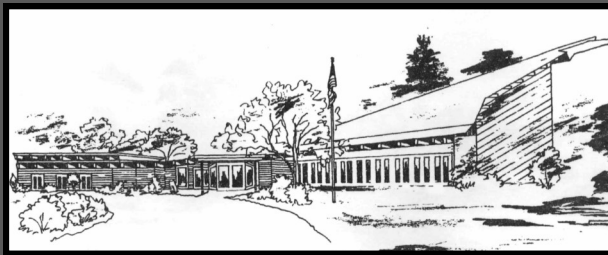




**Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit**
30 Riverwoods Road
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March 2020

Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 PM

Although Ash Wednesday is intended to be a bold confrontation with death, as we receive the Lord's Supper we are strengthened and nourished in the midst of our enemies, assuring us that we can pass through the darkest valley without fear and find our place at the great resurrection feast in the house of the Lord. Join us on Ash Wednesday as we start our 40 days of prayer and preparation to strengthen our faith.

Mid-Week Lenten Services—Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
"TO SEEK AND TO SAVE"

We will follow Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the cross. Walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of raising Lazarus to Jesus' own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come - to seek and to save the lost.

March 4 Unbind Him
March 11 That One Man Should Die
March 18 The Cup that I Drink
March 25 To Save the Lost
April 1 Stations of the Cross



Join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings for an encounter with Jesus. We will start with a light supper at 6:00 PM for nourishment and fellowship before our time together. Our Lenten series will conclude on April 1st with the Crossroads Youth Group leading us through the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week and Easter

- ~ ***Passion/Palm Sunday, April 5***—A Sunday morning that begins with Palms and climaxes in the Passion of our Lord. Join the choir processions with palms and praises at 8:30 or 10:45 AM.
- ~ ***Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 PM*** - On this night we hear Jesus' command "Do this for the remembrance of me" and respond by gathering as He did with His disciples. *The nursery will be staffed.*
- ~ ***Good Friday, April 10***
11:00 AM Children's Service— Interactive Prayer Stations. Join us as we walk as Jesus did through Holy Week.
7:30 PM Service A service that moves from light to darkness as we reflect on the meaning of Christ's last hours and words, His suffering and death. *The nursery will be staffed.*
- ~ ***Easter Morning Worship April 12 8:30 and 10:45 AM***
Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.
- ~ ***Easter Breakfast - 9:15-10:30 AM.*** A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast between services on Easter morning. Last year's crowd enjoyed meeting friends both old and new.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter into the season of Lent and proceed to that sacred time we call Holy Week, I pray that you will enter into a time of reflection and consideration of your life in faith. The two primary emphases in Lent are to consider our human condition, including sin and its deadly consequences for both individuals and society, and to consider the new possibilities offered to us in Jesus Christ and their implications for practical living. Both involve a sense of repentance, acknowledging the bare truth of our situation, but also offering an opportunity for change, for turning or returning to a life of peace, love, and grace.

In these weeks of Lent, one of the themes that is often presented is how God is always doing something new. The prophet Isaiah writes, *“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”* (Isaiah 43:18-19) God is about making a new way, providing a fresh start, encouraging us to look at the world from a new and different perspective, from God’s perspective.



When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-42), he offered her water like she had never experienced before. The woman at first was caught up in the social mores and rules that all lived by. Then she had to overcome her concrete and human understanding of things to capture the new possibilities that Jesus was introducing to her. Eventually the woman embraced the Holy Spirit that Jesus was providing, the “Living Water” so that she may never be thirsty again. Jesus brings new life, reconciliation with God, and true, life-transforming change. And Jesus is inviting us into that new life as well.

Like the woman at the well, we must be open to what may feel like the invitation of a stranger to take a step out in faith. Like the woman at the well, we must be willing to look at things from a different perspective, to even cast away some of our established judgments about things, people, organizations. Like the woman at the well, we must be able to let go of some of our self-serving and stubborn convictions, in order to let God reconstruct us and guide us to a new way. For only then can we celebrate like the woman at the well, that there is one, who knows everything we have ever done. Only then can we experience the freedom and joy that comes with new life in the Spirit, and only then can we truly claim our Lord Jesus to be Savior of the world.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ risen from the dead, Christ’s victory over sin, death, and the devil, let us celebrate his presence in our lives as well. And let’s celebrate the life he gives us, for Jesus calls us each by our name. He calls us to be his beloved disciples. He calls us to follow him so that we can do something beautiful with our lives. He calls us to be transformed into the new possibilities, the new life he has prepared for us. He calls us to be awakened to the miracle of Christ’s resurrection and to proclaim the Good News to all.

