

THE SPIRIT  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

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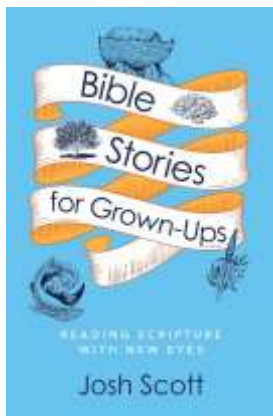
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I am excited about our new Adult Study which began August 28<sup>th</sup>. It's based on the book "Bible Stories for Grownups."



Introduction Preventing the Flood: The Story of Noah  
A New Vision of God: The Binding of Isaac  
It's Not About the Fish: The Story of Jonah  
Jesus in Unexpected Places: The Parable of the Talents  
When Repentance Isn't Enough: Looking for Zacchaeus  
Updating Our Lenses: Healing the Man Who Was Blind  
Postscript: Where Do We Go from Here?

From the Introduction to the book: "This is a book about Bible stories. I'm sure that was pretty clear from the cover. So, let me just begin by placing my cards on the table, so you know exactly what you're getting into in the pages that follow. Here goes: I love the Bible. Whew! Feels good to get that out in the open, right off the bat. I do, I love the Bible. It's a passion for me that stretches back to my earliest memories.

My love for the Bible began in a little, white, cinder-block church that was located up a holler in eastern Kentucky. Each Sunday the kids would go down the narrow staircase to the basement where our Sunday school classes would meet for the hour before church started. It was in those classrooms that I experienced the most cutting-edge Sunday school technology of the 1980s: flannel graph.

What I was unaware of at the time is that I wasn't just being taught stories. That's not really possible, is it? Throughout my life I have heard pastors say, and probably said myself, some form of: "I'm not telling you my opinion; I'm just telling you what the Bible says." Is that a familiar phrase for you? Here's the problem with it: It just isn't true. Even if we assume the very best about someone saying this, meaning it's not a manipulation or power grab, but comes from an honest place of believing that they are doing, in fact, what they claim, it's not possible. Because the moment we begin talking about what a passage of the Bible means, we are now firmly in the realm of interpretation.

**When we interpret the Bible, we are not coming from a place of objectivity. Instead, we are looking through the lenses we have inherited or developed."**

**Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. throughout September!**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS with Instructor Tina Green meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee per class is \$5.00.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Coffee Hour area. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. We hope you'll join us!

MEN'S GROUP DINNER is Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. at Crispelli's Pizzeria in West Bloomfield. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

DINNER WITH FRIENDS is Friday, September 13, 6 p.m. at Fork N' Pint Cass Lake. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you will join us!

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER is Thursday, September 19 at Holy Spirit with a meeting to follow if it is needed. Signup posted at church.

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Guncle" by Steven Rowley. Please speak with Janet Martin if you would like the book or have any questions.

## SERVING US SUNDAYS THIS MONTH

### SEPTEMBER 1

Reader: Jean Samuelsen

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Cindy Ward, Jen Rand

### SEPTEMBER 8

Reader: TBD

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel

Doug Opthoff

Tom Sweda

Counters: Andy Meyer

Stan Samuelsen

Altar Guild: Cindy Ward, Jen Rand

### SEPTEMBER 15

Reader: TBD

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen

Lukas Mattern

Roy Salowich

Counters: Janet Martin

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### SEPTEMBER 22

Reader: TBD

Ushers: Janet Martin

Hilda Sawicki

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Cindy Ward, Jen Rand

### SEPTEMBER 29

Reader: TBD

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

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## COMING UP @ HSLC IN SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Worship 10 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Adult Study 10 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study 10 a.m. Handbells 7 p.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Finance Committee 11:15 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Adult Study 10 a.m. Handbells 7 p.m.	WELCA Dinner 6 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1</b>	<b>OCTOBER 2</b>	<b>OCTOBER 3</b>	<b>OCTOBER 4</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5</b>
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## CELEBRATING YOU IN SEPTEMBER

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

Eddie Carson	9/1
Chris Kuljurgis	9/1
Petra Mattern	9/4
Jeanette Uhley	9/4
Dennis Dronsella	9/10
Sandy Szalma	9/10
Bob Carson	9/13
Lucas Buckler	9/14
Henrik Wolenberg	9/23
Leo Szalma	9/24
Kim Filipp	9/25
Michelle Prus	9/28
Mark Filipp	9/29
Anson Wolenberg	9/30

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Bonnie & Tom Sweda	9/1
Bill & Sandy Thayer	9/6
John & Tina Green	9/12
Dr. Leo & Sandy Szalma	9/16

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26!



More details to come!

# 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: October 20, 2024**

- 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*

**Blanket Type:**

Afghans  
Baby  
Crib, Toddler

**Size:**

50x65  
14x16  
45x60

**Blanket Type:**

Throws  
Twin  
Double, Queen

**Size:**

50x60  
65x90  
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

1-248-682-5441

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## HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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West Bloomfield, MI 48323

## 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.