

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



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### Ash Wednesday

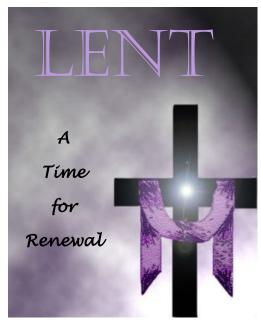
## March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with the traditional service of ashes. The palms from last Palm Sunday will be burned at the conclusion of our Mardi Gras festivities Tuesday evening, March 5. These ashes are used in this service of penitence, as they have been for centuries, as preparation for the road to Jerusalem and Christ's crucifixion. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days of interrupted routines to strengthen our faith.

## LENTEN MEAL Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

# MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha. These are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion. When Jesus enters a place, he never leaves it as he found it. The most troubling places of our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.



In this year's mid-week Lenten series, we will revisit the Places of the Passion. Our focus will not be on the physical locations of our Lord's passion, but on the spiritual wonders of his work: the places where he demonstrates his strength in the midst of our weakness, his timeless love in the midst of our temporal darkness.

Join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings, beginning March 13, 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 this year will conclude on April 10 with the Crossroads Youth Group leading us through the Stations of the Cross.

# A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

turned on the news channel the other day and you'll never guess what words flashed across the bottom of the picture, "Breaking News!" Actually you probably did guess it, because every day we see the same thing "Breaking News!" whether it's a new story or the continuation of a story we've heard about for weeks. And I realized how little impact that line really meant to me; in fact, I almost react with sarcasm when I hear that there is "Breaking News!" somewhere.

When you visit someone in the hospital there is a similar phenomenon that takes place. As you're in a room visiting a patient, invariably at some point an alarm will go off from one of the monitoring devices that the patient is attached to. The constant beeping, booping, wailing and chirping of these devices alerts the health care professionals that something needs to be attended to. The IV stand beeps when it's empty. The blood pressure alarm screams when the patient shifts in bed. The ventilator bongs when the patient coughs, and the heart rate monitor gives it's telltale flat-line whine when one of the stick-on pads comes lose. All these noises are almost enough to make a person sick.



Most of the alarms are of the "False" varieties, that don't require the nurse to come rushing in with the crash cart. They're just irritating. harmless occurrences that become a form of annoying noise after a while. One estimate measured that an alarm goes off every 66 seconds, which can cause something called "alarm fatigue" among health professionals. It would be easy to assume that it's just another false alarm. But the consequence of ignoring alarms could be fatal, because you never know when one of these alarms truly is an emergency.

On Ash Wednesday we often hear from the prophet Joel who says, "Blow the trumpet in Zion! Sound the alarm on my holy mountain!" It's a warning for people to see whether or not their spiritual hearts are healthy and right with God in anticipation of his coming. In fact the whole season of Lent calls our attention to our spiritual health, and Joel encourages us to "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..."

The first step toward repentance and change or turning back to the Lord is confession. Confessing that everything isn't quite right and that we need God's will and God's way in our lives, is a step that we are all encouraged to take, especially in the midst of our stress filled, time constricted lifestyles. The season of Lent is a call to confession and repentance and a wonderful opportunity to come humbly before our God, who abounds in steadfast love for us.

I pray that you will take advantage of the special season of Lent that is now upon us, that you will take some time to take a spiritual inventory of your life, and that you will delve into the practices of prayer and meditation and confession to restore that life giving link between you and your creator, redeemer, and friend. And when you see some warning that demands your attention or hear an alarm go off, remember to heed the warning of Joel and return to the Lord your God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

#### **SELF - EXAMINATION**

Lent is a time of self-examination where solid spiritual disciplines can become a permanent part of our lives. Rather than just giving up chocolate or adding a Bible reading for six-and-a-half weeks, Lent challenges us to drive deeply into ourselves and ask questions such as these:

