



"THE STARTER"

June/July 2026

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Garden Tea Party



Garden Tea Party



Contest Winner Jeannie Pelka



Runner Up Ellen Marincic





60+ May 6th Meeting



All Church Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast and a time of fellowship.

June 27th and July 25th

9:00AM

Location to be determined



Liberty Village Service

June 23rd and July 28th

3:30PM



Summer Events

Peoria Chiefs Game-June 6

July Fireworks-July 3

VBS-July 21, 22, 23

Mini Golf-August 16



Hawthorne Inn

June 11, 2026

Parsonage

July 9, 2026

10:00 AM for both dates



Musical Events

Inna Chesney Piano Recital-June 7th at 2:00PM

Flute Camp Week of June 14-20th Concert on the 20th at 9:30AM.



Vacation Bible School

The next planning meeting for VBS will be Wednesday, June 24th and July 29th at 5:00PM.

Everyone wishing to volunteer is encouraged to attend. This year we will be exploring Psalm 23. If you're unable to attend the meeting but, wish to volunteer PLEASE let me know. The July 29th meeting will be the follow up meeting,



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Baby Bottles For Babies

There will be empty baby bottles coming soon from Abigail's Women Center in Mendota. This clinic is an answer to prayer for women who are emotionally and financially in need of help with a pregnancy. The bottles will be delivered the week before Mother's day and need to be returned by Father's Day. We will be asking you to take a bottle and collect your change.



Session Board Meeting Summary

The **Session Board** held its monthly meeting May 13. **Kan Do Club's** Garden Party Luncheon was a success. We thank Walmart, HyVee and those who donated to our event and also worked to make it a success. We were able to make around \$850.00. We are planning our 3rd annual luncheon for May 1, 2027 with a May Day theme. The fall vendor fair is September 26. **Christian ED** reported planning for VBS is coming along nicely. The theme is 23 Psalm. Volunteers are still needed. We will acknowledge our graduates June 7th. They include high school – Evelina Pelka; 8th grade – Sofia Gonzalez, Abby Redmon, Jeremiah Farling, Theresa Panicucci and Kayden Caldwell. The **Missions Committee** has given money to Peace Mission and Jews for Jesus. Baby bottles are available for donations to Abigail Women's shelter. The **Trustees** will be working to replace the wood surround in the church yard that protects the outside timers. Also, the tables and benches will be put back out in the yard for use. There are a lot of weeds needing addressed and sticks to pick up. Anyone who can help, please let the board know.

Pastor Report: Pastor reported his summer series will be Old Testament stories. Nancy Maze authored a book on churches of LaSalle County and will be distributing it to the churches in the county. Pastor will be helping her distributed them. Charlotte Oglesby will be moving to Blair House in Normal. Suzann Doddy is accepting visitors at Goldwater Nursing Home in Spring Valley. Marilyn Dunker is in Memory Care in Manor Court. Youth Ministry has been canceled

for lack of interest. Many of our regular gatherings will be taking hiatus during the summer. Pastor is planning to recognize Blessed Sunday on May 24. The all **church breakfast** will be May 30 at 9 a.m. at Liberty Restaurant. **Discussion Group** will meet 2 Wednesdays a month during the summer for lunch and fellowship. Watch for the dates and locations. Anyone is welcome to join us. The **Capital Campaign** committee has completed the letter and pledge card. They will be distributed on Sunday to those in attendance and mailed to those not present. If you wish to donate early, you can place in the offering on Sunday in an envelope with **BOILER** on the front so that we can distinguish that is where the funds should go. **Cookbook** is being reprinted for a fundraiser. The next board meeting will be **June 10 at 5:00 p.m.**



We fall. We break. We fail.

But

With Jesus, We heal.

We overcome.



