



The Spirit

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WHY CHANGE?

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"What is your number-one wish for this congregation for three to five years down the road?" asked the pastor of a longtime member of Central Church. The minister had arrived 6 weeks earlier and was in the process of calling on each of the households in the parish. He continued with, "How would you like to see tomorrow different than today? What changes should be high on the agenda?"



"To tell you the truth," replied Nancy Henderson, a 57 year old empty nest mother, "I don't see any changes that need to be made here. I like it just the way it is!"

"That goes for me too" added her husband. "We put a new roof on the church 3 years ago, and we replaced the furnace about a year later. We always have enough money to pay our bills, so I don't see the need for change. Oh, it would be nice to see some more young people coming to church, but I guess every church feels that way. I'm with Nancy. I like it just the way it is now."

"That's right," added Nancy's mother, Hazel, "Why change when everyone is happy with how things are now?"

The above conversation comes from "The Parish Paper" from 1995! It is still relevant today!

The article continues with, "These three mature adults are expressing an opinion shared by literally millions of today's church members. Why change when everyone is content with the status quo? One response is do not try. There may be a serious shortage of support if everyone is satisfied with the status quo.

A more-threatening response is that a refusal or inability to adapt to a changing world often means institutional decline and eventual demise. In more-positive terms, a half dozen reasons can be offered to explain why change may be necessary, even when it is not immediately and eagerly embraced.

First, change usually must be one component of a larger strategy by any long-established congregation that seeks to reach new generations of people....The most highly visible example of the need to change to reach new generations can be seen today in: (a) church music, (b) new channels of communication in preaching, (c) an improvement in the quality of the nursery, (d) more weekday programming, (e) a greater emphasis on adult Bible Study groups, (f) offering at least two different worship experiences every weekend, (g) creating more attractive new entry points for newcomers, and so on and so forth.

Second, and more important, is that change usually is part of a larger strategy to challenge people with a new vision of what tomorrow could be!

Third, change is an essential component of any strategy to focus a congregation's agenda on ministry and outreach. The natural, normal, and predictable tendency in any institution is to seek to perpetuate yesterday, to move institutional survival goals to the top of the agenda, and to place means-to-an-end issues (such as a new roof on the building or paying the bills on time) ahead of the reason for the existence of that institution in formulating priorities.

Fourth, perhaps the most pragmatic argument in support of change in the church is to keep up with the competition.

During the 20th century, thousands of churches accepted change, sometimes reluctantly, in order to keep up with the competition. An incomplete list of these changes includes: electric lights, the telephone, central heating, indoor plumbing, pledging, a unified budget, larger budgets, better training for lay volunteers, typewriters, two or three worship services on Sunday morning, drama, team-teaching, a variety of vocal choirs, air-conditioning, Saturday evening Worship, contemporary Christian music, female officers, computers, and the list goes on and on.

Another reason for change is a response to the discontented. While it may be true that 60 percent of the members are completely satisfied with the present schedule, if 20 to 40 percent would prefer a different format for the corporate worship of God, that may be sufficient to add a second and a different worship experience to the weekend schedule.

Perhaps the most obvious reason to change is when the old system no longer works. When the boats stopped coming over, the Swedish Lutherans parish in Wisconsin had to define a new role. When suburbia moved out to what had been a rural area, those farming community churches had to change to reach the newcomers. When aging congregations decided to seek to reach younger generations, many had to change their music."

DO WE NEED TO CHANGE?? OF COURSE....CHANGE IS INEVITABLE!

So what are we willing to do in order to change? How can we work together to bring change that will benefit this congregation?

If the people of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church want to continue to exist, there must always be change!

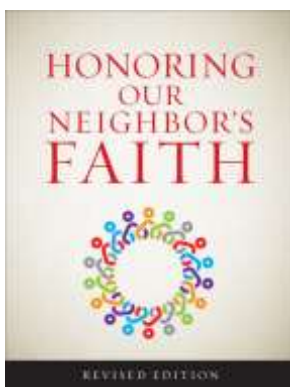
One of the ways we are changing is starting a Saturday Evening Worship on the 4th Saturday of each month. The first one is on June 23 @ 5:00 PM.

As you contemplate what we might do to work for change, please feel free to speak with me or any member of our Church Council.

**New Adult Study: Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith
beginning Wednesday, June 6 at 10 AM**

Hundreds of Christian denominations and dozens of non-Christian traditions have followers in the United States. How do we view this wide variety of beliefs and practices? How does the Lutheran tradition compare with others? Since its release in 1999, *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* has been widely embraced as a valuable resource for congregational study or personal exploration around these questions.

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith Revised Edition brings new light and nuance to these questions, which are as timely and vital as ever. Use this book to explore thirty-two faith traditions that represent a wide spectrum of beliefs or stand out due to their size or public profile in America. Each tradition constitutes a "chapter" that includes key teachings, worship patterns and practices, and how each is governed. This revision also includes updated statistics, enhanced tools for group study and discussion, and updated resource and website lists to facilitate further study.



