



# The Spirit

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## WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

PASTOR WILLIAM MATLACK

Recently, I had the privilege of seeing the movie, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" It was simply marvelous!

I didn't watch Mr. Rogers as a child, because I was already 11 when his show started on PBS. But after seeing the movie, I wish I had!

He did so much more for PBS, Children and Parents, and society in general than all the children's shows put together.

His motto: 143 should be what all people follow! It stands for I LOVE YOU! (It also was his ideal weight which he maintained his entire adult life!)



Mr. Rogers certainly demonstrated Jesus' command to love God and love your neighbor. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister, who never had a traditional church, but had a worldwide one through Television.

We need more Mr. Rogers, especially today! The politics in our country have become polarizing & divisive!

The church has even gotten involved: Conservative Christians vs. liberal Christians, and the way it is now, the two shall never meet!

As we think about our faith lives, may we strive to be more like Fred Rogers, who embodied the principles of our Lord, Jesus, in all that he did!



## Rally Sunday!



**September 9**

We will have a special lesson  
for all the students  
as well as special refreshments!



Do you like to sing? Does having fun while making beautiful music appeal to you?

The Holy Spirit choir would like to welcome any new members, along with our returning members.

**Rehearsals are at 8:45 AM Sunday mornings, beginning on September 9.**

If you enjoy singing and making music with a great group of people, we'd love to have you join us!



**JOIN THE  
CHOIR**

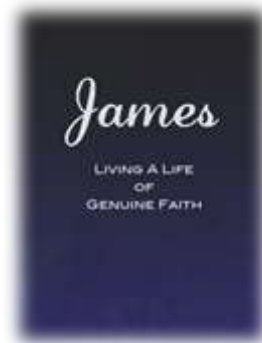
## New Adult Study

**James**

**Living A Life of Genuine Faith  
Begins Wednesday, September 12  
at 10 AM**

During the month of September, the Second Reading each Sunday is from James.

Please see the bulletin board to sign up.



**Join us for our once monthly**



**September 29, 2018**



**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Each Tuesday @ 10 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.

**Adult Basic Yoga Class  
Each Tuesday @ 9 AM**

Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses.

\$4.00 per class.

Instructor is Tina Green.



**Men's Group Meets  
Tuesday, September 4  
@ 6:30 PM  
for food & fellowship**



The Lodge Grill & Bar  
2812 Orchard Lake Rd  
Keego Harbor

All men of Holy Spirit  
are invited to attend.

**Dinner with Friends  
Friday, September 14  
@ 6:00 PM**



Twelve Mile Crossing  
at Fountain Walk  
44225 W 12 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48377

Please see the  
bulletin board to sign up.

**Women of the ELCA**

**Meets Thursday,  
September 20 @ 6 PM  
at Holy Spirit**



Please see the  
bulletin board to sign up.



**Holy Spirit Book Club  
Thursday,  
September 27 @ 7 PM**

***The Myth of You and Me* by  
Leah Stewart**

Searingly honest, beautiful, and full of fragile urgency, *The Myth of You and Me* is a celebration and portrait of a friendship that will appeal to anyone who still feels the absence of that first true friend.



### Birthdays

Chris Kuljurgis	September 1
Matthew Voorhees	September 3
Jeanette Uhley	September 4
John Freed	September 6
Dennis Dronsella	September 10
Sandy Szalma	September 10
Ilse Yohn	September 13
Lucas Buckler	September 14
Leo Szalma	September 14
Tammi Engleman	September 21
Henrik Wolenberg	September 23
Kim Filipp	September 25
Ellen Allen	September 27
Tom Clark	September 27
Michelle Prus	September 28
Mark Filipp	September 29
Ginnie Uhley	September 29
Anson Wolenberg	September 30

### Anniversaries

Bonnie & Tom Sweda	September 1
Bill & Sandy Thayer	September 6
John & Tina Green	September 12
Brian & Tammi Engleman	September 14,
Tom & Nikki Clark	September 16
Dr. Leo & Sandy Szalma	September 16
Emil & Helen Koester	September 28



### Travel Café

**Meets Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 PM**

Everyone is welcome to this free event. Each month, three presenters will share photos and stories from recent trips, with time before and after for refreshments and conversation. **If you would like to present a trip, please contact Kathy Chiaravalli.**

Feel free to invite others!

