

Pastor's Page

As things change, so they stay the same!

In last month's newsletter I wrote: "PANDEMIC, I am sure by now we have all come to despise this word! We have been told to practice social distancing. Restaurants, Health Clubs, Theaters, and many other places of Socializing are closed! What are we to do?"

I also said how I was almost 100% certain we would not be meeting for Worship on Easter Sunday, but the good news is that the Easter Season is 7 weeks, 50 days. So, when we gather again, we will celebrate the Resurrection!"



As I stay at home (most of the time) I have had the opportunity to reflect on many things.

1. I am grateful that my family, friends, and church members are healthy.
2. I am grateful that I have plenty of food and provisions to live.
3. I am grateful for those who have reached out to me to see how I am doing!
4. I am grateful that we have a God who loves us and sent his Son for us all!

I am certain all of us can come up with similar lists.

As we remain in our homes, we have the ability to Worship. Whether that be HSLC's Online Worship, private Worship or with our families.

May God continue to keep us safe and healthy in this time and I look forward to seeing everyone in Worship again.



The HSLC congregation receives email notification of our Worship Services on YouTube. To be added to the list, please email the church office @ hslcofficermanager@gmail.com



THANK YOU to the HSLC members who've been supporting the mission of Holy Spirit.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, we as a church are doing our best to keep people safe and provide opportunities to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ that rescues us from our fears.

We use Facebook to publicize congregational availability to support those in need during this time. Our Facebook page is a great resource for connection and online conversations.

If you have prayer concerns or need spiritual care, we encourage you to contact Pastor Matlack.

As you are able, we encourage you to continue to give offerings in support of Holy Spirit's mission: We are **CALLED** by Christ in Baptism, **GATHERED** into community and **SENT** out to share God's grace.

Use Simply Giving automated checking account withdrawal (available by calling the church office), or mail your offering to our church office. Remember, the work of the church continues even if we cannot be physically together!

Finally, dear friends in Christ, let us remember that Jesus is with us in the midst of this anxious time. We will get through this together as we continue to trust in the Lord and live in love.

Peace be with you.



A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed groceries to our Easter Food Drive.

Without your generosity, we wouldn't have been able to meet our goal of providing for ten families.

A very special thank you to the volunteers who coordinated, collected, shopped, packaged, and handed out the Easter Food Baskets.



From Nancy Green

Ralph and I want to thank the congregation for the many sympathy cards and phone calls we received following the sudden death of my sister, Jane Krebaum.

A big thank you to Hilda Sawicki, Jean Samuelsen, Ruth Dziuba, and Bonnie Sweda for helping to pack and distribute the Easter Baskets. Bonnie obtained a very generous gift card from Thrivent Insurance which enabled us to enhance the baskets contents.



From The Kern Family

The Kern family would like to thank their Holy Spirit family for all the sympathy cards, phone calls & text messages they received. Though we can't all be together right now we feel the love & prayers from all of you. God bless & take care.



Did you know that Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on YouTube? Make sure you check out our channel – [Holy Spirit Lutheran Church West Bloomfield](#) where you will find:

- Online Worship Services
- Pastor Matlack Facebook Live
- Splash Features of HSLC Events like the Health Fair, Rummage Sale, and Carol Sing Along
- Splash Features of some of the Mary Freed Memorial Concert Series (WB Civic Center TV)
- Winning Words - A Tribute to Jack Freed



In case you've missed any of our online Worship Services:

[Alternative Worship Service for Sunday, April 26](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Sunday, April 19](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Easter Sunday, April 12](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Good Friday, April 10](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Maundy Thursday Message, April 9](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Palm Sunday, April 5](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Sunday, March 29](#)

[Alternative Worship Service for Sunday, March 22](#)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><i>As of the date of this publication:</i> All Church Events and Worship Are Still Suspended Due To Coronavirus Concerns & the State of Michigan Stay-at Home Mandate</p>					A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
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a weekly email letting you discover what's happening at HSLC and providing the latest access to upcoming events at the church and related community.

