



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
4800 Orchard Lake Road  
West Bloomfield MI 48323  
A Caring Community of Faith  
Celebrating 50+ Years of Ministry

**The Spirit**

April 2022

## Pastor's Article



These are the words that begin Worship during the Easter Season. This most important season of the church year lasts fifty days and concludes on Pentecost.

The readings for the Fifty Days include both the stories of Jesus' appearances to the disciples and selections from John's discourses.

We certainly need to be reminded that Easter is a fifty-day celebration so that we realize it is not a one time event.

Easter is also the weekly celebration of meeting Christ in the breaking of the bread & also the daily "dying and rising" of each baptized Christian.

The season concludes with Pentecost and the story of the tongues of fire, Luke's way to say what John said of Easter Sunday evening: that Christ gives to the community of believers the Spirit of his resurrected body. Christ is now alive in us.

What an opportunity we have to share this good news with the world! We not only have Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> but 7 weeks of Easter & beyond that the entire year! For each and every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

I am especially excited this Easter Sunday and Season since this will be the first time we have been able to celebrate in our Sanctuary since 2019! In 2020 we were still navigating the new pandemic and in 2021 we met for a parking lot Worship Service.

Please join together for the first time since 2019!



**ROOF FUND:** At the February Council Meeting, the Decision was made to go forward with replacing the Sanctuary Roof as well as the Flat portion of the Fellowship Hall.

The total cost for both will be \$22,000 +. HSLC has \$13,000.00 in our Designated Funds for this purpose.

If you would like to donate toward repairing the roof, you may write checks to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Roof Fund.



*Check your email for the most up-to-date list*

### **Easter Food Basket (10 Families) Collection**

#### **Still looking for the following:**

- (4) Hams - Signup if donating :D
- (4) Dressing Mix
- (6 or more) Spaghetti Sauce
- (10) Mayo
- (at least 1) Can of Soup
- (10) Jelly
- (5) Peanut Butter
- (4) Paper Towels
- (10) Facial Tissue
- (10 bags) Fresh Sweet Potatoes or Canned
- (2 bags) Fresh Onions
- (10 pounds) Cheese (Sliced Cheese)
- (10 dozen) Eggs
- (10) Honey
- (10 loaves) Bread

#### **Have Questions?**

Speak with Nancy Green, Ruth Dziuba or Hilda Sawicki.



The ELCA has strong partnerships with Lutheran churches in many of the countries that border Ukraine and are currently receiving refugees. The ELCA's Europe Desk reports that "our greatest strength and most valuable assistance is through the supporting church's humanitarian efforts to receive and care for people who are fleeing Ukraine- a population that is overwhelmingly women and children." Please continue to hold in prayer those who are fleeing and those who are caring for them.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine on Feb. 24, nearly 3 million people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. **Your gifts will support people impacted by this crisis. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.**

**To give online go to:**

<https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>

**By Mail:**

Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield

VA 22116-8009

**By Phone:**

800-638-3522

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. central time.



# CRISIS IN UKRAINE

## YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in Ukraine and the number of refugees are growing every hour.

**Your gift to Lutheran World Relief will:**

- Provide emergency cash support to Ukrainian refugees in southwestern Poland.
- Ship and distribute **8,000 care kits** and **7,400 quilts** to our neighbors directly impacted by this crisis.
- Move essential supplies into Ukraine, including medical supplies.
- Provide immediate aid, such as food, water, shelter and clothing for refugees.

**At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.**

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at [lwr.org/match](http://lwr.org/match) or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line and we will send one check from the church immediately following Easter Sunday.

**Until your love reaches every neighbor.**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

LWR.ORG/MATCH

## Worship Assistants

Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24	May 1
<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Chuck Kern	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Kathy Chiaravalli	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Tina Green	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Stan Samuelsen	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> TBD
<u>Ushers</u> Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<u>Ushers</u> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	<u>Ushers</u> Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	<u>Ushers</u> Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	<u>Ushers</u> Andy Meyer Bob Frick
<u>Counters</u> Mary Martin Janet Martin	<u>Counters</u> Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen	<u>Counters</u> TBD	<u>Counters</u> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	<u>Counters</u> TBD
<u>Altar Guild</u> Donna Opthoff & Marian Rowland				<u>Altar Guild</u> Cindy Ward Sandy Thayer



### Birthdays

Crista Buckler	April 16
Cara Kunkel	April 16
Linda Iverson	April 24
Jeanne Myers	April 25
Melinda Kern	April 26
Chris Elliott	April 28
Doug Opthoff	April 28

### Anniversaries

Stan & Jean Samuelsen	April 6
Dale & Roxane Mellema	April 9

*If your information is missing or the date is incorrect, please contact the church office*

## Congregational Life

### Men's Group

Tuesday, April 5 @ 6:30 pm



We meet the first Tuesday of each month.

This month we're meeting at:  
CJ's Brewing Company  
Commerce Township, 48390

Please consider joining us for great burgers, fun, and lively conversation.

### Adult Basic Yoga Class

Tuesdays @ 9 am



Simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. Geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses.

\$4.00 per class.

Tina Green is the instructor.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays @ 10 am



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.

Please think about joining us!

### Dinner With Friends

Friday, April 8 @ 6:30 pm



A fun evening of dining out with others from our congregation.

This month we're dining at:  
CJ's Brewing Company  
Commerce Township, 48390

Signup posted. We hope you will join us! Any questions, please talk to Ruth Dziuba.

### Women Of The ELCA

Thursday, April 21 @ 5 pm



We meet the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with a business meeting following if needed.

WELCA is open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

### Book Club

Thursday, April 28 @ 7 pm



This month's selection is *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keene

The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of the month, except in December.

If you have questions or would like to join, please contact Mary Martin.

## April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					AA 8 pm	Zumba
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
5 Lent  Choir 8:45 am <b>Worship 10 am</b>	Zumba	Adult Yoga 9 am  Prayer Shawls 10 am	Bells 7 pm	Zumba	Dinner w/Friends CJ's Brewery 6:30 pm  AA 8 pm	Zumba
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Passion/Palm Sunday  Choir 8:45 am <b>Worship 10 am</b>	Zumba	Adult Yoga 9 am  Prayer Shawls 10 am	Bells 7 pm	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday Service 7 pm  AA 8 pm	Zumba
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Easter Day  Breakfast 8:30 am Choir 8:45 am <b>Worship 10 am</b>	Zumba	Adult Yoga 9 am  Prayer Shawls 10 am  Finance 6 pm  Council 7 pm	Bells 7 pm	WELCA 5 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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## Welcome

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

## Schedule

10 am Sunday Worship

## Contact

248-682-5441

[office@spiritdrivenchurch.com](mailto:office@spiritdrivenchurch.com)

## Connect

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



April 10 @ 10 am



April 15 @ 7 pm



8:30 am – Please signup



April 17 @ 10 am

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We are

**CALLED** by Christ in our Baptism

**GATHERED** by the Holy Spirit to celebrate

God's grace in our midst

**SENT** to share God's blessings in our community and beyond.