

# Life Together



May 2026

*A Loving Family, Growing in Faith, Sharing the Hope...of Christ!*

## *A Message from Pastor Karen*

You don't have to be perfect to be loved by God!

One of my favorite children's classics of all time is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, by Judith Viorst. It is a study in grace in which a little boy discovers that his parents' love is for certain, no matter how terrible he behaves or how awful his day is.

Now just imagine your relationship with God. Have you had awful days, or made foolish mistakes? Do you know what it is like to be lost and downhearted? You may even have discovered that you are less than perfect. Don't despair; hope is yours for the asking! God loves you despite your failings!

This unconditional love is better known as grace.

Grace is a difficult gift to get our minds and hearts around, though Christian author Frederick Buechner gave the definition a commendable try. "GRACE," he wrote, "is something you can never get, but only be given. There's no way to deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn your own good looks."

The jewel at the core of the Christian faith, "GRACE" can be defined by only three words: God's unmerited favor – in other words, it is favor bestowed on sinners who deserve wrath. Showing kindness to a stranger is "unmerited favor"; doing good to one's enemies is more the spirit of grace.

Grace transforms us into new creations, even as it changes how we see others. Grace is not a get out of jail free card... But that doesn't mean we always make the right decisions or treat others as we should. How many times do we fall into the trap of being critical and self-righteous when we should be loving and understanding? Such destructive, negative attitudes destroy relationships and make a mockery of the power of love modeled by Jesus.

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12:30

Sunday Worship: 9:30

Sunday Bible Study: 11:00



Sunday services can be  
viewed, live streamed, at  
9:30 on Facebook or  
anytime on the website.



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Denise Miller

Coordinator of Music:  
Sheryl Williams

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Sin and disappointment happen, but the good news of the Gospel is that God has acted to set us free from disappointments, mistakes... and even the ghastly horrors of personal failures. God offers weapons that give us strength to prevail against discouragement and failure. Trouble is, we don't always recognize the power of his word. Instead, we fail to remember the tools he has given to us for success.

St. Paul warns us to practice using the weapons of faith that God gave us: "Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting, you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them."

"God's Word is an *indispensable* tool for success, and prayer is essential for overcoming even the most worrisome disappointments. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters, for your friends and your enemies. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one loses courage and gives up." Ephesians 6:13-18 the Message

No, you don't have to be perfect to be loved by God. But if you follow in the footsteps of Jesus (and his followers) you will discover a whole new world in which people everywhere have the potential of being transformed by the power of grace - and the transformative power of God's love.

Are you having a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day? Yes, bad days happen. But don't lose faith, God loves you NO MATTER WHAT! He always has; he always will.



## ♪ Music Notes ♪

We are midway through the Easter Season and May brings a month of celebrations! We begin on May 3rd with Traditional worship followed by Mother's Day on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Choir will sing a special anthem to honor our mothers. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday and end the month with Holy Trinity Sunday on May 31<sup>st</sup>!

The Choir has been providing weekly anthems when members are available, but several members will be on extended vacations during May and June, so weekly anthems may be sporadic this month! The Choir will then be on summer break until September.

Our instrumental ensemble will resume rehearsals this month and provide special music in the coming weeks and months. If you would like to provide special music for a Sunday service during the summer months, please contact me, and if you need accompaniment, that can be arranged as well! Also, if you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing, please drop me a note or email, and I will be happy to work it into the programming.

As always, thank you for your support of our music at Abiding Hope!

Blessings,

*Sheryl Williams*

Sheryl Williams ~ Music Coordinator ~ [sheryl4013@yahoo.com](mailto:sheryl4013@yahoo.com) ~ (814) 882-2830



**Volunteers Needed!** If you enjoy visiting nice people, please consider becoming a Care Team member. Bringing Holy Communion and a smile to homebound members is a joyful ministry. Training available. **Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30.** For more information contact Jacque Holmberg @ 814.490.4470.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Cindy & Rich Filson, Dale & Delores

Mayhue, Jane Penna, Bill & Sharron Sontheimer, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Pastor Karen Parsh, Dolly Pacileo, Carl Larese, Peggy Kaeberlein, Christine Petrone, Darcée & Fred Anthony, Ava Whitely, Ed Whitbred, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Josh, Adrianna, Titus, Peggy Kaeberlein, Jackie Seib, Dick & Diana Stoker, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Harry & Susan Speakman, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and Little Library visitors.



