

The Spirit

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

June 2017



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The Festival Of Homilecs!

Walter Bruegemann, Adam Hamilton, Barbara Brown Taylor, Rob Bell, Nadia Bolz-Weber were just a few of the pastors who spoke at the Festival of Homiletics I attended in San Antonio, May 15-19!

But, the speaker who touched me the most was the Rev. Grace Imathiu. She is the lead Pastor at Community United Methodist Church and an international Speaker.



Her biography:

Rev. Grace Imathiu was born and raised in Kenya.

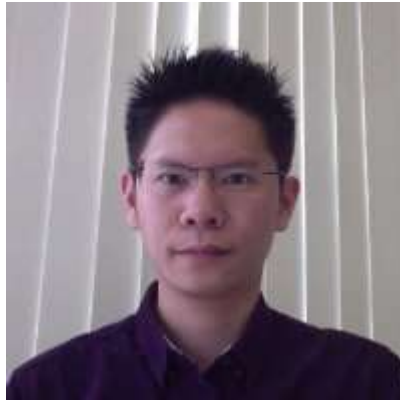
Her father is a retired Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya and received the 2005 World Methodist Council Peace Award for confronting Idi Amin's regime and South Africa's apartheid system. Her mother, a retired teacher, is a Local Preacher and has served in many leadership roles in the church.

Grace was educated in Kenya, the USA (Methodist Theological School in Ohio and Vanderbilt University in Tennessee), the University of Cambridge, and spent a year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She was ordained in the Methodist Church in Kenya in 1988 and served six years in Kenya, and has since served in Washington, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

As a preacher and Bible study teacher, Grace is in constant demand all around the world. She is especially a favorite among the youth and has been a regular preacher at the International Christian Youth Conference in Germany, USA and Ireland and the National Christian Youth Conference in Victoria and Sydney, Australia. Grace has ministered in Kenya, Togo, Germany, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, England, Ireland and all throughout the United States. She has led Bible Studies and has been a guest preacher in many Conferences in The United Methodist Connection.

She gave a moving presentation and spoke of how she is always recognized because of her colorful clothes!

The Festival Of Homiletics is an experience I will not soon forget! Thank you to the congregation for giving me this opportunity as a refreshment for my soul!



Thank You from Tai Yeung

Dear Pastor Bill, Bonnie, my wonderful Choir, and the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you all for your beautiful farewell card and the very generous gift. It means a lot to me. I am imbued with gratitude for everyone of you. You have always been so kind and supportive to me. Working with you all in the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Choir has been the most delightful and rewarding experiences I've ever had.

To all the choir members: I am deeply touched by your enthusiasm for the worship music. As a wonderful group of singers (and excellent accompanist!), you are prepared, attentive, and always strive for excellence in your singing. These have helped me grow as a choir conductor and make our music making experiences very enjoyable.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Bill and the congregation. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I am so blessed to be surrounded by kind and wonderful people like you all.

As I am going to leave, I wanted to let you all know how much it means to me to be able to conduct the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Choir for the past year and a half. I am very sad to have to leave but when I look up at the sky on the other side of the planet, I will remember that we are still under the same sky. I will miss all of you.

May you all have peace and happiness, and may you all sing on with a heart full of love and joy!
Thank you very much again.

Him Tai Yeung

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

Spring Clean Up

**Saturday, June 3
9:00 am**



Please see the sign up on the bulletin board.



Adult Study

**Continues
Through June 8**

**Discover Islam
Thursdays @ 10 am**

Men's Group

**Tuesday, June 6
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, June 9
6:30 pm**

**CJ's Brewery
8115 Richardson Rd
Commerce Charter Twp, MI**



Book Club

**Thursday, June 22
7:00 pm**



Birthdays

Barb Kunkel	June 6
Liz Chiaravalli	June 8
John Dziuba	June 9
Matthew Sawicki	June 10
Gerry Herrington	June 11
Marty Opthoff	June 12
Doug Julius	June 15
Stan Samuelsen	June 15
Alicia Chiaravalli	June 16
Gwen Monroe	June 17
Dick Longanbach	June 18
Roxane Mellema	June 18
Norm Werner	June 20
Zach Holtquist	June 26
Ben Holtquist	June 26

Anniversaries

Gary & Sue Gates	June 2
Doug & Rita Julius	June 7
Thomas & Jean Butler	June 14
Dan & Judy Bergman	June 15
Dennis & Barb Kunkel	June 20
Roger & Gerry Herrington	June 22
Jeff & Jackie Parko	June 22
Nick & Becky Pranis	June 25
Bob & Kathy Chiaravalli	June 27

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days include...

Pray that children, youth and adults with limited mobility, special needs or limited resources have opportunities to experience the beauty and enlivening spirit of outdoor summer activities in their communities and in nature.

Offer gratitude, praise and recognition for the majesty, love, mindfulness of humankind and handiwork of God reflected in the world and all creation.

Pray we learn to be generous, faithful, mature stewards of every gift God has entrusted to our care and use and that we pass on to every generation the best of our wisdom, what we've learned from our failings and mistakes, and a spirit of generosity and responsibility.

Pray for clarity of mission and the confidence of faith enabling each of us to be present in the world sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, bringing hope, serving our neighbor, working for an end to hunger and poverty, and discerning where we are most needed.

We thank God for the flourishing and abundant harvests of community gardens tended by congregations that help feed those who are hungry and teach new skills for growing food, cooking, self-sufficiency, caring for one another and the earth—in both urban and rural settings.

Give thanksgiving and praise to God, make a joyful noise, be glad and sing, for God's love and faithfulness embraces all generations and people.

Pray that in all we do we are not driven by fear, rather we live with the assurance that God loves and values us and has given us important life-giving good news to share.

For health and healing and for those who grieve.

RUMMAGE

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

*Preview/Pre-Sale is Wed. June 14, 6:00 - 8:30 pm.
Preview admission is \$3.00 per person.*

Rummage Sale hours are:
Thur. June 15, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Fri. June 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat. June 17, 9:00 am to 12 noon



If you've been thinking about cleaning out your attic, basement, garage, storage unit, or that hall closet that's overflowing with stuff, now is the time to do it and find lots of hidden treasures for us to sell!

Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they have any donations too!

We need:
clothes & shoes
books
toys
furniture
knick-knacks
holiday items
tools
crafts
sporting goods

and just about anything needed in a
kitchen
dining room
bathroom
bedroom
and living room!

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.

June 2017 @ HSLE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Adult Study 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 7:30 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
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Worship Assistants

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Lector	Donna Opthoff	Petra Mattern	Tina Green	Norm Werner
Greeters	Donna Opthoff	Petra Mattern	Tina Green	Norm Werner
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	Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters	Ken Casagrande Stan Samuelsen	George & Chris Kuljurgis TBA	Loraine Eliason Nancy Green	Mary Martin Janet Martin

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Lector	Charlene Meyer	TBA	Emilie Samuelsen	Bob Frick	Becky Pranis
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Our Mission:

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