

St. John's Lutheran Church April, 2024

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Office Hours--Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.



Gather Grow Go



I think just about every fan of Stark Trek has opinions on which captain is their favorite. Star Trek fans can be divided by their favorite captain. A lot of fans have strong opinions why Picard, my personal favorite, is the best captain to helm the Enterprise, or why the underrated Janeway is really the best captain. Honestly, I have a hard time choosing a favorite captain. However, if I had to choose one, I would give the edge to Captain Kirk for the original series for one specific reason. He did not believe in an unwinnable scenario. One of the famous tidbits from Star Trek lore is that Captain Kirk is the only person who ever beat the Kobayashi Maru. This was a test that featured an "unwinnable scenario." It was meant to teach captains to face defeat. However, Kirk believed that everything was winnable and he found a way to win. He cheated and reprogrammed the scenario to make it easier. Facing certain defeat and finding a way out of an unwinnable scenario became a prominent theme in many iterations of Star Trek after the Kobayashi Maru was first introduced in the *Wrath of Khan* movie.

In the liturgical life of the church, journey through the last week of Jesus' life, Holy Week. It starts with the triumphant entry on Palm Sunday, continues with the tension of the last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and reaches tragedy on Good Friday. During Holy Week, the faithful remember the time when Jesus faced his own version of Kobayashi Maru. Starting with his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faced his own unwinnable scenario, and by all accounts after six hours of hanging on a cross on Friday it looked like he lost. Despite the events of Good Friday, Jesus was fully confident that this was going down as a "W", and as scripture reminds us, He even told his disciples this when they were still in Galilee. Jesus must not have believed in no-win scenarios either, because like Captain Kirk, He cheated. Jesus broke the rule. He destroyed the system of sin and death. He made all things new and found a way around the unwinnable scenario. On Easter we celebrate that not only did Jesus come back for the win, but He made it possible for us to find victory in our own unwinnable scenario.

We, humanity, were in an unwinnable situation. We were created to be in relationship with God, but we were cut off from God because of our own selfish decisions. Worse, we seemed to be incapable of overcoming our pride. On our own our best intentions we fell short. We could not overcome our sin and we could not reconcile ourselves to God. God fixed this relationship once and for all. God sent God's only son, part of God's very self, to be our Savior. Jesus showed us a better way to live. Jesus fulfilled the old law by following its heart of loving God and loving others. Then, even though Jesus was the only person who had not sinned, even though He was the only person innocent, and the only person who didn't deserve to suffer consequences of our sins, He was punished. Jesus died for the sins of the world, but He did not stay that way.

Jesus was resurrected. He was fully alive, as He was before He died. He had a staring contest with death, and death blinked first. The rule of reality is that dead is dead, but Jesus changed the rules. He created a new option. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul put it this way, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! We are given the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus won the victory. He beat the unwinnable scenario by refusing to stay dead. The reason why we celebrate Easter is because Jesus did this for us. Jesus did not go for the win for his own benefit, but He did it for us. Jesus took on the impossible. He faced an unwinnable scenario so that we too might experience victory. When we confess our sins and believe that our sins were crucified with Christ, then they are gone. Wiped clean! Forever forgiven! We are reconciled with our Creator once more, in relationship with the God who created us and never stopped loving us. Because Jesus won the victory, we too can triumph in our unwinnable scenario. This is grace. This is the gospel. This is why we celebrate Easter today and everyday!

Easter Blessings Friends!

Pr. Stacy



Income & Worship Attendance Summary

February, 2024

	Actual Current Month	Budget Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual vs Budget
Total Offerings	\$10,391.35	\$12,350.00	\$22,394.90	\$24,700.00	(\$2,305.10)
Total Revenue	\$13,322.02	\$12,350.00	\$28,658.93	\$24,700.00	\$3,958.93
Total Expenses	\$15,852.12	\$16,732.27	\$34,086.99	\$134,416.54	(\$329.55)
Profit/Loss Net Cash Increase/(Decrease)	(\$2,530.10)	(\$4,382.27)	(\$5,428.06)	(\$9,716.54)	\$4,288.48
Average Weekly Attendance for February (In-person attendance only)					83.5

Please feel free to contact the church office for a complete financial report.



