



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
4800 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
A Caring Community of Faith

The Spirit

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Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

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Pastor's Page

LENT

Repentance, turn, return--in Hebrew all three words have a common root--*teshuvah, lashuv, shuvah*. Lent has a character of turning away from those things that usually preoccupy us (lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth) and of moving in another direction, as Jesus did when he entered the wilderness. It is a turning away from those things that oppress and dominate us, as Israel did in leaving Egypt. It is a turning away from all those things that prevent us from sensing and living in the steadfast love of God. And, as it was for Israel and Jesus, it is a path into wilderness.



Originally, in the early Christian Church, Lent was an extended period of time when those anticipating baptism during Easter completed their final preparations and examinations, "Scrutinies" as they were called. Jerusalem Bishop Cyril is known to have described it as "Forty Days of repentance."

In the passing decades, this period of preparation became associated with Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. And it was expanded to apply to all Christians. So devout Christians discipline themselves with prayer and fasting, as Jesus did, during this period to properly prepare themselves to celebrate God's redemptive act in Jesus' death and resurrection.

A favorite Lenten prayer comes from Psalm 51, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin."



The resurrection is still acknowledged on each Sunday during the period so Sundays are not counted in the 40 days. Lent actually runs 46 days, from Ash Wednesday (the 7th Wednesday before Easter) through the day before Easter itself.

Lent gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of Christ's life & death for our daily lives. Each Lent we come together to remember. It is a great time for Christians to hopefully think about the importance of Christ in their daily lives.



Community Lenten Meal & Fellowship Service
Wednesday, March 4 | Supper @ 6:30 pm | Service Follows
Bring your family and enjoy homemade soup!

Soup Makers Needed!
Can you donate your favorite soup to the Soup Supper?

Signup on the bulletin board
OR
Contact the HSLC Church Office
(248) 682-5441
hslcofficemanager@gmail.com

Each Wednesday night in Lent, these West Bloomfield churches take turns hosting a Community Lenten Meal Fellowship and Worship Service, inviting everyone from neighboring churches to participate together. **Holy Spirit hosts on March 4.** We encourage members and friends to share worship and a meal. All evenings begin at 6:30 pm unless noted.

March 11

West Bloomfield United Methodist
4100 Walnut Lake Road

March 18

Pine Hill Congregational
4160 Middlebelt Road

March 25

Spirit of Grace
2399 Figa Avenue

April 1

Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King
5300 West Maple Road

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
Lector & Greeter Cindy Ward	Lector & Greeter Marian Rowland	Lector & Greeter Doug Opthoff	Lector & Greeter Bob Frick	Lector & Greeter Leo Szalma
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 Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	Counters George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin	Counters Dan Bergman Marian Rowland
Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers Samuelsen	Altar Flowers Martin	
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	
Altar Guild Ruth Dziuba				
Sanctuary Candles Sweda & Martin				



- Arlyn Reed March 1
- Thomas Butler March 2
- Nick Casagrande March 5
- Jean Butler March 7
- Ken Casagrande March 7
- Barb Church March 7
- Kay Grabenstein March 8
- Trent Curlee March 9
- Nicole Voorhees March 10
- Barb Eliason March 16
- Luke Dixel March 23
- Sophia Dixel March 24
- Tim Sweda March 24

George & Chris Kuljurgis March 27

**MEN'S GROUP MEETS
MARCH 3 @6:30 PM**



We meet the first Tuesday of each month. In March we're meeting at:

CJ's Brewing Company
Commerce Township, 48390

Please consider joining us for great burgers, fun and lively conversation.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
MEETS TUESDAYS
@ 10 AM**



We meet in the Coffee Hour area.

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. Please think about joining us!

**NEW ADULT STUDY BEGINS
MARCH 12 @ 10 AM**



**A Study of Nehemiah
A LIFE OF PRAYER**

Led by Pastor Matlack, we meet in the Coffee Hour area.

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS
MEETS MARCH 13 @ 6:30 PM**



Dinner With Friends is a fun evening of dining out with others from our congregation.

**March's restaurant is
Czapski's Kitchen in Milford.**

Signup posted on the large bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us! Any questions, please talk to Ruth Dziuba.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA MEET
MARCH 19 @ 6 PM**



We meet the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with a business meeting following if needed. Please see the bulletin board to sign up.

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

**BOOK CLUB MEETS
MARCH 26 @ 7 PM**



March's book club selection is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

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

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

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Adult Yoga 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am Men's Group 6:30pm	Community Lenten Meal Fellowship & Worship 6:30 pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Health & Wellness 11:15am N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Primary Election in Fellowship Hall Adult Yoga 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	New Adult Study begins 10am Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 pm A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 10:45 am
(September – June)



Pastor
Rev. William J. Matlack

Administrative Assistant
Cheryl Brouillette



President
Norm Werner



Music Staff
Bonnie Sweda, Musician
Kelly Perrin, Choir
Heinz Mattern, Handbells

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Our Mission: We are: CALLED by Christ
in our Baptism and GATHERED by the
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.