

# The Spirit



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I was privileged to attend the Congregational Vitality Training Event, August 21-23, in Baltimore, MD. This event was led by various ELCA Pastors from the Division for Outreach.



Some things I learned from the event:

We, as Lutherans, need to be running toward discomfort. We must go to those who make us uncomfortable.

The first day our Leader used Ezekiel 37:1-14, The Valley of dry bones, as the theme.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Many of our churches certainly feel this way. How about us?

Her congregation is in re-development and she told us that they initially had 9 Committees on their Council which were reworked to 4 Ministry Teams:

- Share
- Grow
- Serve
- Praise

We also spoke about how we must rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance. How often do we preach on the Holy Spirit? How can we turn them around? Or must they first die to be resurrected? Good questions for us to ask at HSLC!

**Adult Basic Yoga Class meets Tuesdays at 9 AM.** 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 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.

**Men's Group meets at Dave & Amy's on Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 PM.** (Dave & Amy's is located at 800 N Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, MI 48390). All men of Holy Spirit are welcome, so please think about joining us!

**Church Picnic / Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 following worship.** Potluck Picnic, Bring a Dish or Dessert to share! There will be Corn Dogs for Kids, Games for All. Drinks will be provided.

**Dinner With Friends meets Friday, September 13, 6:30 PM at 5th Tavern,** 2262 S Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. RSVP signup posted on the bulletin board.

**In Concert: Pauline Martin, Pianist & Eliot Heaton, Concertmaster and Violinist for the Michigan Opera Theater on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM,** as part of an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed. Reception following. Refreshments signup posted on the bulletin board.

**Adult Study begins on Wednesday, September 18 @ 10am. The Topic: What does it mean to be a Sanctuary Denomination?**

**WELCA Rummage Sale, Thursday, September 19 through Saturday, September 21.** Donors are asked to sort their goods when they bring them in and put them on/in the designated tables/areas. Drop-off begins Sunday, September 15. If you have questions, please contact Jean Samuelsen or Petra Mattern.



Sending a big **THANK YOU** to the 19 households that participate in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. Your participation is paying off!

If you have questions or want to link your reward card with Holy Spirit, [contact Norm Werner or Donna Opthoff.](#)



**CHURCH PICNIC**  
**Sunday School Rally Day**  
*BRING A DISH OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE*  
**Sunday, September 8, 2019**  
**Following 10 AM service**  
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**RUMMAGE**



**Thursday - Friday - Saturday**  
**September 19 - 21, 2019**

**Thursday & Friday Hours: 10am - 3pm & 5pm - 7pm**  
**Saturday Hours: 9am - 12pm (Bag Day)**

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is located on the northwest corner of Orchard Lake and Green Road (across from West Bloomfield HS)

September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Worship 10am Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm		Adult Yoga 9am — Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am — Men's Group 6:30pm	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Zumba 6:30pm (rental)	Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30pm (rental)
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Church Picnic Sunday School Rally Day Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm (rental)	Adult Yoga 9am — Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am	Pauline Martin & Eliot Heaton In Concert 7pm Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series	Zumba 6:30pm (rental)	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30pm — Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am (rental)
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
DROP – OFF & SETUP FOR RUMMAGE SALE			Adult Study 10am	WELCA RUMMAGE SALE		
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm (rental) — Finance Meeting 7pm	Adult Yoga 9am — Prayer Shawl Ministry 10m — Council Meeting 7pm	Adult Study 10am Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Zumba 6:30 PM (rental) — Book Club 7 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am (rental)
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## September Worship Assistants

9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Mary Martin	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Tom Sweda	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Stan Samuelsen	<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> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	<b>Counters</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin	<b>Counters</b> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<b>Counters</b> Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyers	<b>Counters</b> George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers <i>or</i> Sandy Thayer
<b>Altar Flowers</b> Matlack	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Please sign up</i>	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Samuelsen	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Szalma	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Please sign up</i>
<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> Rally Day Picnic Potluck	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b> Samuelsen				
<b>Altar Guild</b> Judy Bergman & Laura Bergman				