- What progress am I making in sharing gladly what I have with others, particularly with the stranger and the poor?
- What attitudes do I convey to those who irritate me? How can awareness of my own need of God's grace enable me to be more gracious to them?
- How has my sense of interconnectedness in corporate worship grown of late, and how can I move ahead in appreciating the contributions and need of other members in the congregation to which I belong?
- Am I as charitable and thoughtful to family members as to others? Or do I "take it out" on my family when life at school or work gets hectic?
- Can I redistribute my long-range personal budget in order to have more money to give away?
- When I hear someone being unjustly maligned, do I speak up to correct the record, or am I a silent accomplice?
- How can I more effectively and consistently support legislation and social programs that help the disadvantaged rather than hurt them?
- In devotional acts of prayer and reading, am I increasing my attention span and discovering new ways of listening rather than of talking, of giving thanks rather than complaining?
- As I uncover and attempt to deal with one level of prejudice in my life, what other levels do I find lurking underneath, and how can I confront them?
- In addition to intercessory prayer, what habits can I develop that allow me to be more responsive to the sick, the distressed, and the bereaved, particularly when the needs emerge suddenly and require immediate attention? Can I plan spaces into my life to allow for such unanticipated opportunities to minister to others?
- Am I, by consistent attendance in worship, a witness to others of the worthiness of the God I follow? Or am I, by more sporadic attendance, suggesting that God is worth serving some times, but not others?

From: "Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church" By: Laurence Hull Stookey



#### **Prayer Group**

All are welcome to join the Prayer Group, which meets in the prayer chapel each Thursday morning from 9:30 - 10AM. This month, we will be using "Celtic Benediction" (Morning & Night Prayers) by J. Philip Newell, focusing on the Morning Prayer format. We lift up prayer concerns from the congregation and offer our thanks for the many blessings we have received. Did you know that you receive a special prayer on your birthday? Come join us, then stay for Bible Study at 10AM.

#### **WELCA**

We are continuing our monthly "ladies night" out, but are looking to change things up a bit. If you would like to host a night at your home, or plan an evening at a venue of your choosing, please contact Lynn Kasche at lmkasche@yahoo.com to let her know what month you are interested in. Emails will then be sent out to WELCA members detailing that month's event. Otherwise, we will continue to have the monthly get-together's at Fleming's (or other restaurant) ... for a nice sit down get together.

**Thursday Bible Study** meets on Thursdays from 10-11:30 AM in room 6.

We are studying a new unit based on the book "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" by Richard Rohr. Father Rohr, a Catholic priest, has written many books on spirituality and the contemplative life. "Falling Upward" is a book of liberation, calling forth the promise within us and freeing us to follow into wider dimensions of spiritual authenticity. Join us for some spirited conversation!

We always close our time together in prayer.

#### **The Quilters**

Join us at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 19 for fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome. No experience necessary!

#### **Meet and Greet**

Join us Sunday, March 31 in the narthex after the single worship service at 9:30 to gather as a family of faith to renew, sustain and form new friendships. Katie Bally will be coordinating our monthly gatherings. To volunteer to provide fruit or a treat, please email her at kbally@sbcglobal.net.

# Roof/Siding Project Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force

At our annual meeting in January, we were introduced to two important developments that will impact the future of our congregation. The first is an essential repair to the western portion of the building (the "new" addition, which is not A complicated roof/siding new anymore). project is necessary to repair the damaging leaking issues that have plagued the building for We have contracted with D-Wing years. Construction to undertake this project later in the spring. In hopes that we do not need to dig too deeply into our building fund, we are seeking donations to help cover the estimated \$65,000 cost.

The building fund has helped Holy Spirit reduce our mortgage debt considerably over the last decade. Some generous angel donors would allow us to keep that fund working to save thousands of dollars toward the mortgage. Watch for a letter coming for your opportunity to help.

The second item is an opportunity to enhance our worship space. Our sanctuary tile floor is in need of repair or replacement. Before we undertake this project, we would like to consider other projects that may contribute to our Sunday morning worship. A special task force is forming now to begin the process of assessing our congregation's wishes for the future of the sanctuary. We will only proceed after many people have given their input. What do you envision for our sanctuary? Would you like to play a role in updating it? Please let Pastor Tim or Joe Labellarte (Council liaison for Long-term Planning) know.

