

The Spirit

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

July 2017



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Summer... What comes to mind when you hear, it's Summer? (I am actually writing this article on the first day of Summer).

Summer is in full swing in July. Most often July is one of the hottest months of the year. But, this year, in Michigan, we have had numerous 80 degree + days in June.

For most people, July is the month of Independence Day Celebrations, Fireworks, cookouts, being on the Lake etc.

For me, July is my birth month. I was privileged to be born on July 4!

When my children were young, I'd say, "See everyone celebrates my birthday!" As they got older they would say, "Whatever, Dad. You can continue to live in your delusional world!" Too funny.

This year is a milestone birthday for me. I was born on July 4, 1957, so, yes, I turn 60! Yikes! Where has the time gone?

I remember my parents saying, "Wait to you get older, time goes much faster." I always thought they were just saying that because they were old! I was wrong, it does seem to go faster.

So, what are your plans for the summer? I pray that whatever they are you attend Worship, wherever you may be! If you are in town, please join us at Holy Spirit at 10:00 AM!

ADOPT-A-ROAD - Sunday, July 16

Holy Spirit has adopted Green Road from Orchard Lake to Walnut Lake Roads. We are responsible to clean up debris at certain times of the year.

The Summer Clean Up is July 15-23. We are asking for volunteers to stay after Worship on Sunday, July 16 to help. The more Volunteers we have, the quicker we will finish!

Thank You



(Photo courtesy Kathy Chiaravalli)

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Thank you for the years of support and love given to our family. We appreciate the reception, gifts, and well-wishes from all of you.

Special thanks to Pastor for his kind words and to Ruth Dziuba for planning a beautiful coffee hour.

Our life has been blessed by God's grace and we will continue to pray for His grace to bless this congregation

Love,
Thomas and Jean Butler

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days please include...

We ask God to make us steadfast in our commitment to justice and peace in the world, guide our leaders in effective diplomacy and move us all to be concerned advocates for people and communities suffering in places devastated by violence, war, persecution, injustice and poverty.

Pray for people who labor behind the scenes, serve in jobs hidden from our view, work while we sleep or play, or who are forgotten or ignored that we be mindful of their lives, grateful for their gifts and skills, and affirming of what they do in our communities and world.

Ask for God's mercy and forgiveness for our actions and inactions that contribute to divisions, tensions and threats that exist in our country and world and that the Spirit of God will stir in us the desire and determination to work for understanding, reconciliation, peace and justice with neighbors, communities and nations, and between groups with which we identify and affiliate.

We offer God praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings and wonders of creation that sustain us and inspire awe for our Creator and pray that we will be careful, wise stewards of our resources and environment.

Give thanks that God knows us – our every thought, motivation and behavior – and still loves and forgives us as beloved children.

People who are close to us and stand with us in every situation are important blessings and assets in life – gifts from God. We pray all may know the love, care and support of family, friends and community, especially in times of loneliness, crisis, despair and illness.

For health and healing and for those who grieve.

Congregational Life



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.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 2



**Celebrating
Graduate Recognition
and
Pastor Bill's birthday!**

Men's Group



**Tuesday, July 11
at 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.

Dinner with Friends

**Friday, July 14
at 6:30 pm**

Highland House Restaurant

2630 E. Highland Rd.
Highland Twp. 48356.

Dessert at Norm and Carolyn
Werner's home afterward

WELCA Meeting

**Thursday, July 20 at
6:30 pm**



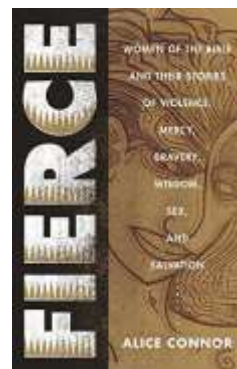
hosted by

Hilda Sawicki
and Janet Dulmage
at Hilda's home

Book Club

**Thursday, July 27
at 7:00 pm**

Fierce:
Women of the Bible and Their
Stories of Violence, Mercy,
Bravery, Wisdom, Compassion,
Sex, and Salvation



Kroger Rewards

Kroger Rewards - This month we received a check from Kroger for \$60.91 due to 14 Holy Spirit Kroger rewards members who shopped at Kroger between 1-31-2017 and 4-30-2017. Please verify your membership with Kroger rewards by checking your Kroger receipt. If your rewards are going to the church there will be a message on the bottom of your receipt indicating such.

