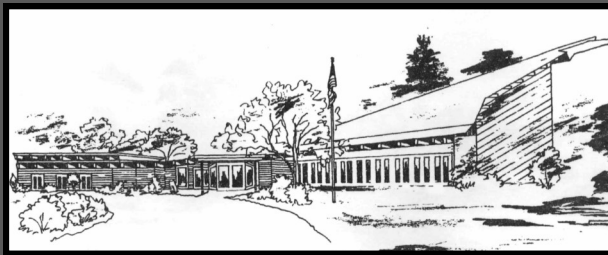




**Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit**
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



November 2019



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...
Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

Life

Sunday, November 17 is Stewardship Sunday. Please plan now to attend the two important events:

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Celebration Luncheon

Please RSVP to the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com with the number of people from your household attending this catered meal.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter into the month most closely associated with the words “Thanks” and “Giving”, I think its important that we take the time to consider what the spirit of thanksgiving is all about.

The first pilgrims in America landed in December of 1620 in Massachusetts, and within one month 10 out of the 17 fathers and husbands who were on that ship, the Mayflower, died. Within a couple months only four of the mothers and wives were alive out of the first 17 couples. And by Easter almost half of the pilgrims had died. They landed in the middle of winter without provisions, without shelter, and that took a toll. It took a huge toll and yet in 1621 they celebrated, and they gave thanks to God. It was incredibly difficult those first years in so many ways, and yet they did not hesitate to give thanks. That’s the spirit of Thanksgiving.

More recently in a school that initiated a canned food drive just before Thanksgiving, each day children would bring cans of food to put in a big brightly colored box and excitedly add them to the growing number. On the last day of the drive, one first grader came with a huge smile on his face as he proudly brought a big can to place in the box. The can had a white label with the words, “Commodity Boned Chicken” on it in simple black letters. It was clear that the boy’s family had food because of a government food program. Yet just as the widow in Luke 21:2 gave her last mite, he brought an offering from his family’s meager pantry. The boy had no way of knowing that his family had been chosen to receive food from the collection. He just wanted to share in the act of giving to someone who was in need. That’s the spirit of Thanksgiving and an inspiration for us all to be more generous with our abundance and our time.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, with family reunions and great feasts of turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, let us also remember all we have to be thankful for. We have family, friends, health, and economic well-being. We have this wonderful opportunity that has been given us to come together as one church, to reform, and establish a new order that glorifies and praises God, and build a congregation formed by love and service. We have so much to be thankful for. Let us all make time this month to thank God for this marvelous creation, for all the blessings of this life, and for the immeasurable love of God in sending Jesus Christ to redeem our world.

In response to all God has given us, we are called to give our time, our talents, and our treasures. I hope and pray that our stewardship program, “New Consecration Sunday,” will be helpful in addressing this response, for it is aimed at turning our focus toward what we think God is calling us to do and what God is calling us to give. It is amazing to discover the many ways in which giving, adds meaning to our lives. And our gratitude toward God is the best reason of all for our gifts. We love, because Christ first loved us. In the same way, we give, because Christ first gave to us. And our offerings of time, talent, and treasures are ways to express our appreciation to God for the greatest gift of all – the gift of our redemption.

I hope and pray that we can all share in the joy of Thanksgiving this month, and that God will continue to bless you on your journey.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

2019 Refugee Benefit Concert

"What a beautiful event we had at Holy Spirit this past Sunday!"

"We heard a whole bunch of really excellent music this afternoon! I enjoyed it!"

"It was amazing!"

Along with a lot of wonderful music shared by talented artists, \$3600 was raised to help migrant children. A fantastic day for all! We are grateful to those who participated and worked behind the scenes to make this a truly inspiring fundraiser!



EXPOS

Please join us on Tuesday, Nov 12 at 10:30 AM for a very interesting presentation. Janice Edwards will be telling us about her trip to Tanzania last year. Bring your lunch to enjoy fellowship with your fellow ExPOS after the presentation.

The Quilters

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

Meet and Greet

Join us Sunday, November 24 in the Narthex after the 9:30 AM Jazz service to gather as a family of faith to renew, sustain and form new friendships. To volunteer to provide fruit or a treat, please email Katie Bally at kbally@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer Group

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

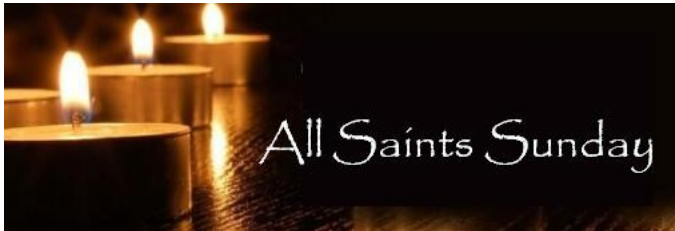
Thursday Bible Study meets weekly from 10-11:30 AM in room 6.

During the month of November we will continue to explore the book, *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation*. Luther had a profound historic and theological impact that led to the Reformation of the church, but we may forget that Luther maintained a passionate and nearly lifelong commitment to addressing the systemic causes of hunger and poverty. Luther committed a great deal of theological energy and passion to this issue, and many of the same theological and economic principles that affected the poor in Luther's time remain the same today. Join us for a thought provoking and inspirational time of reflection study, and discussion. We always close our time together in prayer.



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

Special Worship



All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 3. On this day we remember all the faithful who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant, but particularly those who have passed over in the last year.

As part of the morning worship, we will give thanks in our prayers for those saints and light a candle in their remembrance. If you would like the name of your loved one, family member, or close friend included, please fill out a form located in the Narthex.



November 24 9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship at Holy Spirit is blessed with a wide variety of musical styles. One of the very special services is the jazz service that draws on the musical talents of a number of our church musicians. Join us for what promises to be a great morning of music.



November 17 9:30 AM Worship Service

As we are called to share with others the gifts God has blessed us with, we will be making our financial commitment to Jesus during worship. Afterwards, we will celebrate all we have been given with a catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall.



Thursday, November 28

9:30 AM

Thanksgiving is a busy time, full of family, food, football, and even shopping. It can be tough to have a moment of quiet thankfulness. We invite you and your loved ones to come and join us on Thanksgiving morning as we take time to give praise God together. Join us as we "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever." We hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry News

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

Sunday School

October brought us our first Sensational Sunday. During our large group session, we learned about Queen Esther and the holiday of Purim. We made masks and played games to celebrate! Our next Sensational Sunday will be November 3.



Tuesday LYFE

Thanks everyone, for bringing in your children's books! We had a very successful book drive for Bernie's Book Bank as we donated 850 books enabling us to serve 71 children with 12 books. Our Tuesday LYFE crew will take this service project one step further when we will travel to the book bank mid-month and volunteer to sort and categorize donations.

Remember to support our group at the annual LCHS Boutique! Even if you'd rather not make a purchase of our carefully crafted Gingerbread themed items, we'd love to chat with you about how much fun we had creating the ornaments as well upcoming fun in Tuesday LYFE!



Coming up...

December 1: Our annual **FAMILY ADVENT WREATH** making event! Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:30 AM service to make your own wreath. We will continue the spirit of Christmas with decorating the church during this time as well! Treats and hot cocoa bar will be provided. Don't miss this one!



For info or to RSVP email jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Please take a look at the sign-up in the narthex and fill in things that are missing. We will be filling the baskets on November 10.

Hanging of the Greens

Meet us in the sanctuary on December 1 after the 9:30 AM service to help with decorating the church for Christmas! We seriously need you all to climb into places us old folks can't reach! We are also making advent wreaths on this day (you might remember this from when you were young). Come by for some Christmas fun (we will have food!)

Let's
shower Maria
with congratulations
on the purchase of the
Linstroms' new home!
Please come and join us!

Who: WELCA- that's all women of Holy Spirit! YOU are part of WELCA if you are an adult woman of our congregation (even if you're not an official member).

What: Casual evening of fellowship, soft drinks, wine, snacks & dessert

Where: Holy Spirit narthex

When: **Thursday, November 14, 7:30 - 9PM**

Why: Because it's fun!!

Details: Maria and Pastor Tim have their eyes on a new coffee table for their home. If you are interested in contributing, please give cash or a check (totally up to you) to Jan Schwanke and we will pool our gift money. Please make checks out to Jan.

RSVP to Jan Schwanke - email bennett95@comcast.net by Monday, November 14. Hope you can make it!



Poinsettias for Christmas

Help us decorate the altar for Christmas Eve services by donating poinsettias to the glory of God or in honor or memory of someone special. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. Checks may be made payable to *Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*. Please complete the form below and return it along with your check to the church office by Dec. 9th.

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ @\$12.00 each

Phone _____

Given to the Glory of God and in memory\honor of:

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service or any time during the following week.