#### **Sanctuary Improvement Meeting**

On Sunday, March 3rd at 12:00 after our 10:45 worship service, we will be meeting to discuss plans to make improvements to the sanctuary. The tile floor itself is the primary concern, but as we prepare to upgrade the floor, we will also be considering seating, best use of our space, the sound system, and more. Please join us if you are interested in helping us look to the future of our worship space.

#### **LCHS Work Day**

Looking for a family service project? Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 6 from 8 AM—1 PM. There are many things to be done to keep our facility and grounds looking great. Look for a sign-up in the narthex coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Schroetter at dschroetter71@gmail.com.

#### **Mutual Ministry Committee**

This is a new committee included in our revised constitution, as recommended by the In the coming weeks, we will be putting this committee together. According to our constitution, it will consist of 3 to 6 members, with staggered terms of 3 years. The committee will be appointed jointly by the pastor and the president. Members of this committee are not to be members of the Congregation Council. The purpose is to strengthen the ministry of the pastor and staff members by "promoting open communication" and "serving as a confidential listening post and sounding board" for the pastor and lay professionals. Does this interest you? If so, please contact Pastor Tim at tclinstrom@gmail.com or Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net.



#### **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 24. You are welcome to take your flowers home following the second service on Easter morning.

## First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the following, who will make their Holy Communion on Sunday, March 17 at 10:45 AM:

Katie Prosk Ethan Cloonan Lauren Driscoll

Lucas Davenport Gabrielle Brown Sienna Dirks

## **Youth News**

By Colin Pilkington, Youth Director—cpilkington0712@gmail.com

Our donation from the Souper Bowl of Caring to Northern Illinois Food Bank was a wonderful surprise for the staff at the Food Bank! The Northern Illinois Food Bank has the ability to turn every \$1 of donation into \$8 worth of groceries, which means our \$708.70 was worth \$5669.60 of groceries to help fight local hunger needs! Thank you so much for all your support.





#### **Mardi Gras**

#### Tuesday, March 5 - 5 PM

Please join us for our annual Mardi Gras celebration! Meet in the fellowship hall at 5:00 for float building by the kids (materials provided), followed by pancake dinner at 6:00 and parade. We will conclude with the burning of the palms. Hope to see you there! Questions and RSVP's to Jennifer,

Jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com.

The Listening Campaign is underway. If you have not had a chance to meet with Pastor Tim, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

We will be visiting with all members of the congregation to listen to their ideas about our congregation and community and to learn what is most important to them. These one-to-one visits take 20 to 30 minutes and we encourage everyone to sign up for a time and place convenient for you.



The benefits of a Listening Campaign include gathering information about the church and community, learning about what's most important and what we're most passionate about, and provides an opportunity to build relationships and community. Don't miss this opportunity to be listened to!

#### **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Join us for food, fellowship and lots of fun!! Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. \$15 per person. RSVP in the narthex. Set-up & clean-up volunteers, please contact Kymm Brown at <a href="mailto:kymm.brown@gmail.com">kymm.brown@gmail.com</a>.



#### **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.



If you are able, please consider donating blood on Sunday, March 24 after worship. This is a great way to be a part of our community and is literally a life saving activity.

If you can volunteer to help, please contact Emmanuel Neela at emmanuel.neela@gmail.com.

# Children's Ministry News

By Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com

#### **Sunday School**

The Kids enjoyed "Sensational Sunday"! We focused on LOVE. They played a round of musical chairs with each chair labeled with a short section of the verse "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." and each team had to work together to complete it.

When our lesson and game were finished everyone made valentines.







We are looking for teachers to join our team! If you think you could share your gifts and talents, please contact Jennifer!

#### **Good Friday Children's Service**

**Interactive Prayer Stations** 

Friday, April 19 at 11 AM

Join us as we walk as Jesus did through Holy Week. Please email Jennifer if you would like to participate.



Look for us on Facebook! LCHS Children's Ministry has a new page! Like and follow us. There are more pictures of all events!

Tuesday LYFE

Our kids did an awesome job singing on Youth Sunday!





We continue baking through the Bible!





#### **EXPOS**

Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended this year's Valentines Luncheon. Thank you to, Don Bally, for the excellent entertainment he provided!





