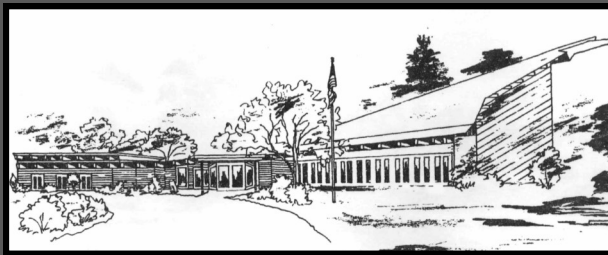




**Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit**
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



September 2020



We Gather Together Again!

The worship services under our Creator's beautiful sky and sun have been extremely successful. Worship takes place in the parking lot on the south side of our church building, at 9:30 AM, weather permitting. Should inclement weather occur, a notice of cancellation will be e-mailed to the congregation, so if in doubt, please check your e-mail before coming Sunday morning.

For those who choose to stay home, **we will still provide a recorded service.** An email will be sent with a link to a video recording of the week's service.

Reservations are required to attend worship so we can be prepared for the number planning on attending. Please register online with the link provided to you on Monday mornings or email the church.

Masks and physical distancing will also be required and there will be a **temperature screening** before the service as well.



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

It pains me to see all the conflict and unrest just 25 miles to the north in Kenosha after the latest incident between a police officer and a person of color. And this is on the heels of another round of mass looting in the streets of Chicago, and before that, the George Floyd killing in Minnesota and the aftermath that followed. Our society is traumatized and wounded, and looking for ways to stop the hemorrhaging, so that it can begin to heal. Many of our leaders are trying to lead the reforms and “be” the inclusive change that is so desperately needed, and yet there are forces both within and outside of our country that would like to divide us and perhaps even destroy us. Our scripture warns us against such division, as Matthew wrote, *“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”* (Matthew 12:25)

Division is not what God the Father had in mind. Our Father observes our suspicion, mistrust, and dissension, and sighs, for our Father had a dream... *“I have other sheep that are not in this flock, and I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock, and one shepherd.”* (John 10:16)

God has only one flock. Somehow we seem to miss that. Despite all the ways we divide ourselves by religion, nation, gender, race, God has only one flock. The flock has one shepherd. And though we may think there are many, we are wrong. There is only one.

Never in the Bible are we told to create unity. We are simply told to maintain the unity that exists. Paul exhorts us to preserve *“the unity which the Spirit gives”* (Ephesians 4:3). Our task is not to invent unity, but to acknowledge it, embrace it, and live into it.

I have three brothers. We are siblings because we came from the same family. We have the same mother and father. I’m sure there may have been times when they didn’t want to call me their brother, but they don’t have a choice. We’re brothers!

And we don’t have a choice either. We all have the same Father, and we are all members of God’s glorious human family, a family that God the Father loves so deeply, that he created us in his own image. And like a loving family, our greatest commands are to love our Father with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves.

We must see each other in this way, as family, as brothers and sisters, and we must not let any way of thinking be allowed to divide us, for a house divided against itself cannot stand.

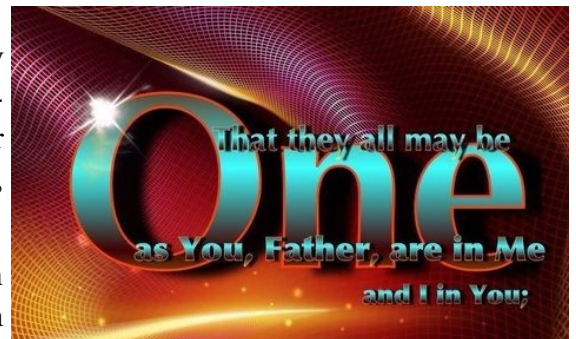
In his famous letter from a Birmingham jail, Martin Luther king, Jr. summed it up this way; “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects us all indirectly.”

