

The Spirit

FEBRUARY 2018

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

PASTOR WILLIAM MATLACK

Thank you, thank you thank you! I am so appreciative of the opportunity given to me by Holy Spirit Lutheran Church to travel to Israel! It was amazing, an experience that will be with me forever!



I want to especially thank the Church Council & WELCA. I was able to use my Continuing Education Money for 2018 and WELCA paid the rest.

I also would like to thank Stan Samuelsen and Norm Werner for leading Worship on January 7th! You both did a wonderful job.

The second part of my trip to Jordan and Egypt was a gift from my Son, Josiah, for my 60th birthday. He and I had a wonderful time.

I shared pictures of my trip on Sunday, January 21, as I spoke about the Sea of Galilee. Here's two pictures.



The Sea of Galilee



Jesus Boat



NEW ADULT STUDY, "CHOSEN?"

Begins Thursday, February 1 @ 10:00 AM

In *Chosen?*, Walter Brueggemann explores the situation in modern-day Israel that raises questions for many Christians who are easily confused when reading biblical accounts of God's saving actions with the Israelites. Are modern Israeli citizens the descendants of the Israelites in the Bible whom God called chosen? Was the promise of land to Moses permanent and irrevocable? What about others living in the promised land? How should we read the Bible in light of the modern situation? Who are the Zionists, and what do they say?

In four chapters, Brueggemann addresses the main questions people have with regards to what the Bible has to say about this ongoing issue. A question-and-answer section with Walter Brueggemann, a glossary of terms, study guide, and guidelines for respectful dialogue are also included. The reader will get answers to their key questions about how to understand God's promises to the biblical people often called Israel and the conflict between Israel and Palestine today.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

More than 28 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."



Since that day, more than \$135 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. **Please look for the green Souper Bowl of Caring Stock Pot following worship and give generously.**

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



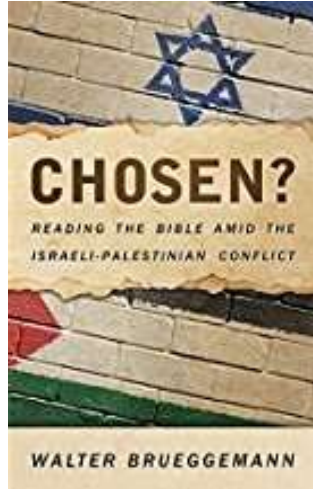
to knit/crochet or do
handwork together.

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.

**ADULT STUDY BEGINS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
@ 10 AM**

"Chosen?
Reading the Bible Amid the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"
by Walter Brueggemann



**MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
@ 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.

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
@ 6:30 PM**

Library Sports Pub & Grill
6363 Haggerty Rd, West
Bloomfield Township, MI



Please see the
bulletin board to sign up.

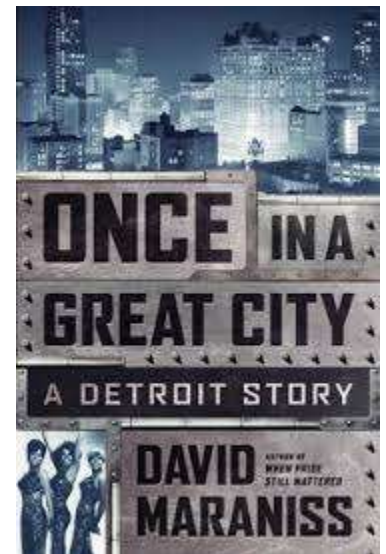


**WELCA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
@ 6:00 PM**

Hosted by Jean Samuelson

Please see the bulletin board
to sign up.

**BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
@ 7:00 PM**





MARY FREED MEMORIAL CONCERT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 @ 7:30 PM

The first in an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed will take place at Holy Spirit Church on March 7, Mary’s birthday.

The Rondo String Quartet has been chosen to perform at this event. Rondo is well-known in southeast Michigan and recently received from Gigmaster, THE BEST OF 2017 Award. They perform a wide variety of music, classical, rock, nostalgic, jazz, current and even polkas. The group consists of two violins, a viola and a cello.

Mary and three of her sisters once performed as a string quartet, using instruments that had been made for them by their grandfather. In fact, at the March 7 concert, Tracey Riggs will play some music using Mary’s own violin. Tracey is a former Orchestra Director for Farmington Schools.

There is no charge for the concert, since memorial gifts will cover the cost. It is planned that there will be three or four memorial concerts each year.

Reception following.



<p>Wednesday, February 21 West Bloomfield United Methodist 4100 Walnut Lake Road</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 28 Spirit of Grace 2399 Figa Avenue</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 14 Pine Hill Congregational 4160 Middlebelt Road</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 21 The Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King 5300 West Maple Road</p>

HOLY SPIRIT: A PRAYING COMMUNITY

As you pray throughout your days please include...

The world cries out for healing, peace, freedom from oppression and hope. Praise God for the new life, renewal of spirit and relief we have through Jesus Christ, and pray we are humble servants and bold disciples eager to share this good news with everyone.

We remember, and strive to not forget, in our prayers the many situations, people and places in our nation and the world where suffering, conflict, poverty and hunger, long-term recovery from disasters and injustice persist.

