

# The Spirit

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

May 2017



## EASTER CONTINUES!

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The Easter Celebration continues! The season of Easter began on the day of Easter, April 16, and continues for 7 weeks. Throughout those 7 weeks we hear references to Christ's Resurrection.

The Sundays are as follows:

- April 16: The Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday) (John 20:1-18)
- April 23: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Thomas - John 20:19-31)
- April 30: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (The Road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-35)
- May 7: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (The Good Shepherd - John 10:1-10)
- May 14: The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (*Mother's Day*) (Jesus Comforts his Disciples - John 14:1-14)
- May 21: The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Promise of the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-21)
- May 28: Ascension Celebration (Luke 24:44-53)
- June 4: Pentecost Sunday (The conclusion of the Easter Season) (Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39)

The Easter Season is the most Holy Season of the Church Year! We continue to remember our Lord's Resurrection every Sunday of the Year, but in Easter we celebrate more festively.

### ***From Wikipedia:***

Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of Shavu'ot (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (ספירת העומר).

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day of Eastertide (a Thursday). The nine days from that feast until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, which inspired the form of prayer called a novena.

May this Joyous Season continue to be celebrated in our hearts, minds and spirits!

## Congregational Life

### Thank You to the Men's Group

The Easter Sunday Breakfast was wonderful.

Thank you to all the men who again provided the meal and for the start of the celebration on Easter Sunday!

Meetings for the Men's Group are held the first Tuesday of each month please consider joining the men of the church for great food, fun and lively conversation.

### Men's Group Tuesday, May 2, 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.

### 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.



### Dinner with Friends

Friday, May 12, 6:30 pm

CAYA Smokehouse Grill

1403 S. Commerce  
Wolverine Lake 48390



### WELCA



The May meeting of WELCA is Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm and hosted by Ruth Dziuba.

A signup is posted on the board.

All women of the church are invited to attend.



**Saturday, May 20, 9 am**

Lunch will be offered afterwards.

Please see the sign up on the bulletin board.

## Book Club

The book club meets on Thursday, May 25: to discuss the book, *The Japanese Lover*, by Isabel Allende.

In 1939, as Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis, young Alma Belasco's parents send her away to live in safety with an aunt and uncle in their opulent mansion in San Francisco. There, as the rest of the world goes to war, she encounters Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener.



## Pentecost Geraniums

Help decorate the sanctuary with geraniums for Pentecost, Sunday, June 4!

If you'd like to order geraniums, complete the order form located on the bulletin board.



## Graduation

If anyone in your family is graduating from high school or college, please provide the office with the following information:

Name  
School  
Degree  
Honors  
Future plans

All graduates will be honored at a service in June.

**A New Adult study begins on May 25 @ 10 am. We will be watching a DVD, *Discover Islam*. This is a 6-week study: African Americans & Islam, Christians & Islam, Islam an American Faith, Islam a Faith Hijacked, Islam Faith and History and Women in Islam!**

## Rummage Sale

If you've been thinking about cleaning out your attic, basement, or that hall closet that is overflowing with stuff, now is the time to do it!

Please share this donation opportunity with friends, neighbors and colleagues. 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.



## May Worship Assistants

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Kunkel	Marian Rowland	Lorry Prus	Stan Samuelsen
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara Kunkel	Marian Rowland	Lorry Prus	Stan Samuelsen
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Tom Butler Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern	Jean Butler Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
<b>Counters</b>	Gorge & Chris Kuljurgis TBA	Loraine Eliason Nancy Green	Mary Martin Janet Martin	Dan Bergman Marian Rowland



### **Birthdays**

Harison Kern	May 2
Jackie Parko	May 10
Ann Elliott	May 12
Nicole Yohn	May 12
Jeanne Freed	May 13
Leo Lawson	May 14
Brett Meyer	May 14
Carolyn Werner	May 14
John Green	May 16
Dan Bergman	May 17
Mary Martin	May 19
Judy Bergman	May 20
Stephanie Filipp	May 21
Glenn Allen	May 24
Pam Figi	May 27
George Kuljurgis	May 28
Terry Rowland	May 28
Jerry Iverson	May 29



Ken & Peggy Casagrande  
May 9

John & Mary Freed  
May 11

Glen & Ellen Allen  
May 15

Dennis & Marge Dronsella  
May 25

Greg & Kim Wolenberg  
May 29

## May 2017 Ministry Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group 6:30 pm	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly		Zumba 9:30 am
	Zumba 6:30 pm			Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 7:30 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School NA 7 pm	Zumba 6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	Zumba 6:30 pm	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 pm AA 7:30 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School NA 7 pm	Zumba 6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells 7 pm NA 7 pm	WELCA 6:30 pm Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 7:30 pm	Spring Clean-Up 9 am  <i>No Zumba</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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## **Holy Spirit: A Praying Community**

**As you pray throughout your days include...**

**May 2017**

*(May 1) Philip and James, apostles* - We pray the stories of the disciples who heard Jesus' invitation and followed will inspire us to follow and serve too, trusting that God will put our unique abilities, interests and traits to work for the mission of the church and the sake of the world.

We remember in our prayers the Southeast Michigan synod assembly that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

We turn to God in prayer, thankful and relieved that in God we have a loving, attentive shepherd who guides us day and night through life's difficulties, complexities and threats.

*(May 14) Mother's Day* - We ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers—biological, adoptive, foster and surrogate—in the daily joys and challenges of parenting, passing on the faith, protecting and guiding their children throughout life.

Give thanks to God for being patient, concerned and persistent with us when doubts, questions and even disbelief tug at us.

Jesus is the cornerstone and foundation of our faith, church and life. We pray we are faithful, willing servants of the church and witnesses to the world, drawing on the strength and spirit of Jesus Christ for the work of sharing the good news and serving our neighbor.

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Ups and downs, problems, tragedies and ordeals are part of the fabric of human life. Pray for God's reassurance and renewing Spirit in every circumstance and life experience and that we are present and caring companions for people who hunger for hope, comfort, assistance, encouragement or simply friendship.

Pray for courage and boldness of faith and conscience to do good in the world, stand for justice and peace, and live by Jesus' example, even in the face of criticism, social pressure or ridicule.

*Memorial Day* - On this day, we remember and give thanks for men and women who have served in the armed forces and sacrificed their lives for ideals of justice, peace, freedom and well-being for our country, other nations and people who suffer oppression and injustice in the world.

For health and healing and for those who grieve.

For Bishop Kreiss, the Southeast Michigan Synod staff, the HSLC congregation and Pastor Bill Matlack.

**WELCA needs your donations that are  
clean and in good condition for the**

# **RUMMAGE**

**Coming up  
in June!**

The word "SALE" is written in large, white, bold letters across four colorful price tags. The tags are red, yellow, green, and blue, hanging from small white circles.

**Let's get those garages, closets, attics, and basements cleaned out  
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!**

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**Our Mission:**

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