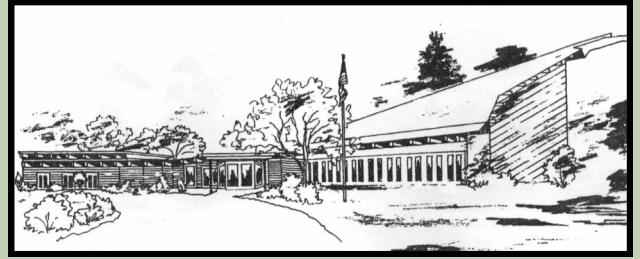




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*April 2021*

## Holy Week

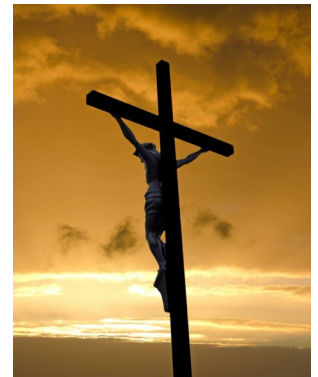


**Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 PM**

On this night we hear Jesus' command "Do this for the remembrance of me" and respond by gathering as He did with His disciples.

**Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 PM**

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.



**Easter Sunday, April 4**

**9:30 AM—indoor**

**10:45 AM—outdoor**

Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.

# *A Note from Our Pastor*

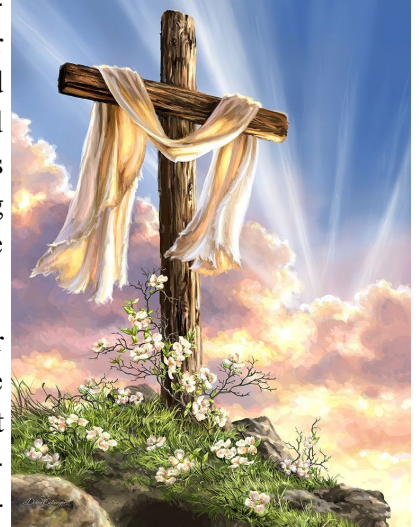
Dear Friends in Christ,

**Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!!**

As we anticipate and celebrate the joy of our Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, we look forward to opportunities to come together to worship and hear the Word of God proclaimed with joyful hymns, with stirring music, and with shouts of praise! And that we all may witness to the Risen Lord, and celebrate

His victory by receiving His presence at the communion table. There's nothing quite like the experience of an Easter Sunday. What a privilege it is to be claimed as sons and daughters of God!

As we celebrate the joy of the season of Easter, and Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the devil, we can't help but observe through the many Bible stories of events after that first Easter, the transformation of Jesus' closest followers, the disciples. Those curious companions of Jesus, who abandoned him at the cross, but were then shocked and amazed to come face-to-face with the risen Jesus, eventually became so inspired, that nothing could stop them from sharing Jesus' life and love.



When others saw the boldness of Peter and John, and that they were uneducated and ordinary men, people were both stunned and surprised, for they recognized them as furthering the work of Jesus. Even after being imprisoned, and brought before the legal authorities, and warned to no longer speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus, the disciples claimed that no matter what may happen to them,

*"We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."* (Acts 4:20)

As fellow followers of Jesus, we too, must be about sharing Jesus' life and love. We must make this our highest priority, to witness to Jesus and seek first the Kingdom of God.

Bishop Miller, our former bishop of the Metro Chicago Synod often spoke about the qualities of leadership, and one of things he mentioned was how the church is always focusing on moving people from membership to discipleship, where people take their faith to another level, making a life-long commitment through prayer, Bible study, worship, giving, and serving. But the Bishop explained that the church needs people to take another step beyond that, from discipleship to apostleship, where believers not only practice their faith, but share it with others, apprentice others, reproduce themselves, and truly fulfill the call of being sent out into the world. And when we hear the stories of the Apostles after Jesus' resurrection, we sense that a transformation has taken place, for that is what they are doing.

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection through the season of Easter, let's make ourselves available to that kind of transformation to take place in our lives, so that the Holy Spirit may move us from followers to believers, from believers to disciples, and from disciples to apostles. Our church has a lot to share with our community. May God inspire us to continue to share that love and service and dedication with all.