Worship Assistants in May

5/3/2020	5/10/2020	5/17/2020	5/24/2020	5/31/2020
Lector & Greeter Barb Kunkel	Lector & Greeter Jean Samuelsen	Lector & Greeter Lorry Prus	Lector & Greeter Stan Samuelsen	Lector & Greeter Norm Werner
Ushers Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	Ushers Jarrod Dexel 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 Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	Counters George & Chris Kuljurgis, Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin
Altar Guild Sandy Thayer & Cindy Ward				

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your days please include...

All who work in healthcare, grocery & convenience stores, public transportation & public services, truck drivers, first responders and all whose work is "essential" for our sake during COVID-19.

Those who find themselves in isolation. Those who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus. Those unemployed due to work stoppage. Those considered at-risk and unable to be in the company of loved ones. Those in our prison systems. Deployed military and the families left behind. Our nation's government and leaders and lawmakers. Immigrant children and their families. All who advocate for water equality and other social injustices.

Pray that children and youth who suffer domestic abuse will experience the physical, emotional and spiritual care of concerned, skilled adults who intervene in their situations and help provide the safety, healing and trustworthy love for which they yearn.

Remembering Jesus' words to Thomas — "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" — we pray that they will empower us to embrace Jesus as the son of God and our salvation, and fill our lives with confidence to perform works of love, mercy, justice, truth and kindness.

Pray for students of all ages as they participate in online classes, wonder about their school year, prepare for finals and graduations, and long for their normal social interactions and school activities.

Pray that our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ will banish our fears of doing God's work in the world and will prepare us daily for sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor with gentleness and reverence.

Give thanks for parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents whose example and convictions teach children and youth the values of compassion, generosity and respect for one another.

Memorial Day - Today we remember, mourn and give thanks for the military men and women who have given their lives in pursuit of justice, peace and freedom for our country and all nations.

Pray that the Spirit of God working in us will help us value every generation for its faith, wisdom, gifts and diverse life experiences, and that we will not disparage or discount one another because of age, mistakes or differences of perspective but instead will give thanks and affirm and support one another as members of the body of Christ, which includes all generations.

Pray that we will be mindful and responsive to those who have become more lonely, isolated or distant over the past weeks and months, and that they will feel more connected and comforted as we reach out to one another and discover new ways of being in community and relationship with each other.

Give thanks for the commitment, creativity and compassion of teachers, teacher assistants, professors, educators and school staff who, facing difficult and uncertain situations, have persisted in attending to the educational and personal needs of their students — our children, youth and young adults.

Day of Pentecost - Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for how we are united in one Spirit yet manifest diverse gifts, abilities and wisdom for sharing the gospel, building up the body of Christ and serving our neighbor.



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



Ken & Peggy Casagrande	May 9
Brian & Marsha Welch	May 12
Glen & Ellen Allen	May 15
Dennis & Marge Dronsella	May 25

Please Contact the Church Office When...

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- A new family moves into your neighborhood.
- A significant event is happening in your life or in the life of someone you love.
- A new baby arrives in your family.
- Your home phone number, address or email has changed so that our records can be updated.
- Planning your wedding and especially before setting the wedding date.
- Before making funeral arrangements.
- You are planning to move, either out-of-town or locally.
- When you need information about some process or happening in church life or when you have questions about your faith.
- You feel the church can assist you in any way.

Have Announcements Or Information You Want Shared with the Congregation?

To be included in:

Our weekly e-news, your information should be turned in by 12 noon Wednesdays.

Our monthly congregational newsletter, your information should be turned in by the 15th of the month.

You may submit your announcements and information 24 hours a day by:

Calling (248-682-5441) or emailing Cheryl in the church office (hslcoffice manager@gmail.com)

Thank You!



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Sunday School 10:45 am
(September – June)

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Cheryl Brouillette

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President
Norm Werner

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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.

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