Sermon Series

Old Testament Stories

June 7	Adam and Eve – Creation and Fall Genesis 2:4-3:24
June 14	Noah – Flood Story Genesis 6-9
June 21	Abraham and Isaac Sacrifice Genesis 22
June 28	Joseph – Coat of Many Colors Genesis 37
July 5	Moses – Red Sea Exodus 14
July 12	Rehab – Spies Walls of Jericho Joshua 2
July 19	Hannah Story 1Samuel 1-2
July 26	VBS Sunday



*Sunday School begins again for all ages, Rally Day
September 13th at 9:00AM.*

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN AS THE
ADULT CLASS TRAVELS THROUGH THE
NEW TESTAMENT!**

Who's Turning 100!!!!
Let's shower Lilian Mini with cards as she turns 100 on June 12th. Her address is 205 Kenyon Drive, Springfield 62704

Pastor Mark will once again be participating in this event. We will have a booth to raise awareness of the events and happenings here at the First Congregational Church – Peru. June 13, 2026



****Pray for the health of Marilyn Dunker, Jim Dornbusch, Myles Harder, Sarah Parker & Family, Pete & Char Belski, Les & Rita Tieman, Bernie Dahl, Charlotte Oglesby, Pastor Karl & Connie Johnson. Walter & Tricia Glasper's Family, Ken & Lynne Rybarczyk, Jeanne VanSchaick and Family, Christa Stucky, Nancy Balda, Suzanne Doddy.**

*** Holy Spirit will touch each loved one whose name is on the Salvation Cross and bring them to the Lord.*

***Pray for the daily grace for our shut-ins:
Lillian Mini, Betty Martuzzo, Nancy Jannsen*

*** Pray for Peace Mission in India caring for children & widows*

**** Pray for the Surbers with Supply & Multiply in Haiti**

**** Pray for Abigail Women's Center helping women in crisis**

*** Pray for Cup of Cold Water supporting missionaries*

**** Pray for Wycliffe Bible Translators**

**** Pray for Jews for Jesus**

**** Pray for Transport for Christ reaching truckers
at truck stops**

**** Pray for our local food pantries**

*** Pray for PADS providing shelter for the homeless*

***Pray for persecuted Christians around the world*

***Pray for Flutes for Vets – Ken Troyan*

There is no perfect life, no perfect job, no perfect childhood, no perfect marriage and no perfect set of people who will always do what we expect them to do.

What we have is a perfect God, who is able to lead us through this imperfect life with unfailing strength, incomparable wisdom and infinite love.

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight."
Faith is when you praise God in the
storm, you trust Him in the valley,
and you follow Him in the dark.*

Amen.

There are donation boxes on the table for any financial donations to the two food pantries and PADS. And please do some shopping at Lily Pads. All sales help support the homeless shelter.

To care for & protect us – Psalm 121:7-8

To guide us – Psalm 32:8

To forgive us – Hebrews 8:12

To answer prayers – 1John 5:14

To always be with us – Hebrews 13:5

H has good plans for our lives – Jeremiah 29:11

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*SPECIAL MUSIC WITH PASTOR'S SISTER
AND SON*



SPECIAL MUSIC WITH PASTOR'S SON



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CINDY

The Glory of the Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that: 'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.' Let's think about that for a bit. Each season is glorious. The glory of summer is different from the glory of fall. And the splendor of winter is different from spring.

God takes us through different seasons in our lives; seasons of rejoicing, mourning, saying hello and goodbye, building up and tearing down. The glory of the season of rejoicing is laughter, refreshment and revitalization. The gift of the season of mourning can be profound intimacy with the Lord. Whatever the current season, it will not last. We can no more remain in one season of life than one kind of weather can last throughout the year. Life brings seasons of both mourning and dancing, times of embracing and times to refrain from embracing.

The key of course, is to remember that God is at work within us in each season. We are not always aware of what God is doing; often each season brings about change and growth. God begins the good work, sustains it and will bring it to completion.

Thank you, God for the glory of each season. May we fulfil your purposes throughout our lives. How are you growing in this season of life?

*Give people a bit of your
Heart*

rather than a piece of your mind.

*Every phone needs a charger,
Every car needs an engine,
And every soul needs Jesus!
Amen!*



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May He go behind you to encourage you,

Above you to watch over you,

Facts About The Bible

A prisoner, condemned to solitary confinement, obtained a Bible and by three years of careful study obtained the following facts:

The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1188 chapters and 66 books. The word 'and' occurs 46,277 times. The word 'Lord' occurs 1855 times. The word 'reverend' occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all of the alphabet except the letter 'J'. The 19th chapter of II Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of John. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike.

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As you go on your way,

*God is greater than our heart,
And knows all things.
1John 3:20*



*Agree with God
Move with God*

*End with God
Never Doubt God*



Peoria Chiefs Game

Peoria Chiefs VS Beloit Sky Carp June 6th with a 7:05 start time. Tickets are \$12 and due by May 31st. We will be meeting at the church at 5:30PM and carpooling to Peoria. There will also be fireworks after the game.



Our Perfect God

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Living Cross





Resurrection Egg Youth Message



Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet



Coffee Hour/Homemade Waffles

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storm, you trust Him in the valley,
and you follow Him in the dark.
Amen.*



Youth Event

Bloomington Bison Hockey Game



Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us,
 Choosing gratitude until we are grateful,
 and praising God until we ourselves are an act of
 Praise.

Richard Rohr



Pizza Praise and Prayer

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:00PM-6:00PM



Congratulations Graduates

Theresa Panicucci-May 13th from Saint Carlo
 Acutis and attending St. Bede in the fall

Evelina Pelka-May 14th from LP High School
 and attending Beauty School in the fall

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Meat provided bring your favorite side dish

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May 17, 2026



Flowers



Sermon Series
Servant's Together For The Gospel

First Day of Spring



Friday, March 20, 2026



April Showers

May



Kan Do Club

The Kan Do Club is making plans for the "Garden Party" to be held on May 2nd from 11A-2P. EVERYONE IS INVITED to join them Feb. 26th for the next planning session. Any questions contact Diana Dornbusch.



Bison Hockey Game

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Cost \$20 by Sunday, March 1st to

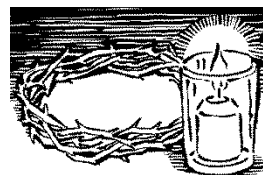
Pastor Mark

Celebrate Our Risen Lord



March 29, 2026

Palms will be presented by the church Youth.



Service of Darkness

Our Maundy Thursday Communion service will be held on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 in Morgan Hall. You won't want to miss this moving remembrance of Christ's last night on earth.



On April 3rd, our Good Friday Worship Service is held at 12:00 and lasts less than 30 minutes. This time is devoted to reflecting on the

crucifixion of our Lord.
Movie at 1:00PM



Saturday morning at 9:00 we will
be assembling our Living Cross
with live and silk flowers. All are
welcome to help.



Continental Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service Celebrating Our Risen Lord -
10:30 a.m.
There will be no Adult Bible Class or Fellowship
Hour on Easter.

Open Choir

Who wants to make a joyful noise to the Lord?
Anyone who is interested in joining the choir for
the day, please join them at 10:00AM on February
15th in the choir room. ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME. Choir will be singing "In My Heart
There Rings a Melody #337.

Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Mark will be out of the office on vacation
from February 2nd until February 9th. Mr. Dean
Tieman will be filling the pulpit on February 8th.

7 Goals for 2026

Put God First
Pray More
Read The Bible
Love like Jesus
Stay away from conflict
Trust the Lord with all your heart
Give thanks in all things

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and
discover that the prisoner was
YOU!

Flute Day

Sue Gillio will be hosting a Flute day for her
students on February 28, 2025 from 8:30AM-
6PM. There will be a concert at 5:00PM open to
everyone. Cost \$10 Adult/\$5 Students-K-college
with ID.

