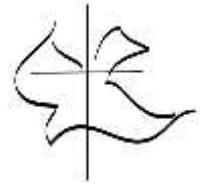


# The Spirit



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Pastor  
William Matlack

## STORYTELLING....

I'm a storyteller! I have always loved to tell stories. I remember as a child telling jokes & stories as well as when I was a teen & young adult.

I guess I come by it naturally, since my Dad, John, was an awesome storyteller. I loved to hear his stories about growing up during the depression in Cleveland and especially the stories about his work!

My Dad was an auto mechanic who owned his own Texaco station during the 1950's. That was before I was born! Then, he worked as the manager of an auto parts store for 25 years!

He would tell stories over and over & in my young adult life I shared these and stories about my own working life with my friends. One of my friends from Texas Lutheran, who was from Seville, Ohio, would ask me to tell my stories!

I guess it was a natural transition to telling Biblical stories! The stories in the Bible, especially from Genesis & the Gospels, have always inspired me.

It's been almost 20 years when I began telling the Gospel at Worship! It has been a joy for me and I have been told for others as well. I learned to do this being involved with the Network of Biblical Storytellers. Their Web site: <http://www.nbsint.org>.

Of course, the greatest Storyteller was Jesus! Do we love to tell the story of Jesus? As the hymn says: "I love to tell the story, will be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love!"

***-Pastor Bill***

# CHANGE THE GAME

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 29 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 \$143 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.

**Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019!**

Every dollar donated goes to  
**Salvation Army (Designated for Food)**  
our 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



**Each Tuesday at 10:00 AM**

We meet 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all people of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

**Men's Group**



**Tuesday, February 5  
6:30 PM**

**The Lodge Grill and Bar**  
2812 Orchard Lake Rd  
Keego Harbor

The Men's Group meets for food and fellowship once a month. It's open to all men of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!



w/ Pastor Matlack

10:00 AM Wednesdays

Wednesday, February 6  
The law is given to Moses  
(Exodus 20-31)

Wednesday, February 13  
The golden calf  
(Exodus 32-34)

Wednesday, February 20  
The construction of the  
tabernacle  
(Exodus 35-40)

**Dinner With Friends**  
Friday, February 8  
6:30 PM



**CJ's Brewing Company**  
8115 Richardson Rd,  
Commerce Twp.

See the bulletin board for more information and to sign up!



**Thursday, February 21  
6:00 PM**

See the bulletin board for more information and to sign up!

WELCA is open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!



**Thursday, February 28  
7:00 PM**

***The Scent of Color***  
**by Lana LaFortune**

Deidre Sinclair is rich, beautiful, smart and going blind. Hired to take her on a world tour is Remi Lamont, a reluctant battle-weary ex-marine.

As she tries to accept her own fate she catches glimpses into Remi's tortured mind. threaten to take the life of one or both of them.

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Choir 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday School 10:45 AM NA 7:30 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Adult Basic Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM	Exodus Adult Study 10 AM Handbells 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner With Friends 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
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February Worship Assistants				
	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
Lector & Greeter	Dennis Kunkel	Mary Martin	Tom Sweda	Stan Samuelson
Ushers	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Jarrold Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelson Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore Greg Wolenberg	Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters	George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers Sandy Thayer	Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Janet Martin Mary Martin	Dan Bergman Marian Rowland
Altar Guild	Petra Mattern, Jean Samuelson			



Many thanks to those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens, put up and trimmed the Christmas tree, and set the Nativity Scene in place at the foot of the altar.

We also thank those who helped with the Taking Down of the Greens and putting away our beloved Christmas decorations as we made the transition from Christmas to the Epiphany.

#### Flowers for Worship

Honor the birthday, anniversary, baptism, marriage, or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring flowers for worship. Flowers are \$20 per week.

#### Altar Candles

Honor the memory of a loved one or give in honor of friends, family, or a special occasion. Candles are \$10 per month.

You can find the Flower and Altar Candle Charts on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make the Annual Dinner an enjoyable event.

Without volunteers, this and other events at Holy Spirit would be difficult to hold.

We appreciate all your hard work!

**Holy Spirit: A Praying Community**  
***As you pray throughout your days include...***

- *Black History Month* Give thanks for our sisters and brothers of African descent, who have both suffered much and contributed much to our nation and the ongoing work of building a multicultural church and restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
- Give thanks for children and youth in our lives and congregations, for the gifts they bring to the body of Christ and for the leaders, teachers and members who nurture and encourage them.
- The good news of Jesus Christ, God's love and the promise of eternal life bring us joy, but we sometimes find ourselves troubled and irritated by God's desire for us to exercise justice and peace and immerse ourselves in serving our neighbors in need – without hesitation or prejudice. Pray the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts to change our attitudes, bias and self-centeredness, setting us free to be willing, committed disciples and servants in the world.
- What is love? Where is it scarce or misguided in our relationships and how we live out our faith? Ask God to deepen and mature our understanding of love and center us in the love we, as baptized children of God, are called to share generously with others.
- Consider what stirred you to follow Jesus and grow in faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with courage and confidence to invite others to believe and follow.
- Called by God to serve as a prophet, Isaiah felt ill-equipped, reluctant and that he was a poor choice for the task – until God's spirit moved him to reply, "Here I am; send me!" Pray we are open to the work God is calling us to do in our congregations, communities and the world, and, in spite of our hesitations and insecurities, are able to trust God's forgiveness and empowering love by responding, "Here I am; send me!"
- Jesus compels us to serve our neighbor and be a blessing to others – friends, strangers, enemies, outcasts, hungry and poor alike. Thank God for inviting us to join in God's work in the world and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and help with the service and challenges to which we have been called.
- Pray members and leaders of our congregations are bold yet humble servants of Christ who embrace ongoing self-reflection, study of Scripture, evaluation, prayerful conversation and creative planning for the purpose of doing God's work in the world and growing the church.
- Pray we find joy, wisdom and nourishment in following the word and paths of God in the midst of everything else competing for attention and influence in our lives.



Catherine Martin	February 3
Mike Figi	February 5
Ruth Dziuba	February 9
Shelly Holtquist	February 9
Jaci Green	February 12
Nancy Green	February 24
Russ Prus	February 29



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



**Have You Hosted Coffee Hour? Give It A Try!**

Sponsoring Coffee Hour is a great way for our ministries to advertise their activities, celebrate individual special events such as birthdays and anniversaries, or to give thanksgivings for blessings.

This provides us with an opportunity to connect with each other and enjoy the company of everyone who attends.

If you are willing to host an upcoming coffee hour, please see the bulletin board to sign up.



**March 13**  
**Holy Spirit**  
*4800 Orchard Lake Road*

**March 20**  
**West Bloomfield United Methodist**  
*4100 Walnut Lake Road*

**March 27**  
**Pine Hill Congregational**  
*4160 Middlebelt Road*

**April 3**  
**Spirit of Grace**  
*2399 Figa Avenue*

**April 10**  
**Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King**  
*5300 West Maple Road*

**WELCOME**

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

**WORSHIP**

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

10:45 AM Sunday School  
*(September through June)*

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**Our Mission**

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

Please look for the green Souper Bowl of Caring Stock Pot on Sunday, February 3 and give generously.

