



The Spirit  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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PASTOR MATLACK, MARCH 2024

LENT ... EASTER

The Lenten Season started on February 14 this year! It's not the earliest it can happen, but certainly earlier than most pastors like!

As I said in my Ash Wednesday Sermon: Lent was established and accepted only after the early church sorted out how to calculate the date of Easter. At the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, "all the Churches agreed that Easter, the Christian Passover, should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox."

Since the spring equinox usually falls on March 21, the date of Easter in the Western Church can occur anytime between March 22 and April 25.

At Nicaea, the council settled on the 40-day fast period for Lent because it has roots in biblical writings. God sends rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights when Noah and his family go into the ark (Genesis 7:4).

Moses sits atop Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God for 40 days (Ex 24:18).

Elijah "walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" when he flees Jezebel's wrath (1 Kings 19:8).

The 40 days of Lent, however, are primarily identified with the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying, and being tempted by the devil.

But though the length of Lent was set by the council, it's start date in relation to Easter was still undecided.

It was not until AD 601 that the start date of Lent was set. Pope Gregory moved the start of Lent to 46 days before Easter & established Ash Wednesday at the same time.

This year, most of March is the Lenten Season. It isn't until the very last day, March 31, that we celebrate Easter!

Mid-Week Lenten  
Community Soup Suppers

March 6 at 6:00 p.m.

March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Spirit of Grace  
2399 Figa Avenue

West Bloomfield United Methodist  
4100 Walnut Lake Road

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Adult Basic Yoga Class  
Tuesdays at 9 a.m.  
w/ Instructor Tina Green  
\$5 per class

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Join us and bring a project to work on.

We continue the fellowship by going out to lunch afterwards. We hope you'll join us!



Ham and Grocery donation sign-up sheets are posted!

- Hams (8)
- Dressing (10)
- Canned Fruit (9)
- Applesauce (9)
- Baked Beans (9)
- Canned Vegetables: (8)
- Corn, Beans, Other*
- ~~Breakfast Cereal (10)~~

- Peanut Butter (10)
- Jam Or Jelly (10)
- Spaghetti Or Pasta (9)
- Spaghetti Sauce (10)
- ~~Canned Tuna (9)~~
- Mayo (9)
- ~~Macaroni & Cheese (10)~~

- Bread (10)
- Honey (10)
- Eggs (10)
- Butter (10)
- Sliced Cheese Packages (10)
- 3# Bags Of Potatoes (10)
- Fresh Carrots (10)

- Fresh Celery (10)
- Fresh Carrots (10)
- Kleenex (10)
- Dried Beans, Lentils, Pea (5)
- 2-3# Bags Onions (10)
- Paper Towels (9)



Dinner With Friends  
Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

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

Join us on Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Brentwood Grille in Novi.



Men's Group Dinner  
Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The men of Holy Spirit meet monthly for food and fellowship. Join us Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at The Lodge Grill & Bar in Keego Harbor.



Potluck Dinner  
Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

Open to all women of the congregation. Join us this month for a Potluck Dinner in the Coffee Hour area at church.



Book Club  
Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Join us Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area to discuss "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			
	READER	USHERS	COUNTERS
MARCH 3	Cindy Ward	Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen	TBD
MARCH 10	Ruth Dziuba	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen
MARCH 17	Stan Samuelsen	Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich	Janet Martin
MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY	Norm Werner	Janet Martin Hilda Sawicki Irene Oshiyoye	TBD
MARCH 31 - EASTER	Mark Filipp	Andy Meyer Bob Frick	TBD

CELEBRATING IN MARCH	
BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
02 Thomas Butler 05 Nick Casagrande 07 Jean Butler 07 Ken Casagrande 09 Trent Curlee 09 Samantha Sawicki 16 Barb Eliason 20 Thomas Kuljurgis 23 Luke Dexel 24 Sophia Dexel 24 Tim Sweda	27 George & Chris Kuljurgis

## MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Fri
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.  Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Soup Supper Spirit of Grace 6 p.m.  Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Dinner with Friends 6:00 p.m.  AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.  Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)  Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Soup Supper United Methodist WB 6 p.m.  Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	WELCA Potluck Dinner 5 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)  Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.  Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  Finance Meeting	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)  Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.  Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Community Service 7 p.m. Spirit of Grace  Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Good Friday Service 7 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
<b>31</b>						
Easter B-fast 8:30  Choir 8:45 a.m.  Egg Hunt 9 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.						



HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

# PALM *Sunday*

WITH PALMS & COMMUNION

MARCH 24 @ 10 a.m.

  

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HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD FRIDAY

## *Worship Service*

March 29 @ 7 p.m.

  

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HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

# EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 @ 10 a.m.

  

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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

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March 28: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.,  
at Spirit of Grace

March 29: Good Friday Community Service,  
Noon, at WB United Methodist

March 31: Easter Sunday @ Holy Spirit  
Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.,  
Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m.  
Celebration of the Resurrection, 10 a.m.

## HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.