May you experience the joy of new life this Lenten season that only comes through Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

Thursday Bible Study

This week we will begin a new unit studying the book of Revelation. Barbara R. Rossing's book, *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* will be our guide to learning how the book of Revelation offers a vision of God's healing love for the world. The idea of a "Rapture" is an extremely popular interpretation of the book of Revelation, but the fear and destruction and tribulation of that view, runs opposed to God's love that we will not be left behind. Join us Thursdays mornings 10-11:30 AM for a thought provoking and inspirational time of reflection, study, and discussion. We always close our time together in prayer.

The Quilters

The quilting group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM All are welcome. No experience necessary!

EXPOS

On March 10 at 10:30 AM we will color "cards of Hope" for Phil's Friends, bringing hope and support to people of all ages who are affected by cancer. Bring your bag lunch and stay for fellowship. The entire congregation is invited to join us in this special project. Take home the card templates and instruction sheets located in the Narthex, color and return them by March 8.

Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings in the Prayer Chapel at 9:30 AM as we continue to lift up our joys and concerns either spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Meet & Greet

Join us as we meet new friends and renew old acquaintances on Sunday, March 1 & 29 between worship services.

Please contact Katie Bally at kbally@sbcglobal.net if you would like to provide treats.

Adult Forum

On March 1 at 9:45 AM Barry Nelson will be presenting a brief tutorial on the tax benefits and use of a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), which is like a charitable investment account. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Collins at bcollins@apextool.com.



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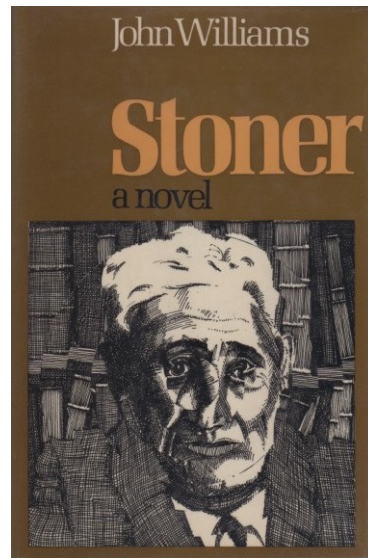
Book Club

Stoner by John Williams

March 27 at 7:30 PM

William Stoner is born at the end of the nineteenth century into a dirt-poor Missouri farming family. Sent to the state university to study agronomy, he instead falls in love with English literature and embraces a scholar's life, so different from the hardscrabble existence he has known. And yet as the years pass, Stoner encounters a succession of disappointments: marriage into a "proper" family estranges him from his parents; his career is stymied; his wife and daughter turn coldly away from him; a transforming experience of new love ends under threat of scandal. Driven ever deeper within himself, Stoner rediscovers the stoic silence of his forebears and confronts an essential solitude.

John Williams' luminous and deeply moving novel is a work of quiet perfection. William Stoner emerges from it not only as an archetypal American, but as an unlikely existential hero, standing, like a figure in a painting by Edward Hopper, in stark relief against an unforgiving world.



CARING COMMUNITY GATHERING

On Sunday, March 15th during our Education Hour, from 9:45 to 10:30, all who are involved in our Caring Community ministries will be gathering to introduce, review, and plan our efforts for the coming year. All are encouraged to join us to learn about the ministries of our church and provide input and support. Our Caring Community ministries include our prayer group, visitation ministry, meal support, and Riding with the Spirit transportation ministry. We have also hosted various workshops and provide support for our many outreach efforts. Join us as we strive to bring God's love to all, and be a caring community where all may feel a sense of belonging and connection.

April 4

8 AM – 1 PM



Work Day
at Church

Synod Assembly

Holy Spirit will be sending 3 delegates to the Metropolitan Chicago Area Synod annual convention in Tinley Park June 7-8. Past delegates have returned to Holy Spirit sharing their enthusiasm for the meaningful work of the greater church. Are you interested? Please see Pastor Tim for more info.



Mardi Gras Fun!!



Children's Ministry News

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

Sunday School kids have been enjoying the past few weeks of lessons; the Early Believers and Many Parts One Body. Our next Sensational Sunday will be March 1 in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday LYFE kids had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day throughout the month. We created unique cards for the LCHS EXPOS group! We researched many bible verses speaking about love; either how to love each other or how to love God. A few of our favorites are displayed in the hallway.



