

# The Spirit



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## Genuine Worship

When you think of “Worship” what comes to mind? How do you respond?

Some years ago I attended a Seminar led by George Barna titled: “Inward, Outward and Upward: Ministry that transforms lives.” George Barna is a church trend pollster and he has written many books including, “The Frog In the Kettle.” At that Seminar he spoke of many things which influence Christians. One of his main topics was: “Facilitating Genuine Worship.”



He spoke about how “True Worship is rare” and this is shown through a survey which asked the question, “When have you experienced God’s Presence in Worship?” The survey targeted those who are regular attenders of Christian Churches.

The results of the survey:

41% experienced God in Worship during the past month

11% within the past year

16% not in the past year and;

**32% never!**

In other words, of regular church attenders less than 50% have experienced God in worship during the previous month and 1/3 have never experienced God in Worship! Maybe the reason for these numbers is that what we think of as Worship isn’t what Worship really is!

Webster’s Dictionary defines Worship in this way:

1. reverent honor and homage paid to God or a sacred personage, or to any object regarded as sacred.
2. formal or ceremonious rendering of such honor and homage: to attend worship on Sundays.
3. adoring reverence or regard.
4. the object of adoring reverence or regard.
5. to attend services of divine worship.

In other words, Worship is not something we do for ourselves, it is something we do for God! Isn’t amazing that 2 out of 3 church goers have an incorrect understanding of Worship!

So what is Genuine Worship? The focus is on God, not people. It is an action & an attitude.

Each participant makes a deep, personal commitment to Jesus Christ. We interact with God rather than learn about God.

As Pastor of this congregation, my first priority is always quality Worship that includes variety. But even more important for me is that all who come to Holy Spirit Lutheran experience God!

I hope that when you come to Worship you come with ready hearts and minds to participate with all who come and connect with God in a spiritual way!

- Pastor Matlack -



**New Adult Study beginning Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 AM**

### **Job: God Is in Charge**

- May 15: Introduction to JOB/Seeing Behind the Curtain
  - May 22: The Mystery of How God Works/Living Through Despair
  - May 29: The Defense Begins/Be Slow to Judge
  - June 5: My Redeemer Lives/Seeking to Understand God
  - June 12: Defense Before the Judge/God Speaks
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## **Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series**

**Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM**

**Featuring Toast Quartet**

*(singing Four-Part Harmony Barbershop Style)*

**Reception Following**



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**The fifth in an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed takes place at Holy Spirit Church on Wednesday, May 8, featuring "Toast" singing Four-Part Harmony Barbershop Style.** "Toast" are part of the award winning Fenton Lakes Chorus (A Sweet Adelines International Chorus) founded in 1982. The Fenton Lakes Chorus is a group of women of various ages who are dedicated to excellence and harmony in every aspect of their lives and are under the Musical Direction of Jeanne Lundberg. There is no charge for the concert.

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**thank  
YOU**

**Thank you to all members of Holy Spirit who contributed to our Easter food baskets for 11 families.** All families were very appreciative of our help in making Easter special for them. The Easter baskets included a ham, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, fresh potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, raisins, butter, eggs and cheese among other items.

**Many thanks to** Hilda Sawicki, Liesa Helfer, Sally Cossin, Carolyn Werner, Ruth Dziuba, and Nancy Green who helped to make this event successful.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Tuesdays at 10 AM**



We meet to knit, crochet or do handwork together. 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all people of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

**Men's Group  
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 PM**



**CJ's Brewing Company**  
8115 Richardson Road  
Commerce Township

All men of Holy Spirit are welcome, so please think about joining us!

**Dinner With Friends  
Friday, May 10, 6:30 PM**



Fork and Pint  
4000 Cass Elizabeth Rd  
Waterford, 48328

See the bulletin board to sign up!



**Travel Café  
Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM**

Everyone is welcome to this free event. Each month, three presenters will share photos and stories from recent trips, with time both before and after for refreshments and conversation. **If you would like to present a trip, please contact Kathy Chiaravalli.**

Feel free to invite others!



**Thursday, May 16  
6:00 PM**

*Hosted by Pam Figi*

See the bulletin board for more information and to sign up!

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

**Thursday, May 23, 7 PM**



***Born A Crime by Trevor Noah***

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			Bell Rehearsal 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM  Book Club 7:00 PM	AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Choir 8:45 AM <b>Worship 10 AM</b> Sunday School 10:45 AM  NA 7:30 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Adult Basic Yoga 9 AM  Prayer Shawls 10 AM  Men's Group 6:30 PM	<b>Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series 7 PM</b>	Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner W/ Friends 6:30 PM  AA Meeting 7:30 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Barb Kunkel	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Marian Rowland	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Lorry Prus	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Stan Samuelsen	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Donna Opthoff
<b>Ushers</b> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<b>Ushers</b> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	<b>Ushers</b> Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore Greg Wolenberg	<b>Ushers</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	<b>Ushers</b> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick
<b>Counters</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin	<b>Counters</b> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<b>Counters</b> Stan Samuelsen Ken Casagrande	<b>Counters</b> George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers Sandy Thayer	<b>Counters</b> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sandy Thayer & Cindy Ward				<b>Altar Guild</b> Petra Mattern Jean Samuelsen

**BIRTHDAYS**

Ryan Uhley 5/ 1  
 Harison Kern 5/ 2  
 Jackie Parko 5/ 10  
 Ann Elliott 5/ 12  
 Jeanne Freed 5/ 13  
 Leo Lawson 5/ 14  
 Brett Meyer 5/ 14  
 Carolyn Werner 5/ 14  
 John Green 5/ 16  
 Dan Bergman 5/ 17  
 Mary Martin 5/ 19  
 Judy Bergman 5/ 20  
 Stephanie Filipp 5/ 21  
 Glenn Allen 5/ 24  
 Pam Figi 5/ 27  
 Aaron Delizia 5/ 28  
 George Kuljurgis 5/ 28  
 Terry Rowland 5/ 28  
 Jerry Iverson 5/ 29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Ken & Peggy Casagrande 5/9  
 Glen & Ellen Allen 5/15  
 Dennis & Marge Dronsella 5/25  
 Greg & Kim Wolenberg 5/29

**WELCOME**

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

**WORSHIP**

10:00 AM Sunday

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

10:45 AM Sunday School  
*(September through June)*

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**Our Mission**

We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism, GATHERED into community and SENT out to share God's grace.

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**Spring  
Cleanup**

**Calling All Volunteers!**  
**Come help Saturday, May 18**  
**starting at 9 AM!**