



May 2025



ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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FOUNDED 1874 ~ CURRENT LOCATION 1961

Our Core Practices



**Becoming Inclusive**—Becoming a congregation that does not build walls, but opens doors to all God's beloved people.



**Connecting People**—Building small groups for mission, prayer, fellowship, travel, and support.



**Growing Disciples**—Teaching and experiencing Christian faith for adults and children for a life of transformation.



**Practicing Generosity**—Giving of our time, talent, and treasure for God's mission in the world.

Funded by St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation, Lydia Circle and Women of the ELCA

Donation Receipt: SMLC from the Shalom Center

**April 2025**

"Thank you for your **256 lbs.** of Non-Perishable Items!"

**THANK YOU!**



**Food on the 1st**



**NEXT RED BAG DROP OFF IS SAT. MAY 3 & SUN. MAY 4!**

(or during office hours).



The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship.

**WE ARE**

**GOD'S PEOPLE**

**FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST**

**GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT**

**GO PRAY**

**GO LOVE**

**GO SERVE**

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*Christmas In July*

How many shopping days left until Christmas?

Don't worry, plenty of shopping days left even if some people started the day after last Christmas.

Meanwhile, St. Mary's "Christmas in July" is only a couple of months away. This is a great time to stock up on personal care items to donate.

Those items donated this year will once again go to the **ELCA Outreach Center** to help those in need during the summer months.

*Merry Christmas!*  
**Church in Society**

Women of the **ELCA**

*Mother's Day High Tea*

**Saturday, May 3 beginning at 1pm**

**In Fellowship Hall (doors open at 12:30pm)**

- ♦ In celebration of mothers, daughters, granddaughters and friends, our chosen family!
- ♦ Honored Guests: Our pastors' wives from the past
- ♦ Musician: Nataliya Nikonova Schoen, violin

Tea cups & saucers, white gloves and hats are welcome!

Please note that baskets will be passed for donations received at this High Tea are designated to be given to our local domestic violence center of "Women's and Children's Horizons". There have been huge reductions in grant funding and some centers have reduced staff or may have to close.

# A Message from Our Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

May, 2025

## A Holy Land Blessing

May the babe of Bethlehem  
bring you peace;  
May the child of Nazareth  
bring you joy;  
May the man of Galilee  
bring you strength;  
May the Christ of Calvary  
bring you courage;  
May the risen Jesus  
bring you hope  
And the ascended Christ a  
foretaste of his glory.

*-Father George Potter of Peckham  
Anglican Franciscan friar (1887-1960)  
\*\*\**

From Pastor Jordan:

Thank you for your willingness to learn about our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (the ELCJHL or the Palestinian Lutheran church) during Lent, and to hold them in your prayers. The people of Palestine, especially those in the ELCJHL, hold a special place in my heart, and it means so much to me to help you learn to care about them and advocate for them.

**I am pleased to tell you that St. Mary's website will have a new section where you can continue to learn more about the Palestinian Lutheran Church, stay up-to-date on their activities, and support their ministries. The page on the website will include the links below, as well as additional resources to learn from and ways to advocate for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel.**

The people of the ELCJHL are a vibrant, faithful, resilient community of indigenous Christians in the Holy Land. They live out their faith every day under the many challenges of the Israeli military occupation of Palestine. In the words of one young Palestinian Christian, the people of the ELCJHL believe that Jesus walked the land of Palestine, and Jesus is still with us (the Christians of Palestine) now.

The ELCJHL has about 2,000 members who worship among 6 congregations throughout the West Bank and in Amman, Jordan. Additionally, the ELCJHL operates an Environmental Education Center, a gender justice desk, a youth ministry program, 4 kindergarten-12th grade schools in the West Bank, and a diaconal ministry program.

Students at the ELCJHL's 4 schools participate in activities like model United Nations, where teams travel in Palestine and beyond to compete in tournaments.

The ELCJHL's vibrant youth ministry gives young Palestinian Christians a chance to connect with each other and their faith, as well as experience travel to other countries, including the United States.

As American Lutheran Christians, we can support the Palestinian Lutheran Church through learning and sharing their stories, holding them in our prayers, and donating financially. It means a lot to the people of the ELCJHL to know that people across the world are advocating for justice and

peace, and accompanying them from around the world.

