



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



May 2019

## Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, May 19th at the 10:45 service, we will be celebrating the Confirmation of three of our youth as they affirm the promises of their baptism. **Ashley Adkisson, Bryan Dick, and Kaitlyn Driscoll** will be Confirmed after completing their two years of study of the catechism, which included: the Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, Baptism, Holy Communion, the Old Testament, the New Testament, Martin Luther, and what it means to be Lutheran.

Please pray for these young people as they strengthen and continue their life of faith. All are invited to congratulate our Confirmands and celebrate with their families on this joyous and sacred occasion.



**National Day of Prayer Service**

**May 2 at 7:30 PM**

Holy Spirit will be joining the many churches around our country that will be observing the National Day of Prayer. The theme for this year is "Love One Another" and in our worship service we will center on prayer; for our country, our churches, our families, our diversity, and that the love of God will bring about a spiritual awakening in America.

Although days of prayer and fasting have been observed throughout our nation's history, the annual spring date of the first Thursday in May was established by President Harry Truman in 1952. Each year since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

We are encouraging you to join us for a special worship service and to pray for our country to "Love One Another". Pick up a brochure in the Narthex to learn more about this day dedicated to prayer.

## *A Note from Our Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

What a wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection we had this past Easter Sunday! It was wonderful to have so many gathered to celebrate the victory of our God with triumphant music and shouts of praise, as we all gathered to receive Christ's presence at the communion table.

As we celebrate the joy of the season and Christ's triumph over sin, death and the devil, we enter into a period best known as "The Great 50 Days" of Easter. Many of us know that the season of Lent has 40 days to remember how Jesus endured temptation for 40 days in the wilderness, and how we are invited into a period of discipline and fasting and reflection as well. Its intention is to facilitate and reinforce our conviction and devotion to Christ. But many don't about the 50 day season that follows.

The number seven was highly revered among Jews, for seven implied fullness. On the seventh day of creation God celebrated the fullness of all created things. The number came to be enshrined in the time period known as a week. But if seven was a good number, how much better must be 49 (seven squared). So a 49 day period was a "week of weeks". Just as one seventh of the week is set aside as holy, so also one seventh of the year (or as close as we can come to it in even weeks) is held in special regard in a similar way.

Easter is not one closing day at the end of a lengthy period of Lent. Easter is one extended period of rejoicing in the resurrection that more than exceeds in length, the season of Lent. The first day of the season, Easter Day, is the opening of a long-drawn-out celebration, even as the Resurrection is itself, the opening of a vast new reality. Throughout this sacred season we are inspired by Scripture that witness to the many appearances of the risen Christ, and the response by those moved by the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. And like those first witnesses to the resurrection, we too are invited to see the world in a whole new light, not for just one day, but for an incredible "Great 50 Days". I pray that during these seven weeks of Easter that you might experience new possibilities, entertain new visions and dreams, and dwell in the hope of an enlightened and transformed new world. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Thank you to all who participated in all our mid-week Lenten services, fellowship events, and special services leading through Holy Week to Easter. Your efforts produced an inspired spirit-filled season filled with meaningful worship and good fellowship, all of which resulted in the continuing building up of our church. It is an example of being united in mission, to see so many gather together to worship, practice music, prepare meals, work on the property, organize the services, and share in the joy that belongs to the children of God. Our church has a lot of Good News to share with our community. May we continue to celebrate the Spirit of our Risen Lord in the glorious weeks to come.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tim*



## **LCHS Work Day**

April 6 was a huge success. Thank you to all who came out and lent a hand!

There are still some items that need attention so please be generous with your time on May 4 from 8 AM-1 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Schroetter at dschroetter71@gmail.com.



## **Volunteers Needed!**

There are many, many activities that go on behind the scenes each week to keep Holy Spirit moving smoothly. Each Sunday through May, our congregation will hear from different members of Church Council to alert us to the need for volunteers.