I pray that our nation can begin to heal all that divides us, and that we can embrace the unity that is already there, and I invite you to join me in that prayer, and join **Jesus, who prayed;**

“Father, I pray that they can be one, just as you and I are one....Then the world will know that you sent me and that you loved them as much as you loved me.” (John 17:21, 23)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim



The Quilters

The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00 AM.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study continues to meet using ZOOM. We are studying Ibram Kendi's book, "How To Be An Antiracist", so join us as we delve into the challenges of today.

If you'd like to participate please contact Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net and she will send you the link to be invited in.

Prayer Group

Our prayer group is continuing to meet at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday morning, using ZOOM. If you'd like to pray with us, please contact Jeanne Nelson at jnelson814@comcast.net and she will send you the link to be invited in.

Meet & Greet (suspended until further notice)

Stay in Touch

Let us know what you are up to during this stay at home mandate by emailing pictures, particularly of worship and service, to be included in the next newsletter.

Church Calendar (suspended until further notice)

We have not included our normal three month calendar in the newsletter this month since we cannot predict when we will be able to resume face-to-face activities in the church. With all church gatherings suspended for now, we will begin re-planning events as we near the time when we resume them. It will be wonderful to get back together when we do, and we can look forward to a grand celebration when that day comes!

Prayer Concerns

We freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list remains current. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Children's Ministry News

by Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - jennifer.williams@lchschildren@gmail.com



Sunday School will be back this fall with a whole new look! Children will gather outdoors after Pastor Tim's Children's Message and remain together throughout the conclusion of the service. The mixed-age group of kids will share in God's word and an activity. Meetings begin Sunday September 13th! [Lets get together for some in-person Sunday fun!](#)

Registration/reservations need to be made, email Jennifer.

Interested in lending a hand? Please let Jennifer know.



Jesus & Jammies

"Jesus and Jammies" Wednesday evenings will be on our LCHS Children's Ministry Facebook Page!

Since we are doing things a bit different these days, please join us for a cute, virtual read-aloud!

We will feature the *God Gave Us* series by Lisa Tawn Bergen. Our first video will be posted September 9.

Say "hi" in the comments!

Holy Family School Supply Drive

Our Holy Spirit kids are headed back to "school" with laptops, iPads, Chromebooks, and reliable internet service. But what if you were struggling to put food on the table and pay your rent? Please reach out to Holy Family School and donate school supplies. Even donating a few pencils will help. Holy Family has been supported by a number of our congregation's families for many years. It has an amazing track record of providing an academically rigorous faith-based education for kids preschool through 8th grade.



Use the link - https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/R2ESTIBADFHR?ref=wr_search_page_result_1 or search "Holy Family School" on Amazon wedding registries. Your gift will be shipped straight to the school in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. Thank you for your generosity!

Tuesday LYFE Returns!



Tuesday LYFE will be back this fall! Kids grades 3-6 can join Ms. Jennifer in the parking lot for some outdoor fun beginning September 8! (4:00-5:00, weather permitting)

New addition: "Slice of LYFE" for our younger kids! (3:30-4:00, weather permitting)

LYFE Schedule:

- 3:30-4:00 "Slice of LYFE": Grades K-2
- 4:00-5:00 LYFE: Grades 3-6
(September 8-October 13)

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Our groups will gather outside for faith, fun and friendship! Advance registration/reservation is required. It's been so long, get ready for some fun! (Siblings in both age groups?, please contact Jennifer!)

Questions? Email Jennifer: Jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com

LET'S CELEBRATE!

September Birthdays

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| 1- | Fred Biederman | | |
| 2- | Sally Adkisson | 14- | Elizabeth Ayers |
| | Anneliese Rudloff | | Elaine Theiss |
| | Maria Linstrom | 17- | Gavin Kasche |
| 4- | Amy Dohler | 19- | Samuel Prosk |
| 6- | Brittany Larson | 20- | Rex Roehl |
| 7- | Arnie Bilstad | 21- | Kathleen Tagge |
| 9- | Caroline Tagge | | Ryan McElhinny |
| | Christine Upadhyay | 22- | Luke Davenport |
| | | | Louise Menter |

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your continued support of PADS Lake County during the COVID-19 pandemic with your donations of food and essential supplies. Here is a brief message from PADS regarding the 2020-2021 upcoming shelter season:

“In order to keep our clients and community as safe and healthy as possible during this pandemic, we continue to house our neighbors experiencing homelessness in hotels and are prioritizing anyone who is 60+ and/or medically vulnerable and families with children, in hotel rooms.”

