

Pastor's Page

As things change, so they stay the same!

In my Newsletter Article for June 2008, the very first year I was at Holy Spirit, I wrote:

“Where there is no vision, the people perish!” (Proverbs 29:18)

“God Said ‘rearrange’, we heard, ‘Resist Change.’”

The seven last words of the Church: “We’ve never done it that way before!”

Change: to make different in form; to transform; to become different.

Many times as we try new ventures, we worry about how those Changes will affect us!

Some years ago I read and did a study on a wonderful little book entitled: “Who Moved My Cheese?” The subtitle: “An Amazing Way to Deal with Change In Your Work And In Your Life.”

This is what the book jacket says about this book: Who Moved My Cheese? is a simple parable that reveals profound truths about change. It is an amusing and enlightening story of four characters who live in a "Maze" and look for "Cheese" to nourish them and make them happy.

Two are mice named Sniff and Scurry. And two are "little people"—beings the size of mice who look and act a lot like people. Their names are Hem and Haw.

"Cheese" is a metaphor for what you want to have in life—whether it is a good job, a loving relationship, money, a possession, health, or spiritual peace of mind.

And "The Maze" is where you look for what you want—the organization you work in, or the family or community you live in.

In the story, the characters are faced with unexpected change. Eventually, one of them deals with it successfully, and writes what he has learned from his experience on the maze walls.

When you come to see "The Handwriting on the Wall," you can discover for yourself how to deal with change, so that you can enjoy less stress and more success (however you define it) in your work and in your life.”



These words certainly resonate in this time of uncertainty and change!

As I sit in my living room, writing this article, I am reminded that it was 13 years ago on May 17 that I met with Bishop Schreiber and heard about Holy Spirit Lutheran. It was May 31 that I interviewed with the Call Committee.

WOW! That's hard for me to believe at times! But, even though we learning to live in a new normal, even though much has changed in the world and with us individually, there is one constant in our lives: God! No matter what happens, no matter who we are, we know whose we are!

I am reminded of a favorite hymn, "You are Mine." Written by David Haas

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

Chorus:

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

The chorus comes from Isaiah 43: 1 & 5
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

We are so blessed to have a God who calls us by our names!



From the Prus Family - The Prus family would like to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards and phone calls they received in regards to Loraine Eliason's death.

I Get Up in the Morning, Ready to Start a New Day

by Lilly Moore

I get up in the morning, ready to start a new day,
And then I remember, oh yeah, home I must stay.
This is our life now throughout every nation,
No country's immune in God's whole creation.

COVID 19 has altered the lives we once lived,
This virus is brutal, it does not forgive.
New cases daily, the death count gets higher,
Now face masks, gloves, social distancing is required.

We miss our loved ones, our family's, our friends,
It seems like forever—will it ever end?
No clear-cut answers to count on for guidance,
It's a vicious virus, a world crisis that widens.

People are frightened, feel helpless, alone,
Stuck in their homes in a stir-crazy zone.
They want to be active, live their lives, go to work,
Get out of their houses before going berserk!

But the truth is whether you believe it or not, nature wins,
COVID will take more lives if too soon we give in.
But if we look to the sunny side to make our optimism come true,
We can see many positives shiny right through.

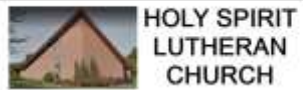
Traffic is lighter – fewer cars on the road,
Day are much slower, no need for “hurry up” mode.
Look out your windows-you'll see kids playing outside,
Neighbors walking their dogs, or on their bikes for a ride.
More time with your family, talking, playing games, watching TV,
No more rushing out the door – we all had “Somewhere” to be.
So for now, though it's hard, stay home and stay safe,
Be patient, be kind, love one another and have faith.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones, do the best that you can,
Check on neighbors, call a friend, lend a helping hand.
And at the end of the day when you lay down for the night,
Thank God for your blessings, close your eyes and sleep tight.



Congregation members receive a weekly email with a link to our alternative Sunday Worship Service video on YouTube.

