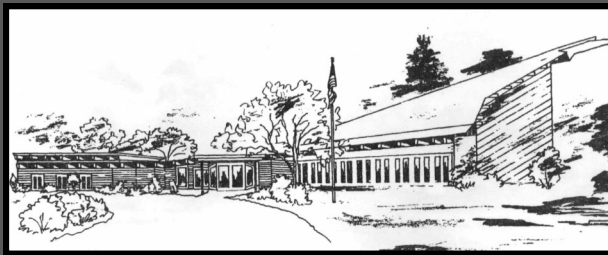




**Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Spirit**  
30 Riverwoods Road  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



*February 2020*

## Youth Sunday

**Youth Service, Sunday February 2, 10:45 AM**

The teens of Holy Spirit will again be offering leadership through their various gifts at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Super Bowl Sunday morning, February 2. Worship with our young people and hear their reflections on God's Word. The teens will be collecting donations in the narthex after both worship services to benefit Feed My Starving Children.



**Jazz Service, 9:30 AM**

**Mardi Gras Celebration, 11 AM**

**Sunday, February 23**

One of this congregation's favorite services, the Jazz Service promises to lift your spirits as Holy Spirit musicians share their talent of music.

Please join us for our annual Mardi Gras celebration after the Jazz Service! We will share a pancake breakfast followed by float building by the kids (materials provided) and parade. Questions and RSVP's to JenniferWilliams: [Jennifer.williams@lchschildren@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.williams@lchschildren@gmail.com)



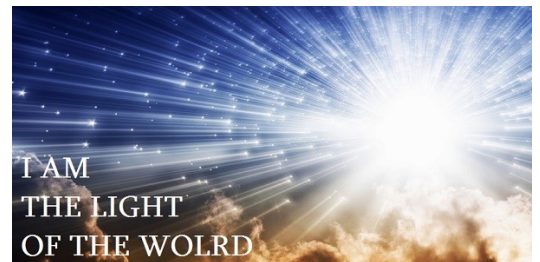
## *A Note from Our Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the month of February and up until the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, we will journey through the season of Epiphany, which is a special time in the life of the Church. The dictionary defines “epiphany” as “a revealing, a manifestation, an unveiling.” Our church sees the Epiphany season as the time when Christ’s lordship over all creation is revealed, manifested, unveiled. What was once made known only to the Holy Family and the shepherds at Christmas became known to a much larger and greater audience. First, Jesus is revealed as Son of God to the Magi, who came from distant lands to worship and give tribute to this infant King. Jesus is revealed as Son of God to John the Baptist and his disciples at the river Jordan and to the great crowds that came to declare their repentance. Jesus is revealed as Son of God around the Sea of Galilee, particularly to group that would become his followers, some fishermen, and even a tax collector. The season of Epiphany concludes with the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus went to the mountaintop with his disciples and shone like the sun, as God again revealed to Jesus’ disciples that this is God’s Son, the chosen one, and that we must listen to him.

Jesus’ epiphany as “Son of God” reaches across time as we gather together as the Church each Sunday, to hear God’s word proclaimed and to feast at the Lord’s Table. And as Jesus is revealed to us once again in the breaking of the bread we embrace His call to “Come and see, come and follow, go and tell others.” Because Christ is here, and present among us, we, who have come and followed, must reveal him to others so that they too may know him as the Son of God. We must broaden our vision of Christ’s work here on earth, and more specifically here in Lincolnshire and the surrounding community, so that all may come to know that Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* (John 8:12) One of my favorite images of Jesus is the “Light of the World,” and John writes, *“If we live in that light as disciples, following Jesus as Lord, we become children of light. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons and daughters of light”* (John 12:36). *“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 13:47).



In this season that considers how Christ is revealed to us and how he is manifested in our lives, let us attempt to fill that call to be a light for all who live in darkness, and live a life full of love and grace. As we invite our friends to join us in worship and in fellowship, let us embrace the fact that Jesus’ light not only shines on us, but his love and his light shines through us for all to see, and for all to see the way to Him.

When we focus our lives on Jesus, we can break through all the challenges and disappointments that often come with these cold and dreary days, and we can bring the light of Christ to all who so desperately need it.

So shine on! Shine on, all you faithful believers, shine on all you children of light, shine on!

Shine like the Son!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tim*

## **Thursday Bible Study**

We are studying "Luther's Small Catechism". Stemming from our last unit on the "Forgotten Luther", we will be getting reacquainted with the fundamentals of Luther's theology as we explore the 10 Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Join us each Thursday morning from 10-11:30 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**

Bring a dish to share and join in fellowship during our Annual Valentine Luncheon. Lunch will be served at noon. Our entertainment this year will be Lori Ann Powrozek, who sings show tunes acapella. Sign up in the Narthex.

## **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, February 23 following the 9:30 AM worship service.

Please contact Katie Bally at [kbally@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbally@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to provide treats.



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



**Fellowship  
Planning  
Potluck**

**January 12**





## **“Follow the Star” Obstacle Course Family Event**

**January 5**

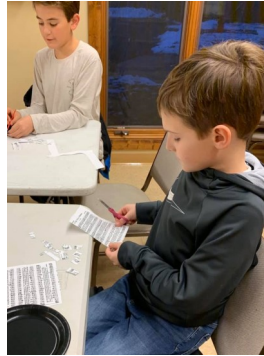
# Children's Ministry News

by Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - [jennifer.williams@schschildren@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.williams@schschildren@gmail.com)

**Sunday School** is getting back into the swing of things after our Christmas break. I'd like to thank our teaching team! Without this group of special people, our kids wouldn't be able to have the awesome experiences they do on Sundays. If you think you might be able to lead a group, please let me know.

**Tuesday LYFE** has been enjoying our meetings. We went on a "Journey to Bethlehem". Through scripture, crafts and other activities we learned about the path of the Holy Family.

We meet Tuesdays at 4:15 PM, consider joining us!



**Prayer Pals** - Please continue to remember your "prayer pals" throughout February! Kids can get run-down and sick during this time of year, how about prayers for health?



## February 23

### Food, Fellowship, Fun!

Pancake breakfast, float building and of course, parade!



Many of you grew up creating and building floats for Mardi Gras. Please share your expertise and guidance with the kids this year by joining us on February 23 after the Jazz Service.

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

## *February Birthdays*

1-	Kari Davenport	13-	Will Davenport
	Sandra Swanson	15-	Hayden Brotz
2-	Hadley Ruston	17-	Caitlin Bittner
6-	Mike Duffy	20-	Sean Kelley
8-	Henry Hathaway		Jackie Murphy
9-	Brent Dirks	23-	David Schroetter
10-	Kim McElhinny	24-	Lora Dohler
	Dylan Utterback	27-	Rita Adams
11-	Keira Kelley	28-	Nancy Krejsa
12-	Ujwalla Chebrolu		



*Happy Valentine's Day*



*Three things will last forever*

*Faith, Hope, and Love*

## *Anniversary Milestones*

Kymm & Jess Brown  
20 years

## **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](mailto:lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com) when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

## **Flower Chart**

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

## **SERVICE OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 PM**

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with the traditional service of ashes. The Palms of last Palm Sunday will be burned at the conclusion of our Mardi Gras festivities. 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.



## **Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services**

**7:00 PM Wednesdays**

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a time of quiet worship, and exploration of how God, in his steadfast love, has always provided his grace as a means of renewal for us and all of God's creation. The service of vespers is held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings beginning on March 4, and generally lasts 30-35 minutes. Come, worship. And learn.

Again this year we are looking for cooks to prepare simple meals before the midweek service. This is an excellent family activity that serves many in the congregation coming for worship and staying for choir. Sign-up in the narthex.

## **Message from Former Council President**

By Jan Schwanke

It has been my privilege to serve as your Congregation Council president for the past two years. I owe a huge thank you to Pastor Tim, Laurie, and your Council members. The saying goes that if you want something done, ask the busiest person you know. That is certainly true of Council --they are all extremely busy people, yet they give of their time to help Holy Spirit run smoothly.

If you missed the annual meeting, you may not be aware of some possible changes that will be discussed in the coming year. Pastor Tim asked for feedback about potential attendance for different service times - possibly adding a weekly Saturday evening service and changing our 11PM Christmas Eve service to an earlier time. We continue to pursue alternatives for sanctuary enhancements, especially repaired flooring and flexible seating for a portion of the sanctuary. None of these decisions have been made. Please let Pastor Tim or Joe Labellarte know if you'd like to participate in one of the committees considering options. We will continue to listen to the needs and wants of our members and look forward to the future. As always, the Council will be careful stewards of your contributions to Holy Spirit.

