



**Pastor's Article**  
Rev. William J. Matlack



April showers bring May flowers! I certainly hope so!

I hope you've noticed our Church sign this past month.  
Prior to Easter it said: Spring will come...Jesus will rise!

Since Easter it has said: Christ is Risen! ....Spring will come.

I was tempted to change it to Christ is Risen!...Spring may come!

It's been a long winter, hasn't it? Personally, I am ready for Spring.

Being in Texas for one week didn't help, because I knew I had to come back to less than Spring Temperatures. But to my surprise, it has begun warming up to near Spring like temperatures.

The fact is, for those who follow Jesus, He is Risen! If we begin to embrace that thought, we can also be more positive when it comes to the weather, and life in general!

**I am optimistic that Spring has arrived! I hope that you are as well. In the midst of bad weather, sickness and death, I am always** reminded "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." (2 Peter 3:8)

These words should inspire us that no matter the length of our lives, this is our temporary Existence and we have eternity with Christ.

So, when the weather or personal problems get us down, always remember the hope we have in Christ!

### Adult Study: “Jesus Before The Gospels” continues Wednesdays in May at 10 AM

The bestselling author of *Misquoting Jesus*, one of the most renowned and controversial Bible scholars in the world today examines oral tradition and its role in shaping the stories about Jesus we encounter in the New Testament—and ultimately in our understanding of Christianity.

Throughout much of human history, our most important stories were passed down orally—including the stories about Jesus before they became written down in the Gospels. In this fascinating and deeply researched work, leading Bible scholar Bart D. Ehrman investigates the role oral history has played in the New Testament—how the telling of these stories not only spread Jesus’ message but helped shape it.

A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman draws on a range of disciplines, including psychology and anthropology, to examine the role of memory in the creation of the Gospels. Explaining how oral tradition evolves based on the latest scientific research, he demonstrates how the act of telling and retelling impacts the story, the storyteller, and the listener—crucial insights that challenge our typical historical understanding of the silent period between when Jesus lived and died and when his stories began to be written down.



### Mary Freed Memorial Concert - Wednesday, June 13 @ 7:00 PM

The second in an on-going series of fine-music concerts, honoring the memory of Mary Freed will take place at Holy Spirit Church on June 13.

Performing and recording artists, the Gene-n-Tonics combine the elements of the Great American Songbook with jazz, rock and fusion to take you on a musical journey from the 1920's to today! The core band members include Nic Cocco, Guitar; Don Santilli, Sax; Bobby C, Bari Sax, Karen Tomalis; Drums, Roberto Warren on Percussion and Marilyn Maxwell (AKA: Shuga) on vocals produce an amazing array of sound and music that is tantalizing to audiences of all ages!

There is no charge for the concert. It is planned that there will be three or four memorial concerts each year. Reception following.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Every Tuesday at 10 AM**



to knit/crochet or do  
handwork together.

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.

**Adult Basic Yoga Class**



Yoga Flow consists of simple  
basic poses with on-hand  
modifications available. The  
class is geared toward  
developing a yoga practice  
that does not intimidate.  
Please bring a yoga mat for  
floor poses. The fee per class is  
\$4.00 and Tina Green is the  
instructor.

**Men's Group  
meets Tuesday,  
May 1 at 6:30 pm**

for food & fellowship at



The Lodge Grill & Bar  
2812 Orchard Lake Rd  
Keego Harbor

All men of Holy Spirit are  
invited to attend.

**Dinner with Friends  
Friday, May 11  
at 6:30 PM**



(formerly Yardbird)  
1978 Cass Lake Rd  
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Please see the  
bulletin board to sign up.



**WELCA  
Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 PM**

Hosted by Pam Figi

Please see the bulletin board  
to sign up.

**Book Club  
Thursday, May 24  
at 7:00 PM**

Five Presidents:  
My Extraordinary Journey with  
Eisenhower, Kennedy,  
Johnson, Nixon, and Ford



**AS YOU PRAY THROUGHOUT MAY PLEASE INCLUDE...**

**Pray for God's forgiveness and patience** – for ourselves, our church and society – in these times when, too often and easily, we allow differences of opinion and life experience, hostility and vengeance to create rifts in our relationships and communities, that the Spirit will help re-center our lives in Jesus' commandment to love each other as God has loved us.

**The call to believe and be baptized** is for all people, without exception or favoritism. We ask God to help us see the Spirit at work in the people around us and to be welcoming, encouraging, bold witnesses to the gospel.

**Pray for migrants** who often navigate confusing and complex situations, that they find hope, confidence and companionship for moving forward, resettling and discovering welcoming faith communities.

**Pray the Spirit is with us and in us** as we live our faith together and embrace our church's values of forgiveness and reconciliation; dignity, compassion and justice; inclusion and diversity; courage and openness to change; and faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts – values grounded in faith, our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor.