## **Websites and people/groups to follow on social media: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land**

Website: [www.elcjl.org](http://www.elcjl.org)

Facebook: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

Instagram: [@elcjl](https://www.instagram.com/elcjl)

## **ELCA's Sumud initiative for justice in Palestine and Israel**

Facebook: ELCA Sumud for Justice in Palestine and Israel

Instagram: [@elcasumud](https://www.instagram.com/elcasumud)

## **Pastor Sally Azar, Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine**

The first female Palestinian Lutheran woman to be ordained as a pastor

Facebook: Sally Azar

Instagram: [@saleology.a](https://www.instagram.com/saleology.a)

## **Pastor Munther Isaac, Pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine**

Facebook: Munther Isaac

Instagram: [@munther.isaac](https://www.instagram.com/munther.isaac)

## **A secure way to give to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, through the Presbyterian Foundation:**

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/holy-land-support-fund/>



# CHURCH COUNCIL



Greetings, St. Mary's Community,

## He has risen – He has risen indeed Alleluia

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the Lenten and Holy Week activities and services. It was great seeing so many people participating and attending. Thank you to the pastors, Kendra and the youth for leading the various services leading to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Sign update: The sign is installed and is functional. A special thanks to the donors whose financial contribution made the sign possible, Dave Frost for leading the project and Adam Fonk for using his creativity to bring excitement to the slides.

The Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> following the service. Please put this date on your calendar. At this meeting we will be electing 3 Congregational Council members for a 3-year term. Prayerfully discern if this is part of your calling to serve St. Mary's Lutheran Church.

Here are a few excerpts from our constitution:

The Congregational Council

Shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

The Congregation Council shall be the board of directors of this congregation, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs.

The Congregation Council shall normally meet once a month.

Additionally, a congregation council member will be a liaison to one of the ministry teams providing monthly updates on the ministry at the monthly council meeting.

If you feel a calling to be a member of the Congregation Council or would like to nominate someone, contact Dana Larsen or Alice Schwalbe of the Nominating Committee.

*Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve*

*Keith Richter, SMLC Council President*





**SHALOM  
CENTER**

A celebratory luncheon to  
highlight our accomplishments  
and *Light The Way Forward!*

Be a part of our Annual Celebration on Friday, May 2,  
2025, 11:30pm–2:00pm at Kenosha Country Club,  
500 13th Avenue in Kenosha.

Let's "Light the Way Forward". Help us meet our goal  
of raising \$50,000 to fight Hunger and Homelessness.

- Social hour from 11:30am to 12:15pm
- Sit down lunch starts at 12:15pm
- Raffle and Silent Auction
- Guest Speakers

**Advance Tickets: \$75 each**

To purchase tickets, scan the  
QR code or go to:

**[www.shalomcenter.org/events](http://www.shalomcenter.org/events)**



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262-658-1713 • **[www.shalomcenter.org](http://www.shalomcenter.org)**



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**May  
2nd  
Friday**

**Luncheon  
11:30am  
to 2pm**

**Kenosha  
Country  
Club**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## MAY 2025



### SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

May 4 9:00 A.M.  
 May 11 9:00 A.M.  
 May 18 9:00 A.M. GAME DAY!  
 SUMMER BREAK KICKOFF  
 Meet in Fellowship

### Vacation Bible School

Juneau



Register Now!

July 28-31

Save your spot!

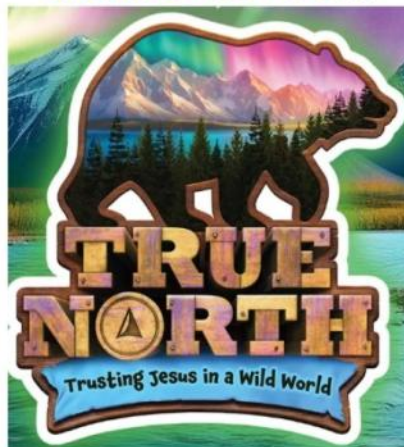
Essex



Bruce



### JESUS IS OUR



Kody



Pender



### MAY EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

**Home and Faith: Family Connection Night**  
 May 7 5:30-7  
 Sunny Sunday note preparation /  
 SUMMER PLANNING

### SOUP KITCHEN

Need more volunteers 4:15-6:15

MAY 4

JUNE 1

JULY 6

SS AND YOUTH Families, check your email  
 and Facebook for link

**GREETERS**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**CHILDREN / FAMILIES**  
**MAY 11 still need**  
 Joan will greet with your children.

### Contact Info

**JOAN OEHLBERG:**  
 Coordinator of Children's Ministry  
 Email: [kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org)





NURSE SUE—ADVOCATE FAITH & HEALTH—MAY 2025



# PATHWAYS to Promise

Dear friends,

I will be offering a free ***Companionship workshop on Thursday, June 19th from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Road.*** Those that volunteer or are thinking about volunteering in the community/neighborhood would benefit from the training.