Christmas Band

Dust off your instrument and get ready for the Christmas Band! We will play before the 5 PM Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals begin in December. Sign up and get your music in early November. All instruments are welcome, one year experience preferred. Questions? Contact Nancy Fencil at njflood@yahoo.com or 847-507-0878.

PADS

These links will enable volunteers from Holy Spirit to sign up with the other churches who are now hosting the 2nd weekend each month for PADS at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Ivanhoe PADS 2019-2020—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEAF22A7FD0-ivanhoe>

Holy Apostles PADS 2019-2020—www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEAF22A7FD0-holy

Federated PADS 2019-2020—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEAF22A7FD0-federated>

Saturday, November 2 9 AM—3 PM

Ready your Christmas list and shop ‘til you drop! With so many various vendors from jewelry to artwork to homemade notecards, you’ll be able to cross off those hard to buy for friends and relatives and have your holiday shopping done in no time. Don’t forget to pick up something for yourself!!

If you have any questions, please contact trudybettiker@aol.com.



Hanging of the Greens

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Church Decorating

Be a part of the decorating fun. We’ll be making the halls jolly, trimming the Christmas Tree and making the Sanctuary and Narthex festive for the holidays. Don’t miss the fun and camaraderie!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

November Birthdays

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| 1- Dave Johnson | 17- George Hefner |
| Wendy LaPlaca | 18- Mary Miller |
| 3- Korey Powell | 20- Harvey Lease |
| 5- April Neumann | Payton Shull |
| Amber Malone | 21- Carol Duprey |
| 6- Rose Briske | Lucy Hale |
| 7- Beverly Sheridan | 22- Debbi Giacone |
| 8- Phil Bettiker | 23- Debbie Custer |
| Robin Saydak | 24- Tom Weglarz |
| 9- Katie Bally | 25- Dave Eastman |
| Ellie Kasche | 26- Aaron Rudloff |
| 10- Kaitlyn Krejsa | Benjamin Rudloff |
| 11- Cole Dirks | 27- David Andersen |
| Robin Fina | Larry Brady |
| Paul Saydak | Lory Shull |
| 12- Brent Meilman | 29- Logan Steinberger |
| 15- Jacqueline Sieros | 30- Janet Adkisson |

Quilt Blessing

Thanks to all the ladies who spent time in fellowship and service providing Lutheran World Relief with 24 quilts.

A special thank you to Janice Edwards, who brought fabric back from Tanzania!



Anniversary Milestones

Kristen & James Ahlschwede

5 years

church council MEETING

Highlights from October

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on September 9th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$22,992 for August (YTD total is \$326,057). Operating expenses were \$30,737 in August (YTD total is \$367,718).

The Pastor's report: An overview of listening campaign results was provided; information obtained will be addressed in congregational planning and development. The Mutual Ministry Committee provided a written report. Opportunities presented at the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering continue to be explored. **Committees** of the council provided reports of various activities. **Personnel** reported that the insurer-required background check process continues. **Property** reported that the HVAC contractor did an inspection and found need for some repairs and replacements. Annual parking lot blacktopping was changed to October. The October 19 work day will be conducted from noon-4:00 pm. **Stewardship** reported that Time & Talent forms were distributed with calendars at the Blast Off event and will continue to be available in the narthex and online. The Stewardship appeal will begin in October. **Youth** reported on a Youth service on September 29 and Feed My Starving Children on September 30. The car wash was a great success despite a rainy start to the day. **Worship & Music** reported that proceeds of the October 20 concert will benefit AMMPARO, an ELCA migrant minors initiative. Choir welcomes new members. **Christian Education** reported that Blast Off was well attended and very successful. Tuesday LYFE began September 10 and has planned a service trip to Bernie's Book Bank. Sunday School classes began on September 15. Prayer Pals is underway. **CUFF** reported on Beef & Lobster scheduled for September 28. **Growth** reported postcards were sent out before Rally Day and more will be sent for Advent. The Lincolnshire kiosk is reserved for next Spring for Easter. **Old Business:** Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force and Survey continues its work. The search continues for a new WELCA coordinator. We are coordinating with PADs to support its mission and assist other churches in staffing. **New Business:** A motion was made and passed to increase the Pastor's housing allowance by \$500/month, effective immediately, using funds available in the current operating budget.

Next council meeting is October 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.

Time & Talent Sheets

To date, less than 25% have returned their Time & Talent forms and there is never a shortage of tasks that would benefit from your help. Some positions require more time than others. Forms are available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve.

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.