Prayer Pals

Please keep your pals in mind! Winter is long for young kids. Maybe we can pray for patience as we all wait for Spring!

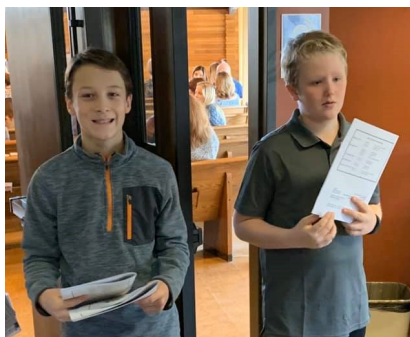
VBS

Our annual VBS week is set for July 27-31. Plans for this awesome week are underway! If are interested in helping in anyway, please let Jennifer know.



Our kids did a wonderful job with Youth Sunday, Feb. 2. They took on many leadership roles and collaborated to make a great service! They chose to take donations for Feed My Starving Children for many reasons. After promoting the cause we were able to collect over \$800! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Our next event will be the "Stations of the Cross" presented on Wednesday April 1. Kids interested in helping out can contact Jennifer. Stay tuned for a bit more information.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

March Birthdays



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|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1- | Bill Lynn | 19- | Chuck Heyward |
| 2- | Jonathan Glenner | 21- | Carmaline Spurrier |
| 3- | Diane Cloonan | 22- | Tom Adkisson, Jr. |
| 5- | Peter Miller | 23- | Jeanne Nelson |
| | Phil Spoehr | 27- | Mary Detjen |
| 6- | Jodi Dirks | 28- | Tim Kelley |
| 7- | Marian McBride | 29- | Margy Eastmond |
| 8- | Robbie Williams | 30- | Payton Adkisson |
| 9- | Luther Grafe | | Abby Grafe |
| | Maggie Rustin | 31- | Ryan Hathaway |
| 10- | Lauren Driscoll | | Ken Krejsa |
| 11- | Holly Schaefer | | Jackson Qualley |
| 12- | Shirley Lease | | |
| | Lynn Driscoll | | |

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 13 at 6 PM

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so join us for our annual Irish dinner and fellowship. \$15/person. Sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up, please contact Kymm Brown at kymm.brown@gmail.com.

Anniversary Milestones

Shirley & Harvey Lease
65 years

Easter Lillies

Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete the order form (found in the narthex and future bulletin inserts) and return it with payment of \$15 per plant to the church office by Sunday, March 15. You are welcome to take your flowers home following the second service on Easter morning.

COOL Updates

By Don Hanigan

First off, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Don Hanigan, and I am the new member of the Board of Directors for COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) Ministries as a representative of our church. I have taken over for Larry Neumann, who had been a member of the board for five years. Also working on behalf of COOL through LCHS are Pam and Joe Labellarte, which I am sure most of you are aware. Pam and Joe have been organizing food drives and fund-raising activities for many years, and Joe was a board member for 10 years prior to handing the responsibilities over to Larry.

While I assume that most of you are familiar with COOL through the various activities organized within Holy Spirit, I wanted to share some information with you to ensure you are aware of the scope of COOL's outreach. Besides providing food to families in need in Lake County, COOL also provides transitional housing through the **Family Housing Program** and additional aid to veterans in need through the **Veterans Assistance Program**.

Last year, the COOL food pantry provided over 1 million pounds of food to families in Lake County. COOL also provided safe and comfortable housing for 21 families, as well as assistance to those who moved into new homes upon graduation from the program. Additionally, COOL was able to provide assistance to over 130 veterans in the area. This was a tremendous accomplishment, and was made possible partially due to the generosity of Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and our congregation.

As I mentioned, I am sharing this information with you to make sure you are aware of how much of an impact COOL has for many families and individuals in the Lake County area. We will continue to reach out to you as a congregation for donations as the need for these types of services is always there. We will also be sending out an update in the near future about the many volunteer opportunities that arise throughout the year. Meanwhile, if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 608-217-7242.

Thank you very much for your continued support!



March Madness Comes to LCHS

Pick your teams to advance and win the NCAA Basketball Tournament and win the pride trophy!

Selection Sunday is 3/15 so all picks must be made by 3/17. Winner will be announced after the championship game on Monday, 4/6.

Entries are \$5 per bracket; you may enter as many times as you like. All money collected will benefit the Crossroads Youth Group's trip to the Youth Gathering in Minnesota in 2021.



church council MEETING

Highlights from February 2020

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on February 10th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$25,589 for January (YTD total is \$25,589). Operating expenses were \$34,700 in January (YTD total is \$34,700).

