

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

The Spirit
DECEMBER 2021

Pastor's Article

Many years ago, when I was serving a church in Mansfield, Ohio, I wrote these words for the December Newsletter:

Celebrate! What do you think of when you hear the word, Celebrate? I think of something exciting, wonderful, joyous! December is a month for Christian's to celebrate! Of course, we all know Christmas is December 25th, but what else? What would you say if I told you "Why, Advent, of course!"

It's unfortunate that the Advent season of our church year has received some negative press. It seems that all that waiting is just too depressing!

"Why can't we sing Christmas carols during Advent? We hear them at the Mall!" is the resounding cry!

But Advent is very important for Christians! How can we celebrate Christmas, without the preparation. It would be like celebrating the birth of a baby without the 9 month waiting period!

A book that I just purchased is entitled, "Christ in Christmas - A Family Advent Celebration." In that book is the following: "The observance of Advent is something of a late addition to history, as is the celebration of Christmas itself. When the church began to observe Christmas in the fourth century, a period of preparation was added. The length of time varied widely from three to seven weeks. Not until the 10th century was an agreement reached in the Western world that Advent should consist of 4 Sundays."

As we light the Advent wreath for four Sundays may we listen to the words spoken. The four Sundays all have different themes, Expectation, Preparation, Proclamation, and Revelation, yet all have one thing in common: Waiting & Being Ready!

These words still ring true almost 30 years later! As we prepare for the Celebration of our Lord's birth, may we take time to truly reflect on the true meaning of Christmas by waiting patiently and not rushing through Advent.



Christmas Carol Sing

December 15 @ 7 pm

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Please Support Our Holiday Food Drive!

We are collecting food for 9 families and are looking for the following:

Cereal
Jelly
Rice
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Baked Beans
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables (NO CORN)
Christmas Cookies
Bath Tissue
Facial Tissue
Paper Towels
Potatoes in 5 Lb. Bags
Turkeys
Carrots
Celery
Bread

Join us for a Advent-Christmas Carol Sing with Special Guest, Chanah Ambuter, Harpist at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 15. All are welcome. We hope you'll join us! Facemasks encouraged. Part of the Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series.

Please bring your donations to church by December 16.

Food will be sorted December 17.

Pickup is December 18.

Please speak with Nancy Green or Hilda Sawicki if you have questions.

Congregational Life

- Adult Basic Yoga Flow meets Tuesdays @ 9 am. Simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. Bring a yoga mat for floor poses. \$4.00 per class. Tina Green is the fitness instructor.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays @ 10 am. 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!
- Book Club meets Thursday, December 2 @ 7 pm. They will be discussing, "When We Believed in Mermaids" by Barbara O'Neal.
- Men's Group meets Tuesday, December 7 @ 6:30 pm at C.J.'s Brewery - Commerce Township. Check your email for more information. Please consider joining us for great food, fun, & fellowship!
- WELCA meets Thursday, December 9 @ 5pm for their White Elephant Gift Exchange. WELCA is collecting supplies for 25 personal hygiene bags that will be donated as part of their community outreach programs. Please see the bulletin board for further information and to sign up. Open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	FRI
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am Setup Christmas Tree		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm	Book Club 7 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am		NO Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group 6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm	WELCA 5pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am	Finance Committee Meeting 1 pm	NO Yoga Prayer Shawls 10 am Church Council 7 pm	Christmas Carol Sing 7 pm		AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am Dziuba 50 th Anniversary Lunch		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm		Christmas Eve Worship 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm AA 8 pm	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
YouTube Worship		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm		AA 8 pm	

Worship Assistants

Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2
Lector & Greeter Bob Frick	Lector & Greeter Norm Werner	Lector & Greeter Stan Samuelsen	Lector & Greeter Ruth Dziuba	Lector & Greeter TBD
Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Ushers Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	N/A	Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick
Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin	Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	N/A	Counters
Altar Guild Ruth Dziuba	Altar Guild Ruth Dziuba	Altar Guild Ruth Dziuba	Altar Guild	Altar Guild Ruth Dziuba
Flowers & Candles (F) Please sign up (C) Sweda	Flowers & Candles (F) Mattern (C) Sweda; Martin	Flowers & Candles (F) Please sign up (C) Sweda; Martin	Flowers & Candles (C) Sweda; Martin	Flowers & Candles (F) Please sign up (C) Please sign up
Coffee Hour Please sign up	Coffee Hour Mattern	Coffee Hour Dziuba	Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour Please sign up

Celebrating in December

Happy Birthday!

Tina Green	December 5
Dustin Dronsella	December 11
Lukas Mattern	December 12
Richard Clark	December 14
Mike Julius	December 14
Sheperd Kern	December 14
Cindy Ward	December 16
Bill Fodor	December 21
Chris Chiaravalli	December 26
Rita Julius	December 26
Sue Fodor	December 29
Annika Mattern	December 29
Quinn Rand	December 30
Weston Rand	December 30

Happy Anniversary!

Craig & Jenny Rand	December 1
Mark & Kim Filipp	December 3
Russ & Lorry Prus	December 4
John & Ruth Dziuba	December 27

If you or your family member is missing from our anniversary or birthday list or the date is incorrect, please contact the office at (248) 682-5441.

Welcome

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

Schedule

10 am Sunday Worship

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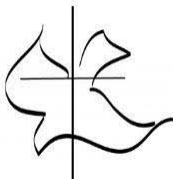
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We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism,
GATHERED into community and SENT
out to share God's grace.