**Christ is Risen!!! Share the Good News!!! Alleluia!!!**

Yours in Christ,

## The Quilters

The quilting ministry is meeting again on April 20 at 10:00 AM! You are invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. No experience necessary.

## Thursday Bible Study

We are studying a book by prominent theologian and Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber titled *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People*.

In a time when many have become disillusioned with Christianity, *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with Scripture together, and tell one another the truth about their real lives. This unforgettable account of their faltering steps toward wholeness will ring true for believer and skeptic alike. If you'd like to participate please contact Jan Schwanke at [bennett95@comcast.net](mailto:bennett95@comcast.net) and she will send you the link to be invited to the Zoom meeting. Join us at 10:30 as we delve into how our faith informs our dealing with the challenges of today.

## Prayer Group

Our prayer group is continuing to meet at 9:30 AM every Thursday using ZOOM. If you'd like to pray with us, please contact Jeanne Nelson at [jnelson814@comcast.net](mailto:jnelson814@comcast.net) and she will send you the link to be invited in.

## In-person Worship

We have returned to in-person worship; limited to 50 participants. Please sign up on the link provided through email as a reservation is required. We will perform temperature screenings and participants will be required to wear facemasks and maintain physical distancing. We look forward to celebrating the Lord's day with you and our gathered community!

If you are unable to attend in-person, we encourage you and your family to join us live at 9:30 AM on Sundays via Facebook or on our YouTube Channel (Church in the Woods-Holy Spirit Lutheran) and watch it live there. Our weekly recorded service is available on our YouTube channel, which you can access through YouTube or through the YouTube link on our website. An email is sent each week with the worship bulletin for Sunday's worship service, and for now a separate e-mail will continue to follow to provide you with the link to the video recording of this week's service. We are in the process of moving all our recordings to YouTube, so we invite you to subscribe to our channel and learn how to access our services this way. Please use these and other resources to stay in the rhythm of weekly worship during these unprecedented times, and invite others to worship with us by sharing the links.



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# Children's Ministry News

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

**Tuesday LYFE** enjoyed a walk through of Holy Week events to wrap up the session. We learned about Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Stations of the Cross and Good Friday. Each child received a symbol of each significant event to take home and use to discuss with their families.

We will begin our last session for the school year on Tuesday, April 6 at 4:00. If you'd like to join us for our in-person activities or if you'd like to participate in virtual Kid's Choir, Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, please let Jennifer know.



## Sunday School:

Plans are in the works for a Sunday School revival for the rest of the year! If you are interested, please send Jennifer a quick email. As church capacity allowances increase, I'm hoping families will begin to join us on Sundays.



## Save the Date!

August 2—6

5- Joel Utterback  
6- Chris Wittich  
10- Greg Olson  
22- Collin Becker  
Daaron Dohler  
23- Katie Bittner  
25- Rory Fencil  
30- Jan Ribordy

## April Birthdays

## WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

May 1, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Looking for a family service project? Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1st as we do some spring cleaning at Holy Spirit. There are many things to be done to keep our facility and grounds looking great. So join us for as long as you can, many hands make light work.

## LUTHERAN DAY

Thursday, April 22nd

A day of advocacy for all who are committed to bringing healing, justice and wholeness to people and communities of Illinois.

Lutheran Day is an annual event that traditionally gathers people of faith and their friends in Springfield to learn more about how they can become involved in our advocacy efforts and have meaningful and confident

conversations with their Illinois congressional representatives. This year's event will be virtual to protect the health and safety of all involved. We will share remarks from Governor JB Pritzker and honor this year's recipient of the Paul Simon Award, State Representative Robyn Gabel. Additional details about this year's programming will be shared at [lutheranday.org](http://lutheranday.org) as soon as they are available.

When many people come together to share one voice with their elected officials, our message becomes that much stronger. Thank you for the ways you speak up on behalf of our fellow Illinoisans.

For more information contact Joy Medrano at [Joy.Medrano@Issi.org](mailto:Joy.Medrano@Issi.org).

## Holy Family Annual Benefit

Each year, Holy Family Ministries raises funds to enable west side children to attend programs through the Spring Event.

While we cannot gather together in person, we can still come together in support of these students. The following provides information on how you can attend our virtual event from the comfort of your home. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Schmidt, Director of Outreach, at [cschmidt@hfm.org](mailto:cschmidt@hfm.org).



*You are invited to*  
*Spring Forward 2021*

in celebration and support of the children of Holy Family

Join us for a virtual program and share in the joy and inspiration of our students and families.  
As they *Reach for the Stars* YOU can help lift them up!

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

**"Virtual Doors" open at 6:45 P.M.**  
**Program begins at 7:00 P.M.**

Register online with your email address at  
[hfm.org/SpringForward/](http://hfm.org/SpringForward/)  
for access to all event info  
The program is free so register now

For questions please contact us at [events@hfm.org](mailto:events@hfm.org)

Thanks to God working through our Holy Family "Family", we are able to offer a generous \$100,000 challenge gift matching dollar for dollar every gift that is made!





## Human Needs Weekend

In recognition of the Congregation's historic and ongoing generosity and contributions to those in need, the second weekend of each month will be recognized as Human Needs Weekend. In April, Human Needs Weekend will be April 10-11. Hunger Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 11.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, April 25

A Sunday of Support for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Sunday April 25 is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and this year Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has designated it as a "Giving Sunday" for all their important ministries. One in 30 people in Illinois have been impacted by the services LSSI provides and they are the largest social service agency in the state, currently serving nearly 100,000 people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cared for his sheep by feeding them, healing them, and reconciling them to themselves, their families, and their communities. Through LSSI, the love of Jesus continues to transform the lives of people in need. We will be taking up a special offering on this Sunday for LSSI, so please consider giving generously to the vital ministries that Lutherans provide for our community.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6, 7:30 PM

We will have a special worship service to commemorate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 6, at 7:30 PM. The Prayer Group & Caring Community Team invite everyone to join in prayer for our nation and all of God's creation on the day when churches across the nation join together to pray for God's help and mercy.

### PADS

When is the next LCHS food drive: April 10th from 1– 2 PM.

What do they need most: PADS has requested specific items for donation this month. If you are able to help, please consider donating any of the following:

- Non-perishable food that must have a pop-top lid and be microwavable
- o Chef Boyardee      Ramen      Soup cups      Beef stew      Hormel complete meals
- o Packaged snacks like cheese and crackers, peanut butter and crackers
- o Snack bags of chips or pretzels

Who are you helping: Lake County residents currently experiencing homelessness and in need of food

Where are they staying: PADS is supporting these residents through hotel accommodations due to the COVID pandemic

Thank you all!! Call me if you need help with your donation! Wendy LaPlaca at 847-275-3892 or [wlaplaca@comcast.net](mailto:wlaplaca@comcast.net).

# church council MEETING

## Highlights from March 2021

The monthly Church Council meeting was held via Zoom on March 8th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$13,268 for February (YTD total is \$38,345). Operating expenses were \$34,748 in February (YTD total is \$67,431).