**Teens** - Service to your church is a good way to help you stand out when your school considers National Honor Society nominees. Some schools will award service hours for your church volunteer work. Working on college apps? Your efforts at Holy Spirit will be noticed.

**Adults** - Consider helping to set up for an event or clean up afterward. There are many activities that can be completed on your own time. Property and PADS volunteers are particularly needed.

**Families** - Bring your kids along to a church clean up! Have them help you prepare a meal for a family in a stressful situation. Let them know that we are all a church family which supports one another.



## **WELCA**

Ladies who attended our monthly fellowship at Kari Davenport's house had a great time enjoying conversation and laughs.

If you would like to host a Ladies Night Out, on a night and time of your choosing, please contact Lynn Kasche at lmkasche@yahoo.com.

## **Synod Assembly**

Thank you to Fred Biederman, Janice Edwards and Maria Linstrom who will join Pastor Tim as delegates to this year's assembly.

## **Roof Repair Fund Raising**

Great News! We have already reached our initial goal of raising \$40,000 toward the estimated cost of \$68,474 of repairing our roof. With our initial goal met, we're challenging the congregation to fund the balance of the cost so we don't have to draw from our building fund. So please consider making a donation toward our roof repair fund. Construction is expected to begin the week of May 20, and we look forward to resolving our ongoing water leaking problems. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to maintaining and improving our property and to the ongoing ministries of our church. With your partnership we will continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and serve our community through the excellent resource we have in our building.

### **Prayer Group**

During May we will be extending the National Day of Prayer from 1 day to an entire month. Following this year's theme of "Love One Another," we will pray each week for one of the focus areas of the National Day of Prayer - nation, church, families/communities, ethnicities, and unity. We always pray for those on the Prayer List and those celebrating birthdays. All are welcome to join us in prayer on Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the Prayer Chapel.

**Adult Forum** meets from 9:45 to 10:30 AM each Sunday to provide an opportunity for all to connect their faith with their daily lives. May 12 will be the last Adult Forum for this season as we will be taking a break for the summer. Thank you to all who presented and participated throughout the past year!

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

We are studying a 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. On May 16 we will conclude our year of Bible Study with a fellowship brunch as we take a break for the summer. Join us for some spirited conversation!

We always close our time together in prayer.

### **The Quilters**

Join us at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 21 for fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome. No experience necessary!

### **EXPOS**

We will wrap up this year with a big day at Ryerson. The day will start with a potluck brunch at 10:00AM at church and then move over to the Ryerson Visitors Center for a guided tour of that "state of the art" eco-friendly facility at 11:30AM. We will finish up our day at Brushwood Center, strolling through the gallery and exhibits. Please sign up in the narthex.

### **Meet and Greet**

Join us Sunday, May 19 in the narthex at 9:30 between worship services 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](mailto:kbally@sbcglobal.net).



### **Music Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m.**

What would worship be like without the gift of song? The choirs and musicians of our congregation help all of us to appreciate the depth and grandeur of God. On Sunday June 2, we give thanks to God for the talents and time they offer in the leadership of our worship.

Special thanks for our various directors: Mike Duffy, Music Director of Adult & Bell Choirs; Patrick Cantagallo, Brass Ensemble; Brigid Cantagallo, organist, pianist and accompanist; Bill Vaananen, Youth Choir Director, composer; Nancy Fencel & Darlene Neumann Cherub Choir Directors.



*You Are  
Awesome!!*

### **PADS**

Thank you to everyone in our congregation who gave so generously this year through your donations of food, supplies, personal time, and prayer. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit has a legacy of caring for those in need and lifting them up in many different ways. Many of our neighbors in Lake County experiencing homelessness have needed our support this past year. As a faith community we were able to come alongside those in need to provide nourishing food, a safe place to rest, and caring fellowship. Thank you all for your support and your willingness to share your blessings and abundance with others.

### **Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, May 4 at 6PM**

Don't forget to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we gather for a progressive dinner.

We will begin the night with hors d'oeuvres at one location, followed by dinner at various homes, then gathering together again for dessert and coffee. Please contact Kymm Brown at [kymm.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kymm.brown@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### **Lutheran Day**

Lutheran Day is on May 9, 2019, this year. As in previous years, advocates from across the state will gather to study, pray, and take action for equality amongst Illinois residents.

We are faith-based social service organizations or human care organizations. We are men and women from Lutheran congregations all over Illinois. We are dedicated staff, as well as committed supporters of the people we serve. We are Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and none of the above.

We are people of good will, standing together to exercise our vocation to speak out for justice, compassion, and equality for all people.

Thank you for joining us in raising your voice, and being counted for the sake of God's children, youth, women, and men in need of special care.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield

\$10.00 includes lunch and materials. Register at [www.lutheranday.org](http://www.lutheranday.org)



# Children's Ministry News

By Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - [jennifer.williams@elcachildren.org](mailto:jennifer.williams@elcachildren.org)

## Sunday School Happenings

Our kids enjoyed traveling with Moses for our final "Sensational Sunday". Children floated down the Nile River, avoiding crocodiles, scooted past the Plagues and reached the Red Sea.



Sunday School enjoyed this year's theme of "Building a Relationship with God". Focus topics included: friendship, gratitude, prayer, and cooperation. We will conclude the year with a celebration on May 5.

Anyone desiring to join our teaching team should please email Jennifer.

## World Hunger Relief

Thank you for supporting our cause!

We purchased **90 CHICKS** through the ELCA Agricultural Gifts!



## Tuesday LYFE

Our kids worked hard learning about Lent. We focused on prayer and the Stations of the Cross. We ended with an Easter Egg Hunt throughout the Sanctuary as kids had to answer Easter trivia questions in order to search for eggs! (Creative chaos with a purpose)

## Athens VBS is Coming!

VBS will be July 29 - August 3. Registration is open online; visit [holyspirit-elca.org](http://holyspirit-elca.org). Please tell your friends and neighbors. This is such a fun week for the kids.

We are reaching out to anyone who'd like to help during the week. Kitchen help, craft assistance and group leaders are just a few ways you can share your time and talent. Junior High and High Schoolers are especially needed to lead the groups. Please let Kari Davenport at [karikdavenport@gmail.com](mailto:karikdavenport@gmail.com) or Jennifer Williams know if you'd like to help.



## Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Ellie Kasche and Lily Upadhyay for their great job in leading us on the journey through Jesus' last days during this special service. Those who attended said it was a wonderful experience.



## Lenten Suppers

To the extraordinary chefs who provided delicious comfort food before the mid-week Lenten Services, we say **DELICIOSO!!**

**Jennifer Prosk**

**Fred Biederman**

**Bernie Kasche**

**Brigid & Richard Cantagallo**

**EXPOS**



## Youth News

There will be an informational meeting on May 5th after services to discuss upcoming summer and school year events and more. Parents and students are invited to join us in the youth room at 11:45 for refreshments. We hope to see you there!

### WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Current, future, and "alumni" youth group members and parents are being asked to complete a short online survey/suggestion box. We want to serve your needs and interests, and the best way to do that is to ask you. The survey takes only a few minutes, and it can be submitted anonymously. Parents, if your youth do not have or often check email, please encourage them to visit the Google forms page and complete the survey. If you have never participated in a youth group event, please let us know what we can offer that would be of interest to you! The survey link is <https://goo.gl/forms/BXZv1Q9fuZg9BTO1>.