We have a great deal of talent and resources in our congregation. Please consider how your gifts can help Holy Spirit share Christ's message within our membership and to the community in the coming year...and beyond. We need to make decisions that will ensure Holy Spirit's vitality for the next several decades.

I have confidence that you will support the newly-elected Council with your prayers and your treasures. The ELCA says "God's work; our hands." Let's put those hands to work!



## church council **MEETING**

## **Highlights from January 2020**

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on January 13th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$64,184 for December (YTD total is \$505,632). Operating expenses were \$54,076 in December (YTD total is \$542,530).

**The Pastor's report:** The annual budget review meeting and a Fellowship Planning Potluck were held on January 12. Pastor met with members of the Indian language group that meets in the building about community-building and outreach activities. **Committees** of the council provided reports of various activities. **Youth** reported on Youth Service Sunday and Souper Bowl of Caring scheduled for February 2 with a planning meeting with breakfast on January 26 between services. **Worship & Music** reported that Taize and early Christmas Eve services were well attended; consideration is being given to changing the third service time on Christmas Eve in an effort to increase attendance. Temporary accompanists are arranged in the short term and permanent arrangements are being pursued. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am returns on January 26, except there will be one service at 9:30 am on February 23 for Jazz Service and Mardi Gras. **Christian Education** is running smoothly after holiday festivities and Sunday School returns to its usual schedule on January 26. Tuesday LYFE resumed after the holiday break. **CUFF** reported that the Fellowship Planning Potluck was well attended with many ideas presented for new events in the upcoming year, including a trivia night with informal BYOB wine in February, and corned beef and cabbage in March. **Finance** continued discussion of the proposed 2020 Budget. **Human Needs** reported that a blood drive will be held in March and that community outreach activities are being planned, including a 5k event in the Fall. **Long-Range Planning** reported that the committee is putting a task force together to discuss issues and the church's mission and strategy. **Personnel** reported that Christmas gifts for staff were given and gratefully acknowledged. **Property** reported that maintenance tasks and snow plowing as needed are ongoing. **Stewardship** reported that an offering card is being prepared for members who contribute electronically to place in offering baskets. Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up. **Old Business:** Nominating Committee continued its work on a slate. The Sanctuary Enhancement Task Force continued its work in assessing flooring options and costs, as well as seating configurations and the sound system. The 2020 budget was reviewed and finalized for the Annual Meeting on January 19. **New Business:** Council is considering options for a Brigid Cantagallo memorial, in consultation with the family. A motion was made for congregational approval of the January 20, 2019 Annual Meeting minutes at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

### **New Church Council**

Congratulations to our newly-elected Church Council members! At our annual meeting on January 19, we elected Andy Eastmond, Nancy Fencel, and Jeanne Nelson to our Congregation Council. Re-elected were Larry Brady and Donna Williams. Following the meeting, the Council met briefly to elect officers for 2020. Your executive board consists of:

President - Jeanne Nelson  
Secretary - Donna Williams

Vice-President - Larry Brady  
Treasurer - Daaron Dohler

# FEBRUARY 2020

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<b>2</b> Youth Sunday -Super Bowl of Caring	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	<b>5</b> 7:15pm Choir 8:15 pm Bells	<b>6</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	<b>7</b> Winetasting	<b>8</b>
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Special events are in red bold print

# MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4pm Confirmation 4:15 LYFE	<b>4</b> 7pm Lent Service 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	<b>5</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>29</b> 8-1pm Blood Drive Meet & Greet	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

APRIL 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8-1pm Work Day
<b>5</b> Palm Sunday	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Confirmation No LYFE	<b>8</b> 7:30pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	<b>9</b> 7:30pm Maundy Thurs Service	<b>10</b> 11am Kids Good Friday Event 7:30pm Good Friday Service	<b>11</b> Easter Breakfast Set- up
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### 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***

*February 2020*

More information may be found on our website: [www.holyspirit-elca.org](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org)



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