2024 Council Information:

Sara Beth Holman- President, Stewardship Liaison Tracey Krumrei- Vice President Shellie Virtues- Secretary Barb Dorn-Financial Secretary, Technology Team Liaison Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison Amy Spaude Betty Stevens- Outreach Team Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison

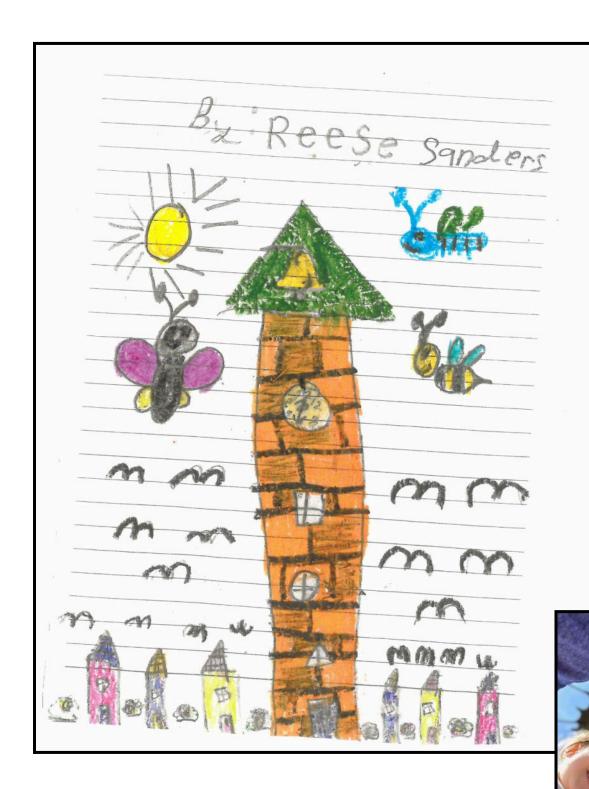
Building & Grounds Meeting Schedule Change: Building & Grounds will now meet the first Sunday of each month following Worship.











Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Youth & Education



Sunday School

Sunday School takes place following Worship until 11:00 am every Sunday. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend! Children are always welcome to bring a friend as well! Please see Miss Karie if you have any questions.



~The LYO is open to all Teens ages 6th through 12th Grades~

Brotherhood Booyah Service Weekend:

Friday, April 26th, 3:30 p.m. until Done

The LYO will be assisting the Brotherhood with cutting vegetables for Booyah Sunday.

LYO Bible Study



Sunday, April 28th

Booyah Service Day!





Introducing VBS 2024~ SCUBA!

Save the Dates
7/15/24~7/19/24
8:00 am - Noon
Register Here→





For Sale in our Narthex!

Bring home a delicious bottle of Homemade Maple Syrup from the Krumrei's Sugar Shack to enjoy with your breakfast!

All proceeds go to support the Youth Programs of St. Johns!







On Sale Now in our Narthex!

Candy bars are cash & carry. \$2.00 each All proceeds go to support this year's Vacation Bible School!



Congratulations to the following children as they received First Holy Communion on Palm Sunday.

Collin Clark Josalyn Schaal Madalyn Schaal



Family Ministry Outings

Get your tickets TODAY!!!!

From Nikky Urbaniak: "I'm excited to announce our very first in-person fundraiser! Grab your family and friends and join us for a fun night! Come on out for a baseball game and support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - Little Suamico! On Thursday, June 13th, we'll be heading out to cheer on the Rockers at Capital Credit Union Park. Tickets are \$15 and include a hat! A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will go directly into funding books for children right here in our community! All donations stay local. You MUST use the link below or the QR code for the special pricing...Dolly Parton's Imagination Library should show up on your ticket information in your cart. We hope to see everyone there!

http://tinyurl.com/2ceswads







Echoes of Faith Men's Choir

Rehearsals will take place the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month at

8:00 a m

Performances during Worship the 2nd Sunday of each month

All men are welcome to join!



JOIN THE CHIMES CHOIR!

Anyone 10 years and older are welcome to join.
No experience necessary!
Easy to play

ABILITY TO READ MUSIC IS A PLUS, BUT NOT NEEDED AS ALL OF THE INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC HAVE BEEN COLOR CODED!

Rehearsals begin monday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m. Rehearsals will take place on the 1st & 3rd mondays of each month. See Jenn Cassel for more information!

IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Members are welcome at any time.

Please join us!





Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Narthex

We will be discussing the book, The Spanish Daughter by Lorena Hughes

"An engrossing, suspenseful family saga filled with unpredictable twists and turns." —Chanel Cleeton, New York Times bestselling author of Next Year in Havana

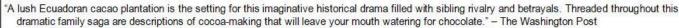
"With an equal mix of historical fiction, dramatic family conflict, and mystery, this tale should please fans of Christina Baker Kline. Lisa Wingate, and Kate Quinn."—Booklist

Perfect for fans of Julia Alvarez and Silvia Moreno-Garcia, this exhilarating novel transports you to the lush tropical land-

scape of 1920s Ecuador, blending family drama, dangerous mystery, and the real-life history of the coastal town known as the "birthplace of cacao."

As a child in Spain, Puri always knew her passion for chocolate was inherited from her father. But it's not until his death that she learns of something else she's inherited—a cocoa estate in Vinces, Ecuador, a town nicknamed "Paris Chiquito." Eager to claim her birthright and filled with hope for a new life after the devastation of World War I, she and her husband Cristóbal set out across the Atlantic Ocean. But it soon becomes clear someone is angered by Puri's claim to the estate...

When a mercenary sent to murder her aboard the ship accidentally kills Cristóbal instead, Puri dons her husband's clothes and assumes his identity, hoping to stay safe while she searches for the truth of her father's legacy in Ecuador. Though freed from the rules that women are expected to follow, Puri confronts other challenges at the estate—newfound siblings, hidden affairs, and her father's dark secrets. Then there are the dangers awakened by her attraction to an enigmatic man as she tries to learn the identity of an enemy who is still at large, threatening the future she is determined to claim...



"A sweepingly elegant historical novel." - Ms. Magazine

"A lushly written story of bittersweet family secrets and betrayals." —Andrea Penrose, author of Murder at the Royal Botanic Gardens

"Passionate and suspenseful, The Spanish Daughter is a satisfying historical mystery set in a lush tropical land." —Foreword Reviews STARRED REVIEW "Engrossing... As addictive as chocolate." —Publishers Weekly

"Richly captivating." —Woman's World

"A fascinating historical."-PopSugar

If you have any questions about book club, please ask Jo Ann Risso.



Upcoming Meeting Dates (Meetings take place after Worship Service in the Sunday School Wing.)

Next Meeting: Sunday April 14

WELCA will be looking for nominations for a 2024 Treasurer—
Please prayerfully consider attending the next WELCA meeting if you would like to support the Women of St. John's in this position.

All women of the church are welcome to attend! Our meetings are filled with discussion and decision making about how WELCA may best support our church, the local community and the greater community and world. Please join us!

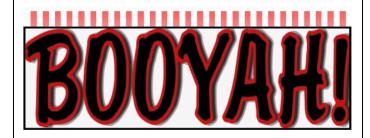


If you are graduating or have a graduate in your family, please let the church office know so that we may recognize this accomplishment!

You may reach us by email at stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org or by calling (920) 826-7785.

Please notify the church office no later than Sunday, April 28th.

Thank you!



Sunday, April 28, 2024 Serving 10:15 a.m. 'til gone

Cost: \$7.00 adult meal \$4.00 children 7-12 Children 6 & under are free \$9.00 quart carryout



Here is the link for the Graduate Information Form:

https://stjohnlittlesuamico-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/stjohnsls_stjohnslittlesuamico_org/EY WCmT1LxVJLogcMYJyUz18BOGSxG0xhnRgqqLA-bSVh3A?e=L4iuIQ



Brotherhood Retreat Attendees:

Doug will begin collecting your registration fees the Sunday after Easter.



Please join us

Shawano Conference WELCA 2024 Spring Event "Tea with Neighbors Near & Far"

> Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church 1253 Co. Rd. J Little Suamico, WI

Guest Speaker Deb Martin will be sharing about her travels to Palestine in 2022 as we enjoy a cup of authentic Palestinian Tea.

Enjoy a morning of relaxing interaction,
A fun project,
Worship with Communion,
And a luncheon with dessert.

All congregations are asked to bring a gift basket for the door prize raffle.

Registration Fee: \$20

Please register no later than May 1st by calling or emailing Karie at St. John's Lutheran Church.

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Email: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org

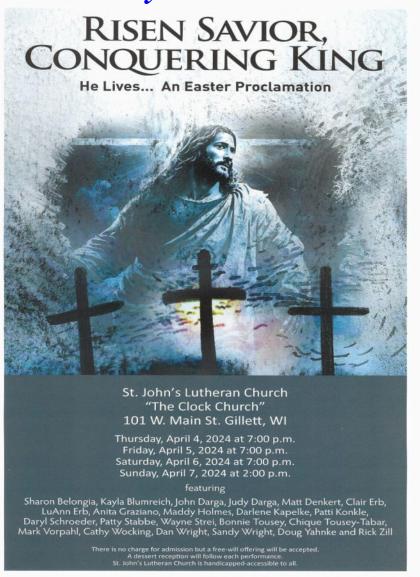




In our Community



A HUGE Thank You to everyone who volunteered for our Vizzy Stand this year! You made an \$18,000 difference for St. John's!