Please contact Pastor Karen with prayer requests: [pastorparsh@gmail.com](mailto:pastorparsh@gmail.com), cell phone: 814-881-3266 or contact the church office: [ahadministrator@hotmail.com](mailto:ahadministrator@hotmail.com) or 814-868-8685.



## Green Corner NWP A Synod



### Green Team: ECUMENICAL DECADE OF CLIMATE JUSTICE ACTION (2025-2035)

The **Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action** is a bold invitation from the World Council of Churches and ecumenical partners worldwide: a pilgrimage of repentance, renewal, and action to confront the climate emergency with courage, hope, and love. The Earth groans under the weight of exploitation, and vulnerable communities bear the heaviest burdens of a crisis they did not cause. Yet our faith proclaims good news for all creation! **Why this Decade?**

The climate crisis is not only an environmental emergency – it is a spiritual and moral crisis.

- Rising temperatures, floods, fires, and droughts are destroying lives and livelihoods.
- Injustice deepens as the poorest and most marginalized suffer most.
- Greed and consumerism corrode creation and community alike.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, emphasized: *“It is not too late to protect our climate. With God, it is never too late. Kairos means that this is an opportune and urgent time to address Earth’s climate crisis. I am calling this church to be more connected and sustainable. This includes stewarding God’s creation as an expression of faith and seeking sustainability rooted in ways of living that honor everything God has called ‘good,’ including learning from and following the leadership of Indigenous communities. I commend to you the social message, Earth’s Climate Crisis.”* A social message was adopted for the ELCA on April 20, 2023. [Earths Climate Crisis Social Message.pdf](#) and study guide, “Our Kairos Moment”.

**A resolution has been developed for ELCA congregations and synods to affirm support for the DECADE OF CLIMATE JUSTICE. The Northwestern PA Synod Green Team is collaborating with Lutherans Restoring Creation by presenting this resolution to our 2026 Synod Assembly in June.**

Barbara Rossing and Jim Martin-Schramm explain the process in this video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYrDKnQd6HM&source\\_ve\\_path=OTY3MTQ&embeds\\_referring\\_euri=https%3A%2F%2Flutheransrestoringcreation.org%2F](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYrDKnQd6HM&source_ve_path=OTY3MTQ&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Flutheransrestoringcreation.org%2F)

The model resolution: [Model Resolution for Congregations who have Synod Assemblies in 2026](#)  
You can also go to [www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org](http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org) to find links to all this information.



**The Prayer Shawl Group** continues to gather in the Conference Room the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 10am for yarn crafts, good conversation and prayer. The ladies knit and crochet lap robes, shawls and prayer squares for the homebound. Experience not necessary; yarn and instructions provided. May meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.



## CampBlast!

May 9, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Join us for a **GREAT day at camp!** Campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, pony rides, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, hayrides, games, sports, archaeology, disc golf, jump pillow, tours, great food, worship, and MORE!

**The best part? EVERYTHING IS FREE!!**


No registration is needed. Just show up with all your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else looking for a fun, free day.


## AH Income History: March 29-April 28

2026	\$11,552
2025	\$15,672
2024	\$14,122

AHLC needs  
\$11,500 per month /  
\$2,654 per week to make  
the budget




  
Bible Study via **zoom**  
**May**  
**ZOOM Meetings**  
Sunday, May 10 - 7pm  
Sunday, May 24 - 7pm

  
**NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN**

## Prayer Warriors

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-3

The sanctuary is open for prayer and all are welcome; or consider some time in prayer from wherever you are. Intercessory prayer is powerful as we pray for the special needs of our congregation, community, nation and world.