**Travel Café 2: Tuesday September 25, 7:30 pm**

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Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

**Saturday, October 6th**  
**BAKE & PLANT**  
**SALE 10 AM - 2 PM**



**Please volunteer to “host” Coffee following worship!**

Sharing food and friendship is an important part of growing the church community. The Coffee Hour doesn't have to be fancy. Napkins, plates and coffee are provided by Congregational Life. See the bulletin board to sign up

## Serving Us In September

9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Mary Martin	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Tom Sweda	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Chris Kuljurgis	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Petra Mattern	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Cindy Ward
<b>Ushers</b> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<b>Ushers</b> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	<b>Ushers</b> Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore Greg Wolenberg	<b>Ushers</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	<b>Ushers</b> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick
<b>Counters</b> George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	<b>Counters</b> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	<b>Counters</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin	<b>Counters</b> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<b>Counters</b> Ken Casagrande Stan Samuelsen
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b> Tom & Bonnie Sweda				
<b>Altar Guild</b> Judy and Laura Bergman				



## September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Worship 10 AM NA 7:30 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Travel Café 7:30 PM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
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Choir 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Rally Sunday School! NA 7:30 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Adult Study 10 AM Mary Freed Memorial Concert 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner with Friends 6:00 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
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### Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

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

**Traditions in the church can help guide and enrich our faith and worship, and they can sometimes present boundaries and stumbling blocks.** Pray our traditions and religious practices are dynamic, meaningful and reflect our theology, Scripture, ministry contexts and prayerful discernment of what God is revealing to us today.

**Pray we never lose sight of people – our neighbors and brothers and sisters in Christ –** who live in poverty and that we serve as trustworthy advocates and friends who are generous with our resources and care, respectful, value the gifts of all people and are committed to ending poverty and hunger everywhere.

**Ask God to help guide and temper our words and the manner in which we speak to others** so that our speech and tone serve to bless, demonstrate concern and encourage rather than injure, condemn, belittle or divide.

**Pause what you are doing, look around and listen to the concerns and joys of your heart;** talk with God about what catches your attention or weighs on you.

**Give thanks for God's attentiveness to our prayers** – spoken in every language, whispered or silent.

**Pray for faith in God's ways and wisdom,** a wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and compassionate acts, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

**Give thanks for the diverse and sometimes surprising ways in which members of the body of Christ do God's work in the world** and for how the Spirit equips us uniquely for serving our neighbor in unexpected situations and places.

### Have news or information to share with us?

- ✓ **Bulletin announcements** due by 10 AM Wednesdays.
- ✓ **Newsletter articles of interest** due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- ✓ Email Cheryl:  
hslcofficermanager@gmail.com

### Please Contact the HSLC Office When...

- ✓ A family member is **admitted to the hospital**, so visits can be made and Pastor notified.
- ✓ A **new family** moves into your neighborhood.
- ✓ A **significant life event is happening** to you or someone you love.
- ✓ A **new baby** arrives in your family.
- ✓ Your **home phone number, address or email has changed** so that our records can be updated.
- ✓ **Planning your wedding** -- especially **before setting the wedding date.**
- ✓ Before making **funeral** arrangements.
- ✓ You are **planning to move**, either out-of-town or locally.
- ✓ When you **need information about some process or happening in church life** or when you have **questions about your faith.**
- ✓ You **feel the church can assist you** in any way.

**Welcome**

We warmly invite you to join us for worship, study, and activities.

**Worship**

10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
5:00 PM Saturday Worship  
(Every Fourth Saturday)

**Christian Education**

10:45 AM Sunday School  
(September through June)

**Connect With HSLC**

[spiritdrivenchurch.com](http://spiritdrivenchurch.com)

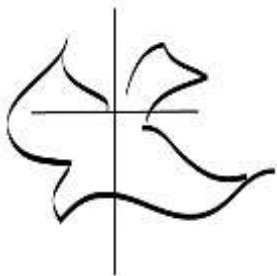
[facebook.com/spiritdrivenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/spiritdrivenchurch)

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

**Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series**  
**Wednesday, September 12 at 7 PM**

The third in an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed will take place at Holy Spirit Church on September 12 featuring Gospel Music!

There is no charge for the concert. Reception following. See the bulletin board to sign up for refreshments, set up and clean up.