

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

### 55 YEARS!

That's a long time, just over half a century! The very first Worship Service for Holy Spirit Lutheran Church was held at Green Elementary School (now Sheiko) on Walnut Lake Road on January 11, 1970!

#### From our History:

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| Sept. 1, 1969  | Pastor John Freed begins the work of developing a Congregation as a representative of the L.C.A. Board of American Missions |
| Jan. 11, 1970  | First worship service held at Green School  |
| April 26, 1970 | Groundbreaking for the new church building  |
| Oct. 11, 1970  | Congregation is officially organized  |
| Nov.1, 1970    | New church building is dedicated  |
| April 28, 1985 | Dedication of New Sanctuary   |
| Sept. 30, 1992 | Pastor John Freed Retires   |
| May 2, 1993    | Pastor Bruce Quatman Installed  |
| Dec. 2004      | Pastor Bruce Quatman concludes his ministry at Holy Spirit and moves to Ohio  |
| Oct.21, 2007   | Pastor William J. Matlack Installed   |
| Oct.10, 2010   | 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  |

When I think back to 1970, I realized it is the year I was Confirmed at Parma Lutheran Church.

So, here I am 55 years later and have been Pastor at HSLC for over 17 years! On January 4, I will celebrate my 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination, which means I have been Pastor here for almost half of my ministry! That is a major milestone for me!

As we celebrate 55 years as a congregation, my prayer is that we continue to praise God and share the good news of Jesus!

SPIRIT  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

Holy Spirit  
Church Council

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& Finance:  
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Petra Mattern

Worship & Music:  
Roy Salowich

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS with Instructor Tina Green meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee per class is \$5.00.

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. We hope you'll join us!

DINNER WITH FRIENDS is Friday, January 10 at 6 p.m. at Grand Tavern in Farmington Hills. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

MEN'S GROUP DINNER is Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at CJ's in Commerce. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER is scheduled for Thursday, January 16 at 5 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area. All ladies of the church are invited. Please use the sign-up sheet.

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, January 23 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Waters" by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Please speak with Janet Martin if you would like the book or have any questions.

## CELEBRATING YOU IN JANUARY!

### BIRTHDAYS!

Janet Martin	01/04
Craig Rand	01/07
Joan Thralow	01/09
Alex Casagrande	01/10
Beverly Bartlett	01/12
Alayna Rozman	01/12
Bob Chiaravalli	01/15
Meghan Buckler	01/19
Gary Gates	01/22
Lukas Sawicki	01/23
Hilda Sawicki	01/25
Sally Cossin	01/30

### ANNIVERSARIES!

Ralph & Nancy Green 01/02

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To Pastor Matlack on the occasion of his 38<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary on January 4!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26
<b>Reader/Greeter:</b> Jean Samuelsen	<b>Reader/Greeter:</b> Heather Hansen	<b>Reader/Greeter:</b> TBD	<b>Reader/Greeter:</b> Leo Szalma
<b>Ushers:</b> Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<b>Ushers:</b> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	<b>Ushers:</b> Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich	<b>Ushers:</b> Janet Martin Hilda Sawicki
<b>Counters:</b> Janet Martin	<b>Counters:</b> TBD	<b>Counters:</b> TBD	<b>Counters:</b> Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen

# JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			New Year's Day	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<b>Pastor's 38<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary</b>  <i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sun. School 10:45 a.m.</b> Take down Holiday Greens	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	No Yoga  No Prayer Shawl Ministry	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	<i>Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m.  AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sun. School 10:45 a.m.</b>	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.  Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	WELCA Potluck Dinner 5 p.m.  <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sun. School 10:45 a.m.</b>	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>  <b>Finance 7 p.m.</b>	Yoga 9 a.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.  <b>Council 7 p.m.</b>	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>  Book Club 7 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sun. School 10:45 a.m.</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b>	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	



# ANNUAL MEETING

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!  
Join us for worship, study,  
and activities.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

WORSHIP SERVICE  
10 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:45 a.m. during the school year

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PASTOR  
Rev. William J. Matlack

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.