## September Celebrations

## 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
Lucas Buckler	September 14
Leo Szalma	September 14
Jean Frayer	September 18
Henrik Wolenberg	September 23
Kim Filipp	September 25
Ellen Allen	September 27
Michelle Prus	September 28
Mark Filipp	September 29
Ginnie Uhley	September 29
Anson Wolenberg	September 30

## Anniversaries

Bonnie & Tom Sweda	September 1
Don & Jean Frayer	September 5
Bill & Sandy Thayer	September 6
John & Tina Green	September 12
Dr. Leo & Sandy Szalma	September 16
Emil & Helen Koester	September 28

### **Holy Spirit: A Praying Community**

As you pray throughout your days please include...

- Pray that we learn humility, respect and hospitality from the example and teachings of Jesus and the Spirit at work in the lives of people around us, and that we exercise in daily life this regard for others without bias, reluctance or feeling that we deserve something in return.
- Labor Day On this day we recognize and pray for the work and service people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all receive fair wages, work in safe environments, are renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor; pray that all those who seek employment will find work and for the well-being, care and support of people unable to work.
- Pray that our actions, words, work, service and concern for our neighbors in need — be they strangers, friends or forgotten — bear witness to the word and ways of God made known to us through Jesus Christ and instilled in us by the Holy Spirit.
- Continue to pray for peace, justice, reconciliation and economic opportunity for the people and countries of Central America, and pray that the United States and other nations will respond to their needs with humanitarian and economic assistance, collaborative efforts to find effective, lasting solutions to the crises they are experiencing, and prayerful, enduring support.
- As members of the body of Christ we are like “trees planted by streams of water,” sustained in all that we do, nurtured to bear fruits of the Spirit and strengthened to follow the word and ways of God. Pray that we are not shy about inviting others to have faith in God’s redeeming love through Christ and enjoying the life-enriching blessings of being in a community of faith.
- Pray for God’s mercy, forgiveness and guidance when we stray from God’s ways or find ourselves worshiping wealth, earthly possessions, power or status more than we worship God.
- Pray that we might be persistent and caring in seeking, inviting and welcoming people who have left our congregations, feel unwelcome because of who they are or what they’ve done, have been hurt by conflict or feel they have no place in the church, the body of Christ.
- Give thanks that God is slow to anger and inclined to forgive our sins, shortcomings, mistreatment of our neighbors and deliberate wrongdoings, and to treat us with mercy and compassion for the sake of restoring our relationship with God and setting us back on track in our daily lives.
- Pray for Bible study leaders, teachers and volunteers serving in our congregations who share their faith, help us study and explore Scripture, join us in prayerfully and thoughtfully wrestling with spiritual questions, and help us connect the word of God with everyday life.
- Reflect on the gifts, abilities and courage of faith we have received from the Holy Spirit, and on the joy and confidence we have in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ; give thanks for who we have become in Christ for the sake of mission and service in the world.
- Give praise and glory to God that through our worship and liturgy we will be reminded of the promises spoken at our baptisms, the forgiveness and new life we receive through the washing with water and the word of God, and the call we receive to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness — as individuals and communities of faith.

# BABY-CHILD BLANKETS

**Deadline: October 31, 2019**

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Warren, Michigan**

Our goal is to collect as many blankets for our ill children as possible. We want to let them know we care & pray for them.

**Give a child something to snuggle with.**

**Won't you please make or donate at least one?**

- Any size
- Any color
- **MUST be washable**
- Any fabric or yarn
- Knit, Crocheted, Sewn, Quilted, Hand-Tied
- New



Drop off at St. Peter's Lutheran Church

**Blankets are for patients  
(babies & children)  
of Children's Hospital of Michigan, DMC.**



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**WELCOME**

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

**WORSHIP**

10:00 AM Sunday

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

10:45 AM Sunday School  
*(September through June)*

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**Our Mission**

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