

# The Spirit

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## From the Pastor's Desk



*A sign-up is on the bulletin board*

I am excited for July 3! Not so much for my birthday, which is the next day; but the fact that we will be having an Outdoor Worship Service for the first time in many years! (During COVID we had some worship services outdoors, but everyone was in their cars).

I am also excited because my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren will be here that day! Wes & Jess will be sharing about their experiences as a Clergy Couple, serving in two denominations with three young children.

An exciting Worship is planned and we will be singing many favorite songs!

Following the Worship will be a church picnic.

I hope to see many of our members and friends there!

## Congregational Life

### Men's Group Dinner Tuesday, July 5 @ 6:30 pm



This month we're meeting at:  
@ Commerce Public House Bar  
& Grill, 2215 Haggerty Rd.  
Commerce Township, MI  
48390

Signup posted! We hope you'll  
join us for great burgers, fun,  
and lively conversation.

### Adult Basic Yoga Class Tuesdays @ 9 am



Simple basic poses with on-  
hand modifications available.  
Geared toward developing a  
yoga practice that does not  
intimidate.

*Please bring a yoga mat for  
floor poses.*

\$4.00 per class. Tina Green is  
the instructor.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesdays @ 10 am



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.

We hope you'll join us!

### Dinner With Friends Friday, July 8 @ 6:30 pm



A fun evening of dining out  
with others from our  
congregation.

This month we're dining at:  
The Lodge Grill & Bar, Keego  
Harbor.

Signup posted! We hope you'll  
join us! Any questions, please  
talk to Ruth Dziuba.

### Women Of The ELCA Potluck Thursday, July 21 @ 5 pm



We meet the third Thursday of  
the month for dinner, with a  
business meeting following  
if needed.

Potluck signup posted!

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

### Book Club Thursday, July 28 @ 7 pm



This month's selection is "The  
Warmth of Other Suns" by  
Isabel Wilkerson.

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

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

## July Worship Assistants

	Greeter & Reader	Ushers	Counters	Altar Guild
<b>July 3</b>	Norm Werner	Bob Frick Andy Meyer	TBD	Jeanne Myers
<b>July 10</b>	Carole Salowich	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Mary Martin Janet Martin	
<b>July 17</b>	Tom Sweda	Jarrod Dixel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	TBD	
<b>July 24</b>	Stan Samuelsen	Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen	
<b>July 31</b>	Chuck Kern	Bob Frick Andy Meyer	Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	

### Celebrating Birthdays This Month

Rev. William Matlack	July 4
Kim Wolenberg	July 4
Donna Opthoff	July 6
Tom Sweda	July 10
Braxton Kern	July 11
Eleanor Clark	July 13
Philip Kuljurgis	July 13
Laura Bergman	July 17
Dennis Kunkel	July 20
Garrett Kern	July 21
Mimi Curlee	July 22
Gary Figi	July 25
Kristin Fontichiaro	July 25
Jean Samuelsen	July 28
Brian Welch	July 30
Sandy Thayer	July 31

### Celebrating Anniversaries This Month

Doug & Donna Opthoff	July 14
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*Are you or your family members missing from our anniversary or birthday list, or is the date incorrect? If so, please contact the church office. Thank You!*

## Coming Up @ Holy Spirit July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA Meeting 8 pm	2 Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
3 No Choir Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic 10 am	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Adult Yoga 9 am  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am  Men's Group Dinner 6:30 pm	6 No Handbells	7	8 Dinner w/Friends 6:30 pm  AA Meeting 8 pm	9 Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
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These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death among children and youth in our nation today. Pray that we might overcome the feelings of indifference and impotence bred by the tragedy, trauma, complexity and frequency of gun violence. Pray that the Spirit will turn us toward Scripture, the teachings of Jesus and one another for the strength, wisdom and courage needed to change our laws and culture for the sake of safeguarding our communities and society.

Pray that we might notice and take to heart small acts of hope and kindness, and that these might renew our faith amid world events that inspire anger and despair.

“The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go” (Luke 10:1). Respond to God’s call that we pool our gifts and resources to share the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and bear hope, peace and equity into the world.

*Independence Day* - Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States and for all those who work to sustain them in our behalf. Pray that we might value our freedom and use it to benefit and uplift all people, especially those excluded, forgotten and oppressed.

“Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!’” (Psalm 66:3). We can never proclaim too often God’s acts of mercy, redemption and creativity throughout world history.

Pray for the people and communities, especially in southern Mexico, that suffered devastation and loss of life from Hurricane Agatha.

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Pray that our faith and gratitude for God’s love might move us to care for

people — in our communities of faith and everywhere else — who face difficult situations.

