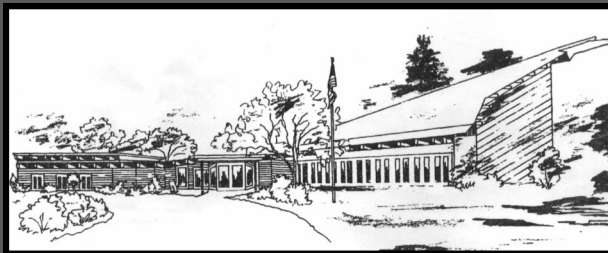




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February 2019 Issue

February Means Fellowship Fun!

Wine Tasting



Please join us on Friday, February 8th at 7:00pm for an evening sampling a variety of wines from around the world! Join in the fellowship with others in the Holy Spirit community and bring a friend! Sign up in the narthex by February 17th so we can plan accordingly. Cost is \$25 per person – cash or checks payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Any questions should be directed to Kymm Brown at kymm.brown@gmail.com.

EXPOS Luncheon



The annual ExPOS Valentines Pot Luck Luncheon will be on February 12th, gathering at 11:30am in front of the fireplace in the narthex. We've invited The Sultan of Swoon (a.k.a. Don Bally) to entertain us. You won't want to miss this! Please sign up in the narthex.

2nd Annual Blind Volleyball Tourney



The challenge is on! Crossroads Youth Group will once again be hosting a Blind Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 6:00pm. Youth and Adult participants are invited to come out for a night of fellowship and friendly competition. For those unfamiliar with the sport, Blind Volleyball follows the rules of regular Rally scoring, only in place of a net we use a 10ft divider that obscures your vision of the other team! Everyone is welcome to come and play or simply watch and cheer on your favorite team. Cost is \$5 per person, which includes a pasta dinner. Sign up to in the narthex or online by contacting Colin Pilkington at cpilkington0712@gmail.com.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We all have moments in our life when things may not have turned out the way we had planned, moments when we pause and contemplate, moments when we stop and simply ask, “What the heck is going on?!” We may not have all the answers when we experience times like these, and it can be difficult to know where to turn. But that’s when it’s wise to learn from others. The author of a number of books that help us through those uncertain times, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, described a situation in her own life when she had such an experience, she wrote:

“Over the years, I have learned that every life circumstance, even a crisis, can nourish your soul. Recently, the farm and home that I have loved so much for so many years burned down in a horrible fire. Everything that I owned, without exception, was lost. There was even speculation that foul play was involved.

At moments like this, we stand at a fork in the road. If we take the fork most commonly traveled, we collapse, we give up, feeling hopeless and defeated. We focus on the negatives, losing ourselves in the “problem.” We point to our unhappy circumstances to rationalize our negative feelings. This is the easy way out. It takes, after all, very little effort to feel victimized.

We can, however, take the other fork. We can view the unhappy experience as an opportunity for a new beginning. We can keep our perspective, look for the growth opportunities, and find an inner reservoir of strength.”

And that inner reservoir of strength comes from our Creator, who never abandons us, who see us through all our challenges. In the words of Holy Scripture we hear countless believers witnessing to it.

Isaiah writes: *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”* (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Paul writes: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old is gone, the new is here!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Peter writes: *“Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”* (Peter 1:3)

And again from Isaiah: *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.”* (Isaiah 40:31)

We all have moments in our life when things may not have turned out as we planned, and we stand at a fork in the road. In those moments, draw strength from God, for God is committed to making all things new. You see our God is a God of resurrection and new life, and God wants us to soar and not grow weary. So place your trust in the one who loves you more than you could ever even love yourself, and let God be your guide. One day we’ll look back and see the how the hand of God was at work in the midst of everything.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

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Prayer Group

In February the Prayer Group will be focusing on The Serenity Prayer. We meet each Thursday 9:30-10am. Please join us as we pray, reflect and connect with God.

WELCA

Please join us for our next "ladies' night" at Flemings Steakhouse in Lincolnshire on Thursday, February 7th at 6:30pm! RSVP to Lynn Kasche at lmkasche@yahoo.com.

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

On February 7th and 14th we will be concluding our unit based on the renowned biblical scholar Amy Jill Levine's book, "Short Story by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi". Beginning February 21st we will begin 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, February 19 for fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome. No experience necessary!

Meet and Greet

Join us Sunday, February 24 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.

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.

Beginning February 3 we will begin a new unit entitled "What it Means to be a Lutheran". In this study we will cover the many characteristics that describe how we practice our religion with special emphasis on Baptism, Holy Communion, how we interpret scripture, the Reformation and our statements of faith, the Creeds. Please join us for a lively conversation as we immerse ourselves in Lutheranism.

Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7 PM

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.



After reaching a financial milestone, Curt's Café is actively looking for a location to open a new Café. They hope to make an announcement in sometime in February. In the meantime, please support Curt's Café at the following fundraisers:

Sunday January 31, 7:30 PM enjoy The Jeff Mackevich Quintet featuring Jim Trompeter (on piano) also includes Gomeh Barak on trumpet, Dan Beckwith on drums, and Simon Ciaccio on bass in a Jazz performance at 210 Live in Highwood.

Monday, February 11, 6-11 PM enjoy the entire food and drink menu and live entertainment at the newest Ravinia eatery Ravinia Brewing Co.

Youth News

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

School is back in session, and so is Crossroads! A big thank you to everyone who came out and made our January kickoff a success! We have a lot coming up for the month of February that we hope you will join us for. First off is Youth Sunday, which is Feb 3rd at the 10:45 AM service. Please come support our Crossroads and Confirmation youth as they fulfill all the roles of the service. We will also be holding our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering that day, with proceeds going to Northern Illinois Food Bank to help fight local hunger needs.

The 2nd Annual Blind Volleyball Challenge is on! Come enjoy fellowship, friendly competition and a pasta dinner on Saturday, February 23 at 6 PM.

Please note, Crossroads is changing our meeting times! We will now be meeting on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room during the Christian Education Hour. We will still be meeting one Sunday a month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, which will be announced in the weekly Crossroads email, bulletins, and weekly Church Reminders. We hope you will join us!

Book Club

Friday, February 15th, 7:30 PM

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

Benjamin tells the story of four teenage siblings who, on a lark, ask a fortuneteller to reveal the dates of their deaths. Whether that fortuneteller is a con artist or is genuinely gifted with second sight doesn't interest Benjamin so much as how one piece of possibly spurious information conspires with character and circumstance to warp the siblings' choices as they grow into adulthood. Along the way, Benjamin poses intriguing questions about the value of longevity and whether we are victims, or perpetrators, of our own fates. Contact Margy Eastmond at margyeastmond@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

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!

Mutual Ministry Committee

This is a new committee included in our revised constitution, as recommended by the Synod. 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.

Vision Ministry Training

In an effort to expand the Visitation Ministry at Holy Spirit, we're going to have a training workshop to provide instruction in visitation and providing Holy Communion to our members.

The primary purpose of this ministry is to expand the reach of the pastor in visiting home bound and hospitalized members. The ministry is not intended to replace pastoral visitation, but provide more contact with our members and provide more frequent communion for those interested.

Training will take place Tuesday, February 26th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in becoming an LCHS lay visitation minister or are just curious to learn more about pastoral care or Holy Communion please contact Pastor Tim and join us. All are welcome to attend, and if we need to schedule another training at another time we will make those accommodations.

Children's Ministry News

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

Family Event

In January we held a fun family event on Epiphany Sunday. Children and some brave adults participated in a "Follow the Star" obstacle course. The "Wise One" was blindfolded and the "Star" had to lead them through a course on a scooter to baby Jesus. Check out these pictures:



Sunday School

Sunday School Sensational Sunday: February 3, All kids gather in the fellowship hall during education hour for activities focused on LOVE!

After all—we love because God first loved us—John 4:19

Tuesday LYFE

Our Tuesday LYFE crew is beginning a "Baking through the Bible" series. Kids will create kitchen concoctions relating to Bible stories. Our first was a "Creation Carousel". We mixed sprinkles in vanilla frosting and spread it onto a sliced apple. We added animal crackers and a tiny umbrella and.....



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

More exciting events to celebrate!...

Jazz Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship at Holy Spirit is blessed with a wide variety of musical styles. One of the very special worship settings we enjoy is a jazz service that draws on the musical talents of a number of our church musicians. Join us Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 AM at the ever popular jazz service. It promises to be a great morning of music!

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 5, 5-7PM

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 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.williamslehschildren@gmail.com

New Members

A warm welcome to new members Rafal and Karen Ciechowski and their daughter Kaia. Kaia was baptized at Holy Spirit on December 30. Please introduce yourself to them and help make them feel part of our faith family. They can be reached at theciechowskis@gmail.com.



Council Members

At the Congregational Meeting the following members were voted onto Church Council. Please let them know if you have any concerns or would like to share your ideas! Look for their pictures in the narthex.