**The Pastor's report:** In-person services with increased capacity limits continue. Lenten services are being conducted via Zoom. Upcoming Easter season services include Stations of the Cross on March 24; Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services. Plans for a possible Good Friday Children's Program on April 2 are underway. National Day of Prayer Service is scheduled for May 6. VBS is scheduled for the first week of August. The church's social media sites have been updated and upgraded, and additional work continues. Funding has been approved for purchase of equipment for improved live streaming of worship services and improved office equipment, and the acquisition process is underway. **Growth** reported on work on ideas for member yard signs is underway, and that Easter Lincolnshire kiosk signs will be displayed in coming weeks. **Christian Education** reported that Tuesday LYFE, Confirmation classes, and online Sunday School continue, and encouraged visiting the LCHS Children's Ministry page/Facebook group. **Finance** reported that work continues on annual renewal of the line of credit. **Human Needs** reported on March and April food donation PADs collection. The next PADs food donation day will be held on April 10. Communication with Vitalant is ongoing about blood donation at this time of urgent need. **Worship and Music** reported that in-person and online services continue and that services will be held on Palm Sunday and Easter at 8:30 and 10:45, with no Easter meal. **Personnel** reported that meetings with staff will be scheduled for performance reviews. **Property** reported that Joel has been conducting maintenance tasks, including ice removal, and that Camp Lincolnshire plans to return this summer. **Stewardship** reported that available giving options and mechanisms will be communicated. **Technology** reported that expenses for approved equipment acquisition will be submitted to the Endowment Committee. **Old Business:** Virtual Synod Meeting Delegates Needed: Saturday, June 5, 8:30-12 noon. **New Business:** Motions were passed for annual reaffirmation of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Continuing Resolutions and Policy on Sexual Harassment. Motions were passed for appointment of Barry Nelson to the Mutual Ministry Committee; Arne Bilstad, Lisa Ayres, and Melissa Brotz to the Endowment Committee; and Nila Bilstad to the Columbarium Committee. A motion was passed addressing staff salaries in connection with use of the second PPP loan funding.

**Next council meeting currently is scheduled for April 12th 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.

### Church Office Hours

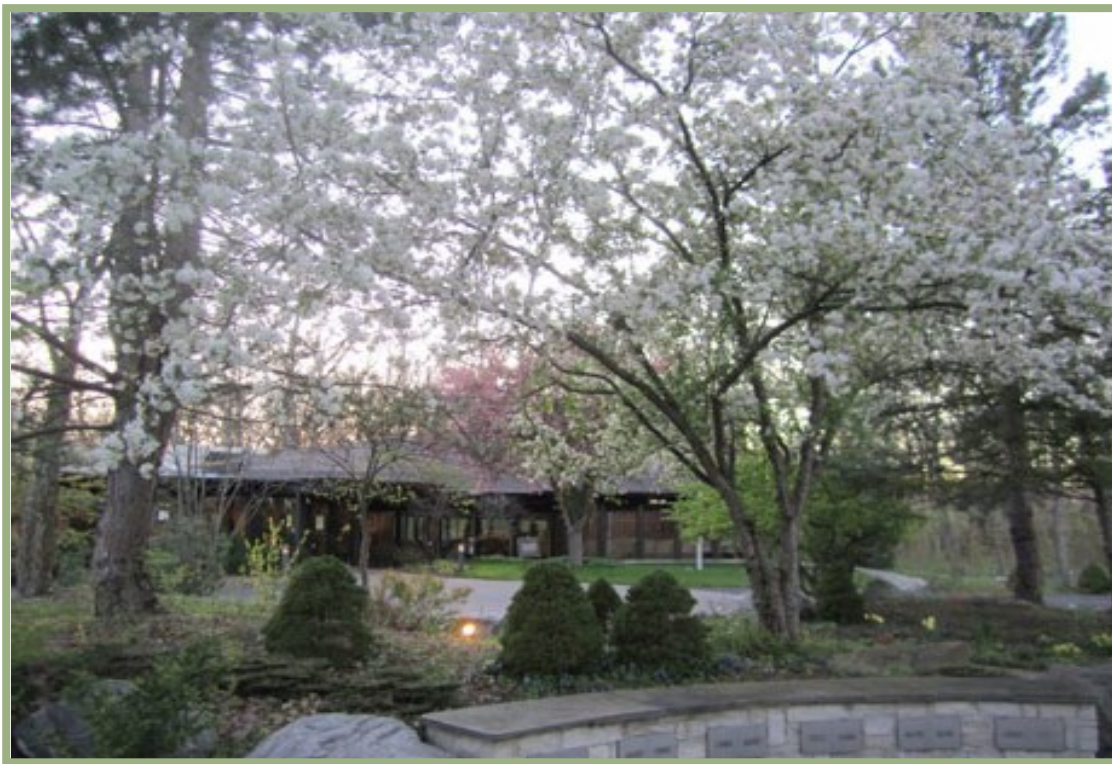
The office will be open on Tues., Thurs., & Fri from 8AM—2PM.

Face masks and social distancing are required.

# *HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS*

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



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