



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
4800 Orchard Lake Road  
West Bloomfield MI 48323  
A Caring Community of Faith  
Celebrating 50+ Years of Ministry

*The Spirit*

OCTOBER 2021

## Pastor's Article



### 2022 STEWARDSHIP THEME

In October, we will emphasize Stewardship! This is earlier than previous years, but I think it makes more sense for Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.

Three Sundays will emphasize our theme:

October 10: MONEY (MARK 10:17-31)

October 17: GENEROSITY (Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

October 24: PROVISION (1 KINGS 17: 8-16)

A letter will be mailed on October 11 which will include ways to give and a commitment card. On Sunday, October 31, Reformation Day, we will join together for a Bavarian Feast to celebrate 50+ years of ministry and the conclusion of our Stewardship Month.

Here are some thoughts on Stewardship:

**Steward: A person who manages another's property; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others.**

**Stewardship: A church word that means they want more money!**

The first is a dictionary definition of the word Steward. The second is many people's interpretation of Stewardship in the Church.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 is so appropriate concerning Stewardship: "The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

These are perfect words for those of us who live in such a prosperous country as the United States. We may not think we are not wealthy, but the fact is that we have more than 90% of people in this world. We should therefore, willingly, be cheerful givers.

Stewardship can be a dirty word to some, but it need not be. If we believe that God has provided for all our needs, if we believe that all we have is only on loan to us from God, then we should be cheerful givers.

In reality, we own nothing! God owns it all. We are only using what we have been given.

To be good stewards, or managers, we should be certain we're using God's gifts wisely.

We hear much about our environment, and yet we continue to abuse our planet. We hear over and over that God provides and yet we abuse what we have been given.

As good managers of the resources we have been given may we learn to take care of everything God has provided and return a fair portion to God.

What is that fair portion? That's between a "Good Manager" and God!

# Congregational Life

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays @ 10 am



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!

## Adult Basic Yoga Flow

Tuesdays @ 9 am



Simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. Bring a yoga mat for floor poses. \$4.00 per class. Tina Green is the fitness instructor.

## Men's Group Meets

Tuesday, October 5 @ 6:30 pm  
at Dave & Amy's, Walled Lake



Check your email for more information. Please consider joining us for great food, fun, & fellowship!

## The Wired Word Adult Study

Thursdays @ 10 am



### "The Wired Word" Adult Study

meets In-Person Thursdays @ 10 am. The study is always to discuss and respond to an important matter of faith raised by the news during the past week or so.

The topic and accompanying lesson are emailed ahead of time to all those who wish to participate. If you'd like to find out more or want to see a lesson, please contact the church office at: [office@spiritdrivenchurch.com](mailto:office@spiritdrivenchurch.com).

## Dinner With Friends

Friday, October 8 @ 6:30 pm



CJ's Brewing Company  
8115 Richardson Rd,  
Commerce Twp, MI 48390

Signup at church.

## WELCA

Thursday, October 21 @ 6pm



Meets the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with meetings following if they are needed. Open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us! Signup at church.

## Book Club Meets

Thursday, October 28 @ 7 pm



We'll be discussing,  
"Red at the Bone"  
by Jacqueline Woodson.

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Fri
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am	Zumba 6:30 pm	No Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	No Adult Study  Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
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Bavarian Brunch October 31						

## *Worship Assistants*

<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>
<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Cindy Ward	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> TBD	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> TBD	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> TBD	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> TBD
<u>Ushers</u> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<u>Ushers</u> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	<u>Ushers</u> Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	<u>Ushers</u> Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	<u>Ushers</u> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick
<u>Counters</u> TBD	<u>Counters</u> Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	<u>Counters</u> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	<u>Counters</u> Mary Martin Janet Martin	<u>Counters</u> TBD

## *Celebrating in October*

### Happy Birthday!

Bill Thayer	October 1
Sam Bergman	October 2
Hal Adams	October 3
Kathy Phillips	October 6
Lauren Clark	October 14
Al Grabenstein	October 20
Carol Barratt	October 22
Karen Figi	October 27
Andy Meyer	October 28
Bonnie Sweda	October 29
Logan Vassallo	October 30

### Happy Anniversary!

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

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If you or your family member is missing from our anniversary or birthday list  
or the date is incorrect, please contact the office at (248) 682-5441.



**Coffee Hours are enjoyed by all after worship as a way to continue our fellowship** so please consider signing up to host one! It doesn't have to be fancy. Napkins, plates and coffee are provided by Congregational Life. Signup at church.

**Available Coffee Hour dates are:**

October 3, 10, 24 & 31  
 November 14, 21 & 28  
 December 5, 12, 19 & 26



**Sunday School Teachers Needed!** We are looking for teachers for the current year. We may do some Virtual lessons initially!

Please talk to Melinda Kern or Stan Samuelsen if you are interested!



**Bring Altar Flowers From Home** - You may honor or remember a special event or loved one by providing flowers for Sunday worship (**you bring them from home**). Signup at church.

**Available Altar Flower dates are:**

October 3, 24 & 31  
 November 7, 14, 21 & 28  
 December 5, 12, 19 & 26



**COUNCIL 2022: The Holy Spirit Church Council is in need of your help!**

Three (3) of our Council members will be completing their terms in January 2022. We also are looking for two (2) additional members to serve!

If you would be willing to be a part of Council, please speak to Pastor Matlack or Norm Werner. Terms are 3 years.



**Sponsor Altar Candles** - You may honor or remember a special event or loved one by sponsoring the altar candles for a month (Up to 2 sponsors per month. \$10 per month). Signup at church.

**Available dates are:**

(1 sponsors) October  
 (2 sponsors) November  
 (1 sponsor) December



**Give a child something to snuggle with!**

**Donations are being accepted (through October 24)** for St. Peter's Annual Baby-Child Blanket Drive for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Blankets can be: any size, any color, any fabric or yarn, knit, crocheted, sewn, quilted, hand tied, NEW and MUST BE WASHABLE.

## Welcome

We warmly invite you to join us for worship, study, and activities.

## Schedule

10 am Sunday Worship

## Connect

Website: [www.spiritdrivenchurch.com](http://www.spiritdrivenchurch.com)

Facebook: [fb.com/spiritdrivenchurch](https://fb.com/spiritdrivenchurch)

YouTube: [tinyurl.com/spiritdrivenchurch](https://tinyurl.com/spiritdrivenchurch)

Instagram: [instagram.com/spiritdrivenchurch](https://instagram.com/spiritdrivenchurch)

## Contact

Phone: 248-682-5441

E-mail: [office@spiritdrivenchurch.com](mailto:office@spiritdrivenchurch.com)

## Location

NW corner of Orchard Lake and Green Road  
(across from West Bloomfield HS)

## Bavarian Brunch Sunday, October 31 following our Reformation Day German service



Join us for a Bavarian Brunch with authentic German fare prepared by church members and friends following our 10 am worship service on Sunday, October 31. Contact the church office if you're interested in purchasing tickets.

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Mission Statement: We are: CALLED by Christ in our Baptism and GATHERED by the Holy Spirit into this community of faith to celebrate God's grace in our midst so we can be SENT to share God's blessings in our community and beyond.