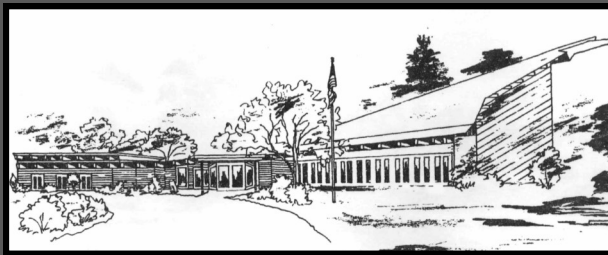




***Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit***
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



October 2020

Date: 10/27/20
6:00-7:00 PM



Trunk or Treat



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Join us for some safe Halloween fun! Families are welcome to join us in our Parking Lot from 6:00-7:00 for our annual Trunk or Treat Event! Masks for all participants are required and social distancing will be encouraged. Spooky dance instruction provided by Momentum Performing Arts Studio!

Anyone wishing to participate in the car decorating please email Jennifer and plan to meet in the parking lot at 5:30. Bring treats for 50 visitors. We need 10-15 cars to make it a success!

Ms. Jennifer , Children's Ministry Director
Jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the last couple weeks I couldn't help but notice how the leaves in the trees have begun to start changing color. And the beautiful warm days that we've had recently, have also begun to have some cool ones scattered among them. Now I love the changing seasons, especially the change from summer to fall with its beautiful fall colors and the warm days and cooler evenings. But this year, for some reason, as I observe the changing colors of the trees my reaction has been, "Oh no! Slow down! The trees are turning too soon! It's not even October! We have to make this season last!" And so rather than enjoying and celebrating this beautiful time of year, I've found myself grieving the loss of something that was never mine to begin with.

I'm sure the influence of this season of COVID-19 has something to do with my reaction. With the colder weather we will spend more time indoors, and as we practice all those behaviors to prevent the spread of this deadly virus, we will be even more isolated once again. So perhaps there is a sense of impending loss as we change seasons. In this time of so many contrasts, I am reminded of the words of the great teacher in the book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal. A time to break down, and a time to build up. A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together. A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing. A time to seek, and a time to lose. A time to keep, and a time to throw away. A time to tear, and a time to sew. A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate. A time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

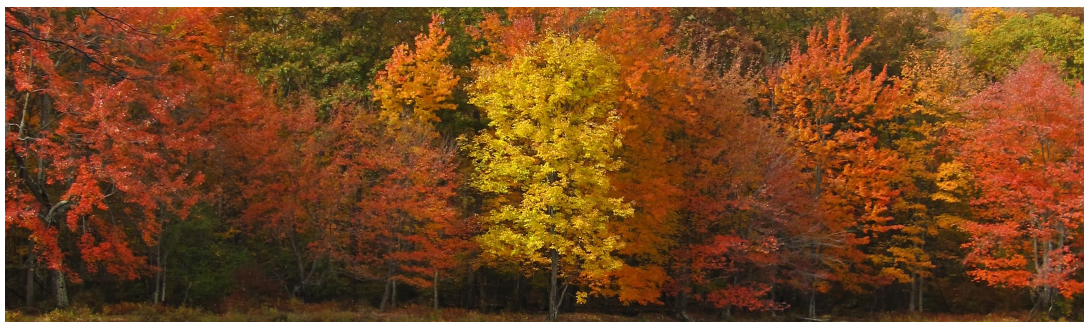
The scope of these verses show that we live in a world of change, and although some of the changes are driven by the acts of people, much of the change is determined by a supreme power. The teacher explains, "We must make the best of that which is, and must believe it best for the present, and accommodate ourselves to it. For God has made everything beautiful for its time."

That which seems most unpleasant to us, is yet, in its proper time altogether fitting. Cold is as fitting in winter as heat is in summer, the night has beauty in its darkness, just as the day is gloriously bright. There is a wonderful harmony in the divine Providence of God, and when we come to consider the interrelatedness of everything, together with the seasons, all will appear very beautiful, to the glory of God and the comfort of those who trust in Him. Though we do not see the complete beauty of God's Providence, one day we shall see it, and a glorious sight it will be, when the mystery of God shall be finished. Then everything shall appear to have been done in the most proper time and it will be the wonder of eternity.

So in the meantime, we wait with patience and trust in the protective care and guidance of God, believing that God has made all things beautiful, even when we have a hard time seeing it.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim



The Quilters

The quilts we made last year for Lutheran World Relief were sent to the country, Georgia. This year we missed a couple of months but completed 20 quilts. You are invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study continues to meet using ZOOM. We are studying Ibram Kendi's book, "How To Be An Antiracist", so join us as we delve into the challenges of today.

If you'd like to participate please contact Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net and she will send you the link to be invited in.

Prayer Group

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

Prayer Concerns

We freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list remains current. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

Holiday Boutique 2020

Sadly, we will not be able to host our annual event because of COVID-19 guidelines. We hope you will contact the following vendors for holiday gifts:

Louise Menter, 847-215-7928—Variety of handcrafted items

Caramels by Lori, 847-235-2304 Hartnett-hartnettls@aol.com

Toffee- Barbara Eastman-847-818-1656

2 Wooly Mittens-Barb Hanks/Judi Spielman Judis0923@yahoo.com-847-507-0088

Elena's Cucina -elena@elenascucina.com 630-307-0130— Variety of Focaccia breads, cookies, biscotti



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Children's Ministry News

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



Sidewalk Sunday School is underway! The children attending our outdoor services have attended these past few weeks and it's great to be back together.

For those of you, who are not able to join us, please continue to watch our online services, enjoy Pastor Tim's children's message and I'll keep sending the bulletins home!

There is also our **"Jesus and Jammies"** on our Children's Ministry Facebook Page. Check out our weekly recordings of a read-aloud!