With your support, we would like to continue to assist PADS and our Lake County neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, by having a monthly food drive. On the second Saturday of each month, please drive through the church parking lot with your contributions between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Our socially-distanced and masked volunteers will take the donation from your trunk and place it in a vehicle for delivery. All donations will then be delivered to PADS for distribution. The first date will be **Saturday, October 10th**.

We will also have a donation box in the church narthex, if you would prefer to drop off your donations when the office is opened on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Grocery Donation List:

Boxes of cereal, peanut butter, packs of peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, canned goods with pop off lids (soup, Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore), Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, applesauce, fruit cups, chips, Easy Mac, bottled water, gift cards to Aldi, Walmart, Jewel, McDonalds. Please either include the receipt or clearly mark the dollar value for gift cards.

Thank you all!! If you have any questions or need assistance with your donation, please contact Wendy LaPlaca at 847-275-3892 or wlaplaca@comcast.net.

church council MEETING

Highlights from August 2020

The monthly Church Council meeting was held via Zoom on August 10th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$17,202 for July (YTD total is \$262,822 (including PPP loan amount)). Operating expenses were \$38,293 in July (YTD total is \$253,205).

The Pastor's report: The draft calendar for the upcoming church year continues to be developed and revised in line with conditions. Camp Lincolnshire successfully completed summer camp. The Nursery School has requested consideration of a possible adjustment to their rent payments initially due to low enrollment caused by the pandemic. **Stewardship** reported that time and talent sheets will be available soon. **Christian Education** reported that Sunday School and VBS sessions for September 8-October 13 have been planned, with consideration of parent input. Activities will be outdoors, weather permitting, and registration will be required. Sunday school will take place after the Children's Message. Other, online activities also are being planned and will be made available to families. **CUFF** reported that a physically distanced or remote alternative to Beef and Lobster is being considered. **Finance** reported that application papers for forgiveness of the PPP load have been prepared for submission. **Growth** reported that LCHS has registered for the Vanco mobile app and set up is underway. The Holiday Boutique will not be held at the church this year; vendors will submit contact information to the newsletter for anyone interested in making purchases. **Human Needs** reported that PADs will be seeking donations October-April with more information to follow. RefugeeOne and Holy Family see donations for back to school wish lists. **Long-Range Planning** reported that live streaming service option planning is ongoing. **Personnel** reported that pandemic impacts on personnel are being assessed. **Property** reported on discussions with Music Institute of Chicago about building use and precautions during the pandemic. A building use request has been received to conduct an athletic program for children; more information is being obtained. Joel continues to monitor property conditions and conduct upkeep tasks. A physically distanced work day for the church grounds will be planned in the fall. **Worship and Music** reported on the resumption of in-person services, outdoors, with recorded service options continuing. An email will be sent on Sunday morning if outdoor service is cancelled due to inclement weather. **Youth** reported that the Instagram page had launched and plans are underway for "distanced" activities. The national ELCA Gathering has been postponed to 2022. **Old Business:** Live streaming service options are ongoing, including discussions with the Synod and outside resources regarding the most suitable and cost-effective options, and to set up a YouTube channel. Outdoor worship is underway and resumed indoor services are under consideration, consistent with pandemic conditions and governmental guidelines.

Next council meeting currently is scheduled for September 14th at 7:30 PM. All council meetings are open to Holy Spirit members. Minutes and reports of the council are kept in a public notebook in the narthex.

RefugeeOne Supply Registry

As most of you know, our annual Vacation Bible School had to be cancelled due to COVID. However, the children of RefugeeOne still need our help providing them with the necessary supplies to have a successful school year! They count on our generosity each year and need our help more than ever. Please consider purchasing some items off their wish list. These items will be greatly appreciated by the children and the staff of RefugeeOne. Use the link provided to make your purchase! tgt.gifts/refugeeoneschoolsupplydrive

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

September 2020

More information may be found on our website: www.holyspirit-elca.org



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED