

SPIRIT
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

LENT 2025

"In the sincerest silence of my soul, I murmured over and over, 'I love you, Lord Jesus.'

Jesus was dying. I could do nothing to save him - not even to ease him. I could only watch and suffer the sorrow too. I was a child. Yet I saw every detail of his passion exactly as the Bible set it down. Everything! I learned everything. Not because I was precocious, but because I felt it all.

And always there came the moment when I burst into tears.

Jesus looked at me. The love in his face was so horrible that I started to cry, and I murmured over and over, 'I love you, too! I love you, Lord Jesus.'

Did he hear me? At the moment I couldn't know, because he was dying.
Now I know.
He heard me."

The above words come from the preface of a book that I read some years ago, entitled, "Reliving the Passion", and was written by noted ELCA author, Walter Wangerin Jr.

The subtitle is "Meditations on the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Mark."

It is an appropriate book to read during the season of Lent.

The quote that begins this article describes an experience the author had when he was eight years old. He grew up in North Dakota where his father was a Lutheran Pastor.

This experience obviously stayed with him all of his life.

What experiences of Lent do you hold close to your heart? Do you remember Lenten seasons long ago that touched you deeply?

During this season of contemplating our lives, and deaths, as we remember what our Lord did for us on the cross, may we remember those words that Walter sang as a boy, "I love you Lord Jesus!"

This year we celebrate Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7pm. We begin our Soup Suppers on Wednesday, February 19 at Spirit of Grace Church.

As we begin our journey these 40 days (not including Sundays) may we find hope and peace in the words of our savior!! For he indeed is the Messiah who loved us enough to die for our sin!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Adult Basic Yoga Class with Instructor Tina Green meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. 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, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at CJ's in Commerce. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

Dinner With Friends is Friday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at Crispelli's in West Bloomfield. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

Welca Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area. All ladies of the church are invited. Please use the sign-up sheet.

Holy Spirit Hosting Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 26. More info in the weekly E-news. Please use the sign-up sheet for the Soup you're bringing!

Book Club meets Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Speak with Janet Martin if you would like the book or have any questions.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church West Bloomfield MI

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Now through April 6

Food Drive
donation sheets
are posted on the
bulletin board!



Find updates in the weekly
E-news, email, and at church!

CELEBRATING YOU IN MARCH!

Birthdays!

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	Tim Sweda

Anniversaries!

27 George & Chris Kuljurgis

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Reader/Greeter: Cindy Ward	Reader/Greeter: Ruth Dziuba	Reader/Greeter: T B D	Reader/Greeter: Stan Samuelsen	Reader/Greeter: Mark Fillip
Ushers: Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers: Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Ushers: Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich	Ushers: Janet Martin Hilda Sawicki	Ushers: Andy Meyer Bob Frick
Counters: Janet Martin	Counters: TBD	Counters: TBD	Counters: Andy Meyer	Counters: Janet Martin

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Zumba 9:30 a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m.	Finance meeting 7 p.m. Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council meeting 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Lenten Soup Supper @ Spirit of Grace w/ Service	WELCA Potluck Dinner 5 p.m. Zumba 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Lenten Soup Supper @ Holy Spirit w/Service	Book Club 7 p.m. Zumba 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
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MID-WEEK LENTEN **SOUP SUPPERS**

You're Welcome Here!

Join us for worship, study,
and activities.

Worship Service

10 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School

10:45 a.m. during the school year

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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.