Email the church office @ hslcofficeanager@gmail.com to be added to the list.



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- + 2. Use your card
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Barb Kunkel	June 6
Liz Chiaravalli	June 8
John Dziuba	June 9
Matthew Sawicki	June 10
Gerry Herrington	June 11
Marty Opthoff	June 12
Doug Julius	June 15
Stan Samuelson	June 15
Alicia Chiaravalli	June 16
Dick Longanbach	June 18
Roxane Mellema	June 18
Norm Werner	June 20
Zach Holtquist	June 26
Ben Holtquist	June 26



Gary & Sue Gates	June 2
Doug & Rita Julius	June 7
Thomas & Jean Butler	June 14
Dan & Judy Bergman	June 15
Dennis & Barb Kunkel	June 20
Roger & Gerry Herrington	June 22
Jeff & Jackie Parko	June 22
Nick & Becky Pranis	June 25
Bob & Kathy Chiaravalli	June 27

JUNE						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>State of Michigan mandated Stay-at-Home Order</i>						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10 am Online Narcotic Anonymous 7:30 pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i> Online Finance Meeting 7pm	Adult Yoga 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am Online Council Meeting 7pm		WELCA 6pm Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Online Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4
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Scheduled Worship Assistants in June

JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
Lector & Greeter Donna Opthoff	Lector & Greeter Petra Matter	Lector & Greeter Tina Green	Lector & Greeter Norm Werner
Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Ushers Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	Counters George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel
Altar Guild Petra Mattern & Jean Samuelsen			



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Follow Holy Spirit Lutheran Church West Bloomfield on Facebook for all the latest HSLC news, events, videos, and more! Better yet, share some of our posts with your friends and family so they can see all the great things we're doing in support of our mission: We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism, GATHERED into community and SENT out to share God's grace.

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days please include...

This month has the most daylight of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the least daylight of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. Give thanks that the gift of sunlight sustains all life on Earth and that the light of God's love and truth, shining through Jesus, gives us the gift of new life, purpose and direction as children of God.

Give thanks for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ and ask that the Spirit empower us, individually and together as a church, to grow more welcoming and intentionally inclusive, to value the faith and gifts of all people, and to advocate for justice and respect for people who are marginalized and excluded in the church and society.

Remember in prayer people who depend on seasonal employment for their livelihoods or who live with the uncertainty and anxiety of unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray that the Spirit will make us creative and tireless in supporting and caring for others, especially our neighbors in greatest need — locally and globally.

Ask God to comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones from COVID-19, and pray that we will not forget them amid our new concerns and routines as communities and states open up again.

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we work together and journey into the future as a thriving church, spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people.

God made us, and as God's people we enjoy the blessings of God's enduring love, faithfulness to every generation and redeeming presence. Lift up prayers of joy, thanksgiving and praise to God.

Living as children of God and followers of Christ is not always easy or well received by others. Pray that we will find comfort and courage in knowing that God abides with us, knows our every struggle and joy, and surrounds us with love and peace that are impossible to break or obstruct.

Pray for patience, comfort and courage: "O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up."

John the Baptist - Sometimes we think of John the Baptist as a little wild and fanatical in sharing the good news of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Give thanks for whoever introduced you to Jesus, and pray for confidence and enthusiasm in sharing your faith and talking about Jesus in your own words.

Give thanks for the creeds and confessions of our church that have helped us proclaim, teach and affirm our Christian faith throughout the ages. Pray that when we recite the creeds during worship, we will reflect on our membership in the body of Christ and on the truths central to our faith.

Give thanks for doctors, researchers and scientists throughout the world who have committed their lives to treating, preventing and eliminating diseases and to sharing their discoveries with the world for the health and well-being of all people.

There may be times when we feel God has forgotten us or is ignoring us. Pray that God will forgive us when we are weak or doubtful, and ask the Spirit to restore our trust in God's steadfast love and concern.



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We are: CALLED by Christ
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Holy Spirit into his community of faith to
celebrate God's grace in our midst so we
can be SENT to share that grace in our
community and beyond.

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