

SPIRIT MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2026

HOLY SPIRIT
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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

The Easter Celebration continues! The season of Easter begins on the day of Easter, this year April 5, and continues for 7 weeks. Throughout those 7 weeks we hear references to Christ's Resurrection.

The Sundays are as follows:

April 5: The Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday)

April 12: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19: The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26: The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 3: The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 10: The 6th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

May 17: Ascension Celebration (The Actual Date is Thursday, May 14)

May 24: Pentecost Sunday (The conclusion of the Easter Season)

May 31: Holy Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)

We conclude the Easter Season on Pentecost Sunday. Then, we begin the longest Season of our Church Year known as the Time after Pentecost or Ordinary Time.

While the first half of the church year, from Advent through Easter, focus on Jesus' life and ministry, the second half focuses on his follower's ministry.

You will notice beginning with the Sunday after Holy Trinity the color is Green. This represents growth.

Our job during this season is to share the Good News with our neighbors. On the last Sunday of April my sermon centered on the other sheep that Jesus spoke about in the Gospel of John. In John 10:16 Jesus says, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

My sermon title: "Who are the other sheep?"

That is the question we must continually ask and respond to every day!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Holy Spirit Family Game Night is Friday, May 1 from 6-8 p.m. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

Adult Basic Yoga Class offered Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Instructor Tina Green leads us in simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available and geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee is \$5.00 per class.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

Dinner with Friends is Friday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Harbor Steak House in Keego Harbor. Signup at church or email the office if you'd like your name added to the list.

Men's Group Dinner is Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at El Nibble Nook in West Bloomfield. All men of the church are invited! Signup at church or email the office if you'd like your name added to the list.

Holy Spirit Spring Clean Up is Saturday, May 16. Bring your gardening gear, roll up your sleeves, and help us spruce up the church grounds!

WELCA Potluck Dinner is Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. at church. All ladies of the church are invited! Sign up is on the bulletin board.

Geraniums for Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. You're invited to help fill our space with beauty as we celebrate that God sent the Holy Spirit to be among us. Please indicate that your payment is for Pentecost Flowers.

Book Club meets on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl.

SE MI Synod Assembly is May 29 & 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Ruth Dziuba, Jean Samuelsen & Pastor Matlack are attending.

CELEBRATING YOU IN MAY

BIRTHDAYS

2	Harison Kern
10	Jackie Parko
12	Ann Elliott
13	Jeanne Freed
14	Brett Meyer
14	Carolyn Werner
16	John Green
20	Judy Bergman
21	Stephanie Filipp
27	Pam Figi
28	George Kuljurgis
28	Marsha Welch
29	Jerry Iverson
30	William Culbertson

ANNIVERSARIES

9	Ken & Peggy Casagrande
12	Brian & Marsha Welch
25	Dennis & Marge Dronsella
26	Chuck & Melinda Kern

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, May 3

Reader/Greeter: Petra Mattern

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

Sunday, May 10

Reader/Greeter: Jean Samuelsen

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Ophoff

Counters: Janet Martin

Sunday, May 17

Reader/Greeter: Tina Green

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern,
Roy Salowich

Counters: Andy Meyer

Sunday, May 24

Reader/Greeter: Rob Carson

Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern

Counters: TBD

Sunday, May 31

Reader/Greeter: Dennis Kunkel

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Cindy Ward & Jen Rand

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Holy Spirit Game Night 6-8 p.m. <i>AA Meeting</i> <i>8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	<i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	Dinner With Friends 6 p.m. <i>AA Meeting</i> <i>8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24 & 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

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JOIN US FOR
G A M E
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FRIDAY, MAY 1

6 PM - 8 PM

**Bring your favorite games
and a snack to share!**

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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.