

THE SPIRIT
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church West Bloomfield, Michigan

55
Years
Being



“And now faith, hope, and love
abide, these three; and the
greatest of these is love!”

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

The above banner is from our Stewardship Emphasis for this year. You should be receiving a letter, along with information about giving in other ways, along with a Commitment Card.

In the letter I talk about the fact that I have been at Holy Spirit Lutheran for 17 years! I also talk about how much we have accomplished in regards to the building in those years.

2025 is the 55th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. It is also the 40th Anniversary of the Sanctuary, Narthex and Coffee Hour area.

My hope is that we will take time to contemplate not only our Financial giving, but what we can do to grow this congregation.

On Sunday, October 6 and 13, I will be preaching on Stewardship. I encourage you to look ahead at the Scriptures for those days.

October 6:

Psalm 8
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 4:12-23

October 13:

Acts 2: 42-47
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Commitment Sunday will be on October 13, followed by a Coffee Hour.

I encourage you to be a part of this very important part of Holy Spirit Lutheran!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10 a.m. on Tuesdays



Knit, crochet or handwork

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.

Men's Group Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8

Food & Fellowship at

Crispell's
BAKERY PIZZERIA

6690 Orchard Lake Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

All men of Holy Spirit are
invited to attend.

Dinner with Friends
6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 11

*A fun evening of dining out
with others from our
congregation*



2262 S Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

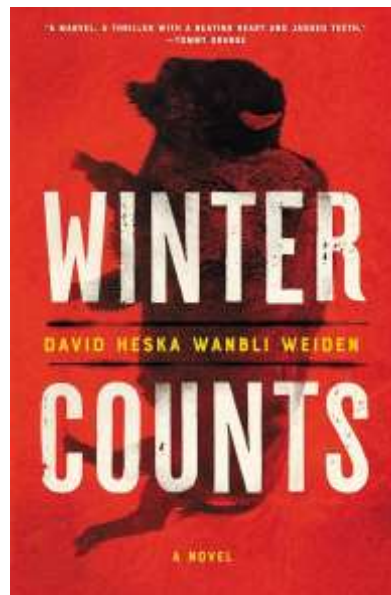


WELCA Cooking Class w/ Petra
Mattern

Friday, October 18
at 6 p.m.

All women of Holy Spirit are
invited to attend.

Book Club at 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 24



Speak with Janet Martin if you
would like the book.

Bavarian Buffet
following our
Reformation Sunday
worship service, October 27



Come and enjoy the
fellowship and a delicious
German themed meal!

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN EVENT



The Evangelism Committee of Holy Spirit is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26 in our parking lot from 2-3 p.m.

It's our hope that children will visit us with their parents!

We'll also need parishioners to decorate their vehicles to support this Halloween event!

Many local stores (Target, Walmart, Menards) have ready-made Trunk or Treat decorations if you don't want to make your own.

You'll also need to purchase candy to hand out. I would think that about 100 pieces of candy, etc. would be sufficient. (Costco sells large bags of bite size candy which should be enough). If we run out of candy, we might have to close the event early.

There will be a designated area in our parking lot where you'll park your vehicle and hand out candy.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you're willing to assist in this effort!

Thank you very much!
Bob Frick

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				
	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
LECTOR	Tina Green	Tom Sweda	Dennis Kunkel	Cindy Ward
USHERS	Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich	Janet Martin Hilda Sawicki
COUNTERS	Janet Martin	TBD	TBD	Andy Meyer Stan Samuelsen
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Bergman & Laura Bergman			
COFFEE HOURS		Stewardship	Fireside Chat: Aging	Bavarian Brunch
FLOWERS	Sign-up to bring flowers to grace the Sanctuary			

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.		Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Finance Committee 11:15 a.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	WELCA Cooking Class 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal 5 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m. Wedding 1-5 p.m.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Fireside Chat 11:15 a.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Book Club 7 p.m. Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m. Trunk Or Treat 2p.m. – 3 p.m.	
27	28	29	30	31			
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bavarian Buffet 11:15 a.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.			

CELEBRATING YOU IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

Bill Thayer	10/1
Alaina Carson	10/4
Karen Figi	10/27
Andy Meyer	10/28
Annika Mattern	10/29
Bonnie Sweda	10/29
Logan Vassallo	10/30

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Heinz & Petra Mattern 10/19

*If you or your family member is missing
from our lists or the date shown is incorrect,
please contact the church office.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE



“AGING”

with Andrew Helfer & Leo Szalma

Sunday, October 20 at 11:15 a.m.

Join us for cookies, coffee and conversation
in the Coffee Hour area!

HOLY SPIRIT: A PRAYING COMMUNITY

As you pray throughout your days please include...

“Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and moisture, too. Sprouting blossoms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the season’s signs that you make all things new” (*With One Voice* 727). Greet this new day with gratitude to God for the blessings of autumn — fall harvests, the beauty of changing seasons and other signs of God’s ceaseless creativity.

We are nourished and sustained by countless resources in creation — all gifts from God, entrusted to our care. Give thanks for the gift of water, without which life cannot exist or flourish. Pray that we will exercise discipline, responsibility and generosity in how we use water, and that we will work to assure the availability of clean water for all people, everywhere.

Pray for the children of your congregation and give thanks that God has entrusted to us the opportunity and responsibility to nurture their faith and gifts and to surround them with care and grace.

Ask the Spirit for guidance, wisdom and creativity as we work to grow the church, not for the sake of numbers but to spread the message of God’s love and mercy for humanity and to draw upon the gifts of the many to love and serve our neighbors, here and around the world.

Pray for national leaders, diplomats, mediators and organizations working to achieve ceasefires, peace and recovery in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan and other regions. Ask God to make us diligent bearers of hope, peace and justice in the world.

“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise to God, who showers love and attention on us no matter how complicated our lives are or how insignificant we feel.

Pray that we might discern and avoid the false teaching of Christian nationalism, which divides us and uses Christ’s name to place us above others, claiming privilege and God’s favor. Ask the Spirit to stir in us a desire and commitment to love, uplift and serve our neighbors — without bias.

Ask God to help us keep our priorities straight, that we might share the good news of Jesus Christ and trust in the promise of eternal life.

The message of the Old Testament prophet Micah is crucial for our world today: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). Pray that we will humble ourselves and serve our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger and exclusion.

Pray for an end to gun-related deaths and injuries and to the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish they spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to help us honor the gift of life and the well-being of all people through bold advocacy to reduce gun violence.

Reflect on the people around you who might hunger for a friendly word or some indication that they are loved and not forgotten. Include them in your prayers and reach out to them.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

“2024”



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For some - when no bed is available
our blankets become a lifeline

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Join our growing community as we continue
to provide kindness, compassion and a,
whole lot-a-warmth!

Deadline: Sunday, October 20

- Most Sizes (chart below)
- Any Color, Any Design, Fabric or Yarn
- Handmade or Brand New
- Scarves, shawls, mittens, too
- Washable and Warm

*Sometimes the tiniest of things
take up the biggest part of our hearts*

<u>Blanket Type:</u>	<u>Size:</u>	<u>Blanket Type:</u>	<u>Size:</u>
Afghans	50x65	Throws	50x60
Baby	14x16	Twin	65x90
Crib, Toddler	45x60	Double, Queen	90x100

*No King Size
please*

Thank you for your support!



YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!
Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP SERVICE
10 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 a.m. Sunday (during the school year)

CONTACT US
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PASTOR
Rev. William J. Matlack

MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism
GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to celebrate
God's grace in our midst SENT to share God's
blessings in our community and beyond.

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