



The Spirit

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RUNNING THE RACE...

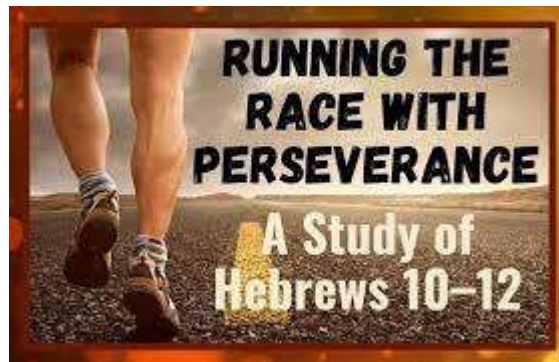
Have you ever felt as if life were a great race? Maybe you've felt like your life is like running on a treadmill, going nowhere!

You are not alone!

In the book of Hebrews, chapter 12, there are verses about Running the Race with perseverance:

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and **let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,** ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Verses from Hebrews 11-13 were the second readings in August.



We will begin a new adult study this month (TBA) on Hebrews 10-12. I realized that I have never taught an adult class on Hebrews.

The author of this study, Amy M. Donaldson, wrote the study for us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR.

In the introduction to the study, she says this: "Beginning in March of 2020, with the arrival of a global pandemic in our own country, we found ourselves heading down an uncomfortable road of closing our church building, staying at home, and sending the majority of our church experience to the internet and phone lines.

Early in this time, we were adjusting to the rapid changes and learning how to be a community in a new context. As the weeks dragged on, the newness faded and we were challenged to persevere through this long and undefined period of socially distancing, for the good and health of one another.

RUNNING THE RACE... (Continued)

If the pandemic weren't enough, this has plummeted our nation into a recession and economic uncertainty, along with heightened tensions and frayed nerves that were gasoline waiting to erupt into a conflagration when they were sparked by racial tensions...

In times like this especially, we need to look to God for answers, and we need to look to Scripture for perspective on what the world has endured in the past and the promises of God that have stood through flood and fire, war and famine, plague and pestilence.

One place to find such perspective is in the book of Hebrews, especially chapter 11, often called the "Hall of Faith." Here, the author lays out a long list of our forerunners in the faith who endured life challenges but stood fast in their faith and relationship with God, even though the promises they held on to ultimately stood a long way off. But they have run the race of faith ahead of us, and by looking to their examples, of both success and failure; we can learn what it means to endure through the long march of history.

More than any of them, though, stands the example of the one who came to blaze the trail, Jesus himself. Jesus is the promise that all the faithful figures of the past truly awaited, and Jesus has come as the example to show us that in the long race we're running, we can indeed reach the finish line, if we follow his lead."

HOLY SPIRIT IS PARTICIPATING IN ST. PETER'S 2022 ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Imagine the warmth and comfort your favorite blanket provides when you are cold or lonely.

The need has expanded to: Alzheimer Units, No One Dies Alone, Children Services, Veterans Hospital, Trinity Health, and Domestic Violence Shelters

- All Sizes (Adult & Small)
- Any colors
- Any Fabric or Yarn
- Handmade, Crocheted, Tied, Patchwork
- Brand New
- And Washable too!

"Sometimes the tiniest of things take up the biggest part of your heart"

Please, help us spread love and the warmth of your gift this year by donating a blanket or two by October.

Thank you for your support!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS TUESDAYS @ 9 AM



Simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. Geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses.

\$4.00 per class. Tina Green is the instructor.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TUESDAYS @ 10 AM



Please 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. Come and join us!

MEN'S GROUP DINNER TUESDAY, SEP 6 @ 6:30 PM



Signup posted! We're meeting at Commerce Public House Bar & Grill, 2215 Haggerty Rd. Commerce Township, MI 48390.

The men's group is open to all men of Holy Spirit!

DINNER WITH FRIENDS FRIDAY, SEP 9 @ 6:00 PM



We're dining at: Commerce Public House Bar & Grill, 2215 Haggerty Rd. Commerce Township, MI 48390. *Signup posted!*

We hope you'll join us! Speak with Ruth Dziuba if you have questions.

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER THURSDAY, SEP 15 @ 5 PM



Signup posted! We meet the third Thursday of the month for dinner, with a business meeting following if needed.

WELCA is open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please join us!

BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, SEP 22 @ 7 PM



This month's selection is "The Peacock Emporium" by Jojo Moses.

Speak with Mary Martin if you have questions or would like to join!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Choir Worship Service 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group 6:30 pm			Dinner w/Friends 6 pm AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Choir Worship Service 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells 7 pm	WELCA @ HSLC Dinner 5 pm	AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Choir Worship Service 10 am	Finance Meeting	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Council Meeting	Handbells 7 pm	Book Club 7 pm	AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Choir Worship Service 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells 7 pm			

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Chris Kuljurgis	September 1
Matthew Voorhees	September 3
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
Tammi Engleman	September 21
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

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Are you or your family members missing from our anniversary or birthday list, or is the date incorrect? If so, please contact the church office. Thank You!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS MONTH

September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeter & Reader Liesa Helfer	Greeter & Reader Jean Samuelsen	Greeter & Reader Heinz Mattern	Greeter & Reader Leo Szalma
Ushers Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Ushers Jarrod Dixel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
Counters TBD	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin	Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer
Altar Guild Judy & Laura Bergman			

VISITORS WELCOME

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am Sunday Service

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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.