The Companionship workshop is a Pathways to Promise program, a multifaith and multicultural mental health support organization. The program was developed in 1987 by Rev. Craig Rennebohm and others. It aims to address the need for comprehensive mental health support for individuals living with mental health conditions and their support networks. The model is rooted in our natural capacities to be sensitive, compassionate, and concerned for another person in distress.

We use this workshop to educate faith and health working leaders with practices, guidelines, and settings by responding relationally to others who are experiencing difficult times (isolation, loneliness, suffering, homelessness) and in need of healing support.

**The session's goals are:**

- To inform Faith and Health work leaders about the various challenges individuals face when they are in distress.
- To equip Faith and Health work leaders with five practices of Hospitality, Neighboring, Journeying Side by Side, Listening, and Accompaniment, and demonstrate how to integrate these practices when responding to individuals in need of healing and recovery.
- To train Faith and Health working leaders to utilize their natural abilities to establish relationships with people, especially in the fast pace of life and walking with someone facing a mental health challenge.

To emphasize the significance of healthy relationships for good mental health and well-being and to promote self-care for leaders.



**Please register by Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Call the Lord of Life office at 656-1995.** Include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Orders for free lunch meal choices will be obtained at registration. A free workbook will be provided for the training. Limited seats are available at this event so sign up ASAP to reserve your space. Thank you for considering this event!

*Shalom,  
Nurse Sue R.N., F.C.N.  
Aurora Faith and Health Team*



### High School Calendar

**5/7 6pm-8:30pm Youth Night in Racine\*\***

**5/14 7pm-8:45pm FUSION**

**5/21 7pm-8:45pm FUSION**

**5/28 7pm-8:45pm FUSION**

**6/4 7pm-8:45pm LAST FUSION**

**6/8 Senior Blessing 9am**

### Middle School Calendar

**5/5 630pm-8pm FISH**

**5/7 6pm-8:30pm Youth Night in Racine\*\***

**5/12 630pm-8pm FISH**

**5/18 Confirmation Service 9am**

**5/19 6:30pm-8pm FISH**

**5/26 NO FISH—Memorial Day**

### A CHORD WITH THE LORD

#### Middle and High School Choir

**5/7—Rehearsal 5:15-6:00**

**5/21—Rehearsal 6:15-7:00**

**6/4—Rehearsal 6:15-7:00**



**\*\*Youth Night in Racine—Middle and High Schoolers are invited to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for a Youth Night! We will leave St. Mary's at 6pm and arrive back at 8:30pm. Please RSVP with Kendra if your youth is going or if you can help drive!**

### SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR FUNDRAISERS

**June 8th—Car Wash @ St. Mary's**

**June 25th—SUMMER BINGO**

**June 29th—Brat Stand @ Somers' Festival**

### Thank You St. Mary's!

We greatly appreciate your support at our Lenten Soup Suppers and Palm Sunday Breakfast! If you have not already, grab a M&M or Skittles tube as a thank you from the youth. They are located in the east entrance to the sanctuary!

If you are hoping to support the youth further and looking to return your tube with quarters, they can be returned in the box outside the sanctuary, to the main office or given to Kendra or any youth!



**Good Friday 2025**



(SUBMITTED BY  
MORE THAN  
ONE MEMBER!)

A big “**SHOUT  
OUT**” of  
**THANK YOU**

to the middle school and high school youth and  
their families for their work for this year's Easter  
Holiday Week!

“**SHOUT OUT**” to Gretchen and her amazing  
soups and stamina to keep up with all of the  
events these Lenten and Easter Seasons!



**We are ALL here to care  
for ALL of God's  
creation!**

Siblings in Christ:

A **BIG THANK YOU** for your responses  
to our Annual Resource Response  
Campaign and your contributions to St.  
Mary's Lutheran Church. Your efforts  
and financial contributions make St.  
Mary's a beacon of hope for so many in  
the community and around the world.  
This spring, consider your ability to be  
stewards of environmental care and  
justice. What can you do this year to  
start/grow a garden? What can you do  
to beautify your yard, neighborhood,  
community? Our church grounds are  
being kindly trimmed, and gardens  
cleaned and opened for the year.  
Outside of looking at ways to grow this  
spring, please also consider ways to  
reduce waste, such as recycling or  
composting. A five-gallon bucket  
strategically placed can be a start for  
collecting compostable scraps. These  
collections can reduce our carbon  
footprint. Ponder ways to repurpose  
products. Visit and use textile recycling  
sites. Make one meal each week that  
creates no more than a gallon bag of  
waste. Thank you for thoughtfully  
sharing God's love with ALL of creation!

*1 Peter 4:10 – Each of you should use  
whatever gift you have received to serve  
others, as faithful stewards of God's grace  
in its various forms.*

**Thank You St. Mary's**

***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! From Gretchen Rasch***

“Thank you for everyone's support of our youth by  
attending all the Lenten meals and Palm Sunday brunch.  
Together we raised over \$3000 for the youth summer  
mission trip while enjoying food and fellowship. It takes  
real teamwork to serve all those meals and do all those  
dishes! The young people did it and came back each  
week to do it again. Thank you to all the leaders and  
parents as well. We did it together!”

The Kenosha Welcome Center is grateful to  
everyone who attended our fundraising event held  
on April 10, 2025 at the Birchwood Grille. We also  
want to thank those of you who gave cash  
donations in their place.

A very special thanks goes out to the artists and  
others that helped to fill some great auction  
baskets. Your support filled our hearts and raised  
vital funds to help those in need in our Kenosha  
community in upwards of \$5,000.00!

Sincerely,  
Kenosha Welcome Center  
[kenoshawelcomecenter.org](http://kenoshawelcomecenter.org)





### Children's Ministry **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Easter Sunday on  
the St. Mary's  
grounds!



## Country Crafts 'n Cook'n Salad Luncheon

NORTH CAPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2644 124th Street, Franksville, WI 53126  
Highway 45 & 5 Mile Rd (2 miles north of Hwy 20 in Racine County)

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

All-You-Can-Eat Salad Buffet Luncheon  
Served from 11:00am-1:00pm

Bake Sale - Crafters - Vendors - Quilt Sale  
Open from 10:00am - 1:30pm

*Men are welcome too!*

**Luncheon Tickets \$15 / \$6 ages 4-12**

Call Barb at 262-498-0393 for ticket information or  
reservations for groups of 8 or more



### Bat 'Er Up!

St. Mary's is  
going to The  
Kenosha  
Kingfish game!

**Sunday, July 20th at  
1:35pm**

#### Treasurer's Report March 2025

Income Actual.....	\$41,564.05
Expenses Actual.....	\$41,104.53
Results.....	+\$459.52

#### Fiscal Year-to-date 24/25

Income Actual.....	\$378,537.22
Expenses Actual.....	\$353,521.14
Results.....	+\$25,016.08

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 32%.



**St. Mary's Lutheran  
Audio/Visual Team**

### Small time commitment with **big** results

We are seeking interested volunteers to join Art Kotenko before the service on Sunday to help manage the sound and video needs during the service.

There are a few people that have been trained and we need your help with rotation of week-ends. We will train you. It'll be fun!

CALL BETH IN OFFICE @ 262-658-3555



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OR SCAN THIS QR  
CODE FOR WEEKLY OR  
ONE-TIME GIVING.  
THANK YOU!**



**SCAN ME**

## OPPORTUNITIES @ CHURCH ~ MAY 2025

### WORSHIP

#### SATURDAYS, 4PM & SUNDAYS, 9AM

Both services' orders of worship will be the same, except when we celebrate a Holden Evening Prayer service on Saturday and a **CONTEMPORARY LED SERVICE ON SUNDAY**. Worship materials include using the ELW hymnal, printed bulletins, announcement sheets, etc. Printed material available online at our church's website under "uploaded bulletins, announcements".

**ASSISTING MINISTERS** An assisting minister is a liturgical leader who assists the congregation in worship and alongside the presiding minister throughout the worship service. Assisting ministers proclaim the word of God in prayer and scripture readings, receive offerings, pray for the concerns of the church and the world. They stand at the font helping welcome new Christians and help distribute the bread and wine. Assisting ministers send the congregation into the world for mission. **You do not need to sing.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** at the railing or from your seat as needed; once a month, communion will be by intinction. Gluten-Free/regular wafer, wine/juice offered. Children who haven't received instruction yet, or anyone may come forward for a blessing instead. Simply fold your hands when approaching.

**USHERING** All ages, genders & skills welcome! We will be passing the plate.

**WORSHIP GREETERS:** Our first impression specialists! Families can sign up! Individuals! Buddies! Contact Margaret VanBoven to serve.

### MUSIC GROUPS

**ADULT CHOIR~** Rehearsals 6:30pm Wednesday nights, singing monthly on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays. The choir will take the summer off after 5/18.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM ~** Tuesdays (2x month) 5:45pm; singing monthly usually on the 2nd Sunday.

