

Pastor's Page

September brings to mind many things: School starting back up, Sunday School, College and High School Sports, moving from Summer to Fall...

Of course this Fall will be much different! Schools....Sports....

September also reminds me of some important dates. My Dad's birthday was September 10th. If he were alive, he would be 106! My Mom's Eldest Sister's birthday was September 12th, if she were living, she'd be 114!

Pastor Freed also has a September birthday: The 6th! I won't mention his age, but you can ask him.

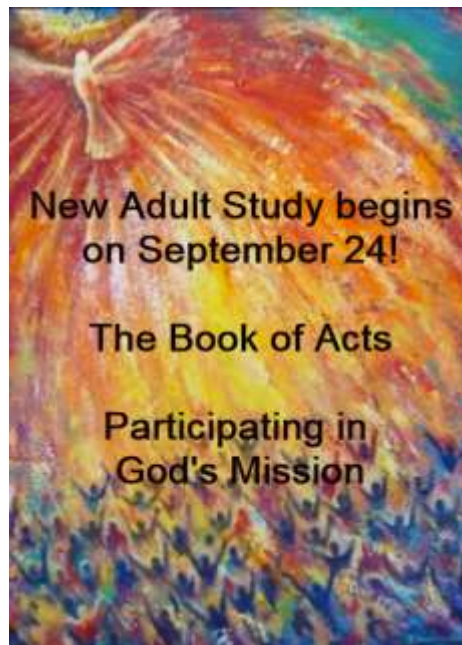
On September 16th it will be 13 years since I began Ministry at Holy Spirit Lutheran and finally, my daughter, Jessica, was baptized on September 20, 1987!

Therefore, September is a very important month for me!

It is also important for the people of Holy Spirit. In September there are opportunities for Fellowship & Worship. Saturday, September 12 & Sunday, September 20 (*please see the information following this article*).

As we begin another Fall at Holy Spirit Lutheran, know that no matter how different things have been and will be for the time being God is with us, loves us and is in Control!

In fact, in Matthew 28, Jesus promises: "Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age!"



Ice Cream Social/Anniversary Celebration on September 12 at 4:00 PM.

Please join us at the front entrance of the church building on Saturday, September 12 at 4:00 pm
(Rain date: September 13) for an Ice Cream Social w/Cake
& 50th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Holy Spirit!

**You should bring your own lawn chair.
You must wear a Face Mask (unless you're eating).
We'll be doing social distancing.**



**Please join us for an outdoor worship service on
Sunday, September 20 @ 10 AM.**

Our Church Council has decided to hold an
Outdoor Worship Service
on Sunday, September 20 @ 10 AM.

The Service will be led by Pastor.
Bonnie & Kelly will lead the music.

**We are asking everyone to bring a lawn chair.
You must wear a Face Mask.
We will be doing social distancing.**

Communion will be provided for those
who desire to partake.



| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | Ecclesiastes Adult Study Zoom @ 10am | Online A.A. | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| No Coffee & Conversation this week Online N.A. |  Church Office Closed | | | | Online A.A. | Ice Cream Social & Anniversary Celebration 4pm Outdoors |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Coffee & Conversation 11am Zoom Online N.A. | Finance Meeting Zoom 7pm | Council Meeting Zoom 7pm | | WELCA | Online A.A. | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Outdoor Worship Service 10am No Coffee & Conversation this week | | | | Acts Adult Study Zoom @ 10am | Online A.A. | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Coffee & Conversation 10 am Online N.A. | | | | | | |

Holy Spirit: A Praying Community

- Give thanks and take comfort in knowing that God is trustworthy and unwavering in remembering and accompanying us every moment of our lives — in our joy, suffering and complicated situations.
- September often marks a time of beginning, with students starting school, congregations launching programs and creation transitioning into a new season. But due to the pandemic, this year is different, presenting challenges we have not faced before. Pray that the Spirit will grant us wisdom, creativity and patience as we seek new ways of being church together, attend to the needs of children and youth, care for one another and fight the spread of COVID-19.
- There is no better time than right now for us to hold on to what is good, treat one another with respect, extend hospitality to strangers and those different from ourselves, seek peace, and care for our neighbors, including our enemies. Pray for strength, empathy, compassion and boldness in our faith and daily life as we follow Jesus.
- As children of God, give thanks and bless the Lord for being “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”
- When forgiving someone is difficult, pray for the patience and mercy toward others that Jesus describes to Peter — the same inexhaustible patience and mercy God has demonstrated toward us.
- Reflect on members of your congregation and community and pray for specific people who are grieving, celebrating or trying to sort out their lives right now, or who simply could use our thanks and gratitude.
- Pray that our acts of generosity will be driven by our faith, without partiality, restraint, the promise of reward or recognition, or the expectation of earning God’s favor.
- Pray that reflecting on the ways and word of God will help us understand how God’s amazing grace and forgiveness are directed toward all humanity, including people we judge to be undeserving or beyond saving. Remember the undeserved gifts of love, forgiveness, new life and salvation we have received through Jesus Christ, and give thanks and praise to God.
- “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.” Give thanks to God and tell everyone about God’s grace, mercy and wonderful works for the sake of the world — works we are called to join in together as children of God.
- Pray for the Spirit to help us recognize, trust and appreciate God’s authority and power over all creation, the universe and our everyday lives.
- *Michael and All Angels* There is so much we do not fully comprehend about heaven, earth and the means — including angels and divine beings — by which God has interacted with us throughout human history. Pray that our faith and the inspiration of the Spirit will open our minds, hearts and imaginations to the infinite, mysterious and awesome ways that God is present and at work in the world.
- Pray for individuals and families trying to immigrate to our nation or seeking asylum and safety as they face changing laws, complicated procedures and unwelcoming situations and people. Pray that the love of God dwelling within us will move us to step forward and practice hospitality, compassion, understanding and empathy as bold advocates who accompany immigrants and refugees during their difficult and confusing experiences.

September Birthdays

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| Chris Kuljurgis | September 1 |
| Petra Mattern | September 4 |
| Jeanette Uhley | September 4 |
| John Freed | September 6 |
| Dennis Dronsella | September 10 |
| Sandy Szalma | September 10 |
| Ilse Yohn | September 13 |
| Lucas Buckler | September 14 |
| Leo Szalma | September 14 |
| Michael Delizia | September 16 |
| Jean Frayer | September 18 |
| Tammi Engleman | September 21 |
| Henrik Wolenberg | September 23 |
| Kim Filipp | September 25 |
| Ellen Allen | September 27 |
| Michelle Prus | September 28 |
| Mark Filipp | September 29 |
| Ginnie Uhley | September 29 |
| Anson Wolenberg | September 30 |

September Anniversaries

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| Bonnie & Tom Sweda | September 1 |
| Don & Jean Frayer | September 5 |
| Bill & Sandy Thayer | September 6 |
| John & Tina Green | September 12 |
| Brian & Tammi Engleman | September 14 |
| Tom & Nikki Clark | September 16 |
| Dr. Leo & Sandy Szalma | September 16 |
| Emil & Helen Koester | September 28 |



We hope to see you at HSLC's ZOOM Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, September 13 & September 27!

We will not meet for Coffee & Conversation on September 6 (Labor Day Weekend), and September 20 (Outdoor Worship Service).



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Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

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Worship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

(September – June)



Pastor

Rev. William J. Matlack

Administrative Assistant

Cheryl Brouillette



Congregational 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 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.



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