



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

4800 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

A Caring Community of Faith
Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

The Spirit

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Pastor's Page

Two in person events! On September 12 & 20 we had two in person events at HSLC!



Ice Cream Social

September 12 was our Ice Cream Social/50th Anniversary Event. Over 40 people were there and it was a festive occasion even in the midst of CORONA! Everyone wore masks, but it was a wonderful event!

Thanks to Ruth Dziuba for all her planning, as Congregational Life provided the Ice Cream, Cupcakes and Drinks!

September 20 was our Outdoor Parking Lot Worship. We had a good turnout and some people even brought lawn chairs and sat outside. It was a bit chilly to start (55 degrees) but warmed up a bit by the end.

Thank you to our two wonderful musicians Bonnie Sweda & Kelly Perrin for leading the music.

Thank you to Carole Salowich for reading our Gospel and Narrating Drama and to Donna Opthoff for portraying the Female part of God in the Drama!

Thank you to Doug Opthoff for setting up barriers at the entrance as well as assisting with directing cars into our lot.

Thank you to Roy Salowich for directing cars into our lot and to Ruth Dziuba for handing out bulletins and communion (pre-filled communion cups with wafers we specially purchased).



Rehearsing for the Worship Service

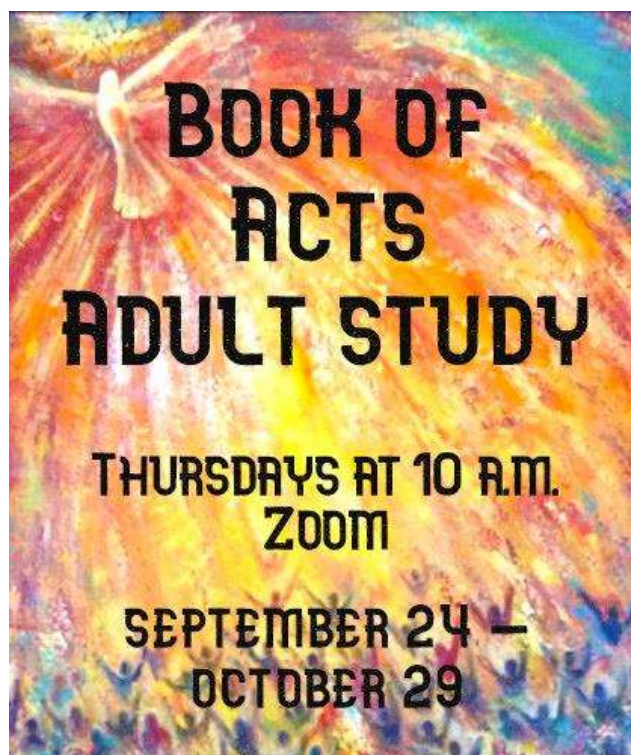
Finally, thank you to everyone for helping to take down everything and put it away especially the Kern Family!

In October we will have an indoor worship on Reformation Sunday, October 25. You will receive more information in the coming weeks. You must respond to the E-mail sent from the Church Office to attend.

Those that do not wish to come inside may remain in their cars in the parking lot and tune to FM 92.9.



We hope to see you on October 4, 11, 18 at HSLC's ZOOM Coffee and Conversation!



Led by Pastor Matlack, the Study is via Zoom.
Please contact Pastor for the link.

**ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS
TUESDAYS @ 9 a.m.**



The class is geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate.

Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses.

Face masks and social distancing required.

The fee per class is \$4.00.

Tina Green is the instructor.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAYS @ 10 a.m.**

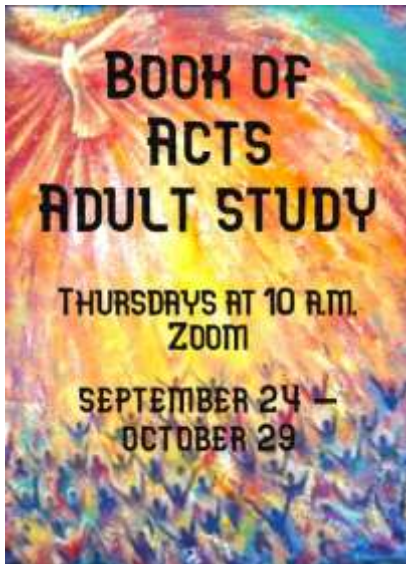


The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Tuesday in the Coffee Hour area.

Face masks and social distancing required.

