roast, Carrots, Sweet Onions, New Potatoes, Salad, Tea, Roll
Peach Cobbler
Hotdogs are available for children.

April 18th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad, Tea
Brownies with Ice Cream
Hotdogs are available for children.

April 11th

BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Corn on the Cob, Biscuit, Salad, Tea
Ice Cream
Hotdogs are available for children.

April 25^h

Beef Tips with Rice, Italian Green Beans, Salad, Tea
Chocolate Mocha Cake
Hotdogs are available for children.

Wednesday Night Dinner 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 annemah55@gmail.com

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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April
2018



Baptism in the Bay
Sunday, May 6th, 2pm
A. L. Kinsaul Park

Join us at Kinsaul Park on Sunday, May 6th at 2:00pm for our spring Baptism in the Bay. The park is located at 1198 W 5th St. in Lynn Haven.

If you would like to take part in this incredible experience, or learn more about baptism, please contact *Terry Tatum* at Terry@MyLHUMC.net as soon as possible to ensure you are able to participate.



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A word from our Pastor...

The 2018 Major League Baseball season begins on March 29, the earliest opening day in history. That fact doesn't mean much to most of you, but for me, it's truly good news. Former major league baseball player, Al Gallagher, once said: "There are three things in my life which I really love: God, family, and baseball. The only problem is, once baseball season starts, I change the order around a bit." While I hope that is not entirely correct, it is not far from the truth for me as well. I absolutely love the game of baseball. I love playing the game, watching the game, analyzing the game, talking about the game, reading about the game...I think you get the idea.

One of the reasons I love baseball so much is because it teaches a great deal about life itself. Baseball shows the value of individual contributions to a team's success, the importance of a good work ethic (you play like you practice), and the inevitability of failure (even Hall of Fame hitters make an out 70% of the time). At the same time, baseball

always affords its participants a chance to bounce back. At best, there's another at bat coming. At worst, wait 'til next year! (which is what we, Atlanta Braves fans, have been saying since 1996)

Some of you may recall a routine made famous by stand-up comedian, George Carlin, a number of years ago. In it, he compares the two most popular sports in America (no, not NASCAR and fishin') – baseball and football. From his observations, you may get an idea why baseball is our national pastime and my sport of choice.

Football begins in the fall, when everything's dying.

Baseball begins in the spring, the season of new life.

Football is concerned with downs. What down is it? It's the last down!

Baseball is concerned with ups. Who's up? Oh, I'm up!

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In football you receive a penalty.

In baseball you make an error...oops!

In football the specialist comes in to kick something.

In baseball the specialist comes in to relieve somebody.

Football has hitting, clipping, spearing, piling on, late hits, and unnecessary roughness.

Baseball has the sacrifice.

Football has the two minute warning.

Baseball has the seventh inning stretch.

Football is rigidly timed, and it will end even if we've got to go to sudden death.

Baseball has no time limit so we don't know when the game is gonna end. We might even have extra innings.

And finally, the objectives of the two games are completely different:

In football the object is for the quarterback, also known as the field general, to be on target with his aerial assault, riddling the defense by hitting his receivers with deadly accuracy in spite of

the blitz, even if he has to use the shotgun. With short bullet passes and long bombs, he marches his troops into enemy territory, balancing this aerial assault with a sustained ground attack that punches holes in the forward wall of the enemy's defensive line.

In baseball the object is to get home! And to be safe! I hope I'll be safe at home!

Baseball lover or not, we all like to be safe at home. Maybe that's why I love Christ's Church even more than the game of baseball. It gives me a safe place to call home where I can learn and live the Christian faith. That's why I agree with the writer of Hebrews when he says, "Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from church meetings...you should meet together and encourage each other." (Hebrews 10:24-25a ICB) Let's take these words to heart so the Lynn Haven UMC is a place where everyone can feel "safe at home." I'll see you there or in the park...the baseball park, that is!

In Christ,

Craig Carter

Lead Pastor, LHUMC

April Dates to Remember...

Easter Services	April 1
6:30am (Kinsaul Park), 8am, 9:30am, 11am at Transmitter; 9:30am at Fusion	
Pastor's Bible Study Resumes	April 4
Youth Exile Night	April 13-14
Mobile Food Pantry Servant Training	April 15
Southport Chalk Day	April 20
City Serve	April 21
Senior Recognition Sunday	April 29
Camp Lee Sign-Up Deposit Due For Youth	April 29
55+ Dinner	May 4



Southport Elementary Partnership Chalk Day April 20th, 10am - 12:30pm

Servants are needed to cook hot dogs, help with face painting and hand out water at Southport's Chalk Day on April 20th.

To sign-up to serve, or to find out more about our partnership with Southport Elementary School, visit mylhumc.net or contact *Cindy Hansen* at Cindy@MyLHUMC.net.

Mission Shares

Invest in our 2018 mission trips by purchasing mission shares for \$20. Mission share envelopes are available in the lobby.

To give online go to <http://www.mylhumc.net/giving> and click on the "Pushpay" link. Indicate the amount you want to give. Select "Mission Shares," in the drop down menu. Then, in the "Memo" line write the destination of the trip and the trip member's name.

For more information contact *Katie Fanning* at Katie@MyLHUMC.net.

55+ Fellowship Dinner "A Salute to the Military" Transmitter Fellowship Hall May 4th, 5:30pm

Join the 55+ group for dinner on May 4th at 5:30 pm in the Transmitter Fellowship Hall. Must sign-up no later than April 29th or email *Susan Penton* at sepenton@yahoo.com to reserve a seat. For more information contact *Susan Penton* at sepenton@yahoo.com.

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



God-Sighting

We recently received a letter in the mail from a lady named Allison from Porter, TX who wrote to tell how her husband has been going to MD Anderson in Houston to receive chemotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer. While it has since spread to his liver, she praised God that he has been able to tolerate the chemo up until now. They are praying for a miracle but struggling with his life expectancy (as indicated by the doctors) of about 6 months to a year.

Allison then went on to say that on Feb 7th her husband, Mark, was at MD Anderson for treatment and met someone from our church who prayed with them and gave them one of our prayer squares. Their hearts were warmed at this kindness and she wanted us to

know what a marvelous ministry this is and how they treasured this act of kindness.

God is everywhere and is always in the details of our lives. Even in the seemingly small weaving of a square of yarn that can be shared as an expression of His love. On Feb 7th a 3 inch piece of yarn was the mechanism God used to pour His love on Mark and Allison. And none of this would have happened without the love and prayers of some ladies at our church who decided to create these squares and pray diligently over each one as a way to deliver God's peace and love to people in need.

Thank you to Norma Wallis and the dedicated team of volunteers who help continue this ministry to serve God's people through prayer...and yarn!



CityServe 2018
April 21st, 8:00am, Kinsaul Park

CityServe is our annual day of service, and this year we are excited about partnering with St. Dominic Catholic Church! Join us on Saturday, April 21st in serving on teams throughout our community, working on projects that will help local organizations

and families. There are projects for all age and skill levels. Breakfast, prayer, and send off is at Kinsaul Park at 8am. Projects should be complete by 12pm and a celebration cookout will follow at Kinsaul park at 12:30p. Sign-ups will be available in the lobby April 8 - April 15th. Childcare is available at our church for children 5 and under. You must email cindy.rounds@me.com to reserve childcare. The community is invited to join us in serving, so bring a friend. They just need to show up at 8am at Kinsaul Park and they will be assigned a project. Sign ups are also available at MyLHUMC.net. For more information contact *Katie Fanning* at Katie@MyLHUMC.net or visit MyLHUMC.net.

Pastor's Bible Study
Transmitter Chapel, Wednesdays, 6-6:45pm

The Pastor's Bible Study will resume after Easter. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught His followers how to pray. Pastor Craig will lead a study of the Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13, beginning April 4th. For more information contact *Trish Wallace* at Trish@MyLHUMC.net.

Mobile Food Pantry Servant Training
Transmitter Fellowship Hall, April 15th, 12:00-1:30pm

We will have mini-workshops on how to understand poverty, how to help people in need, and how to share the gospel. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to *Heather Howell* at Heather@MyLHUMC.net no later than April 12th. (You do not have to attend the training to serve on April 21st at the mobile food pantry).

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

Exile Night

April 13th-14th, FUMC Panama City

Our Youth Group will be joining FUMC PC for an Exile Night. This event will allow students to experience a little of what our exiled Christian brothers and sisters face everyday. We will begin on Friday at 6pm and end on Saturday at 1:30pm. There is no cost to attend, but students will need to pay for their lunch on Saturday. Students must sign up no later than *April 8th*.

For more information contact *Neal McGee* at Neal@MyLHUMC.net.

CHILDREN



Save the Date - VBS
July 8th-12th

Save the date for this years VBS! The theme this year is 'Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus!' We are need of servants to help decorate and plan! If you are interested, contact *Mary McQuagge* at MaryMc@MyLHUMC.net.



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