GRACE *is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.*

MERCY *is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.*

BLESSINGS *are when He is generous with both.*

TRULY, *we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. God is good all the time.*

**IF GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU,
PRAISE HIM, AMEN.**



Snickerdoodle cookies

Ingredients

- 2 3/4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons [McCormick® Cream Of Tartar](#)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 3/4 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons [McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract](#)
- 1 tablespoon [McCormick® Ground Cinnamon](#)

Instructions

1. Mix flour, cream of tartar and baking soda in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat 1 1/2 cups of the sugar, butter and shortening in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well blended. Cover. Refrigerate 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix remaining 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in cinnamon sugar mixture to coat. Place 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

Crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside, this snickerdoodle recipe is simply the best of the best when it comes to homemade snickerdoodles. Each delightful cookie is infused with the rich warmth of McCormick® Ground Cinnamon and Vanilla Extract ... be sure to bake an extra batch because the cookies made with this snickerdoodle cookie recipe will go fast!



Peru Lighted Christmas Parade

Dec. 6 2025

We will be decorating at 9:00AM at Dean's shop in LaSalle. Please meet at the church 3:15PM for costumes and getting ready. Parade line up is 4:00PM. Parade starts at 5:00PM. If you're interested in participating please sign up on the welcome table. Donations of candy will be accepted!



Ken Troyan of Flutes for Vets providing Special Music

If you missed him, he will be returning December 21st with special Christmas music.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 25, 2026

Immediately following the worship service

Followed by:

THE ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own table service.

<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>Faith Salander's Class</i>	3:00PM
<i>Dec. 14</i>	<i>Inna Chesney's Class</i>	2:00PM

Advent Readers

Nov. 3 Saleen Farling, Jeremiah Farling,
Diana Dornbusch
Dec. 7 Mike & Katie Beuster, Abby Redmon
Dec. 14 Jeanne VanSchaick, Evan Hall
Dec. 21 Jane Gabrielse, Jen Ebner, Theresa
Panicucci
Dec. 24 Jim & Diana Dornbusch

Mitten Tree

We will once again be collecting gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for our mitten tree in the narthex. All items will be distributed to area schools.



Christmas Eve Service

*We will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with candlelit filled service at 9:00PM on Christmas Eve. **ALL ARE WELCOME!***

*I do not at all understand the mystery
of grace - only that it meets us where
we are but does not leave us where it
found us.*

Anne LaMott

APPLE CRISP

3# quality apples, cut in pieces
1 Cup Flour
½ Cup butter
1 Cup brown sugar
Lemon zest and juice over apples
Mix ingredients
Place in 7x7 greased pan
Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes

Double recipe for 9x13 pan.



"Noon" Year's Eve Celebration

Join us December 31st at "noon" to celebrate the new year. Please sign up on the welcome table, bring an appetizer to share. Everyone is welcome!!

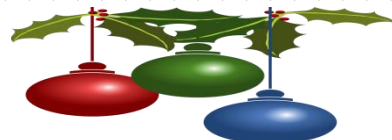
Carrot Cake

2 C. Flour
1 tsp. Baking Soda
1 tsp. Baking Powder
Pinch of Salt
1tsp. Cinnamon

2C. Sugar
1-1/2 C. Vegetable Oil
4 Eggs
3 C. grated raw carrots or
2 jars junior baby carrots

Mix dry ingredients. Add oil and blend. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating after each. Add carrots and blend. Add vanilla. Grease and flour pans. You may use 3 layer pans or a tube pan or 9X13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. If using tube pan, bake 1 hour. Serves 12

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING: Cream together ½ stick of butter, 4 ounces cream cheese, ½ box confectioners sugar. Add enough milk to spread easily.



Hanging of the Greens

The halls will be decked for Advent on Sunday, November 30th immediately after the worship service. Stay and hang a few ornaments. It's great fun!



5 Benefits of Daily Walks

Walking might seem simple, and you may even wonder if it's enough by itself, but it's actually very beneficial when it comes to improving your health.