Stewardship Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Stewardship Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Stewardship Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our pastor or leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Stewardship Sunday events through the Stewardship team and governing council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Stewardship Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Stewardship Sunday events.

Stewardship Chairperson,

Bill Collins

bcollins@apextool.com

Planning for Advent and Christmas

Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, December 1 after the 9:30 AM worship service, we will be getting the church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons by putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. This event will be fun for the whole family. Mark your calendar to join us!

Advent Wreath Making

Join us for this favorite family event on Sunday, December 1 after the 9:30 AM service.

Mid-Week Advent Worship

Wednesday evening in the midst of the rush of preparing for Christmas, take time to also receive Christ. On the first three Wednesday evenings in December, 4th, 11th and 18th, we will have a Taize service at 7:00 PM. This half-hour contemplative service will bring peace and focus as we center on Christ, the light of the world, who comes to heal us, redeem us, and dwell with us.

Christmas Program and Sing-Along

Don't miss the kids performing in this adorable annual program on Sunday, December 15 at 9:45 AM.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

3:30 PM - Service of Candles and Communion with special music

5:00 PM - Family worship with Candles and Communion with the Christmas Orchestra, Youth and Cherub Choirs

11:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service with special music plus Adult and Bell Choirs



Tax Time Cometh

While we are still many months away from April 2020, the end of the year is approaching rapidly. You may want to consider contributing some shares to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Stocks that you have held for a long time and that have very low basis cost may be especially attractive as charitable gifts. Stock gifts have double value because they often avoid capital gains tax and they result in an income tax deduction for charitable gifts. Also, making a stock gift earlier in the fall - rather than waiting until the very end of the year - may help you avoid any fluctuations in the stock market. During the past month, several members made stock transfers to the church to fulfill their pledges and to contribute to the building and designated gifts fund. Few people contribute to the church just for the tax advantages yet it is a consideration for when you might want to make a contribution. As you look toward the end of the year and the special needs of our church budget, you might consider the timeliness of certain contributions now. Please be sure that if you make a transfer to the church, you notify our office so we can be sure all is completed in an orderly manner and proper credit is received.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Boutique Set	2 9-3pm WELCA Boutique
3 Sensational Sunday	4	5 4pm Confirmation	6 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	7 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	8	9 PADS
10 Thanksgiving Baskets	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation	13 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	15	16 8-1pm Work Day
17 9:30am Service 11am Steward- ship Celebration	18	19 10am Quilters 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	20 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	21 9 :30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30am Jazz Service Angel Tree	25	26 No Confirmation No LYFE	27 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	28 9:30am Thanksgiving Service	29 Church office closed	30

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Service Advent Wreaths Hanging of the Greens	2 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	3	4 7pm Advent Service 7:30 Choir 8:15 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 Advent Service 7:30 Choir 8:15 Bells	12 9 :30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	13	14 PADS 9-11am Christmas Program Practice
15 9:45am Christmas Program 3pm Flutopia Concert	16	17 10am Quilters 4pm Confirmation 4:15pm LYFE	18 7pm Advent Service 7:30 Choir 8:15 Bells	19 9 :30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	20	21
22 Meet & Greet	23	24 3:30, 5 & 11pm Christmas Eve Services	25 Christmas Day Church office closed	26 9 :30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30am Service No Sunday School	30	31 No Confirmation No LYFE		Special events are in red bold print		

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break 9:30am Prayer Group 10:30am Bible Study	3 Winter Break	4
5 9:30am Epiphany Service Obstacle Course Family Event	6	7 4pm Confirmation 4:45pm LYFE	8 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	9 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	10	11
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Saturday, November 16

8 AM — 1 PM

Any help with fall clean-up and other items is greatly appreciated. Stay for as long as you are able.



Thanksgiving Baskets

It's almost that time of year when families come together to celebrate the holidays. We have committed again this year to collect donations for Vernon Township to help local families in need. Please sign up in the Narthex to donate food items or gift cards that are needed. Donations will be packed between services on November 10. If you have any questions, please email donna.williams@bakermckenzie.com.

Office Hours

From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, our Office Manager, Laurie Papini, manages the church office, and we encourage the congregation to contact the church during these times to facilitate business, communication, and ministry needs.

Pastor Tim is also available during these times, as well as afternoons and evenings, but outside of the regular church office hours we ask that you to make an appointment with the pastor. Pastor Tim has designated Friday as his day off and asks that you only contact him on Fridays for emergencies. Thank you for supporting the ministries of the church and our wonderful God-inspired staff.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

November 2019

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



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