



Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM

**All are welcome. Come and sing! We hope you'll join us!
Light refreshments will follow the singing.**



Join us as we sing, worship and celebrate Christ's birth.

**Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 PM**

ADVENT – TIME TO REFLECT!

PASTOR WILLIAM MATLACK



How many shopping days are left until Christmas? That's what most people are asking at this time of the year!

Personally, I don't care how many shopping days are left since I tend to have my Christmas shopping done far in advance.

It's unfortunate that shopping has become the focus for Christmas. We see Christmas merchandise before Halloween! Thanksgiving has been lost!

While the focus for the secular world is shopping, for Christians it is preparation & waiting! Advent is a season of waiting. We hear it in the Sunday readings each of the 4 Sundays in Advent.

We hear about John the Baptist, Mary (imagine her anticipation) and of course, the prophets.

What are we waiting for? Why Jesus, the Christ, of course!

But are we only waiting for December 25th because then we can let loose, celebrate, open gifts, eat too much. Or are we waiting not only for his 1st coming, but his imminent return?

For Advent is so much more than preparing and waiting for that baby in a manger. Advent is preparing and waiting for his return at the end of the age.

Do we prepare for this event in our daily lives, or do we just go along with the world and expect only a little baby? Where are our hearts when it comes to Christ's return? Are we ready or not?

My hope for the people who call Holy Spirit Lutheran Church their home is that we are ready! That we are waiting expectantly for Jesus to come again.

That we slow down during this season of hope to prepare our hearts and minds for his return.



Christmas Poinsettias



Orders due by Sunday, December 17.

Plants may be taken home
after Christmas Eve service @ 9 PM.

Small Poinsettias are \$ 8.00

Large Poinsettias are \$14.00



We're collecting for ten families:

- Turkeys
- 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're donating a turkey, please sign up on the bulletin board and the turkey can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer at church.

Please bring your food donations to the church no later than Monday, December 18.

Baskets will be sorted packed on Monday, December 18, and picked up on Tuesday, December 19 between 4:00 – 5:00 PM.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
MEETS ON TUESDAYS
@ 10 AM**



to knit/crochet or do
handwork together.

Please join us and 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, DECEMBER 5
@ 6:30 PM**



for food & fellowship at

Mary Donnelly's Public House
3011 Orchard Lake Rd
Keego Harbor

All men of Holy Spirit are
invited to attend.

**CAROL SING ALONG
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
@ 7 PM**



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We hope you'll join us!

Please see the bulletin board
to help out with light
refreshments following the
singing.

**WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY &
WHITE ELEPHANT
GIFT EXCHANGE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
@ 5:30 PM**

*(hosted by Nancy Fish
at her home)*



WELCA is collecting supplies
for personal hygiene bags that
will be donated as part of their
community outreach
programs.

Please see the bulletin board
for further information and to
sign up.

**THE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
@ 10 AM**



Please see the bulletin board
to help out with cookies, juice,
and milk following the play.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
@ 9:00 PM**



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celebrate Christ's birth.

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days please include...

We continue to pray for people and communities recovering from the devastation and loss caused by recent hurricanes – especially in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean, and Gulf Coast and Southeastern states – that they not lose hope, will receive ongoing support and assistance, and will be strengthened and encouraged by our caring for one another.

For the sake of doing God’s work in the world, pray God will shape our words to inspire, comfort, give hope, hold each other accountable and invite our neighbor to know God’s mercy and love; enlighten our actions through the word of God, conversations, relationships and encounters with people rather than acting on what we believe is best for them.

During this season of sharing gifts, pray we are mindful of and generous with our neighbors, especially those who live in poverty and hunger, immigrants and refugees, people who feel isolated and long for relationships and community, and families without homes or safe shelter.

In the face of heartbreaking, daunting gun violence, we pray God’s Spirit will stir in us a sense of self-sacrifice and humility that we might reconsider how we exercise our freedoms and live together for the well-being and safety of all people and that we will be wise and courageous in conceiving and embracing effective changes in our lives and laws, even when met with uneasiness or resistance.

Praise God for dwelling in our world – in us – and causing peace, mercy, goodness and hope to spring up where we might be inclined to give up in the face of darkness, despair and overwhelming difficulties.

Just as John the Baptist was tireless in testifying to the one true light of Jesus, pray we too will be bold witnesses in today’s world busied with sharing the good news and inviting people to believe and be baptized into the body of Christ for lives of faith, service and witness.

We remember in our prayers people who labor and serve throughout the holidays, giving thanks and recognition for their work and long hours. Pray they find time for rest, renewal, connecting with family and friends, and reflecting on the meaning of the holidays.

With joyful hearts we give praise for what God has done for us and for revealing to us daily God’s continuing activity in the world and – through our baptism – the diverse ways in which we are called to join with one another in serving our neighbor and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

We continue to pray for refugees and immigrants, especially in the Middle East and Europe, asking God to grant them hope, safety, welcoming communities in which to rebuild their lives and resilience; pray we never lose empathy and active concern for their struggles, suffering and losses.

Everywhere we turn and look we see the wondrous, amazing creative hand of God. Praise the Lord, and give thanks!

Worship Assistants

	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31
Lector & Greeter	Lorry Prus	Barb Kunkel	Stan Samuelsen	Dale Mellema	Emilie Samuelsen
Ushers	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Tom Butler Jarrod Dixel 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	George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	Stan Samuelsen Ken Casagrande	Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	Janet Martin Mary Martin	Barb Kunkel Nancy Green
Altar Guild	Ruth Dziuba				

Birthdays This Month

Greg Wolenberg	12/ 4
Tina Green	12/ 5
Trudi Burns	12/ 11
Dustin Dronsella	12/ 11
Lukas Mattern	12/ 12
Richard Clark	12/ 14
Sheperd Kern	12/ 14
Cindy Ward	12/ 16
Laura Lawson	12/ 17
Bill Fodor	12/21
Thomas Slavik	12/ 21
Chris Chiaravalli	12/ 26
Sue Fodor	12/29
Annika Mattern	12/ 29
Quinn Rand	12/ 30
Weston Rand	12/ 30

Anniversaries This Month

Craig & Jenny Rand	12/1
Mark & Kim Filipp	12/3
Russ & Lorry Prus	12/4
Russ & Sally Cossin	12/27

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:00 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45 AM Choir 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School NA Mtg 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM	Adult Study 10 AM Bells 7 pm NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Carol Sing 7 PM	Zumba 9:00 AM
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45 AM Choir 10 AM Worship & Christmas Program NA Mtg 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Council Meeting 7 PM	Adult Study 10 AM Bells 7 PM NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:00 AM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Visitors Welcome

We warmly invite you to join us for worship, study, and activities.

Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Christian Education

10:45 AM Sunday School

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**Our Mission:**

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