Nutrition



Good nutrition is critical to good health. Poor nutrition is the greatest threat to an older adult's independence. The Oconto County Elderly Nutrition Program offers tasty nutritious meals to anyone age 60 and older. Each meal provides 1/3 of the daily amounts of nutrients needed to promote good health.

St. John's is proud to be a host site for the OCCOA Nutrition and Meal Site Program. But your help is needed. Our meal site will be in need of a new **Site Manager** to oversee the weekly Tuesday lunch starting in May. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact either Karie Peters in the office or our current site manager, fellow St. John's member, Dawn Brouillard. Call (920) 826-7785 or email stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org.

Thank you!

2024 KIWANIS KAPERS

Mystery On The **Menominee River:**

Can Scoobs Save The Day?



Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th - 7 p.m. Sunday, April 7th - 3 p.m.

W.J. Jones Auditorium - Marinette High School

Tickets \$20 - available at "Ironworks" or from any "Kiwanis Member" *Tickets available from Keith Kolstad (call of text 715-587-7898)

ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

A group from St. John's will be going on Sunday April 7th. Kan if interested

We have a group going from St. John's for the April 7th show! Contact Pr. Stacy if you would like to join us!



SUPPORT GROUP

DO YOU CARE FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER W/DEMENTIA OR MEMORY CONCERNS?



- <u>Shawano</u>: 4th Wed./month @ 1-2pm at Beans & Books-Expresso ~215 Main Street
- Bonduel: 4th Tues/month @ 2-3pm at the Village Hall
- Oconto: 1st Mon./month @ 10-11am at the Bond Center
- Gillett: 1st Mon./month @ 2-3pm at the Community
- Lakewood: 1st Wed./month @ 2-3pm at Lakes Country Public Librarý
- Tigerton: 4th Wed./month @ 10-11am at the Senior Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION



1-855-492-2372 Ask for Ericka or Johanna

www..adrcwolfriver.org



Johanna@adrcwolfriver.org Ericka@adrcwolfriver.org

W7327 Anderson Ave. Shawano, WI 54166



- Oconto Area -**Memory Café**

April Showers Bring May Flowers! We will be starting some flowers from seed and painting clay pots to take home to watch your flowers grow!!





The café provides a fun, comfortable environment where people with earlystage memory loss along with their caregiver, can relax, engage and enjoy the company of others who are on the same journey.

There is no cost to attend.

Date: Tuesday April 16th, 2024

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Location: Bond Community Center

1201 Park Ave, Oconto WI 54153

RSVPs required on or before April 15th, 2024: Please call Johanna at 715-526-4708 to reserve your spot!







April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed- Easter Monday 5:30pm Chimes Choir	2 10:30am Gentle Fitness Class 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	3	4	5 Office Closed	6 6pm AA Meeting
7 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Building & Ground Meeting Fellowship Hour Sunday School	8 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting	9 10:30am Gentle Fitness Class 11:30am OCCA Meal Site 6:30pm Council	10	11	12 Office Closed	13 6pm AA Meeting
14 7:30am, Car Show Meeting 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Sunday School WELCA Meeting Club 9	15 5:30pm, Chimes Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm IRS Book Club	16 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	17	18 Articles for Newsletter Due	19 Office Closed	20 6pm AA Meeting
21 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Quarterly Meeting Fellowship Sunday School	22	23 11:30am OCCA Meal Site 5:30pm Y&E Team	24	25	26 Office Closed 3:30pm, Booyah Veggie Cutting	27 6pm AA Meeting
28 Brotherhood Booyah 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am BOOYAH! Sunday School	29 Karie atte	30 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	1 Training	2	3	4



Service in the Church

January Roger & Eunice Redlin

Jessy & Jacqueline Haid Jim & Joni Holtz Bill & Kay Kissinger Keith & Karen Kolstad Bruce & Jan LaSota Megan Raymaker Sam & Brenda Walkowiak Keith Werner Janet Wiegman Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen Lorna Koch Michelle Marchand Nancy Moes Bev & Dennis Possley Renee Possley George Zahorik

March John & Mary Warren

Ashley Bloom Len & Diana Brickett Doug & Jenn Cassel Scott & Tammy Kissinger Dennis & Peg Mueller Paul & Terri Poradek Erin Willis Mike & Beth Babik Paul Delzer Tim & Julie Eichman Darrin & Alyssa Evans Vic & Sandy Heitzkey Mark & Joanne Risso Shari Seidl Rick & Nikki Yedica