Tuesday LYFE has been meeting outdoors! We have enjoyed the great weather these past few weeks. The kids have experienced a few "getting to know you" activities, some outdoor challenges, as well as some "mindfulness" exercises. Pastor Tim joined us for a round of "Simon Says" and Mr. V has entertained us with songs! If you are interested in meeting us on Tuesdays, please let me know.





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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?"

As we come to 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 member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by Stewardship Sunday. 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 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 participate in Stewardship Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation.

Stewardship Chairperson,

Bill Collins

bcollins@apextool.com

LET'S CELEBRATE!

October Birthdays



Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Get in the (socially distant) Halloween fun!

Put your creative energies to good use!

Everyone is invited to decorate a pumpkin and enter it in our Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Please send us a before and after photo of your pumpkin! Members will be able to vote via Facebook.

Photos must be original (no copying and pasting those great Pinterest creations!) Email them to Laurie or Jennifer no later than Thursday, October 22 and all contestants will be featured on FB on Saturday October 24. Voting will take place on Sunday, October 25 until 4 PM. Winners will be announced in church and prizes will be awarded! Keep an eye on the Friday announcements for more information.

PADS Grocery Donation List:

Boxes of cereal, peanut butter, packs of peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, canned goods with pop off lids (soup, Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore), Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, applesauce, fruit cups, chips, Easy Mac, bottled water, gift cards to Aldi, Walmart, Jewel, McDonalds. Please either include the receipt or clearly mark the dollar value for gift cards.

1-	Erin Hathaway	13-	Scott Schwanke
3-	Kristen Ahlschwede		Don Thurman
4-	Kaitlyn Koblas	14-	Judy Shambrook
5-	Joseph Cloonan	15-	Kelly Wittich
6-	Ingeborg Hektor	19-	Jerrold Swanson
	Ryan Travetto	20-	Marcie McIntyre
8-	Robert Filpi	22-	Dorothy Stocks
	Audrey Hathaway	28-	Mary Giampietro
9-	David Fencel		Jayne Upadhyay
12-	Tammy Cantagallo		Paige Werner
	Tim Tagge	30-	Ethan Cloonan
			Lily Upadhyay

Support PADS

On Saturday, October 10th please drive through the church parking lot from 1:00 -3:00 PM with your food donations. Our socially-distanced and masked volunteers will take the donation from your trunk and place it in a vehicle for delivery. All donations will then be delivered to PADS for distribution to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

There is also a PADS donation box in the church Narthex, if you would prefer to drop off donations during office hours prior to October 10th.

Thank you all!!

If you have any questions or need assistance with your donation, please contact Wendy LaPlaca at 847-275-3892 or wlaplaca@comcast.net.



church council MEETING

Highlights from September 2020

The monthly Church Council meeting was held via Zoom on September 13th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$25,118 for August (YTD total is \$287,940 (including PPP loan amount)). Operating expenses were \$34,982 in August (YTD total is \$288,187).

The Pastor's report: The Nursery School has begun operating on a modified basis. Other paying building users have not yet provided use projections despite ongoing outreach to them. Confirmation will not occur in the Fall; instruction is expected to begin for current 7th and 8th graders on a modified basis. Outside services will continue, with links to recorded services being provided. The Task Force continues planning and monitoring of conditions, government guidelines, and Synod input. Consideration is being given to a mid-week interactive devotional gathering if in-person services are not possible later in the season. **LCNS Presentation.** Allison Wyrwicz, congregation member and LCNS Treasurer apprised the Council of the nursery school's plans and circumstances. LCNS has made cost and staff reductions, and has received a PPP loan, but due to pandemic conditions and significantly lower enrollment, LCNS is operating at a deficit. LCNS has proposed paying full rent for September and October and is seeking rent forgiveness for November and December, deferring consideration of rent payments for the remainder of the school year. **Stewardship** reported that plans are underway for the annual Stewardship appeal, in virtual form. **Christian Education** reported that Sidewalk Sunday School has begun and was well-received and will continue. Outdoor Tuesday LYFE Sunday School is underway. **CUFF** reported that a virtual bingo fellowship event is being planned and additional virtual events are being considered. **Growth** reported that community outreach efforts addressing ongoing conditions are being considered. **Human Needs** reported that PADs will be collecting food donations in October. Vernon Township has been contacted about the Thanksgiving Basket drive. **Long-Range Planning** reported that live streaming service options continue to be assessed. **Personnel** reported that retaining lay personnel and staff during the pandemic enabled receipt and forgiveness of the PPP loan. **Property** reported building use discussions are being pursued. A permit has been submitted to Lincolnshire for some tree removal. Joel is painting walls in the Narthex and continues to monitor property conditions and conduct upkeep tasks. Gardening activities are ongoing, thanks to volunteers. **Worship and Music** reported outdoor services continue, as well as the recorded service. An email is sent on Sunday morning in the event of inclement weather. Work towards live streaming continues. **Youth** reported that outreach to youth and families continues and that journals are available for pick up or mailing on request. **Old Business:** The Task Force continues to meet and plan, monitoring conditions, guidelines, guidance, and congregation considerations. The Council continues to receive updates and unanimously approves of the work of the Task Force. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve LCNS' proposal for payment of rent through 2020. **New Business:** The Nominating Committee will begin consideration of incoming Council candidates.

Next council meeting currently is scheduled for October 12th at 7:00 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.

Youth News

It has been great to see a few of you during our outdoor worship! We have 2 activities coming in October: the pumpkin decorating contest and our Trunk or Treat. Both are a perfect way to get connected. Get your creative juices flowing and snap a few pics of that pumpkin and send them in! Get together with a friend and decorate your car for the kids! Questions? Please reach out.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

October 2020

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED