



**Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

4800 Orchard Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

*A Caring Community of Faith*

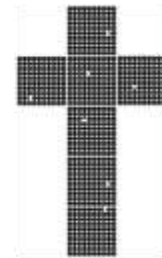
# The Spirit

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## BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



*a stewardship program for our congregation*

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title “Because of God’s Great Mercy.” God has made us God’s own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian’s life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Holy Spirit Lutheran Church uses our offerings to do God’s work within the congregation’s walls, in our community, and around the world.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church by at least ½ of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that Holy Spirit Lutheran Church already has in place for your giving.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation’s life.

**Adult Basic Yoga Class  
Tuesdays at 9:00 am**



Yoga Flow consists of simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. The class is geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee per class is \$4.00. Tina Green is the instructor.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Tuesdays at 10:00 am**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Coffee Hour area to knit, crochet, embroidery or any type of needle work you are interested in.

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.

Please think about joining us!

**Men's Group  
Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 pm**



Meetings for the Men's Group are held the first Tuesday of each month.

In November we're meeting at Dave & Amy's in Walled Lake.

Please consider joining the men of the church for great burgers, fun and lively conversation.

**Dinner With Friends  
Friday, November 8, 6:30 pm**



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

November's restaurant will be The Library Sports Pub & Grill in West Bloomfield Township.

There is a sign up sheet posted and we hope you will join us.

Any questions, please talk to Ruth Dziuba.

**Women of the ELCA meets  
Thursday, November 21, 6:00 pm**



WELCA meets the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with meetings following if needed. Members host the meetings in their homes or at church. Pam Figi is hosting this month.

A meeting notice is posted on the bulletin board, weekly news, and also the newsletter.

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

**Book Club  
Thursday, December 5, 7:00 pm**



The book club selection for November is *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.

The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of the month, except in December.

If you have questions or would like to join, contact Mary Martin.



**In Concert:**  
**Members of the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble**  
**Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm**



**Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)**  
**Sunday, November 3**



For one of our young men: Garrett Kern  
on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Holy Spirit Church, located at 4800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield will host in concert: **members of the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble**, at **7:00 PM on Thursday, November 14** as part of an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed.

A Red Kettle will be available at the concert for those who might want to make a contribution.

Also available will be an opportunity to sign up as a bell ringer in front of our local stores.

**Fellowship Hall in use as Precinct 17**  
**on Tuesday, November 5**



The Fellowship Hall will be in use as Precinct 17 on Tuesday, November 5 for the Oakland Community College Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. This election is open to all voters registered in West Bloomfield Township.

There is no charge for the concert. Reception following.

Signup sheet for reception is posted on the bulletin board.





We're collecting food for 10 families. and are looking for donations of the following:

- Turkeys
- Potatoes
- Dressing
- Gravy
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal
- Bath Tissue
- Facial Tissue
- Onions
- Carrots
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Cheese
- Eggs & Butter
- Bread
- Honey

If you're donating a turkey, please sign up on the bulletin board and place the turkey in the refrigerator or freezer at church.

**Bring your donations to church by 10:00 am on Saturday, November 23.** We'll be sorting the food that day.

Food Pickup is Sunday, November 24 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Please speak with Nancy Green or Hilda Sawicki if you have questions.

### Harvest Table Set-up Saturday, November 16, 10:00 am



The Altar Guild will be setting up the annual Harvest Table on Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 am.

If you wish to donate any items such as pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, etc., please put them on the counter prior to November 16. Thank you!

### Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 1 (following worship)



The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for the holiday season on Sunday, December 1 following worship. Please join us in decorating our lovely worship space for the Advent and Christmas Season.

If you are interested in helping, please stay afterwards to assist! Lunch will be provided by the Altar Guild.



### Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

As you pray throughout your day include...

Those living through tragedies of massacres and death, floods and hurricanes, especially the elderly and children.

First responders, police, fire and medical personnel.

Salem Lutheran Church/Flint and all who advocate for water and other social injustices.

For families in crisis; and for all God's children who are hungry, homeless, ill and lonely.

*All Saints Day* — Give thanks for people passed from this life who have cared for us, inspired our dreams, nurtured our faith, and equipped and encouraged us for the challenges of life, and who have boldly exemplified compassion, justice, mercy and generosity.

Give thanks that — despite war, conflict, hunger, poverty, suffering, illness and injustice — “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Pray that we will be emboldened by this grace-filled promise and reality to help and strengthen our neighbors in every situation and corner of the world.