Whether you're already taking daily walks for your health and mental well-being or have just been thinking about where to start, this guide will help you understand the benefits of walking and how to make it an enjoyable part of your daily routine.

1. **Walking can help boost your heart health**-Walking is one of the finest exercises to ensure a healthier heart and better health in general. It lowers your blood pressure, improves circulation, and can even reduce your risk of heart disease and strokes if you can manage a brisk easy walk for 20 to 30 minutes each day. Don't worry, you won't have to go too far – even just a walk around the block can help.
2. **Walking is gentle on your joints**-It will keep you flexible and strengthen your muscles. Walk on softer surfaces like grass or dirt when possible since it's easier on your knees and hips.

3. **Clears the mind and boosts the mood**-Walking is not just good for your body; it is also a great way to reduce stress and get you out of your head. Consider leaving your phone at home to really enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. Take in the sunshine and listen to the birds chirp. If you're feeling social, ask a friend to join you.
4. **Improves balance and mobility**-It strengthens your core and leg muscles and enables you to move and maintain your coordination. Try to be really mindful of your posture when you walk. Stand tall, engage your core, and take slow and steady steps.
5. **Make it an enjoyable part of your routine**-Listen to music, look for new and interesting paths.

While walking may be one of the more basic forms of exercise, it's an excellent boost for seniors and retirees who are worried about maintaining their health. It supports your body, improves your mental well-being; and can be a great source of routine and joy.

Congregational Dinner



Our church family will be celebrating God's blessings with a congregational dinner on Sunday, November 23rd immediately following the worship service. Turkey and gravy will be provided. You are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or desert plus your own table service.





Please join us Wednesday evening, November 26th
at 6:30PM as we thank our loving and gracious
Lord for the bounty He continually bestows on us.



*New Members
Diane Mroz, Nancy Balda*



Covenant Harbor Trip



Confirmation 2025



Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2025
Evan Hall
Jeremiah Farling
Saleen Farling
Theresa Panicucci
Abigail Redmon



PEORIA CHIEFS GAME



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Father's Day Root Beer Floats

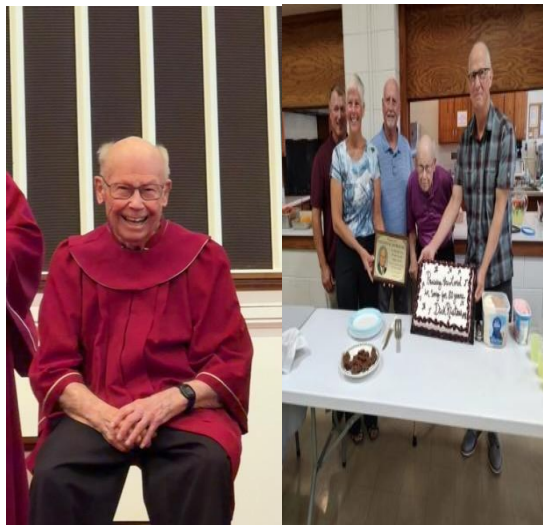


2025 Christmas in July Vendor Show

2025 Wonder Junction VBS



VBS STAFF



80 Years in the Choir



VBS ELEMENTARY CLASS



Cub Scout God and Me Award



VBS PRESCHOOL CLASS

Ladies Tea 2025



VBS JUNIOR CLASS



VBS 2025



Pastor Mark Pied

Baptism



Olivia Ann Kline
Parents: Sarah Gilligan, Robert Kline
Big Brother: Max Kline

the power of the bended knee, from sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things which are precious to us – honesty, purity, thoughtfulness, honor and character. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values which make life worth living. When we hold firmly to God in prayer, we can rest assured he will hold tightly to us.



If you judge people, you have no time to love them.



Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?



Agree with God
Move with God
End with God
Never Doubt God



*I Don't know much but 3 things I do.
Prayer has power
Faith moves mountains
God love never fails
Amen*



Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 9th is Scout Sunday. Cub Scout Pack 3709, who meet here in the church will be bringing in the flags and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of the families and scouts.



