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THE NEWSLETTER OF HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

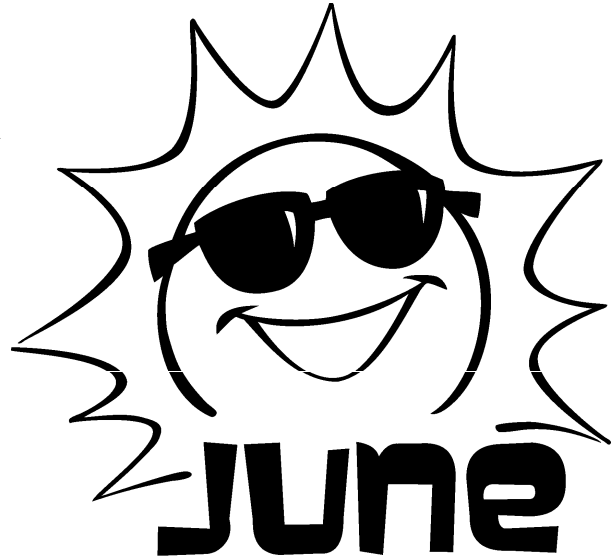
“Celebrating and Living God’s Message”

June 2008

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From the Pastor

The summer is here! With the coming of June, we see the slowing down of our work schedules and the beginning of longer days. In the church year, summer is what is called “Ordinary Time”. The “ordinary days” are a time when we consider what faithful life and work are all about for the Christian. When we are celebrating major festivals, our faith is right in the forefront of our minds. During the summer months, it is harder to stay “On Fire” for our faith.



This summer, we are going to study some of the “everyday people” of the Bible - people who had real lives, real troubles, and real faith. These ancestors of the faith like Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Rebekah, and others are people that for millennia have been revered for their faith in God. However, they were also all-too human at times, striving to follow God faithfully, but often failing.

We are a lot like these individuals. Even the best of us will at times be tested beyond our abilities. Even the most faith-filled individual will encounter times and circumstances when they doubt God. Every one of us need the grace that only Jesus can offer to us.

During these summer weeks of “ordinary time”, it is my prayer that God would inspire our faith, lead us to trust God more fully, and show us how to live out our faith in every facet of our lives. Have a blessed summer!

Planning a Baptism?

Baptism Workshop- June 11, 6:30pm

Those desiring to have a baptism at Holy Spirit need to attend a short, one-hour, workshop to prepare themselves, and/or their children, for this sacrament. The next baptism workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm. Child care is available, but we request that you RSVP if it is needed. Baptisms are usually scheduled for the first Sunday of each month.

Sponsor a Student for Camp

This summer we have 4 high school youth attending a leadership training school at Michi-Lu-Ca Lutheran Camp. It is the commitment of the congregation's leadership that our young leaders should be supported by the congregation. To this end, a camp scholarship fund has been created, so every student will have the chance to attend a Lutheran camp. Please consider sponsoring a youth for camp this summer. If interested, contact Pastor Will at pastor-will@holyspiritlc.net or sign up on the Top opportunities sheet on Sunday morning.

Spring Free Food Distribution Saturday, June 21, 9:00 am — 12:30pm

Join members in providing canned and boxed food to those in need in throughout Genesee County. All ages can help.

Young at Heart Take Time to Smell the Roses

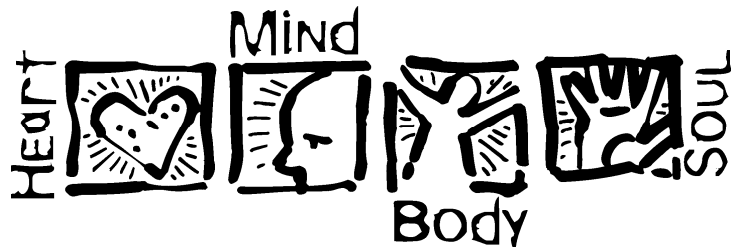
On June 11 at 10:00 am, YAH will meet at the church and then go together for a tour of Applewood Gardens at Mott College. After enjoying the grounds, the group will go out to lunch. Please look for the sign up sheet on the kiosk.

Thrivent Builds – Habitat Houses to Start in June

Attention all members, please sign up for the days that you are planning to help with the Habitat House on our week. Build Days are July 29 and 31 and Aug 2 from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Assistance is also needed that week with the preparation of meals. Sign up on the meal sheet, if you would like to help with that ministry.