Please join us and bring a project to work on or we can supply you with yarn to make a prayer shawl.

Please think about joining us!



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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
@ 7 p.m.**



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

Face masks and social distancing required.

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

OCTOBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom Narcotics Anonymous (Offsite) 7 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	ACTS Adult Study 10 a.m. Zoom Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 9:30 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom Narcotics Anonymous (Offsite) 7 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Men's Group 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	ACTS Adult Study 10 a.m. Zoom Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 9:30 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom Narcotics Anonymous (Offsite) 7 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study 10 a.m. Zoom Zumba (Outside) 6:30 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	Zumba (Outside) 9:30 a.m.
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Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

- Give thanks for the gifts, witness, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Pray that we will continue to grow as a church centered in the gospel and committed to the inclusion of all people. Pray that we will recognize and challenge the dynamics of bias, fear, power and privilege that discourage participation and equity in this church and in society.
- Ezekiel confronted the Israelites for their resistance to change and to God's ways of fairness. He rejected their arguments that change was too difficult, that they were acting only as they were raised and that he needed to live in the real world. Pray that we will repent, embrace God's peace and justice, and heed God's command, through Ezekiel, to "get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!"
- Ask forgiveness for our involvement — consciously or unconsciously — in perpetuating the racism, laws and structures that benefit the majority through inequality and oppression. Pray for the Spirit to stir our humility, wisdom and persistence as we reflect on our lives and society and strive for racial justice, reform, reconciliation and unity as children of God.
- Pray that we will actively engage with our communities and neighbors, developing the resilience and hope needed to absorb, endure and recover from the spiritual, medical, social and economic impacts of natural and human-caused disasters.
- Remember in prayer those who have lost jobs or are furloughed from work, that they will have the resources and support to meet their daily needs as they seek employment. Pray that our congregations will be welcoming, supportive and ready to help, concerned for their dignity and their spiritual, physical and emotional needs.
- Pray that we, too, will hear Paul's assurance to the Philippians in difficult times, that "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Ask that the Spirit fill our lives with peace, love and mercy that will shine brightly in the world.
- Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of what being a Lutheran Christian means, through prayer, Scripture, reflecting on our creeds and teachings, being renewed and united through the sacraments, and opening ourselves to God's voice and guidance in an ever-changing society and world.
- "God is our refuge and strength." Give thanks and praise to God and reflect on how God sustains you, gives you courage, influences your decisions and actions, and equips you for living as a follower of Christ in the world.
- Pray for the Spirit to guide and inspire our discernment and decisions in the upcoming presidential election, and to help us prioritize the needs of our neighbors, the well-being of communities in turmoil and the task of healing the deep divisions in our society.
- *Reformation Day* Give thanks and praise to God for the ministry, teachings and impact of Martin Luther and other church reformers, who took great risks to refocus our faith, institutions and practices on the word of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will continue to be a reforming church, mindful of the Spirit's guidance as we discern how to follow Christ — now and in the future.

OCTOBER Birthdays

Bill Thayer	October 1
Sam Bergman	October 2
Hal Adams	October 3
Al Grabenstein	October 20
Carol Barratt	October 22
Karen Figi	October 27
Andy Meyer	October 28
Bonnie Sweda	October 29
Logan Vassallo	October 30

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Lilly & Michael Moore	October 1
Heinz & Petra Mattern	October 19



Submit your information to the church office:

Weekly announcements by 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Newsletter information by October 15 (for the November issue).

Please Contact the Church Office

When your phone number, address or email has changed so we can update the church records.

When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so Pastor may visit if you'd like.

When a significant event is happening in your life or in the life of someone you love.

When planning your wedding and especially before setting the wedding date.

Before making funeral arrangements.

When a new baby arrives in your family.

When you have questions about your faith.

When you need information about some process or happening in church life.

When a new family moves into your neighborhood.

You feel the church can assist you in any way.

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**Annual Blanket Drive
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Warren, MI**

For the 7th straight year St. Peter's is collecting new blankets for patients of Children's Hospital. Each child will receive their own blanket to keep and take home. Last year they collected over 700 blankets and hope to break that record this year. They are asking for help.

Blankets must be new, washable and any size.
They may purchased, knitted, crocheted,
or hand tied.

The blankets will be delivered by
October 31st to St. Peter's.

Blankets may be dropped off at Holy Spirit during church office hours M-W-F from 7:30 a.m. - to 12:30 p.m. Please call first to make sure someone is available.

Worship with us wherever you are!



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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.