MayDoug & Helen Malueg

Donn & Marie Behling Dan & Kelly Deau Jake & Nicole Dembroski Shaun & Alana Eder Brett & Holly King Tom & Barbara King Todd & Roxanne Kissinger Scott & Amy Spaude

June Pam & Tracey Krumrei

February

Nancy Valentine

April
Curt & Sindi Anschutz

Jerry & Sara Arndt Tina Bergh Darrell & Carol Brehmer Dan & JMarie Freis Arlene Giese Pam Giese

Ralph & Judith Kleczka Fran Koski Desiree Kozlovsky Lisa Rosenberg Rick Rosenberg

July Bill & Lee Hoeft

Tim & Brenda Bloom Brian & Natasha Chapman Nick & Kim Dunks Jan Francies Janet Heider Bruce & Betsy Russell Kevin & Wendy Smith Kathie Surges The Urbaniak Family Larry & Lynne Wirtz Jenny Yakes

August Tim & Karen Heimerl

Clayton & Brenda Kutska Robert & Melissa Luedtke Riley & Chuck McDermid Darrell & Chris Naze Ken & Susy Pagel Chad & Kelly Stellmacher Greg & Tammy Yager Ken Yost

September Duayne & Pat Rosenberg

Pat Bastian Travis & Renee Falkowski Stephanie Hakkila Jim & Brooke Hilbert Todd & Sara Beth Holman Steve & Angie Larsen Larry Schmidtke Dave Zimmerman

October Dave & Ginny Burkart

December

Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus Bill Foster Rob & Nancy Gleffe Bill & Kelly Heier Michael & Kim Mahr Peggy Miller-Ponschock Susan Mittelstaedt Bob & Linda Slaby

NovemberPat & Shellie Virtues

Peggy Bennett Dennis & Dawn Brouillard John & Dawn Demeny Doris Fleck Julie Kroupa Sharon Schultz Betty Stevens Brian & Anne Virtues

Jerry & Michelle Cooper Andy & Barb Dorn

Andy & Barb Dorn Robin Schmit Dorn Roger & Cheryl Lambert Tom & Chris Lemke Tim & Karie Peters Tyler Sager Diana Sefcik Mark & Barbara Seiltz Beth Wentz

Thank you to our March 2024 Service Group!

Faithful Servants for April

Worship Assistants are Needed for April Services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

	Sunday April 7	Sunday April 14	Sunday April 21	Sunday April 28	Sunday May 5
Acolyte	Rayce Kissinger	Payton & Easton Eder	Needed	Grace Wagner	Brayden Possley
Communion Assistants	Chris Naze Rayce Kissinger Two Needed	Nancy Gleffe Easton Eder Payton Eder One Needed	Ginny Burkart Three Needed	Lorna Koch Three Needed	Shellie Virtues Brayden Possley Two Needed
Communion Steward	Chris Naze	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues
Greeters	Two Needed	John Warren One Needed	Walkowiak Family	Tim & Karie Peters Grace Wagner	Two Needed
Reader	Nancy Valentine	Duayne Rosenberg	Kelly Stellmacher	Shellie Virtues	Sindi Anschutz
Scrip Volunteers	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt
Ushers	John Warren Lorna Koch	Steve & Angie Larsen Dave Zimmerman	Andy Dorn John Warren	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family
Technology Team	Rayce Kissinger	Easton Eder	Doug Malueg	Needed	Barb Dorn
Welcome Center	Nancy Valentine	Lee Hoeft	Eunice Redlin	Chris Naze	John Warren
Offering Counters	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Doug & Jenn* Cassel John Warren	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn* Dave & Ginny Burkart	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman

Please let Karie Peters know if you would like to join any Worship Assistant rotations for upcoming services.



Snow Removal Assistance Needed Please contact the church office or Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

From the Church Office

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Are you missing out on important news from St. John's simply because we don't have your email address?

At St. John's, we send out one brief weekly email message called "This Week at St. John's" to keep you informed of all the important activities here at church. Occasionally we send a weather-related cancellation or an urgent request for help, but we DO NOT send jokes, chain letters, advertisements or forwarded messages. We don't give out your email to anyone outside of church. You won't end up on any random mailing lists as a result of subscribing.

So... please send us an email so we can add your name to our list!

Send it to: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org.

Remember, you can be taken off our list at any time if you change your mind.



Now that the Lighthouse is sent online, make sure to update your email with the church so you don't miss any of the important information going out to members.

Please either write your information on one of the green cards located in the pews or send an email to the church office.







There are PRAYER CARDS in the Narthex beneath the nametags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and will remain there for 3 weeks. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Please be sure to send your May Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than April 18th. God Bless!