

THE SPIRIT
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

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In 2004 I had the privilege in attending the Reinventing Church Conference at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City. St. Bart's is a church located at E. 50th Street & Park Avenue.

10 years before that they had 150 in worship with 335 pledges totaling \$468,000.00. In 2004 they worshipped 1,200 with 1,222 pledges totaling \$3.5 Million dollars.

It is a remarkable transformation for a downtown church!

The Rector at St. Bart's, The Rev. Bill Tully said this about the transformation:

1. Grow or Go: The leaders must work with those who are willing to Grow. The average church does not do this. His premise is that if people aren't willing to grow, they need to go somewhere else.
2. Radical Welcome: We must challenge everyone to greet newcomers!
3. Belonging before you believe: People come to faith differently. We must accept people where they are and allow them to come to believe after joining.
4. 52 Equal Sundays: No down time (like in the summer). Every Sunday is important!
5. Staff Before Growth: Add staff to grow, not grow after adding staff.
6. Powerful Worship: No matter the style, always done with excellence.
7. Set a financial goal & work year round to get there! Not once a year Stewardship, year- round stewardship!

I think that these are wonderful principles that we can apply to our faith lives!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 7

*following worship to celebrate
Pastor's birthday (July 4th)*

*Speak w/ Ruth Dziuba
if you'd like to help!*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS with Instructor Tina Green meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. The class is geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. 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!

MEN'S GROUP DINNER is Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 PM at Crispelli's Pizzeria in West Bloomfield. The men of Holy Spirit meet monthly for food and fellowship. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

DINNER WITH FRIENDS is Friday, July 12, 6 p.m. at Crispelli's Pizzeria in West Bloomfield. This is a fun evening of dining out once a month with others from the congregation. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you will join us!

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. with a meeting to follow if it is needed. Signup posted at church. WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA. Open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. to discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Please speak with Janet Martin if you would like the book or have any questions.

SERVING US DURING WORSHIP IN JULY

JULY 7

Reader: Ruth Dziuba

Ushers: Andy Meyer

Stan Samuelsen

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Melinda Kern

Sally Cossin

Sandy Thayer

JULY 14

Reader: Andrew Helfer

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel

Doug Opthoff

Tom Sweda

Counters: Andy Meyer

Stan Samuelsen

Altar Guild: Melinda Kern

Sally Cossin

Sandy Thayer

JULY 21

Reader: Stan Samuelsen

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen

Lukas Mattern

Roy Salowich

Counters: Janet Martin

Altar Guild: Melinda Kern

Sally Cossin

Sandy Thayer

JULY 28

Reader: Mark Filipp

Ushers: Janet Martin

Hilda Sawicki

Irene Oshiyoye

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Melinda Kern

Sally Cossin

Sandy Thayer

COMING UP @ HSLC IN JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<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 Summer Break	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.?</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10 a.m. Ice Cream Social Choir Summer Break	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Summer Break		Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10 a.m. Choir Summer Break	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Summer Break	WELCA Potluck 6 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10 a.m. Choir Summer Break	Finance Mtg. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	Handbells Summer Break	Book Club 7 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
28	29	30	31			
Worship 10 a.m. Choir Summer Break	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Summer Break			

HOLY SPIRIT: A PRAYING COMMUNITY

As you pray throughout your days please include...

Pray for the needs and ministries of congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and the community organizations that serve with us as we do God's work in the world. Pray for the Spirit to help us support each other through prayer, shared resources, volunteerism and Mission Support.

Independence Day - Promise God to cherish and not abuse the blessings of liberty, to work for change wherever there is injustice and inequity, and to accompany our global neighbors and companion churches in striving for freedom, justice and voice.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!" (Psalm 130:1-2). Lift up your worries and fears to God, trusting that God listens and responds to our lamentations.

Ask God how we can best provide care, comfort and support to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who grieve and suffer. Pray that, in our words and actions, we might consider how situations and needs differ from person to person.

Pray that we will listen carefully to God and seek to understand God's ways and commands, which provide guidance for our life and faith and show us how to love and serve our neighbors.

Generation Zero-Hunger is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Pray for the Spirit to inspire our generosity and compassion for our neighbors as we respond to this challenge to usher in a world without hunger and futures filled with hope.

Pray for our neighbors who suffer and long for peace in places of conflict and war. Pray that we will not grow weary in our concern, support and prayer and that we will not rest until there is peace and healing.

Give thanks for everything that God has revealed and given to us through Jesus Christ that stirs our hope and joy: God's abundant grace and mercy, God's will for our present life and future, and the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God.

We are called to do God's work in the world, both individually and with siblings in Christ who encourage, support and inspire us. Give thanks that we are not alone in our baptismal journey of service and that the Spirit gives us diverse gifts that complement one another.

"The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). We may not be familiar with the work of shepherds anymore, but we do know the joy and relief of having God in our lives to guide us, comfort us, restore us and walk with us through darkness and evil. Give thanks and praise to God, our ever-present shepherd!

Pray for peace and civility in our nation, for the mending of rifts and ideologies that isolate us and for the diverse gifts, perspectives and life experiences that enrich and inform our life together.

Do you see God doing great work with things that may seem small or insignificant to us? Lift up in prayer the things we witness that restore our faith, stir hope and reassure us that God is present and active in our lives, communities and world.

CELEBRATING YOU IN JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pr. William Matlack	04
Kim Wolenberg	04
Donna Opthoff	06
Tom Sweda	10
Braxton Kern	11
Philip Kuljurgis	13
Laura Bergman	17
Dennis Kunkel	20
Garrett Kern	21
Mimi Curlee	22
Gary Figi	25
Kristin Fontichiaro	25
Jean Samuelsen	28
Brian Welch	30
Sandy Thayer	31

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Doug & Donna Opthoff 14

If you or your family member is missing from our lists or the date shown is incorrect, please contact the church office.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN...

A member of your family is **admitted to the hospital**, so visits can be made and the proper people notified.

A **new family** moves into your neighborhood.

A **significant event is happening** in your life or in the life of someone you love.

A **new baby** arrives in your family.

Your **phone number, address or email has changed** so that our records can be updated.

Planning your **wedding** and especially before setting the wedding date.

Before making **funeral** arrangements.

You are **planning to move**, either out-of-town or locally.

When you **need information** about some process or happening in church life or when you have **questions about your faith**.

You **feel the church can assist you** in any way.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024





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VISITORS WELCOME

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

10 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. Sunday (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.