Thrivent Builds/Habitat Scrapbooking Project

Attention scrapbookers! Put your scrapbooking hobby to God's use by helping to make scrapbook pages of the Thrivent Builds houses as a gift for the new home owners. Bring your favorite supplies and join others in making a scrapbook that is sure to be treasured for years. Meet at the church this month on either June 21 at 10:00am or on June 24 at 6:30pm. Sign up on Top Opportunities or on the Kiosk.



Connections: New Member Orientation Begins Sunday June 8 at 6:30pm

Are you interested in Exploring Membership at Holy Spirit? This workshop is an invitation for participants to join the members of Holy Spirit on a journey of faith. This interactive session will help participants to explore the mission, vision, and beliefs of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, discuss what church membership looks like, and discover ways to fit themselves and their families into our ministry. The workshop will run for 3 weeks, with new members being received into the congregation on June 29.

HSLC

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - June 2008

June 7 & 8: Relay for Life (GBHS grounds)

Help our team pack the track! HSLC's Kids of the Kingdom has a successful history of raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Walkers needed 10am Saturday until 10am Sunday. Sign up to walk an hour or two on the sheets in the narthex and take time to hang out at the team campsite.

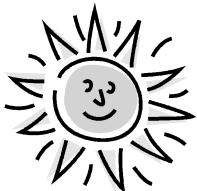


June 21: Food Distribution

Plan to volunteer! Check upcoming bulletins for more info.



June 22: Lake Chemung Resort (Confirmation/Senior High)



Attend early service and leave for Howell immediately afterward. \$5/person or \$10/ family pays for lunch. Bring suits and towels to swim in pool or lake, enjoy putt-putt, basketball, tennis, shuffle board and bocce ball. Thank you Willoughby's for arranging this outing. A sign-up sheet will be posted on our bulletin board and maps to the resort will be provided.

* June 25: Electricity Free Night – 8pm to 8am

Experience the hardships of life without electricity! Our twelve hours will be spent in fellowship, bible study and devotional time. Six chaperones are needed to fill four-hour shifts. We welcome the participation of non-parents as well, please let us know if you're interested in getting to know Holy Spirit's teens! That evening, Pastor will also be kicking off a new book study – *Life Keys for Teens: Find Your Fit*. For more information, visit their website. <http://www.lifekeys.com/work4.htm>



*In the event that mid-week chaperones aren't available, this may be moved to Friday, June 27th.

Just around the corner ...

June 29 & July 6: Sell car wash tickets

July 12: Party at Houle's Pool

July 13: Car Wash

**Softball League 2008
Saints and Sinners**



Team #1	Goodrich United Methodist Church
Team #2	Lakeview Community Church
Team #3	Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Team #4	Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Team #5	St. Anne Catholic Church
Team #6	Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene

Date	Monday Victory Field	Monday Goodrich Field	Tuesday Goodrich Field
June 2/3	5 vs 6	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
June 9/10	2 vs 3	4 vs 6	5 vs 1
June 16/17	1 vs 4	2 vs 5	6 vs 3
June 23/24	6 vs 2	3 vs 1	4 vs 5
June 31/1	3 vs 5	1 vs 6	2 vs 4
July 7/8	5 vs 6	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
July 14/15	2 vs 3	4 vs 6	5 vs 1
July 21/22	1 vs 4	2 vs 5	6 vs 3
July 28/29	6 vs 2	3 vs 1	4 vs 5
Aug 4/5	3 vs 5	1 vs 6	2 vs 4
Aug 11/12	5th vs 6th	3rd vs 4th	1st vs 2nd Championship Game

Come out and support your Church Softball Team. We can always use cheering fans!

Thank You!

On behalf of the Stenke family, we would like to thank all our friends and members here at HSLC for all of the cards, prayers, and support that you have offered us over the past month. My mother's miraculous recovery is due to God's intervention and care. Thank you all!

Pastor Will and Family

Birth Announcements!

Allison Kay Katzur was born on April 15 to Terry and Lisa Katzur. Alison weighed 7 lbs, 8oz., and was 20in. long.

Jack Ryan Johnson was born on May 16 to Mark and Marci Johnson (Jeff and Cathy Watson are the proud grandparents.) He weighed 7lbs, 2oz., and was 20 1/2 in. long.