Our next gathering will be at the Chicago Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, March 12th for Morning Music with Orchids, featuring the Spanish Guitar Duo from the Glencoe Academy of Music. The musical entertainment is from 10 to 11 AM inside the Orchid Show. We will gather at church at 9:15 so we can arrange carpooling to the Gardens. Tickets for the Orchid Show are \$8 for Garden members and \$10 for non-members and can be purchased on-line or at the door.

### **Transitional Housing is a Reality!**

Last year some of the money raised by WELCA went to an organization in Mexico to help build transitional housing. Now we can see the actual product of your donations!







Cheers!





## **World Hunger Sunday**

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

We at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit have generously supported ELCA World Hunger throughout the years and this year we have invited Pastor Robin Brown from the ELCA's office on World Hunger to share with us how our dollars have been put to work and to give us hope that we can not only provide immediate relief to those who are hungry but that the solutions being put in place may bring to an end world hunger.

Join us in Worship and in our Adult Forum on March 10th as we dedicate this Sunday to World Hunger. You won't want to miss this special day as we hear from Pastor Robin and celebrate the partnership we share with the ELCA in overcoming hunger in our world. As this is the second Sunday of the month, we will take up an offering for World Hunger, and we will do what we always do, and give generously.

**Adult Forum** meets from 9:45 to 10:30 AM each Sunday as we provide an opportunity for all ages to connect their faith to their daily lives.

We are continuing our unit on "What it Means to be a Lutheran", with special emphasis on Baptism, Holy Communion, and how we interpret Holy Scripture. On March 10, when we celebrate World Hunger Sunday, we will have Pastor Robin Brown from the ELCA office on World Hunger providing a presentation, and on March 31 we will have our monthly Meet & Greet. All are invited to join us for a lively conversation as we continue to grow in grace and faith.



#### New Members

A warm welcome to new members Elizabeth & Don Hanigan and their children, Tierney & Will, who live in Lake Forest. Please introduce yourself to them and help make them feel part of our faith family.

# March Birthdays

- 1- Bill Lynn
- 2- Jonathan Glenner Susan Maas
- 3- Diane Cloonan
- 5- Peter Miller Phil Spoehr Kassandra Stein
- 6- Jodi Dirks
- 7- Marian McBride
- 8- Robbie Williams
  Matt Malone
- 9- Luther Grafe
  Brett Rossiter
  Maggie Rustin
- 10- Lauren Driscoll
  DJ Heffner
- 11- Marco LaudatiHolly SchaeferSally Wyman
- 12- Sophia Clatch Shirley Lease Lynn Driscoll Mary Heffner Allison Meyer

- 15- Bonnie Harper
- 17- Jack Meyer
- 19- Chuck Heyward
- 20- Jim Schneiter
- 21- Carmaline Spurrier
- 22- Tom Adkisson, Jr.
- 23- Jeanne NelsonRuby Powell
- 27- Mary Detjen
- 28- Tim Kelley
- 29- Renee Henningson Marjean Eastmond
- 30- Payton AdkissonAbby GrafeFran HansenNicole Rodrigues
- 31- Ryan Hathaway Ken Krejsa Jackson Qualley



## Anniversary Milestones

Paige & Ed Werner 25 years



# Highlights from February 2019

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on February 11th. New Church Council members Jennifer Prosk (Children's Education) and Bill Collins (Stewardship) were welcomed. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$27,590. Operating expenses were \$22,218.

**The Pastor's report:** The Listening Campaign continues and is proceeding well. Additional participation is requested and encouraged. Please sign up in the narthex.