Remember our neighbors in Ethiopia and Ukraine who are displaced in their own countries and hope to resettle in their home communities or elsewhere. Pray that their faith, their hope and the support of those accompanying them will sustain them through difficult, wearisome and dangerous times.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Pray that our love for God will be mirrored daily by our acts of love and concern for our neighbor, especially those who are needy, suffering and passed over.

Give thanks that through the work and witness of our global companions and ELCA Global Mission, we might proclaim God’s love and presence in the world, build relationships, renew and transform lives, stir hope and respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Pray that the Spirit will instill in us appreciation and concern for ELCA congregations and ministries across the country as well as the other faith communities of our siblings in Christ. Ask God to help us affirm one another, encourage one another and share generously our assets and wisdom for doing God’s work in the world.

Thank God for our special relationship with The United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for the church’s members and leaders, that together they will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.

Pray for musicians and worship leaders. Give thanks for their unique gifts that enrich our worship life, inspire faith, facilitate opportunities for using our own gifts and help us express ourselves to God.

Pray that the Spirit will soften our hardness and self-reliance and create in us a receptive and eager spirit as we study God’s ways, seek wisdom and truth, and

learn from one another how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the ELCA Interim Ministry Association and Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association, which train and support pastors and interim leaders for serving congregations in times of transition, vacancy and discernment.

What distractions in your life draw you away from being mindful of God's presence and activity in the world? Pray that the Spirit will help us refocus our attention on God's ever-present grace, the work to which God is calling us and the needs and laments of people around us.

Pray that, throughout life, we might understand and remain faithful to the ways of God — humility, persistent love, and forgiveness of others. Pray that God will be patient with our weaknesses and guide us back when we stumble or stray from these paths.

Give thanks for the work we do together across all expressions of our church — congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. Pray that we might value and draw upon the unity and strength we have in Christ and that, when we experience conflict or disappointment, we show grace and humility toward one another, grounding ourselves once more in our bond as children of God, siblings in Christ.

Ask God to help us comprehend that we have the ability, wisdom and resources to address the root causes of poverty and hunger in the world — especially when we work together and exercise generosity.

Praise God for the beauty and complexity of the universe that stirs our awe, imagination and appreciation, and for a creative power that stretches beyond our understanding.

God's persistent, undeserved grace and mercy restore us every day. Praise and thank God!

Ask the Spirit to reassure us of God's loving concern and attentiveness, especially when we feel the burden

of thinking our prayers need to be worded perfectly and meet the expectations of others.

Give thanks for Scripture, the creeds, Lutheran confessional writings and the ELCA Confession of Faith, which provide a foundation for our Christian faith, practice and witness and give expression to our relationship with Jesus Christ, the risen son of God and savior of humanity.

Remember in prayer those confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated justly and humanely, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God's love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us extend our hospitality, acceptance and support to people previously incarcerated as they do the challenging work of building new lives in our communities.

Give thanks for musicians and artists who, through their creative gifts and work, proclaim the gospel, inspire our faith and convey the experiences, emotions and needs of humankind.

Remember in prayer our neighbors who struggle financially and live with the uncertainty of how they will support and care for themselves and their families. Pray that the Spirit will inspire us to respond with respect for their dignity and to affirm our interdependence as children of God.

With humility and joyful hearts, give thanks for God's steadfast love, which sustains and strengthens us through the twists and turns of our baptismal journey.

Pray that we might find identity, value, purpose and hope in God and not in accumulating short-lived wealth, possessions and power.



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**Host a Coffee Hour!** They're enjoyed by all after worship as a way to continue our fellowship so please consider signing up to host one! They don't have to be fancy. Congregational Life provides napkins, plates and coffee. Sign-up posted.

Available dates are:

July 10, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21, 28  
September 11, 25  
October 2, 9, 16, 23  
November 6, 13, 20, 27  
December 4, 11, 18



**Bring Altar Flowers!** Honor or remember a special event or loved one by providing flowers for Sunday worship (you bring them from home). Sign-up posted.

Available dates are:

July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21  
September 11, 18, 25  
October 2, 9, 16, 23  
November 6, 13, 20, 27  
December 4, 11, 18



**Sponsor Altar Candles!** Honor or remember a special event or loved one by sponsoring the altar candles for a month (up to 2 sponsors per month). The cost is \$10 per month). Sign-up posted.

Available dates are:

(1 sponsor) July, September, October, December  
(2 sponsors) November

**Visitors Welcome**

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

**Contact Us**

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**Worship Schedule**

10:00 am Sunday Worship

**Pastor**

Rev. William J. Matlack

**Administrative Assistant**

Cheryl Brouillette

**Congregational President**

Bob Frick

**Music Staff**

Bonnie Sweda, Musician

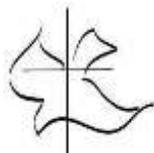
Kelly Perrin, Choir

Heinz Mattern, Bells

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**West Bloomfield, MI 48323**



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.