Abigail Elizabeth Sells was born on May 23 to Mikael and Leslie Sells (Gary and Lori Sells are the proud grandparents). She weighed 6 lbs, 3 oz. and was 17 1/2 in long.

Funeral Announcement

Our condolences go out to the family of Carol Clark who died on May 17, 2008. A memorial service was held here at Holy Spirit on May 22. May God bring the family peace and comfort in the sure hope of the Resurrection.

Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Carol Clark would like to thank everyone for their kindness and considerate help during Carol's illness. They also were touched by the loving efforts and thoughtful remembrances during her memorial service. Your caring support eased the family's hearts during their time of grief.

Music Notes

After a busy and fulfilling year of special programs and regular Sunday presentations, the musicians at Holy Spirit are taking a short break from their regular rehearsal schedule this summer. The adult choir will rehearse until June 19th, and the rest of the groups stopped their weekly rehearsals after the spring music program on May 18th. Although we aren't having our regularly scheduled rehearsals this summer there will still be special music on Sundays provided by members of the congregation who are willing to sing or play alone or with a smaller group. Please let Jean Pike know if you sing or play an instrument and would be willing to provide music for the congregation this summer either alone or with a small group. We will also have guest musicians who will present music to us occasionally this summer.

In addition to the choirs at Holy Spirit there are instrumentalists who are an integral part of our music at Holy Spirit. Thank you to:

- **Rick Shaffer** who plays his guitar weekly,
- **Jim and Owen Nash** who have also weekly played the bass and drums,
- **Melanie Piggott and Robert Brooks** for special music on the piano and the saxophone,

Although the sound techs aren't specifically part of the music program, they have offered invaluable support throughout the year by coming to rehearsals, and providing us with sound support on Sundays. Thank you to **Phil Holmblade, Eric Vogel, John Peterson and Trevor Houle** for serving at the 8:00 services. We also thank **Phil Holmblade, Richard Steward, Ed Loney, Susan and Nathan Bradley, John Peterson and Clay and Shane Willoughby** for their service at the 10:30 services.

Of course we are thankful for all the choirs that have provided us with music this year. The members of the Adult Choir, The Youth Choir, Kids Ring and Sing and SonBurst Ringers and Singers have come faithfully to rehearsals this year so they could provide music every Sunday that would be a blessing to the congregation.

Although musicians are welcome at any time of the year, in the fall when we start rehearsals again, we will be looking for those who would like to be a part of our music program. If you have a desire to use a musical gift in service to the church please contact Jean Pike at 810-655-6764, jpik49@comcast.net or music@holyspiritlc.net. When you are making your plans for the fall consider re-arranging your schedule or your child's schedule so you can be a part of our music program. We would love to have you!

Financial Report

	April Actual	April Budget	Annual Budget
Income	95,100	98,600	301,000
Expenses	99,100	103,400	301,000
Surplus/Deficit	- 4,000	- 4,800	0

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We have just completed a very successful Pre K-12th grade Sunday School year.

We started with an exciting Rally Day in September and finished on June 1 with an outdoor finale. We studied Creation, Adam and Eve, the Tower of Babel, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Joseph, the 10 Commandments and the Christmas and Easter stories.

Thank you to:

- Our dedicated Sunday School teachers: **Bev Langer, Lonnie Moore, Nicole Ballard, Anne Casselton, Dwight Bobo and Gerry Tucker.**
- Thank you to **Jean Pike** for our energetic openings with lots of upbeat, favorite songs.
- We had over 30 Rotation Stations led by the following creative and dedicated leaders: **Nan Hudson, Beth Chan, Paul Wenstrom, Kari Robinson, Pat Odgers, Bob Kuerbitz, Jenny McKay, Sylvia and Alex Murray, Sheryl Porter, Janet McGillis, Diane Gregg, Tim Houle, Joyce Rice, Rachel Langer, Stacy Reynolds, Rhonda Utter, Lisa Nash, Tara Babbitt, Tammy Schild, Margaret Mitchell and Sandy Willoughby.**

The Sunday Adult Class studied An Ordinary Day with Jesus and the Lord's Prayer led by **Bob Ranta** and The Purpose Driven Life and The Jesus I Never Knew led by **Pastor Will.**

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study was led by **Lonnie Moore** and **Michele Traynor** and has just completed an excellent study of the Beatitudes.

VBS dates are July 20-24, Sunday through Thursday.

Our Christian Ed program provides many opportunities for each of us to strengthen our faith and to make God the focus not only in our lives but also in the lives of our children.



