

SPIRIT MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2026

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

LENT

I am always curious to look back at my past Newsletter Articles. When I looked at March 2021, I had almost forgotten the impact of COVID on church. Here is what I wrote:

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, with drive thru Ashes. I didn't think I'd ever be doing "Drive Thru Ashes", but I am so glad Holy Spirit was able to provide this service.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Lent is 40 days (not including Sundays). We continue Lent throughout the month of March. Lent concludes on Sunday, April 5, Easter!

Holy Week Services

March 28, 10 am: Palm Sunday Parking Lot Worship with Palms and Communion. If the weather is decent, we may even have a parade with Palms. The Passion Narrative from Mark will be read by members of the congregation.

As we did the first two Parking Lot Services, you will tune in to an FM station and participate in the Worship Service.

April 2, 12 pm – 2 pm: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE. We are offering a unique time in the Sanctuary. You may come any time during the 2 hours and leave when you are ready. Social distancing will be practiced, and we have hand sanitizer and masks available. I will be doing various readings and prayers throughout that time.

Here we are 5 years later and COVID almost seems like a distant memory. And yet, it is still with us in a less impactful capacity.

It is wonderful to be able to join together during this time of year to observe Lent.

Soup Suppers/Worship are being held:

March 4 @ HSLC

March 11 @ WB United Methodist

March 18 @ Spirit of Grace

Soup supper begins @ 6 pm, Worship follows

Holy Week begins on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29.

Please join us for any/all of these services.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thank you to everyone who made a hunger ministry offering during the Souper Bowl of Caring. The recipients are Lighthouse (Pontiac) and Covenant House (Detroit).

Soup's On! Holy Spirit hosts "Soup Supper & Service" on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. Volunteer to bring soup, bread, desserts, set-up tables, clean-up after, etc. Additional Soup Suppers & Service Wednesdays in March are on March 11 at WB United Methodist at 6:00 p.m. and March 18 at Spirit of Grace at 6 p.m.

Adult Basic Yoga Class offered Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Instructor Tina Green leads us in simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available and geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee is \$5.00 per class.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

Men's Group Dinner is Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at El Nibble Nook in West Bloomfield. All men of the church are invited! Sign up is on the bulletin board.

Dinner with Friends is Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at The Library Pub & Grill in West Bloomfield. Signup is on the bulletin board. This is a fun evening of dining out with others from our congregation. Each month we meet at a different local restaurant.

WELCA Potluck Dinner is Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. at church. All ladies of the church are invited! Sign up is on the bulletin board. The group is involved in numerous activities.

Book Club meets on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. The books are available in the church office to sign out. Speak with Janet Martin if have questions.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS!

Nick Casagrande	March 5
Jean Butler	March 7
Ken Casagrande	March 7
Trent Curlee	March 9
Samantha Sawicki	March 9
Barb Eliason	March 16
Thomas Kuljurgis	March 20
Luke Dexel	March 23
Sophia Dexel	March 24
Tim Sweda	March 24

ANNIVERSARIES!

George & Chris Kuljurgis March 27

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, March 1

Reader/Greeter: Rob Carson

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

Sunday, March 8

Reader/Greeter: Dennis Kunkel

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff

Counters: Janet Martin

Sunday, March 15

Reader/Greeter: Cindy Ward

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern,
Roy Salowich

Counters: Andy Meyer

Sunday, March 22

Reader/Greeter: Ruth Dziuba

Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern

Counters: TBD

Sunday, March 29

Reader/Greeter: Doug Opthoff

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Holy Spirit's Soup Supper & Service 6 p.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i> Finance Meeting (?)	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal Spirit of Grace Soup Supper & Service 6 p.m.	WELCA Potluck 5:00 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
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YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church West Bloomfield MI

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Now through Sunday, March 22.
Distribution will be Saturday, March 28.

Food Drive
donation sheets
are posted on the
bulletin board!



**Find updates in the weekly
E-news, email, and at 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.