



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

4800 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

A Caring Community of Faith
Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

The Spirit

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PASTOR'S PAGE

EPIPHANY SEASON.....LIGHT & MISSION

Following the Christmas Season, the church begins the season known as Epiphany. Epiphany itself is January 6th and the Sundays that follow are the Sundays after the Epiphany. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is "The Baptism of our Lord."

The season of Epiphany is one which can be as few as 6 Sundays and as many as 8 Sundays. This year it is 7 Sundays.

The two themes which weave in and out of much of the Epiphany season are LIGHT and MISSION.



We are told, "Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16).

We are told to be lights to a world filled with darkness!

Certainly this theme is appropriate during the months of January and February. What is going on outside during January and February? The wind is cold, sometimes bitter. People who describe life on the prairie say that the weather is trying to kill you. It is dark, and people stay indoors. Nothing much happens these weeks. Concerts get cancelled. City folk, who pretend that their buildings will keep them safe, complain at having to wear hats, scarves and mittens, or they freeze because they refuse to wear them.

Valentines wallpaper the stores in red, trying to liven things up. On February 15, the red hearts disappear, and Green Shamrocks and pastel Easter bunnies begin showing up at the stores, spreading through these nastiest weeks of the year their pagan hope that springtime will come.

In great contrast, the church calls this time Epiphany and practices enlightenment. Together we glimpse a glory of God that others are not seeing. It's a season to admit that God's splendor is not like that of a Hollywood production, all enthusiastic action to amuse the couch-potato in each of us. Rather, Epiphany is assembling each week on bleak Sundays because we have faith that God will diamond-coat the trees. The demon within us will flee before the shining light, and at least for an hour we will see in each other's faces a kind of luminous spirit. Did you see the heavens open? No? Well, I did, trust me. God is here, transforming the world.



MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$153 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Speak with Donna Opthoff if you have any questions.



West Bloomfield Clergy Association and Community Forum Meeting is February 6 @ 12Noon

Holy Spirit hosts the West Bloomfield Clergy Association and Community Forum on Thursday, February 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served during the meeting.



Many thanks to those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens, put up and trimmed the Christmas tree, and set the Nativity Scene in place at the foot of the altar.

We also thank those who helped with the Taking Down of the Greens and putting away our beloved Christmas decorations as we made the transition from Christmas to the Epiphany.

Flowers for Worship

Honor a loved one by sponsoring flowers for worship. Flowers are \$20 per week.

Altar Candles

Honor the memory of a loved one or give in honor of friends, family, or a special occasion. Candles are \$10 per month.

You can find the Flower and Altar Candle charts on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make the Annual Meeting meal an enjoyable event. Without volunteers, this and other events at Holy Spirit would be difficult to hold. We appreciate all your hard work!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23
Lector & Greeter Dennis Kunkel	Lector & Greeter Mary Martin	Lector & Greeter Tom Sweda	Lector & Greeter Chris Kuljurgis
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 Samuelson Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin	Counters Dan Bergman Marian Rowland
Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers Dziuba	Altar Flowers Ward	Altar Flowers
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Altar Guild Petra Mattern & Jean Samuelson			
Sanctuary Candles The Sweda Family			



Catherine Martin	2/3
Ruth Dziuba	2/9
Shelly Holtquist	2/9
Arnold Reed	2/9
Jaci Green	2/12
Nancy Green	2/24



David & Barb Church	2/7
Bill & Sue Fodor	2/15

**MEN'S GROUP MEETS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
@6:30 PM**



Meetings for the Men's Group are held the first Tuesday of each month.

**In February we're meeting at:
CJ's Brewing Company
8115 Richardson Rd.
Commerce Township, 48390**

Please consider joining the men of the church for great burgers, fun and lively conversation.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
MEETS TUESDAYS @10:00 AM**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Tuesday in the Coffee Hour area.

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 MEETS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @6:30 PM**



Dinner With Friends is a fun evening of dining out with others from our congregation.

February's restaurant is **CJ's Brewing Company** in Commerce.

There is a sign up sheet posted and we hope you will join us. Any questions, please talk to Ruth Dziuba.

**ADULT STUDY
CONTINUES THURSDAYS
@10:00 AM**

The Sermon on the Mount
A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



Led by Pastor Matlack, the Study is in the Coffee Hour Area.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA MEET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
@6:00 PM**



WELCA meets the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with meetings following if needed. Please see the bulletin board to sign up.

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

**BOOK CLUB MEETS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
@7:00 PM**



February's book club selection is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

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

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Health & Wellness Mtg N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Adult Yoga 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am Men's Group 6:30pm	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Adult Study 10am WB Clergy/Comm. Forum & Lunch Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 pm A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 10:45 am
(September – June)



Pastor
Rev. William J. Matlack

Administrative Assistant
Cheryl Brouillette



President
Norm Werner



Music Staff
Bonnie Sweda, Musician
Kelly Perrin, Choir
Heinz Mattern, Handbells

Join us as we help #TackleHunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2.



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