



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

The Spirit

January 2022

Pastor's Article

As I write this article, I am looking out on snow in the Church parking lot! It is 24 degrees and dreary.

I am excited for my 2022 Continuing Education, as I will be attending:



SEISMIC SHIFTS: Where Do We Go From Here?
February 8-10, 2022 Orlando, Florida

Why Ignite the Church?

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany to invite public discourse about the need for change and renewal in the Church. Luther's efforts ignited the Protestant Reformation that changed history.

500+ years later, with 80-85% of churches in the United States plateaued or declining, the Church needs to embrace a new season of change and renewal to ignite the Church for another 500 years.

In the bold spirit of Martin Luther, the Ignite the Church Conference is a grassroots gathering designed to encourage, inspire, and challenge leaders as they serve in our rapidly changing world. Like Luther, we believe that greater Kingdom impact is possible and we strive to embrace his passion for Church renewal for the sake of future generations.

The conference was birthed in 2017 by a mission-minded group of Central Florida pastors affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The 2017 conference was attended by 30 leaders from 9 states. The 2020 conference was attended by 130 leaders from 25 states. The 2021 conference shifted to a COVID-19 induced series of six, 90-minute "virtual" conference webinars that were attended by 381 leaders from 35 states and Canada! It is our prayer that the 2022 Hybrid conference will attract an even larger nationwide community of passionate leaders to exponentially grow the Kingdom impact of the conference!

I look forward to sharing with the congregation in February!



"The Wired Word" Adult Study resumes In-Person on Thursday, January 13 @ 10 am. Email the church office if you're interested in joining us!



The Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2022 following worship. Written reports are requested.

Worship Assistants

| Jan 2 | Jan 9 | Jan 16 | Jan 23 | Jan 30 |
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| Lector & Greeter Liesa Helfer | Lector & Greeter Heinz Mattern | Lector & Greeter Jean Samuelsen | Lector & Greeter Leo Szalma | Lector & Greeter Bob Frick |
| Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick | Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns | Ushers Jarrod Dixel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore | Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers | Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick |
| Counters TBD | Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin | Counters TBD | Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer | Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel |
| Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman | Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman | Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman | Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman | Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman |
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| Coffee Hour Please sign up | Coffee Hour Please sign up | Coffee Hour Please sign up | Coffee Hour Please sign up | Coffee Hour Please sign up |

Congregational Life

- Adult Basic Yoga Flow meets Tuesdays @ 9 am.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays @ 10 am.
- Men's Group meets Tuesday, January 4 @ 6:30 pm.
- Dinner w/Friends is Friday, January 14 at Lei Ting Chinese Restaurant in Milford, MI.
- WELCA meets Thursday, January 20 @ 6pm.
- Book Club meets Thursday, January 27 @ 7pm to discuss, "Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd.
- 2022 Sanctuary Flower signup is available. Honor or remember a special event or loved one by providing flowers for Sunday worship (you bring them from home).
- 2022 Altar Candles Sponsor signup is available. If you'd like to sponsor the candles the cost is \$10 per month.
- 2022 Coffee Hour Host signup is available. If you'd like to host for a specific Sunday. Coffee hours are enjoyed by all as a way to continue our fellowship following worship.

Celebrating in January

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

Happy Birthday

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| Janet Martin | January 4 |
| Craig Rand | January 7 |
| Joan Thralow | January 9 |
| Alex Casagrande | January 10 |
| Beverly Bartlett | January 12 |
| Alayna Rozman | January 12 |
| Bob Chiaravalli | January 15 |
| Meghan Buckler | January 19 |
| Gary Gates | January 22 |
| Hilda Sawicki | January 25 |
| Chris Yohn | January 29 |
| Sally Cossin | January 30 |
| Dale Mellema | January 30 |

Happy Anniversary

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| Ralph & Nancy Green | January 2 |
| Al & Kay Grabenstein | January 19 |
| Chris & Nicole Yohn | January 19 |

January 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 New Year Day |
| <p>Final date for financial gifts to Holy Spirit for 2021 Thursday, December 30 @ NOON!</p> | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Choir 8:45 am Worship 10 am | | Pastor's 35 th Ordination Anniversary Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am | Bells 7 pm | | AA 8 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Choir 8:45 am Worship 10 am | | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am | Bells 7 pm | Wired Word Adult Study 10 am | Dinner w/Friends 6:30 pm Lei Ting Chinese Restaurant Milford, MI AA 8 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Choir 8:45 am Worship 10 am | Finance Committee Meeting 1 pm | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Church Council Meeting 7 pm | Bells 7 pm | Wired Word Adult Study 10 am WELCA 5 pm | AA 8 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Choir 8:45 am Worship 10 am | | Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am | Bells 7 pm | Wired Word Adult Study 10 am Book Club 7 pm "Indigo Girl" | AA 8 pm | Zumba 9:30 am |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |
| Choir Worship Annual Meeting | | | | | | |

Welcome

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

Schedule

10 am Sunday Worship

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**Our Mission:**

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