The Pastor's report: Pastor Tim and Laurie are working on confirming the congregation's membership roster. Kathy Roderer will be hired as permanent accompanist. The April Church Council meeting will be held on April 20. Committees of the council provided reports of various activities. **Youth** reported that the Youth did an outstanding job with the Youth Service and raised \$820 for Feed My Starving Children/Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth are encouraged to participate in Mardi Gras and the Youth-led Lenten service on April 1. **Worship & Music** reported that temporary accompanists are arranged until Kathy Roderer joins as permanent accompanist. There will be one service at 9:30 am on February 23 for Jazz Service. Lenten suppers will begin March 4; if interested in hosting a meal, please contact Nancy Fencil. **Christian Education** is running smoothly. Mardi Gras will be an intergenerational event, on Sunday February 23 after the service, with breakfast and fun for all ages. VBS planning is underway. **CUFF** reported Trivia Night on February 21. Corned beef and cabbage will be held on March 13. **Finance** reported that the mortgage interest rate adjusted down, and the letter of credit is in the process of being renewed. **Human Needs** reported that a blood drive will be held in March. **Long-Range Planning** reported that the committee continues its work on discussion and implementation of the congregation's mission and strategy, preparation of a task force mission statement, and inclusion of a cross-section of the congregation. **Personnel** reported that annual staff salary increases have been effectuated. **Property** reported that maintenance tasks and snow plowing as needed are ongoing. **Stewardship** reported that a proof has been prepared for the offering card. Barry Nelson will present a tutorial on the tax benefits of donor advised funds and also insights on electronic giving on March 1 between services. **Old Business:** The Sanctuary Enhancement Task Force continued its work in assessing flooring options and costs, as well as seating configurations and the sound system. A Brigid Cantagallo memorial is being prepared. **New Business:** The congregation is signed up for the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on June 7. Delegates for Synod Convention June 5-6 are needed; see Pastor Tim if interested. Volunteers are needed for the Capital Campaign team and Progressive Dinner team. LCHS will be joining Amazon Smile-more information about sign-up to follow.

Next council meeting is March 9th 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.

Flower Chart

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex. Bouquets are \$26.

Prayer Concerns

Typically, we freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list doesn't get too long. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 4pm Confirmation 4:15 LYFE	4 7pm Lent Service 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	5 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	6	7
8	9 7:30pm Council Mtg	10 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	11 7pm Lent Service 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	12 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	13 6PM Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	14
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29 Meet & Greet	30	31				

Special events are in red bold print

APRIL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Choir	2 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	3	4 8-1pm Work Day
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 No Confirmation No LYFE	8 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	9 7:30pm Maundy Thurs Service	10 11am Kids Good Friday Event 7:30pm Good Friday Service	11 Easter Breakfast Set-up
12 Easter Sunday	13 Office closed	14 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	15 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	16 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	17	18
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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Invitation Sunday				9:30am Prayer Group	1	2 Progressive Dinner
3 Sensational Sunday Last Sunday School HS & Confirmand Breakfast	4	5 4pm Confirmation 4:15 LYFE 6pm LYFE Dinner Celebration	6 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	7 10am Bible Study 7:30pm Natl Day of Prayer Service	8	9 8-1pm Work Day
10 Mother's Day	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation Test & Celebration Dinner	13 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	15	16
17 Confirmation & Commitment Sunday	18	19 10am Quilters	20 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	21 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	22	23
24 Summer Worship begins - 9:30am Service	25	26	27 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	28 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	29	30
31 Pentecost & Music Sunday						

2020 Building Appeal

Remember the story Jesus told about the wise and the foolish men who each built their houses on different foundations. One on solid rock and one on sand. Eighteen years ago a solid foundation was laid and a building addition built here at Holy Spirit. But it was not just a building. It was a place of mission and ministry. A resource for touching lives, guiding and instructing in the faith, and providing the community with a gathering place for arts, education, fellowship and so much more.

But just as in all discipleship, there is a cost. So every three years the people of faith at Holy Spirit are called upon to share in the cost of paying for and caring for the holy space God entrusted to us. Between now and May 17 we are going to once more turn our eyes to see what God has done and will do through our support. Join us in discovering how God is guiding us in using our gifts and resources as we focus on the future of Holy Spirit's ministry and mission.

Snow Removal

Please keep in mind, we could use your help shoveling paths and walkways leading to the church on Sunday mornings and before special events.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

March 2020

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



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