

The Spirit

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

April 2017



Spring!

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SPRING.....what a wonderful word! Immediately before I wrote this article in March, the weekend before the first day of Spring, we received 2-3 inches of snow!

Spring is a time of renewal, a time of new things...flowers blooming, trees blossoming, grass growing, rain...hopefully not snow....and most importantly for Christians – EASTER!

This year Easter is on April 16!

Easter is so much like Spring in a very important way. Before we get to Spring we first have to go through Winter. Winter tends to be cold, snowy & gray in Michigan.

To get to Easter we have to go through Lent. Lent is a season of reflection...time for Christians to think of what Christ gave for us.

Before Easter we have Lent and Holy Week. We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. This year we will emphasize Palm Sunday vs. Passion Sunday.

Next is Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Both are days that help us understand what it is God did for us through His Son.

On Saturday, we celebrate the Easter Vigil. (at Antioch Lutheran)
Finally, we have EASTER SUNDAY! A time to rejoice! In the resurrection of our Lord.

We must remember that Easter is much more than one day...it is an entire season – 7 Sundays! We have 7 weeks to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. What a WONDERFUL time for Christians!

Soup Supper



**6:30 pm Soup Supper
followed by Worship**

Wednesday, April 5

Hosted by
Shepherd of the King
5300 W Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322



April 9 Service @ 10 am

The service begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death.



April 13 Service @ 12 noon

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the community, sharing, and fellowship enjoyed by the family of Christ.



April 14 Service @ 7 pm

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.



Men's Group is hosting Easter breakfast at 8:30 am prior to our Easter service on April 16. See the signup sheet and add your name. Tables will be set up at 11 am Saturday, April 15 so please come and help.



Contributions of small wrapped candies that fit into plastic Easter eggs wanted for the Easter Egg Hunt (roughly 10 ten children) on Sunday, April 16.



April 16 Service @ 10 am

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days and filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Congregational Life

Thank you to everyone who worked on the Soup Supper. You made the event a success!

There is **no WELCA meeting** in April due to the Fashion Show.

WELCA's 12th Annual "Stepping Into Spring" Fashion Show is Thursday, April 20 at Bay Pointe Golf Club. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Food, Raffle, and Cash Bar Tickets are \$32. See Trudi Burns or Barb Kunkel for tickets or to sign up to bring a basket for the raffle.

Dinner with Friends is Friday, April 21, 6:30 pm at Gino's Pizzeria & Restaurant, , 1999 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. It is the 3rd Friday, rather than the 2nd Friday due to Good Friday being the second Friday of the month.

Easter Flowers



Easter flowers can be ordered on the bulletin board through Sunday, April 9.

This year's offerings include:

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| Azaleas | 6 inch pot | \$20.00 |
| Hyacinths | 6 inch pot (4 bulbs) | \$11.00 |
| Tulips | 6 inch pot (5 bulbs) | \$11.00 |
| Lilies | | \$ 8.00 |

Celebrate!

Birthdays

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|-----------------|----------|
| Nick Ceccardi | April 5 |
| Matt Prus | April 12 |
| Crista Buckler | April 16 |
| Nikki Clark | April 16 |
| Cara Kunkel | April 16 |
| Melanie Bergman | April 19 |
| Linda Iverson | April 24 |
| Jeanne Myers | April 25 |
| Grant Engleman | April 26 |
| Chris Elliott | April 28 |
| Doug Opthoff | April 28 |

Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Stan & Jean Samuelsen | April 6 |
| Dale & Roxane Mellema | April 9 |



Easter Food Drive

We're **collecting food for ten (10) families**: Hams, Dressing, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Soups / Mixes, Gravy (Jars or Mixes), Pasta / Sauces, Raisins, Cheese, Bread, Potatoes, Carrots, Eggs, Rice.

If you are donating a ham, please sign up on the bulletin board and the ham can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer at church. **See Nancy Green** if you have any questions.

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days include...

We pray God hears our cries for forgiveness, mercy and loving attention both for our personal lives and circumstances and those of our neighbor.

Pray for strength and faith to accept the challenges and complexities of following Jesus and **giving witness to God's presence and activity** in the world today.

Pray for the courage to follow the example and spirit of Jesus as hope-filled, humble servants called to serve our neighbor and undeterred by personal sacrifice, self-interest or fear.

Ask God to help our faith communities be safe, welcoming, grace-filled places for honest, lively conversations, especially when we find ourselves divided by politics, opinions, circumstances and the complexities of life.

For wherever there is war and conflict in the world, pray for peace and healing; where people live under oppression and persecution, pray for justice and protection; for people, nations and situations forgotten or ignored, pray we remember and are moved to thoughtful, caring involvement.

When we wrestle with doubt, even disbelief, we turn to God asking for forgiveness, reassurance of the Spirit's presence and activity within us, and the reviving of our faith.

Trusting in the mercy, new birth and living hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we give praise and thanks to God for our salvation and faith.

For health and healing and for those who grieve.

For Bishop Kreiss, the Southeast Michigan Synod staff, the HSLC congregation and Pastor Bill Matlack.

Adult Study Continues

April 6:
A Just World
(Where All Are Fed)

April 13:
A Sustainable Future
(Concludes w/ Maundy
Thursday Table Service)



Tuesdays at 10 am

Knit, crochet or handwork

Bring a project to work on
or we can supply you with yarn
to make a prayer shawl.

We continue the fellowship by
going out to lunch afterwards.

Men's Group
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 pm



Food & Fellowship at
Mary Donnelly's Public House
3011 Orchard Lake Rd
Keego Harbor

All men of Holy Spirit are
invited to attend.



WELCA's 12th Annual
"Stepping Into Spring"
Fashion Show

Thursday, April 20
Bay Pointe Golf Club
Doors open at **5:30 pm**

Food, Raffle, Cash Bar
Tickets are \$32.

Women's fashions provided by
The Clothing Cove, Milford, MI

**Any questions or to purchase
tickets,** please see Barb Kunkel
or Trudi Burns.

Ticket sale deadline is April 4.

Dinner with Friends
Friday, April 21, 6:30 pm

Gino's Pizzeria & Restaurant

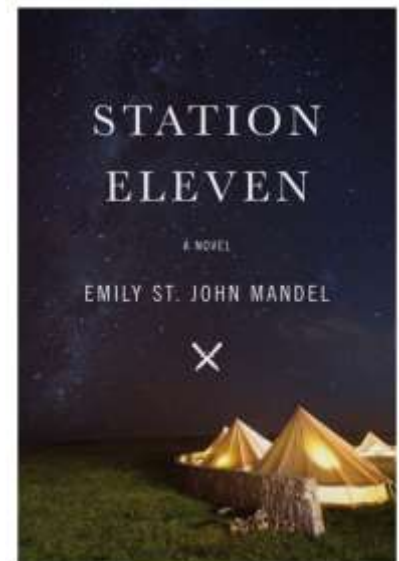


1999 Cass Lake Rd.
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Sign up by April 10 so that
reservations can be made.

Book Club

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm
discussing





I would like to thank each and every one of you that sent me get well cards and called to wish me well in my recovery.

My bones are healing slowly with no complications.

It has been a month since my accident and I have a doctor's appointment in two weeks where I hope to get the green light to begin my rehabilitation therapy.

Thanks again for your many kind and encouraging words.

Bob Frick



Souper Bowl of Caring Update

More donations were received after our last post to the congregation.


A total of \$592 was donated to South Oakland Center for the Homeless aka Welcome Inn through Souper Bowl of Caring gifts.

Thanks to all!

April Worship Assistants

| | April 2 | April 9 | April 16 | April 23 | April 30 |
|-----------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Lector | Thomas Butler | Becky Pranis | Jean Samuelsen | Ruth Dziuba | Kathy Chiaravalli |
| Greeters | Thomas Butler | Becky Pranis | Jean Samuelsen | Ruth Dziuba | Kathy Chiaravalli |
| Ushers | Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick | Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns | Tom Butler Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern | Jean Butler Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers | Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick |
| Counters | Loraine Eliason Nancy Green | Mary Martin Janet Martin | Dan Bergman Marian Rowland | Stan Samuelsen Ken Casagrande | Trudi Burns George & Chris Kuljurgis |

April 2017 Ministry Opportunities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School NA 7 pm | Zumba 6:30 pm | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group | Shepherd King Soup Supper & Service 6:30 pm | Adult Study 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm | AA 7:30 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Palm Sunday 10 am Service NA 7 pm | Zumba 6:30 pm | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am | Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm | Adult Study 10 am Maundy Thursday Table Service 12 noon Zumba 6:30 pm | Good Friday 7 pm Service AA 7:30 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Easter Sunday 10 am Service | Zumba 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Council 7 pm | Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm |  WELCA Fashion Show Zumba 6:30 pm | Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 pm AA 7:30 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
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Coming June 2017



If you've been thinking about cleaning out your attic, basement, or that hall closet that is overflowing with stuff, now is the time to do it!

Please share this donation opportunity with friends, neighbors and colleagues. The success of the sale is based on the quality and quantity of items available. Please be sure the donations are in sale-able condition.

Tax donation letters will be available once the drop-off dates have been announced. Please hold onto your items until the drop-off dates are announced as we don't have extra storage space to hold them.

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Our Mission:

We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism, GATHERED into community and SENT out to share God's grace.