**JUBILATE! ~** Rehearsals 5:30pm Monday nights in the sanctuary space. Jubilate! plays in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. May 4th is the last time for the summer!

**"A CHORD FOR THE LORD" YOUTH CHOIR ~** You do not need to be a member of St. Mary's Youth to be in this choir. Contact Kendra ([kendra.richter13@gmail.com](mailto:kendra.richter13@gmail.com)) or Christina ([croldani1@gmail.com](mailto:croldani1@gmail.com)). They will sing at Confirmation on 5/18!

### CIRCLES & SMALL GROUPS

#### **TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S PRAYER**

**BREAKFAST** All women are welcome to join us at 8:00am at The Hillcrest Restaurant, 6000 75th Street—Kenosha.

#### **WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Everyone is welcome to join us at 7 a.m. Marina Garden near the entrance 5001 7th Avenue.

**St. Mary's Community Quilters ~** Mondays @ 9:00am

**Miriam ~** 2nd Tuesday @1:00pm

**Circle of Friends ~** 3rd Wednesday @1:00pm

**Women's Book Club ~** 1st Tuesday @1:00pm

**Lydia Circle ~** 2nd Monday @ 12:30pm

### MINISTRIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ~** Joan Oehlberg's email [KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org). Each Sunday morning after Kids' Connection. You can follow us on Facebook [here!](#)

**FISH & FUSION** Kendra Richter's email [Youth@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:Youth@stmaryslutheran.org). Check out the Facebook page [here!](#)

**SENIOR MINISTRY ~** St. Mary's ***The Friendly Center*** is a senior ministry that has been around for a very long time. Watch for news on May's meeting date! **Call Lisa Zanin 909-1181.**

### When You Are Sick in Mind, Body, Spirit:

St. Mary's is one of the only church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse. She has amazing resources, both as a Registered Nurse,

and as a Christ-Centered servant. Please call the office and leave a message with how we can call you back. **Do not give any personal, private or symptomatic information to the office.**

### When You Are Hospitalized:

Please call the church to notify the staff of your admission. Don't assume the hospital will notify the church, even if you have asked them to. Hospitals are very busy places, and some tasks are put off for more urgent needs. Please notify the church office when you are scheduled for surgery (in or outpatient).



If you wish to be included in the Prayers of the People, please contact us.

We don't mind getting more than one phone call about a parishioner who is hospitalized. Please don't assume that someone else will be notifying us.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request for St. Mary's Prayer Chain, contact:

*Sue VanBendegom*.....652-1770  
*FCN Nurse Sue*.....658-3555

# ST. MARY'S CARES



## KEY CONTACTS—WHO DO YOU CALL?

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025** St. Mary's Church Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Committee Meeting Day/Times to be reviewed. All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted.  
Council liaisons are as follows:

### AUDIT

Keith Richter.....948-9020  
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### FINANCE

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### THE FRIENDLY CENTER

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### YOUTH

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### **Council Connection for May 2025**

**Patricia Mason 721-8065**  
[godslittlesinger71@gmail.com](mailto:godslittlesinger71@gmail.com)

**ST. MARY'S STAFF: 658-3555** *The Dial by Name directory is set up for FIRST Names except for Nurse Sue—she isn't listed.*

**All staff emails ...@stmaryslutheran.org**

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick,  
Transition Pastor 799-5791 or [pastorjordan@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:pastorjordan@stmaryslutheran.org)  
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Kendra Richter, Youth Director.....287-2483 or [Youth@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:Youth@stmaryslutheran.org)

Joan Oehlberg, Coordinator of Children's Ministry

658-3555 or [KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org)

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Madeline Weirick, handbells.....[mprice8505@gmail.com](mailto:mprice8505@gmail.com)

### **Church Office Hours:**

Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays: 9:00am-3:00pm

**Wednesdays: Noon—6:00pm**

Fridays: 9:00am—Noon

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

### **April 2025**

#### **Worship Attendance**

**April 5: 46 April 6: 124**

**April 12: 32 April 13: 147**

**Maundy Thursday: 53**

**Good Friday: 165**

**Easter Saturday Vigil: 47**

**Easter Sunday: 217**

**April 26: 33 April 27: 85**

*Average attendance on Lent Wednesdays: 45*

**STAY CONNECTED** when unable to join us for worship. You can watch these services online three ways:

1. Like our church Facebook Page
2. Watch Live on YouTube or On Demand (Live videos)
3. Watch videos from the church Website (by Tuesdays)

# THE SPIRIT

the newsletter of  
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