If you need to update your membership, it is easy to do. Simply establish an account with your Kroger rewards card number. For your account select Holy Spirit Lutheran Church as your community rewards organization. If you have questions, check with Norm Werner or Donna Opthoff.



Birthdays

Benjamin Voorhees	July 2
Pastor Bill Matlack	July 4
Kim Wolenberg	July 4
Donna Opthoff	July 6
Tom Sweda	July 10
Braxton Kern	July 11
Brian Engleman	July 12
Eleanor Clark	July 13
Philip Kuljurgis	July 13
Laura Bergman	July 17
Jill Johnsen	July 20
Dennis Kunkel	July 20
Garrett Kern	July 21
Mimi Curlee	July 22
Gary Figi	July 25
Jean Samuelsen	July 28
Sandy Thayer	July 31

Anniversaries

Doug & Donna Opthoff July 14



Ruth Dziuba would like to thank everyone who worked on the Rummage Sale. Everyone worked very hard and made the sale a success. Many people were there every day and put in long hours. I really appreciate all their hard work.

(In no particular order)

Loraine Eliason	Jean Butler
Hilda Sawicki	Thomas Butler
Marian Rowland	Petra Mattern
Donna Opthoff	Lukas Mattern
Cindy Ward	Annika Mattern
Sally Cossin	Janet Dulmage
Sue Gates	Mary Martin
Gary Gates	Barb Kunkel
Judy Bergman	Dennis Kunkel
Dan Bergman	Chris Kuljurgis
Mike Green	George Kuljurgis
John Green	Sandy Thayer
Nancy Green	Terry Rowland
Nancy Fish	Norm Werner
Jean Samuelsen	Tracy Rozman

Thank You to all the



Volunteers

July 2017 @ HSLC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Zumba 9:00am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School NA 7 pm	No Zumba	<i>Church Office Closed</i> Independence Day	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 7:30 pm	Zumba 9:00am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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 6:30 pm	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	Adult Study 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 pm AA 7:30 pm	Zumba 9:00am WB Band Boosters Car Wash in HSLC Parking Lot
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School NA 7 pm	Zumba 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Council 7 pm	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	Adult Study 10 am WELCA 6:30 pm Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 7:30 pm	Zumba 9:00am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Congratulations Graduates!

Pastor & Mary Freed's grandchildren:
Joseph Carter, University of Michigan
Summer Freed, University of Minnesota

Dan & Judy Bergman's grandson:
Sam Bergman, Walled Lake North High School.
 He will attend the University of Michigan, Ross Business School.

Dale & Roxane Mellema's granddaughter:
Jodi Stratton, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Concordia University, Nebraska
 with a Master's in Elementary Education.
 She's the Head Teacher of the Pre-School Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Worship Assistants

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Lector	Charlene Meyer	Carole Salowich	Emilie Samuelsen	Bob Frick	Becky Pranis
Greeters	Charlene Meyer	Carole Salowich	Emilie Samuelsen	Bob Frick	Becky Pranis
Ushers	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Jarrold Dixel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern	Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick
Counters	Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	Ken Casagrande Stan Samuelsen	George & Chris Kuljurgis Trudi Burns or TBA	Loraine Eliason Nancy Green	Mary Martin Janet Martin

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library
of Poems, Letters, and
Stories Can Transform
the Way You Think and
Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

New Adult Study

***Begins Thursday,
July 13 at 10 am***

Using the same inspired, inquisitive approach as he did in *Love Wins*, *New York Times* bestselling author Rob Bell now turns to the most widely read book of all time.

What Is the Bible? provides surprising insights and answers about how the Bible actually works as a source of faith and guidance, showcasing a brand-new way of reading this sacred text.



ICE *Cream* Social

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Graduation Recogniton &
celebrating Pastor Bill's birthday!
Sunday, July 2

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Our Mission:

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