



**THE SPIRIT
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER**

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From The Pastor - February 2024

LENT: A Time of Renewal

As you already know, I took three weeks off after Christmas. The first week and a half I was at home. I flew to Seattle on January 8 to visit my son, Josiah, and his wife Yuan.

My return flight on Monday, January 15, was cancelled and rescheduled to Wednesday, January 17.

The three weeks that I was away were refreshing and renewing! I want to thank the Council for supporting me in my time away.

Now I am prepared for the next season in our Church Year, LENT!

Since the beginning of the church, Christians have observed the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection with great devotion. It became one of the greatest traditions of the church to prepare for these events through serious examination of our spiritual lives.

The season of Lent is 40 days a representation of Noah and his family on the Ark, the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years and Jesus' 40 days in the Wilderness.

Lent is a time of penitence, discipline, and renewal & on Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season.

On Ash Wednesday we are reminded of our mortality, we confess our sins, and we experience forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection.

This year Ash Wednesday is February 14, Valentine's Day. Our Service this year will be at 2 p.m.!

I hope that many will join me on Ash Wednesday to begin our Lenten Journey!



Begin Your Lent and Come Be Marked By Ashes

**Our Ash Wednesday Service is February 14 at
2 p.m.**

**Join us for the Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion.**

Congregational Life

Adult Basic Yoga Class meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee is \$5.00 per class.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Coffee Hour area. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

Dinner With Friends is Friday, February 9 at 6 p.m. Join us at CJ's Brewing Company in Commerce Township. Signup posted! We hope you join us.

Men's Group Dinner is Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Join us at The Lodge Grill & Bar in Keego Harbor. Signup posted! The men of Holy Spirit meet monthly for food and fellowship at an area restaurant.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Potluck Dinner is Thursday, February 15 at 5 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area. Signup posted! The WELCA group at Holy Spirit is open to all women members of the congregation.

Book Club meets Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area. We will be discussing "The World According to Fannie Davis" by Bridgett Davis.



Community Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, February 21 with Holy Spirit Lutheran, West Bloomfield United Methodist and Spirit of Grace each hosting one.

At the time of printing, the schedule has not yet been set. Further details to come!

Worship Assistants

February 4

Reader: Leo Szalma
Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick
Counters: TBD
Altar Guild: Sally Cossin

February 11

Reader: Bob Frick
Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff, Tom Sweda
Counters: Andy Meyer, Stan Samuelsen

February 18

Reader: Tom Sweda
Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern,
Roy Salowich
Counters: Janet Martin

February 25

Reader: Dennis Kunkel
Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Irene Oshiyoye
Counters: TBD

Celebrating This Month

Birthdays

Catherine Martin	February 3
Ruth Dziuba	February 9
Shelly Holtquist	February 9
Jaci Green	February 12
Liz Dziuba	February 14
Nancy Green	February 24
Russ Prus	February 29

Anniversaries!

Bill & Sue Fodor	February 15
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FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Fri
				1	2	3
				Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Dinner with Friends 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Finance Meeting	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m. Community Soup Supper 6pm TBA	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
25	26	27	28	29		
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Voting Equipment Drop-off Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Voting in Fellowship Hall Yoga 9 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Voting Equipment Pick-Up Handbells 7 p.m. Community Soup Supper 6 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)		

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Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
(September – May)



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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

GET READY TO DONATE!

**SOUPER BOWL
OF CARING**

FEBRUARY 11
through
FEBRUARY 18

HOLY SPIRIT
LUTHERAN CHURCH



What if every person watching
the Big Game donates
just \$1 or 1 can of food?