Committees of the council provided reports of various activities. Worship & Music were pleased with the Youth Sunday service, which seemed well-received. February 24 will be a one-service Sunday at 9:30 am for Jazz Sunday. Lenten suppers and Wednesday services will be underway soon; in an effort to improve participation, Church Council will host a supper, and other church groups will be asked to provide suppers. If you are interested in hosting a Lenten supper, please contact Carol Duprey. Christian Education reports that Sensational Sunday was held on February 3 and was well-attended. Tuesday LYFE is wrapping up "Baking through the Bible." Miss Jennifer continues working hard to post news and activities to our Facebook Page, "LCHS Children's Ministry"--please like it! Mardi Gras will be held on March 5. Growth continues follow up with visitors and potential new members and will send postcards to the community about Easter Services. CUFF had hosted Wine Tasting on February 8<sup>th</sup>-thanks to Amy Steinberger for helping with another great event. Corned Beef and Cabbage is coming up on March 15. Long Range Planning continues with preliminary sanctuary enhancement exploration. Youth did a great job with the Youth Sunday service on February 3 and raised \$708.70 for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Youth will be conducting a youth-oriented "Listening Campaign," with an online survey and opportunities to meet one-on-one. Finance reported that the line of credit has been approved. Property addressed issues arising from winter weather. A church wide message will be sent inviting members to contribute to a fund for the roof repair project. **Human Needs** is still in need of volunteers for PADS. The Blood Drive is scheduled for March 24. Thanks to Pam Labellarte for spearheading a COOL Pantry bag drive, gathering food donations in response to shortages after the federal shutdown.

**Old Business:** On Monday, February 25, a Lincolnshire police officer will come to the property to develop a safety plan. An ALICE Training workshop, open to all members, is being planned. **New Business:** Appointments will be made to the Columbarium, Endowment, and Financial Review Committees in March. Several members have offered to participate Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force, and meetings will be announced. LCHS can send 3 delegates to the Synod Convention on June 7 -8, 2019; interested persons are welcome to see Pastor Tim about participation. The WELCA Boutique is scheduled for November 2, 2019, and Trudy Bettiker will contact vendors; a bake sale coordinator is needed.

Next council meeting is March 11th 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.

#### **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.



#### **Homeless Shelter Season is NOW!**

Would you donate 4 ½ hours of your time to help a neighbor in need? The PADS ministry at LCHS needs your help. Please check your calendar for the dates below and sign up for just one shift to serve some of our Lake County neighbors who are experiencing homelessness this season.

#### March 9/10, April 13/14

For more information about PADS or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Wendy LaPlaca at wlaplaca@comcast.net or 847-275-3892. Thank you!



# VBS IS GOING TO ATHENS JULY 29-AUG 2, 2019 SAVE THE DATE!!

Special events are in red bold print

<b>MARCH 2019</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1	<b>SAT 2</b>
Noon Sanctuary Enhancement	4	5 5-7pm Mardi Gras	6 7:30pm Ash Wed Service	<b>7</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	8	9 <sub>PADS</sub>
<b>10</b> World Hunger Sunday	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 <sup>10:30am</sup> EXPO! 4pm Confirma tion 4:15-6pm LYFE 6pm Communion Class	13 7pm Lent Service	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	6pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	16
17 First Holy Communion	18	19 10am Quilters 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	20 7pm Lent Service	21 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	22	23
<b>24</b> 8-1pm Blood Drive	25	26 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	27 7pm Lent Service	9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	29	30
<b>31</b> Meet & Greet						

<b>APRIL 2019</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	7pm Lent Service	9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	5	6 8-1pm Work Day
7	8 7:30pm Council Mtg	9 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	7pm Lent Service	9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	12	13 PADS
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 10am Quilters 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	<b>17</b> 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	18 7:30pm Maundy Thurs	19 11am Kids Good Fri Event 7:30pm Good Fri Service	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	26	27
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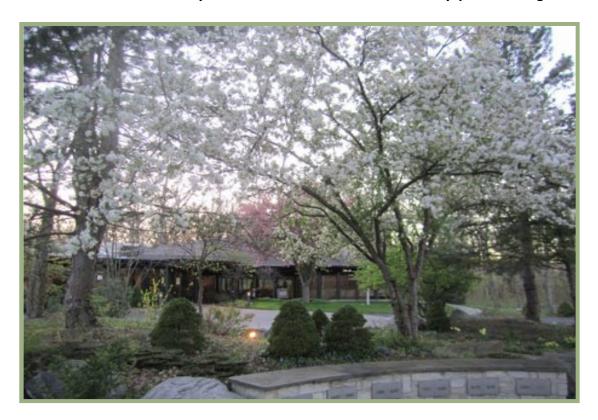
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## **HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS**

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