Pray for people who suffer hunger, food insecurity or lack of access to the nutrition necessary for life and health. Ask that the Holy Spirit will move us to bring relief, instill hope and end hunger and poverty wherever it exists.

*Thanksgiving Day* — Give thanks for the abundant resources God has entrusted to us, and for family, friends and other people who bless and enrich our lives. Give thanks that the spirit of God is generous, compassionate and fair, and that our unique gifts and abilities are brought together in the body of Christ for the sake of the world, especially those in need who have been neglected.

On “Black Friday” — a day of sales, buying and consumption — take time to reflect prayerfully on the difference between wants and needs, on generosity toward our neighbors, on stewardship of wealth and abundance, on everything God has entrusted to us, and on our true identity as children of God who are loved, forgiven and granted a new vision of life.



### Please Contact the Church Office

- When you or a member of your family is admitted to hospital, so Pastor may be notified and visit if you'd like.
- When a significant event is happening in your life or the life of someone you love.
- When planning your wedding and especially before setting the wedding date.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- Before making funeral arrangements
- When your phone number, address or email has changed so church records can be updated.
- When you have questions about your faith.
- When you need information about some process or happening in church life.
- When you are planning to move, either out-of-town or locally.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.

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**Weekly News Announcements**  
**needed by 12 noon on Wednesdays**  
 to: [hslcofficeanager@gmail.com](mailto:hslcofficeanager@gmail.com)

**Spirit Newsletter Items**  
**needed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**  
 to: [hslcofficeanager@gmail.com](mailto:hslcofficeanager@gmail.com)

November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>  Euchre Group 6:30pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>All Saints Sunday/ Confirmation</b>  Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School  N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	 Adult Yoga 9am  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am  Men's Group 6:30pm	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Ephesians: Adult Study 10am  Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30pm  A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>22 Pentecost</b>  Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School  N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Adult Yoga 9am  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Adult Study 10am  Salvation Army Brass & Red Kettle 7pm  Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>  Harvest Table Setup 10 am
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>23 Pentecost</b>  Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School  N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>  Finance Meeting 7pm	Adult Yoga 9am  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10m  Council Meeting 7pm	Bell Rehearsal 7pm	Women of the ELCA 6pm  Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>  Thanksgiving Food Donations Sorted
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Christ the King</b>  Choir 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School  Food Donations p/u 2-3pm  N.A. 7:30pm	Zumba 6:30pm <i>(rental)</i>	Adult Yoga 9am  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am	Zumba 6:30 pm <i>(rental)?</i>  Bell Rehearsal 7pm	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 	A.A 7:30pm	Zumba 9:30am <i>(rental)</i>

## Worship Assistants

11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24	12/1
<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Tina Green	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Wendy Phares	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Marian Rowland	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Jean Samuelsen	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Lorry Prus
<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 Dixel 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> George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers or Sandy Thayer	<b>Counters</b> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	<b>Counters</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin	<b>Counters</b> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<b>Counters</b> Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer
<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Casagrande</i>	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Helper</i>	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Rowland</i>	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Bob Frick</i>	<b>Altar Flowers</b> <i>Please sign up</i>
<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Kern/Dziuba</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Stewardship, Council</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Rowland</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>Please sign up</i>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b> Cindy Ward & Bob Frick				
<b>Altar Guild</b> Melinda Kern & Cindy Ward				



Peggy Casagrande	11/2
Rudy Oblak	11/4
Katie Elliott	11/5
Nicholas Rozman	11/8
Sue Adams	11/11
Helen Koester	11/11
Jeff Parko	11/11
Emil Koester	11/18
Bob Frick	11/19
Julie Kuljurgis	11/20
Kathy Chiaravalli	11/24
Jenny Rand	11/26
Marg Pelton	11/27
Dan Bergman	11/28
Janet Dulmage	11/28
Marian Rowland	11/30



Terry & Marian Rowland (63rd Wedding Anniversary)	11/17
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**Worship**           **10:00 am**  
**Sunday School** **10:45 am**  
*(September – June)*



**Pastor**

Rev. William J. Matlack  
Mon. – Thurs. (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

**Administrative Assistant**

Cheryl Brouillette  
M – W – F (8:30 am – 1:30 pm)



**President**

Norm Werner



**Music Staff**

Bonnie Sweda, Musician  
Kelly Perrin, Choir  
Heinz Mattern, Handbells

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Our Mission:

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