Pray that, for the sake of the gospel, we are faithful in serving our neighbor, spreading the good news and sharing our blessings with all people in every context and situation of life without expectation of reward, praise or recognition.

“Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God” (Psalm 147:1). Give thanks to God for caring for those who live in sadness, suffer injustice, feel powerless or are treated as outcasts; ask God to remind us of our call to be God’s caring hands, voice and presence in the world.

Transfiguration of Our Lord When confused about God’s purpose for us and the future of the church, we pray God will stir our faith and enlighten our vision, reminding us to not seek refuge in what is familiar and safe but instead venture into our communities, uncomfortable situations and the world to share the good news and serve our neighbor.

Ash Wednesday We pray with humility and repentance as we begin our journey through Lent that, even in our imperfection and weakness, we never lose sight of the good news that God’s love and mercy are unwavering and that our lives are made new and whole through our baptism into Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

God shines brightly in the world and universe and is not silent. Give thanks and praise to God, and ask that our witness be bold and bright in declaring God’s boundless power, righteousness and love.

As our Lenten journey continues, we reflect on our lives and faith with humility and honesty, immersing ourselves in prayers for God’s mercy and rejoicing in the gifts of love, forgiveness and salvation we have through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray to know and trust God’s ways and paths, truth and word, mercy and steadfast love, and that we will treasure and demonstrate in our daily life these truths and qualities for the sake of the world.

We pray that in our Lenten reflections and conversations we are truthful with ourselves and each other, trust in God’s love and mercy that frees us to move forward grounded in the gospel to serve our neighbor without bias, encourage and care for one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, and move beyond any hesitations or fears we may have about participating in God’s work in the world.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Lector & Greeter	Dennis Kunkel	Mary Martin	Tom Sweda	Charlene Meyer
Ushers	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Jarrold Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern	Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters	George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers <i>or</i> Sandy Thayer	Barb Kunkel Nancy Green	Janet Martin Mary Martin	Dan Bergman Marian Rowland
Altar Guild	Petra Mattern and Jean Samuelsen			

Birthdays This Month

Zachary Clark	February 3
Catherine Martin	February 3
Jack Bergman	February 5
Mike Figi	February 5
Ruth Dziuba	February 9
Arnold Reed	February 9
Shelly Slavik	February 9
Jaci Green	February 12
Nancy Green	February 24
Nicholas Voorhees	February 24
Russ Prus	February 29

Anniversaries This Month

David & Barb Church	February 7
Bill & Sue Fodor	February 15



EASTER FOOD DRIVE BEGINNING SOON

We're collecting food for nine (9) 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.

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

Speak with Nancy Green if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Adult Study 10 AM Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM NA Meeting 7 PM	Adult Study 10 AM Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner with Friends 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM NA Meeting 7 PM	No Zumba Finance Meeting 7 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Soup Supper @ WBUM Bells Rehearsal 7 PM NA Meeting 7 PM	Book Club 7 PM No Zumba	AA Meeting 7 PM	No Zumba
25	26	27	28			
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Council Meeting 7 PM	Soup Supper @ Spirit of Grace Bells Rehearsal 7 PM NA Meeting 7 PM			

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

Contact Us

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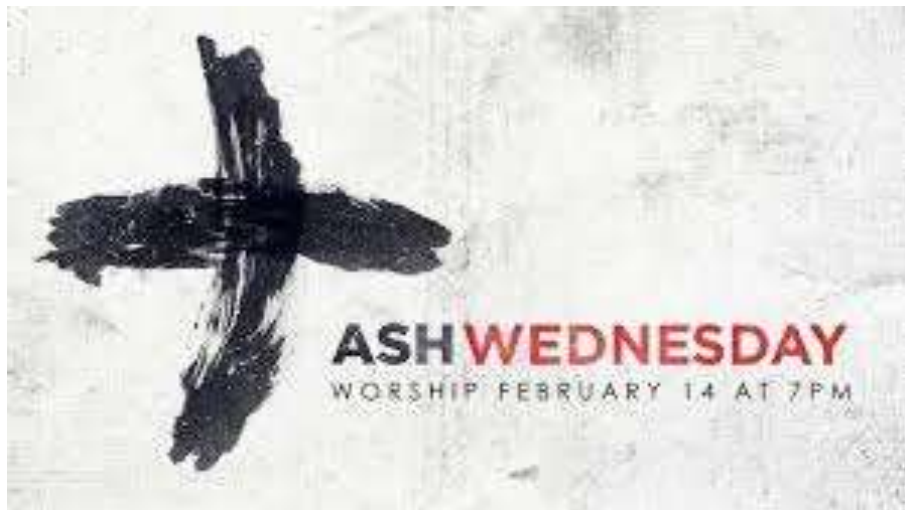
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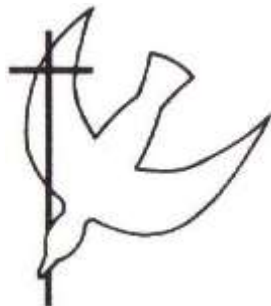
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Join us in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM** for our traditional Ash Wednesday worship service that includes the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

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Our Mission:

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