**Mary Freed Memorial Concert
featuring the Gene-n-Tonics
Wednesday, June 13 @ 7:00 PM**

The second in an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed takes place at Holy Spirit on June 13.

Performing and recording artists, the Gene-n-Tonics combine the elements of the Great American Songbook with jazz, rock and fusion to take you on a musical journey from the 1920's to today! The core band members include Nic Cocco, Guitar; Don Santilli, Sax; Bobby C, Bari Sax, Karen Tomalis; Drums, Roberto Warren on Percussion and Marilyn Maxwell (AKA: Shuga) on vocals produce an amazing array of sound and music that is tantalizing to audiences of all ages!

There is no charge for the concert. It is planned that there will be three or four memorial concerts each year. Reception following.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Every Tuesday at 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 Basic Yoga Class



Yoga Flow consists of simple
basic poses with on-hand
modifications available. The
class is geared toward
developing a yoga practice
that does not intimidate.
Please bring a yoga mat for
floor poses. The fee per class is
\$4.00 and Tina Green is the
instructor.

**Men's Group
meets Tuesday,
June 5 at 6:30 pm**

for food & fellowship at



The Lodge Grill & Bar
2812 Orchard Lake Rd
Keego Harbor

All men of Holy Spirit are
invited to attend.

**Dinner with Friends
Friday, June 8
at 6:30 PM**



8115 Richardson Road
Commerce Township 48390

Please see the
bulletin board to sign up.



**WELCA meets
Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 PM**
at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

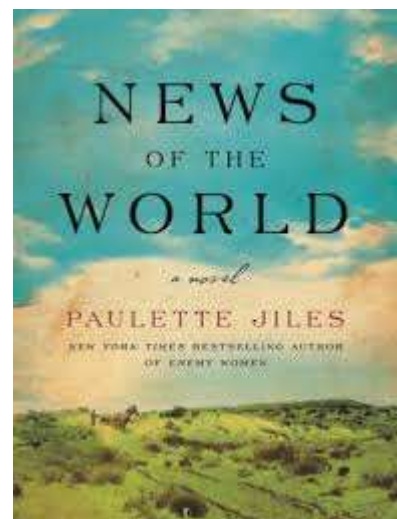
Hosted by Cindy Ward &
Marian Ward

at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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**Book Club
Thursday, June 28
at 7:00 PM**

News of the World by
Paulette Jiles



June Celebrations

Birthdays

Barb Kunkel	June 6
Liz Chiaravalli	June 8
John Dziuba	June 9
Matthew Sawicki	June 10
Marty Opthoff	June 12
Doug Julius	June 15
Stan Samuelson	June 15
Alicia Chiaravalli	June 16
Dick Longanbach	June 18
Roxane Mellema	June 18
Megan Bergman	June 20
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
Jeff & Jackie Parko	June 22
Nick & Becky Pranis	June 25
Bob & Kathy Chiaravalli	June 27

Sunday, June 10

*Coffee Hour for
Dan & Judy Bergman's
50th Wedding Anniversary!*

*We hope to see
you there.*



Sunday, June 17

*Coffee Hour for
Father's Day
& Graduates!*



Thank You to the June Worship Assistants

6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
<p>Lector & Greeter Donna Opthoff</p>	<p>Lector & Greeter Petra Mattern</p>	<p>Lector & Greeter Tina Green</p>	<p>Lector & Greeter Norm Werner</p>
<p>Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick</p>	<p>Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns</p>	<p>Ushers Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelson Lukas Mattern</p>	<p>Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers</p>
<p>Counters Janet Martin Mary Martin</p>	<p>Counters Dan Bergman Marian Rowland</p>	<p>Counters Ken Casagrande Stan Samuelson</p>	<p>Counters George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers <i>or</i> Sandy Thayer</p>
<p>Altar Flowers To the glory of God</p>	<p>Altar Flowers To the glory of God</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Bergman's 50th Anniversary</p>	<p>Altar Flowers In memory of Pat Longanbach</p> <p>In memory of Lisa Meyer</p>
<p>Coffee Hour</p>	<p>Coffee Hour For Dan & Judy Bergman's 50th Wedding Anniversary</p>	<p>Coffee Hour For Father's Day & Graduates</p>	<p>Coffee Hour</p>
<p>Sanctuary Candle By the Kuljurgis Family in memory of Fritz Schoen</p>			
<p>Altar Guild Petra Mattern & Jean Samuelson</p>			



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship Sunday School NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM	Adult Study 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner with Friends 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship Bergman Coffee Hour NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Adult Study 10 AM Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series 7:00 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship Dads & Grads Coffee Hour Sunday School NA Meeting	Zumba 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Council Meeting 7 PM	Adult Study 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM WELCA 6:00 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM Saturday Worship 5:00 PM
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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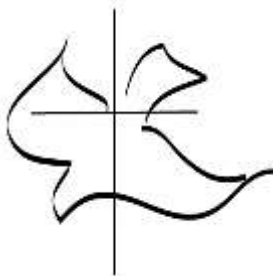
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Baptism, GATHERED into community and
SENT out to share God's grace.

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