I Am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will. If you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty to doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred sixty five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them. It remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience and trust in God.

I am the New Year. I am here – but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best!



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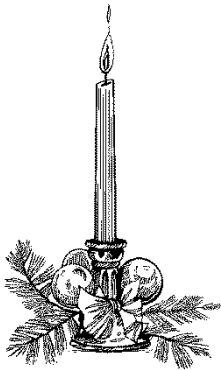
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	<u>Christmas Eve</u> <u>Candlelight Service</u> We will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with our scripture, music & candlelit filled service at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All are welcome!
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With Sincere Sympathy

We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to Vicki, Brianna and Evan Hall. Terry was called to the Lord's side on November 4th. Terry was an active member of our church family.

Don Walker went home to the Lord on October 27th. He had been a faithful member here since 1954.

Sandy Starr went home to the Lord on November 4th. Services are pending.



	<u>Mitten Tree</u> We will once again collect hats, gloves and scarves for our mitten tree. These will be distributed to area schools to keep kids warm.
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Operation Christmas Child

'Oh yea of little faith.' That applied to me (Ellen) regarding the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas child. I thought it was crazy to load the narthex table up with 50 empty shoeboxes. We only filled 9 last year. Well, this week I delivered 29 to the processing center. The Lord worked through all of you bringing these gifts to over 220 million kids in 170 countries. I also want to thank those of you who donated money to cover the postage costs. What a loving congregation we have!



Prayer Cross

A prayer cross is at the front of the sanctuary. All of us know and love someone who doesn't have a relationship with the Lord. You're invited to write the 1st name of that person on a card and we will all pray for them. We'll pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to these people leading them to come to the Lord's side.

There are plenty of cards on the table. Let's all pray for those we love and care about to draw close to Jesus.



A Pencil Maker Told the Pencil

Five important lessons just before putting it in the box.

****Everything you do will leave a mark.**

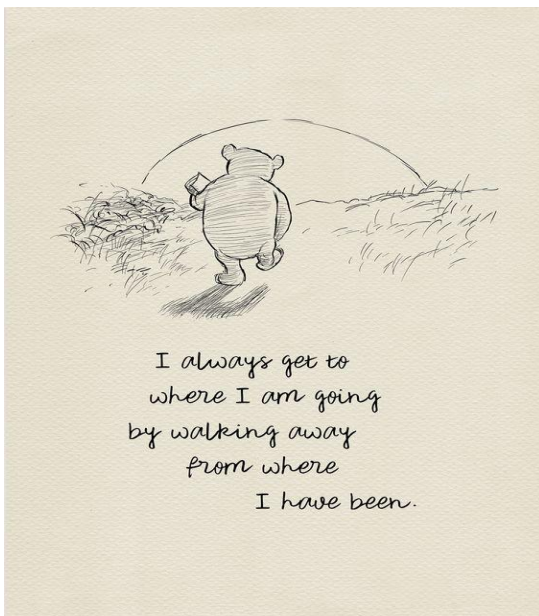
****You can correct the mistakes you make.**

****What is important is what is inside of you.**

****In life, you will undergo painful sharpening which will make you better.**

****To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.**

We all need to be sharpened. May this parable encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside you.



Fifteen Characteristics of Faith

1. Faith is a choice.
2. Faith is a step of obedience.
3. Faith is a spiritual exercise.
4. Faith is taking God at His word.
5. Faith is saying yes to God.

6. *Faith is looking to Jesus for everything.*
7. *Faith is knowing we are never without hope.*
8. *Faith is what lifts us out of our circumstances.*
9. *Faith is not holding anything back from God.*
10. *Faith is being obedient even if we don't feel like it.*
11. *Faith is a gift from God as we read His Word.*
12. *Faith is knowing that everything will work out.*
13. *Faith is a way out of our limitations.*
14. *Faith is the mother of hope.*
15. *Faith is the road of peace.*