President:	Jan Schwanke
Vice President:	Larry Brady
Secretary:	Donna Williams
Treasurer:	Daaron Dohler

Christian Education:	Jen Prosk
Stewardship:	Bill Collins
Personnel:	Amy Steinberger
Human Needs:	Emmanuel Neela
Finance:	Larry Brady
Youth:	Donna Williams

Church Growth:	Jan Schwanke
Long Range Planning:	Joe Labellarte
Worship and Music:	Carol Duprey
Property:	Dave Schroetter
CUFF:	Kymm Brown

February

Birthdays

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

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

congregational meeting

Highlights from the 2018 Annual Meeting Held January 20, 2019

We had a wonderful turnout on a very cold Sunday morning to approve the reports submitted by various Council liaisons and task-force chairs for 2018. Thanks to all of those who attended. Thanks also to the many, many people who graciously offer their time and talents behind the scenes. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is blessed to have wonderful volunteers and wonderful staff members.

Here are some highlights:

- Thanks to all who stepped up and contributed generously in December, we were able to finish the year in the black. Thank you!
- We ratified our revised constitution. The committee was chaired by Janice Edwards, and included Pastor Tim, Daaron Dohler, Donna Williams, and Mary Lou Gilliam. Thank you!
- Bill Collins and Jen Prosk were elected to serve 3 year terms on the Congregation Council. Kymm Brown and Joe Labellarte were reelected to 3 year terms. Thank you!
- Dave Schroetter and Daaron Dohler presented a motion made by Council to ask the congregation to authorize a contract for major roof/siding repairs for the western portion of the building. After a question/answer period, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you!
- Pastor Tim outlined some ideas for future sanctuary enhancements. We will create a task force to gather input from the congregation, with an eye on possibly moving ahead when the 2020 Building Fund appeal is organized. If you are interested in this task force, please contact Pastor Tim. Thank you!
- We thanked retiring Council members Brittany Larson and Kari Davenport for their service.

By Jan Schwanke
Council President

church council **MEETING**

Highlights from January 2019

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on January 14th. Treasurer's report included year-end total operating fund income of \$485,384. This included \$66,000 of prepaids for 2018. Our year-end total fund expenses were \$466,416.

The Pastor's report: Pastor Tim has kicked off the Listening Campaign. He is currently meeting with people one-on-one but is also looking for volunteers to help out with the listening sessions. If you are interested, contact him.

Committees of the council provided reports of various activities. **Worship & Music** were pleased with the Christmas services. After taking note of the attendance at the holiday services, they are discussing the possibility of changing the times for next year. They are gearing up for midweek Lenten services. If you are interested in providing one of the meals before the service, please contact Carol Duprey. **Christian Education** will be having a special activity for children in the triple room during the annual Congregational meeting. Tuesday LYFE is "Baking through the Bible." Please be sure to like our Facebook Page, "LCHS Children's Ministry." Miss Jennifer will share photos and information on all our activities. Family Skate will be Sunday, January 27th 12:30-2:30. Please RSVP to Jennifer Williams. **CUFF** will be hosting a Wine Tasting on February 8th. Sign up in the narthex. **Long Range Planning** had the carpet stretched on the pulpit and will have the cleaning crew give it a deep cleaning. **Youth** are preparing for Youth Sunday on February 3rd. They will also host another blind volleyball tournament in February. **Finance Committee** met and finalized the annual report. **Stewardship** is taking inventory of who uses the envelopes in an effort to save money. **Property** received the final proposal from D-Wing for the roof replacement and will ask the congregation for permission to move forward. **Human Needs** is still in need of overnight volunteers for PADS.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee has filled all the slots for the outgoing Council members. Revisions were made to the 2019 budget. **New Business:** Our contract with TDS will be up in February so we are going to switch to Comcast. This will allow us faster internet service.

Next council meeting is February 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.

February 9/10, 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!

Special events are in red bold print

2019 FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Youth Sunday -Super Bowl of Caring No Youth Group	4	5 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	6 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	7 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	8 7pm Winetasting	9 PADS
10 Sun School & Youth Group Chinese New Year Activity	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	13 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	15	16
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24 9:30 am Jazz Service Meet & Greet	25	26 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	27 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	28 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study		

MARCH 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 7pm Ash Wed Service	7 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	8	9 PADS
10 World Hunger Sunday	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 10:30am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	13 7pm Lent Service	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	15 6pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	16
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31 Meet & Greet						

APRIL 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7pm Lent Service	4 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	10 7pm Lent Service	11 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	12	13 PADS
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 10am Quilters 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	17 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	18 7pm Maundy Thurs Service	19 Kids Good Fri Event 7pm Good Fri Service	20
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HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

February 2019

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