**We ask God to help us support and reassure students** who are experiencing anxiety, weariness or self-doubt while preparing for and taking exams and finals, that they will know they are not alone in life and that our true identity and value is wrapped up in God's unconditional love.

**Pray for young adults who are finishing their formal education** and discerning their vocation and future, that the Spirit will inspire them to use their faith, gifts and passions for the well-being and benefit of our neighbors, communities and world.

*The Holy Trinity* - We profess through our creeds and teachings our belief in the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; at the same time, we confess we have questions about the mystery of the Trinity. **Pray our wondering, curiosity and even uncertainty drive us to prayer, studying Scripture and conversation with one another** while still trusting that we are children of God – loved just as we are, questions and all.

*Memorial Day* - **Remember and give thanks for women and men who have served** in the military and sacrificed their lives for the sake of justice, peace, freedom and the well-being of our country, other nations and people who suffer oppression and injustice in the world.

**We are a church active with doing God's work in the world.** Pray that congregations, youth and adults involved in summer service-learning experiences, volunteerism and community projects are guided by God's vision of peace, justice and compassion in the world, a spirit of accompaniment and long-term partnership, mutual respect and hope.

**Birthdays**

Harison Kern	May 2
Jackie Parko	May 10
Ann Elliott	May 12
Nicole Yohn	May 12
Jeanne Freed	May 13
Leo Lawson	May 14
Brett Meyer	May 14
Carolyn Werner	May 14
John Green	May 16
Dan Bergman	May 17
Mary Martin	May 19
Judy Bergman	May 20
Stephanie Filipp	May 21
Glenn Allen	May 24
Pam Figi	May 27
George Kuljurgis	May 28
Terry Rowland	May 28
Jerry Iverson	May 29

**Anniversaries**

Ken & Peggy Casagrande	May 9
Glen & Ellen Allen	May 15
Dennis & Marge Dronsella	May 25
Greg & Kim Wolenberg	May 29

**THANK YOU TO OUR MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>5/6</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>5/27</b>
<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Barbara Kunkel	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Marian Rowland	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Lorry Prus	<b>Lector &amp; Greeter</b> Stan Samuelsen
<b>Ushers</b> Dan Bergman George Kuljurgis Andy Meyer Bob Frick	<b>Ushers</b> Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Bill Thayer Tom Sweda Bob Burns	<b>Ushers</b> Jarrod Dixel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern	<b>Ushers</b> Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers
<b>Counters</b> Dan Bergman Marian Rowland	<b>Counters</b> Ken Casagrande Stan Samuelsen	<b>Counters</b> George & Chris Kuljurgis Jeanne Myers <i>or</i> Sandy Thayer	<b>Counters</b> Nancy Green Barb Kunkel
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sandy Thayer & Cindy Ward			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM  NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Choir Rehearsal Worship Sunday School  NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	WB School Board Election Voting in Fellowship Hall  Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM  NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	Dinner with Friends 6:30 PM  AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Choir Rehearsal Worship Sunday School  NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM  Finance Meeting 7 PM	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM  Council Meeting 7 PM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM  NA Meeting 7 PM	WELCA 6:00 PM  Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Choir Rehearsal Worship Sunday School  NA Meeting 7 PM	Memorial Day	Yoga 9 AM Prayer Shawls 10 AM	Bells Rehearsal 7 PM  NA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 6:30 PM	AA Meeting 7 PM	Zumba 9:30 AM

### PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF ...

- ❖ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- ❖ Your home phone number, address or email has changed so that our records can be updated.
- ❖ You're planning to move, either out-of-town or locally.
- ❖ A new baby arrives in your family.
- ❖ A new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ❖ You feel that Holy Spirit Lutheran Church can assist you in any way.

### HOST A COFFEE HOUR AND CONTINUE THE FELLOWSHIP



Everyone seems to enjoy coffee hour after church as a way to continue our fellowship so consider signing up to host one! It doesn't have to be fancy. Napkins, plates and coffee are provided by Congregational Life.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

- ❖ Please submit weekly bulletin announcements and information to Cheryl by calling or emailing the church office.
- ❖ Deadline to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin is by 10 AM Wednesday.
- ❖ Spirit Newsletter information is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Norm Werner  
Council President  
Evangelism, Church and Society

Dr. Emmanuel Oshiyoye  
Council Vice President  
Health and Wellness

Liesa Helfer  
Council Secretary

Cindy Ward  
Worship and Music

Stan Samuelsen  
Christian Education

Cara Kunkel  
Finance & Stewardship

Lukas Mattern  
Property

**Visitors Welcome**

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

**Worship Schedule**

10:00 AM. Sunday Worship

**Christian Education**

10:45 AM Sunday School

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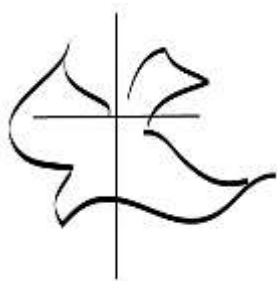
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