



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

*The Spirit*

September 2021

## Pastor's Article

NEW ADULT STUDY TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16! This new study will be using Online Material from a brand new Adult Curriculum entitled, "The Wired Word".

A sample of one of the studies:

**Recent Surveys Reveal Shifting Worldviews  
About God and Religion**

***The Wired Word* for the Week of June 6, 2021**

### **In the News**

The United States is undergoing a "seismic worldview shift driven by younger Americans," according to the American Worldview Inventory 2021 (AWVI 2021), conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

The annual survey assesses the worldviews of four generations: Millennials (born 1984-2002), Gen Xers (born 1965-1983), Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964), and Builders (born 1927-1945).

An earlier report from AWVI 2021 reported that all four generations (or 88% of all Americans, across the generations) are inclined to syncretism, selecting their individual beliefs and values from a philosophical buffet of possible choices to create often incoherent mash-ups upon which to build their lifestyles and behavior. But according to sociologist Dr. George Barna, Director of Research at the center, "the Millennial generation in particular, seems committed to living without God, without the Bible, and without Christian churches as foundations in either their personal life or within American society." Nearly half of millennials say they "Don't know, care or believe that God exists."

They are much less likely than previous generations to believe that:

- God is the all-knowing, all-powerful, just creator and sustainer of the universe.
- God is involved in people's lives.
- all people are designed to know, love and serve God with all their heart, mind, strength and soul.
- human beings were created in God's image but are fallen creatures in need of redemption by Jesus Christ.
- Satan is a real, influential being.

### **The Big Questions**

1. What happens to faith when we start with the assumption that:

- there are no answers?
- there are multiple answers, all equally valid?
- there are multiple answers, none valid or satisfying?
- there is only one answer that is valid and satisfying?
- there is only one answer that is valid, but it is unsatisfying?

Sound interesting? Then join us beginning Thursday September 16!



# Congregational Life

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets 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 Meets 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, September 7 @6:30 pm Dave & Amy's – Walled Lake



Check your email for more information.

Please consider joining us for great food, fun, & fellowship!

## Dinner With Friends Friday, September 10 @ 6:30 pm



Don Juan Mexican Restaurant  
6565 Cooley Lake Rd,  
Waterford Twp, MI 48327

Signup at church.

## WELCA Thursday, September 16 @ 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, September 23 @ 7 pm



We'll be discussing,

"I Know This Much Is True"  
by Wally Lamb

# September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	FRI
<b>AUG 29</b>	<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>AUG 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Worship 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am		Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Worship 10 am	<i>Labor Day</i>  Church Office Closed	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group 6:30 pm Zumba 6:30 pm		Zumba 6:30 pm	Dinner w/Friends 6:30 pm  AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am	Zumba 6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm		Adult Study 10 am  WELCA 6 pm Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am	Finance Zumba 6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm Council 7 pm		Adult Study 10 am  Zumba 6:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>OCT 1</b>	<b>OCT 2</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am Worship 10 am	Zumba 6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Zumba 6:30 pm		No Adult Study  Zumba 6:30 pm	AA 8 pm	Zumba 9:30 am

## *Worship Assistants*

<b>SEP 5</b>	<b>SEP 12</b>	<b>SEP 19</b>	<b>SEP 26</b>	<b>OCT 3</b>
<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Carole Salowich	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Doug Opthoff	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Stan Samuelsen	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Ruth Dziuba	<u>Lector &amp; Greeter</u> Norm Werner
<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> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<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

## *September Celebrations*

### Happy Birthday!

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
Jean Frayer	September 18
Henrik Wolenberg	September 23
Leo Szalma	September 24
Kim Filipp	September 25
Ellen Allen	September 27
Tom Clark	September 27
Michelle Prus	September 28
Mark Filipp	September 29
Ginnie Uhley	September 29
Anson Wolenberg	September 30

### Happy Anniversary!

Bonnie & Tom Sweda	September 1
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

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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.

### **Prayer Ventures – September 2021**

*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

Pray for the relief and resilience of people and communities impacted by wildfires, flooding, severe storms and extreme heat.

Pray for the people of Haiti, who endure poverty, political turmoil and the long, difficult recovery from their 2010 and 2021 earthquakes. Ask God to build up their faith, hope, courage and strength in the face of daunting difficulties, and resolve to support them with prayers, advocacy and generosity.

Ask the Spirit's help in responding to the diverse needs, circumstances and challenges of our neighbors, and in opening our hearts and minds to those who are forgotten, neglected, ignored or unfamiliar to us.

*Labor Day* On this day, we recognize, rejoice in and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath and experience fulfillment in their labor. Pray for the success of all those seeking employment and for the well-being of people unable to work.

Pray that God will equip and energize us as we invite new people to know Jesus, to participate in our communities of faith and to experience being a Lutheran Christian.

"I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long" (Psalm 146:2). Ask the Spirit to inspire us as we praise and thank God in everything we do or experience during our baptismal journey.

Pray that we will not act with prejudice, indifference or injustice, or shy away from the complexities of service and ministry, with our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger or homelessness. Ask God to help us concentrate on our neighbors in need, acting with boldness, generosity, humility and concern for the dignity of those we serve.

Pray for forgiveness when our words, writing and online posts cause hurt or offense or wound the spirits of others. Ask the Spirit to help us think through our intentions and what we want to say so that our words will reflect the love, forgiveness and encouragement that God has shown toward us.

Give thanks for Jesus' teaching and example, which inspire us to serve humbly, share the gospel and invite people to experience the blessings of community in our congregations and church.

*Matthew, apostle and evangelist* "Follow me" (Matthew 9:9). With this simple invitation Matthew left his work as a tax collector and followed Jesus, not knowing how his life or work would change. Pray that when we sense God's call, we will answer, trusting that God has something in mind for us — just as we are — and will employ our gifts, skills and passions while cultivating new gifts in us.

Pray that, when we encounter problems in life or when everything seems to be working against us, we will trust in God to uphold our lives and deliver us — sometimes in ways we neither seek nor expect.

Pray for the well-being of health care workers who continue to labor long and hard in responding to the pandemic, preventing the spread of COVID and its variants, and equitably treating the ill and infected.

Pray that we will build and nurture communities of faith that engage with us when we are suffering, sick, in need of forgiveness and mercy, or wrestling with our faith and God's truth.

### **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)



### **St. Peter's Annual Baby-Child Blanket Drive**

Donations are being accepted for St. Peter's Annual Baby-Child Blanket Drive. Blankets can be: any size, any color, any fabric or yarn, knit, crocheted, sewn, quilted, hand tied, NEW and MUST be washable. Last year St. Peter's reached beyond the stars with 1,210 blankets!

Let's turn our blankets into an armor of love, comfort and healing for the young patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Give a child something to snuggle with. So many, many stitches of prayers and love went into every purchase, every handmade blanket, every bootie and hat given.

Let's make 2021 the best year ever!

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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.