Christian Ed Director
Pat Ranta

Attendance Averages for April

	2007	2008
8:00am	49	45
10:30am	205	143
Total	254	188

Summer Sunday School in the Garden

Summer School in the Garden We will meet bi-weekly on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30pm. Participants will plant and care for the garden and learn about all aspects of the process. Also, there will be Bible lessons and fun activities. Sunday, June 15th, the message will be: **“What Do Plants Need to Grow?”** Sign up sheet is on the kiosk; call Danielle Hamman at 606-05577 or Beth Chan with any questions.

Vacation Bible School is Being Over-Run By Pirates!!! Come Aboard and Join the Fun!

Veggie Tales ® The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything VBS is pulling into port for a fantastic week. Plenty of Pirate blarney and boat loads of Bible learning fun are in store for July 20th through the 24th. (Yes, it starts un Sunday night and ends on Thursday night this year!)

Kids age 3 (and potty trained) through those entering 5th grade next fall are invited for a fun-filled week of swashbuckling Bible adventure.

Shipmates (crew leaders) wanted! Sign up at the VBS Table to help.



Calling all Heroes

Help us get ready for a ship load of excitement. All pirates need plunder for a good adventure, and you can help by donating an item. Check the table in the narthex for a list of needs, sign up, and bring the item back to the VBS "treasure chest" box by the table.

VBS Training Dates:

Captains and First Mates:	Sunday, June 22 nd after the 10:30 service
Shipmates (crew leaders):	Sunday, June 29 th after the 10:30 service
Extra Day for either:	Wednesday, July 9 th at 6:30 pm



- 6/2 Dylan McKay
- 6/2 Skylar Smith
- 6/3 Daniel Swartz
- 6/4 Haley Cochran
- 6/4 Julie Konkle
- 6/5 Lisa Peterson
- 6/8 You Know WHO!!!
- 6/8 Isaac Gregg
- 6/8 Edward Loney
- 6/10 Gloria Brooks
- 6/10 Cole McGillis
- 6/11 Myrtle Tewell
- 6/12 Cary Johnson
- 6/15 Reed Jameson
- 6/18 Bill Lindquist
- 6/18 Mark Rice
- 6/19 Catherine Watson
- 6/21 Oliver Kugler
- 6/25 Matthew Fonger
- 6/26 Jillian Hegenauer
- 6/26 Donnie Langer
- 6/26 Robert Sarsfield
- 6/27 Taylor Clark
- 6/27 Sylvia Murray
- 6/29 Renee Cleary



- 6/12 Jared and Heidi Hawley
- 6/13 Christopher and Rhonda Utter
- 6/13 Paul and Jan Wenstrom
- 6/17 Gerald and Karen Setera
- 6/19 Mark and Marcia Johnson
- 6/20 Bill and Sheila Lundquist
- 6/21 Daniel and Tricia Schwartz
- 6/23 Alex and Sylvia Murray
- 6/23 Jerry and Marci Augenstein
- 6/23 Kevin and Linda Clark
- 6/28 Bob and Norma Roberts

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8 & 10:30 Children's Garden planting night Senior High meeting after 10:30 service.	2	3	4	5 Adult Choir 6:30 pm	6	7 Relay for Life walk begins at 10:00 pm
8 Worship 8 & 10:30 Relay walk ends 10am Graduate recognition New member meeting at 6:30 pm Youth Choir going out to eat.	9	10 Site Planning Team meeting, 6:30 pm	11 YAH Garden tour 10:00 Baptism class 6:30pm	12 Adult Choir 6:30 pm	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day New Member meeting 6:30 pm Kid's Garden 6:30	16	17 Congregational Council 6:30p.m.	18	19 Adult Choir rehearsal and party 6:00pm	20	21 Food distribution 9:30am until noon
22 Worship 8 & 10:30 Lake resort outing for HS youth VBS training 12:00 New Member class 6:30 pm	23	24	25 HS youth Electricity free fellowship 8pm until 8am	26 HS youth get to plug back in	27	28
29 Worship 8 & 10:30 Receiving new members at 10:30 service VBS training 12:00 Kid's Garden 6:30	30	Site Planning Team meeting 6:30 pm				



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8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:15 am Education Hour for Children, Youth, and Adults

10:30am Blended Worship with Holy Communion

Spring Congregation Meeting—May 18, 9:15am