  
Meets Wed ~May 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 1 to 3

## Easter Flock Thank you

\$587.00 of thank yous for the wonderful baskets donated for this outreach event. We ended with 28 baskets, one donated by Tara doodles, our face painter. What a Blessing and Joy to have members of Abiding Hope show their support of this outreach by donating baskets for this raffle. Extra thanks to members who made monetary donations to help support this event. Although this event's total cost was \$1,600, we ended in the black, not the red, ready to continue this outreach in 2027. **Sincere thanks to ALL OF YOU and the VOLUNTEERS!** God's power and will was at work that day. Help us to continue to spread his love. *Analee and Easter Flock Team*

**A Message from Rick Penn:** After being accepted back into the TEEM program, the next step in the process was to meet with the committee that would determine what I needed to do to complete the program. The committee felt that I have been out of the program long enough that I needed to repeat all the classes and my internship.

After a lot of sleepless nights, a lot of praying and discussion with friends and family, I have decided the best way for me to serve is to remain an Authorized Lay Worship Leader and not to pursue ordination through the TEEM process.

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers as I have gone through this process. See you in church! Peace, Rick

**Little Free Library/Pantry:** Warmer weather has beckoned people outdoors, and the Little Free Library has had a huge increase in visitors; people taking books, leaving books, bringing their children/grandchildren to select a book and/or Literacy packet. Lots of waves, smiles and thank you are observed via the camera. Currently, there is no need for books OR food for the pantry. If you have already purchased food items, please pass them on to our Kearsarge Food Pantry. Blessings for all your enormous generosity to this mission. See article on page 10 for more information.



**Prayer Warriors:** Join us for **Prayer Warriors on Wednesday, May 20.** The church sanctuary is open from 1:00-3:00 for your prayers for our families, congregation, neighborhood, community, country, and the world.



**Receiving Communion:** If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.



**Little Jesus Project:** Please take a Little Jesus with you each time you leave the church—and commit to leaving it for someone to find! Warmer weather means you can leave a Little Jesus on trails, park benches, on ATM machines, gas pumps and even on a low tree branch or bush! Pray for the person who will find “a Little Jesus” due to your good work! There is a full basket under the monitor in the Narthex. Help yourself!



**Donations for Bethany and Chosen Continue ~**

Collection of used clothing and household items for **Bethany Outreach** continues as well as collection of shoes and boots (pairs only) in good condition for **Chosen**. Drop off in the Heritage Room. *Analee*



**Altar Flowers:** Arrangements have increased (1<sup>st</sup> time in over 15 yrs) to **\$25.00 each**. Sign-up sheet/request forms with additional information on the table in the narthex.



**Save THE date**

- May 9: CampBlast /Lutherlyn
- May 4 & 18 10am Prayer Shawls Gathering
- May 14 7pm Ascension Day worship @ LMC
- May 14 & 28 @ 9-11:30 KAFP
- May 17 12:30 Lasagna Dinner for KAFP @ New Hope
- May 20 Prayer Warrior's 1-3
- May 20 6:30 MNO @ McGarrey's Oakwood
- May 21 5:30 LNO @Riverside Br
- May 24 Pentecost Worship 9:30
- June 13 AHLC Art Sale
- July 21 Pastor Karen's surgery



**May Birthdays**

- 5/8 Therese Penn
- 5/12 Sophia Woomer
- 5/14 Pat Wenzel
- 5/20 Analee Cree
- 5/22 Lon Jenkins
- 5/23 Mike Paris

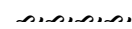
**April Anniversaries**

- 5/9 Jeanne & Ed Trooper 62 years



**Abiding Hope 2026 Church Council**

- President**  
Andy Saska
- Vice-President**  
Penny Gresh
- Secretary**  
Analee Cree
- Treasurer**  
Rick Penn
- Financial Secretary**  
Cindy Filson
- Council Members**  
Pastor Karen Parsh  
Lois Kuhns  
Jo Zeimet  
Rich Filson  
Diana Stoker  
Barb Ruhlman





## Update from KAFP

This spring has been a fruitful time for the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry. We are now serving 2 new families for a total of over 175 individuals shopping twice a month at our Food Pantry.

We regularly offer baked goods, breads, potatoes, carrots, fruits of all types, meats and dairy products. This past month a local farmer donated 72 dozen eggs. Amazing what God provides. Thank you all for your donations of cereal in April and May.

Our relationship with McKean Area Food Pantry has been working out very well. We transfer any extras that cannot be saved until our next shopping event. They send us any extras they have. Sometimes their neighbors and our neighbors prefer different items, so we can eliminate waste by trading.

Second Harvest is starting a summer lunch program for children. For any family signing up for it they receive a "lunch bag" per child each week. Since we are on a 2-week schedule, they would receive 2 bags per child. We may be participating in the program, depending on interest from our shoppers. Submitted by Rich Filson ~Director – KAFP



**Care and Share** discussion group is taking May off as a short hiatus hoping to resume meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for updates about future meetings.

**Abiding Hope Art Sale** will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. All prints will be priced and for sale with pricing from \$5 to \$50. Mark your calendars. Committee continues to accept art donations. And watch for additional information.

**Do you have a graduate in your household?** Let us know who, when and their future plans and we'll publish the information in the June newsletter. Contact Nancy at [ncunning3125@gmail.com](mailto:ncunning3125@gmail.com).




**Rachel's Day Service and Candle lighting: May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30:** You are invited to participate in Rachel's Day - an opportunity to lift-up our children who are threatened by the "Herods" of today - Sex trafficking, gun violence, war, suicide. A Litany of Prayer and candle lighting service will be May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Luther Memorial, 6:30PM. Bishop Kristen Papson will preside.

The attached invitation maps out more of the particulars. All faiths, denominations, and people in general are welcome.

[Rachel's Day Info Here](#)

Dear Friends ~ Thank you so much for your generous gifts! Not only do your gifts fill a physical need but also a very real emotional need. We are grateful that you chose to bless our clients with your donations of twin-size sheets, stuffed animals and deodorant.

Much gratitude and many thanks, Tracy  
 EUMA (Ending Homelessness in NWPA) *Thank you Abiding Hope Ladies* 



**Ladies Night Out**, a special evening when the ladies get together for dinner and good conversation at a local restaurant. For May we're meeting at Riverside Brewing on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30. Carpool from AH at 4:30.

Join the guys for **Men's Night Out**. They meet to enjoy good conversation, laughter and a great meal at one of Erie's famous restaurants. Join them on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30m at McGarry's Oakwood Tavern.



**Special request from Sheryl:** Stephanie Volland, Sheryl's daughter, is asking the various churches who support their mission ministry (the family is serving in Germany) if anyone would be willing to loan her a car or van from approximately 6/12 to 8/12 during their US visit. Please contact Sheryl (814-882-2830 or [sheryl4013@yahoo.com](mailto:sheryl4013@yahoo.com)) if you can help or would like more information. Thank you!



### Church Council Recap for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

As we gathered in April, during this reflective time of our church life, sorrow turning to celebration, we say good-bye and Thank You to Paul Mirone. His resignation as a council member was received and accepted with understanding by council. This leaves an opening on council, that per our Constitution cannot be filled until our next congregational meeting. Please start considering this opportunity to serve Abiding Hope by joining the council.

- Time to Pass the Peace, improving. Suggestion to judge amount of time based on attendance
- Open discussion concerning Lenten projects and how to proceed for next year
- Council to do weed and feed on April 21. Supplying product
- Letter received from Barb Ruhlman resigning as Treasurer
- Inquiry received from another congregation about using our church as their worship center
- Looking into cameras and other security due to the recent happenings

Other information has been sent by email. This method is being used, so the congregation is informed as soon as possible. Please know that any and all questions or suggestions are welcome. Respectfully submitted by – *Analee Cree - Council Secretary*

## Christ is risen. Alleluia!

And in 40 days we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord together!

The Erie Lutheran Conference Ascension Service will be Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. at Luther Memorial, with Bishop Papson preaching. Reception follows.

There will be a combined choir. Interested singers and choirs can contact Cantor Bryan Timm for details on music and rehearsals at [BTimm@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:BTimm@LutherMemorialOnline.org). (I expect he will be sending out information soon as well).

Many thanks and Easter blessings!

*Pastor Jean* (the dean) Rev. Jean N. Kuebler, pastor ~ Faith Lutheran Church



## Lenten Service Craft Projects 2026

*(Shall we make this a year-round ministry? Contact Pastor Karen of your interest.)*

God is at work in this world. God is working through us, in us, and by our hands. We are called by the Holy Spirit to serve and love one another.

During this past season of Lent, members of Abiding Hope and New Hope gathered on Wednesday afternoons for worship and acts of service to spread love and compassion to several organizations and agencies. Local community-based beneficiaries included:

- *Erie Humane Society*. Fabric hand-painted and sewn, rice-filled socks to heat and provide comfort to suffering cats and dogs.
- *Mercy Center for Women*. Handcrafted, beaded jewelry with inspirational messages to encourage women in difficult circumstances.
- *Community Shelter Services*. Hand-tied fleece blankets for the stranger in need of warmth.
- *Liberty House*. A home-cooked banquet for some of our homeless Veteran men. (See the dessert recipe shared here.)
- *Walnut Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation*. Wooden cross wall décor to bring hope and joy to the residents, patients, and staff.



Scripture Cake  
Recipe Here

God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully. Amen.



**5th Sunday World Hunger Day is May 31.** Drop a check in the offering plate marked "World Hunger" any Sunday in May and help stop world hunger.



**Thank you to Rick Penn for offering to be Abiding Hope's new Treasurer, A 1,000 thank yous!**



# MAY 2026 CALENDAR



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

A Loving Family, Growing in Faith, Sharing the Hope...of Christ!

1 2  
M Lessons 8-12  
Overeaters 10:30

3  
5<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter  
Traditional Worship  
9:30  
Choir 9 & 10:45  
Bible Study 11

4  
Prayer Shawls  
10a  
Al-Anon 7:30

5  
Ministry Team  
10:30  
M. Lessons 4-6  
Rachel's Day  
service 6:30  
See pg. 6

6  
Tops 9-11  
M. Lessons 6-7

7  
M Lessons 4-5, 7-8  
  
Note: Care &  
Share discussions  
on hiatus until  
June.

8  
9  
M Lessons 8-12  
Overeaters 10:30  
CampBlast @  
Lutherlyn  
See page 4.

10 **Mother's Day**

6<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter  
Blended Worship  
9:30 Choir 9 & 10:45  
Bible Study 11  
ZOOM Bible 7p

11  
Al-Anon 7:30  
Deadline to  
order  
Geraniums

12  
Ministry Team  
10:30  
M. Lessons 4-6  
Church Council  
6:30

13  
Tops 9-11  
M. Lessons 6-7  
Office Closed

14  
KAFP 9-11:30  
Ascension Day  
Worship 7p LMC  
(see pg. 8)  
M Lessons 4-5, 7-8

15  
16  
M Lessons 8-12  
Overeaters 10:30

May 15 & 16 WELCA's Annual  
Convention @ Olmsted Manor  
Click Here for Information

17  
7<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter  
Blended Worship  
9:30  
Choir 9 & 10:45  
Bible Study 11

18  
Prayer Shawls  
10a  
Al-Anon 7:30

5/17 Lasagna KAFP  
Benefit Dinner @  
New Hope - 12:30

19  
Ministry 10:30  
Care Team 12:30  
M. Lessons 4-6



20  
Tops 9-11  
Prayer Warriors  
1-3  
MNO @  
McGarrey's 6:30  
M. Lessons 6-7

21  
M Lessons 4-5, 7-8  
LNO @  
Riverside  
Brewing 5:30

22  
Newsletter  
deadline

23  
M Lessons 8-12  
Overeaters 10:30

24 **Wear Red**

Pentecost  
Blended Worship  
9:30  
Choir 9 & 10:45  
Bible Study 11  
ZOOM Bible 7p

25 Office Closed

Al-Anon 7:30



26  
Ministry Team  
10:30  
M. Lessons 4-6

27  
Tops 9-11  
M. Lessons 6-7

28  
KAFP 9-11:30  
M Lessons 4-5, 7-8



29  
30  
M Lessons 8-12  
Overeaters 10:30

31  
The Holy Trinity  
Blended Worship  
Bible Study 11  
World Hunger  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday



May 19, 2026, is the Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania ~ VOTE!!!!

- [Polls](#) are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to [register to vote](#): May 4, 2026
- Last day to [request a mail-in or absentee ballot](#): May 12, 2026



## Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

Sign-up today and help the Food Pantry. On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> enjoy a lasagna dinner at New Hope Presbyterian Church with your donations going to the KAFP. If you can donate a dessert, great. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Forget to sign-up? Walk-ins are welcome.



You're Invited  
**Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser**  
Sunday, May 17, 2026  
from 12:30 to 3:00

**Cost:**  
Donation to go to the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry

**KAFP**  
Kearsarge Area Food Pantry  
Helping those with food insecurities.

Help the Food Pantry while you indulge in homemade authentic Italian lasagna

**All proceeds go to the KAFP!**

**Sign-up in the narthex, but walk-ins are welcome!**

**New Hope Presbyterian Church**  
5440 Washington Ave. Erie, PA  
814-864-1920

## Safety and Prayers

Dear Abiding Hope Family. As you have been made aware, we are having issues with some homeless living in Zuck Park. Our Little Library and Food Outreach have suffered the most. In the past, people in need have taken a few items and have shown gratitude with smiles and notes. Now, all items were being taken and rude gestures made. Books are still available; the food has been removed. All food was given to the Food Pantry, so it would not go past expiration dates. The Millcreek Police, as well as the Millcreek Parks Department, have been notified. The Police will continue to do drive throughs, especially after dark for protection of our building and Little Library. The Property Team is looking into additional safety measures that can be added to our building. All groups that use our building have been notified. In the meantime, we ask all members do the following:

- Lock Your Car
- Both Sets of Front Entry Doors will be locked at all times. Please call the office from your car or make arrangements with Denise to let you in at a scheduled time
- Check all doors when you leave
- If you use the "Emergency Door" downstairs - double check that is latched after using
- If someone approaches you for food or money, Call the Millcreek Police - 814-833-7777 - NOT 911
- Most of all, keep these less fortunate and troubled God's Children in your prayers

The police have advised they have no violent records, yet as we know situations change. We will keep Our Abiding Hope Family aware of any updates as we pray for these souls and our ability to reinstate our peace and outreach through the Little Library. *Analee* - Council Secretary

**Prayer Shawl Gatherings**

Ladies are welcome to join the "Prayer Shawl" Gathering, 10a-12noonish for prayer, good conversation, knitting/crocheting shawls, prayer cards, lap robes for the homebound. Need some training, instruction, patterns or yarn? Ladies will provide it all! Join us. YARN provided.

MEETINGS:  
1ST + 3RD MONDAYS-  
10AM TO 12NOON-ISH  
AT ABIDING HOPE

Monday, May 4 + 18

**Geraniums for Pentecost**  
Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Only \$4.50 ea. or make a donation to KAFP

Order your 4 1/2" foil wrapped geraniums for the Pentecost altar on or before Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>; or make a gift to the KAFP. Order forms available on the website, in the narthex or click here.

**CLICK HERE**

Thank You