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

## May Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 3- Shirley Crandall<br>Laurie Ohm   | 16- Tom Adkisson                          |
| 4- Kyle Koblas  | 17- Janice Edwards                        |
| 5- Dorothea Lehtinen  | 18- Colton Schroetter<br>Church Shambrook |
| 6- Sue Kick   | 19- Bill Collins                          |
| 7- Joan Keyes   | 20- Steve Fina                            |
| 8- Eileen Weglarz   | 21- Alicia Spoehr                         |
| 9- Diane Laudati<br>Stephen Pedersen<br>Truman Rudloff<br>Joshua Ruston             | 22- Nancy FencI                           |
| 10- Brady Greenwell<br>Greg Greenwell<br>Emma Hathaway<br>Grace & Madison McElhinny | 23- Nila Bilstad<br>Marshall Calef        |
| 11- Thomas Maas<br>Jennifer Qualley   | 24- Steve Shull                           |
| 12- Emmanuel Neela  | 27- Ann Plaza                             |
| 13- Katherine Prosk<br>Allison Wyrwicz  | 28- Amelia Tagge<br>Lisa Thurman          |
| 14- Alfild Perrone<br>Carolyn Raymond<br>Amy Steinberger<br>Kelsey Utterback        | 29- Lisa Hale<br>Larry Neumann            |
|   | 30- Terri Pedersen                        |
|   | 31- Steve Dick                            |





# church council MEETING

## Highlights from April 2019

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on April 8th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$50,323; YTD total is \$113,430. Operating expenses were \$41,547; YTD total is \$ 117,727.

**The Pastor's report:** Visitation ministers were commissioned. LCNS lease renewal is expected to be signed soon. National Day of Prayer is May 2, and the Prayer Group will lead a service. Church Council members' Sunday talks and clipboard circulation seem to be aiding volunteerism.

**Committees** of the council provided reports of various activities. **Worship & Music** reported that Lenten suppers and Wednesday services were well attended and well received, and the committee prepared for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. **Christian Education** Tuesday LYFE completed working on LENT. Sunday School has stepped way from its usual leaflet/video prepared curriculum for special lessons. Jennifer planned and conducted our Children's Good Friday Service. Our World Hunger Sunday Children's Ministry collected funds sufficient to purchase 90 chicks from the ELCA agricultural program. VBS promo has begun and a google registration form is being prepared. May 5 between services will be an end of year Sunday School celebration. **Growth** sent out approximately 500 cards to area residents who are new to the community, inviting them to Lenten and Easter services. We have had several visitors in recent weeks. Our banner was up in the Lincolnshire village kiosk. **C.U.F.F.** The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 4; host homes are needed and sign up is posted in the narthex. Kymm is in contact with Tennaqua for the picnic. **Long Range Planning** continues with meetings to discuss options for flooring, worship space, and worship service technology/sound. **Stewardship** Clipboards seem to be increasing stewardship activity. Offering envelope strategies and alternative giving options are being explored. **Youth** hosted Experiential Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 10. The youth survey is being rolled and a link is in the newsletter. Colin plans to hold an informational meeting for future Crossroads parents on May 5 after second service. **Property** reported a successful work day; almost all tasks were completed. The next work day will occur on Saturday, May 4. The roofing project tentatively is scheduled to begin on May 21 and is expected to last 2-3 weeks. **Human Needs** The final PADS session of this season occurred. Continued congregation support of the Messiah PADS sight is under review, as a new coordinator is needed along with staffing needs.

**Old Business:** An ALICE Training workshop, open to all members, will be conducted on April 28 at noon. The Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force has requested input regarding flooring. Council discussed various options and recommended that the task force explore options that do not involve tearing up the existing flooring. A motion passed to participate in the Buffalo Grove PRIDE parade on Sunday, June 2. Some members also have expressed interest in participating in the Lincolnshire July 4 parade.

**New Business:** Lutheran Day Nursery will visit on Thursday, June 27, and Donna will post a sign up. COOL Golf Outing is Friday July 12 at Bonnybrook. Security cameras provided by the new internet provider are being considered.

Next council meeting is May 13 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](mailto:lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com) when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

# MAY 2019

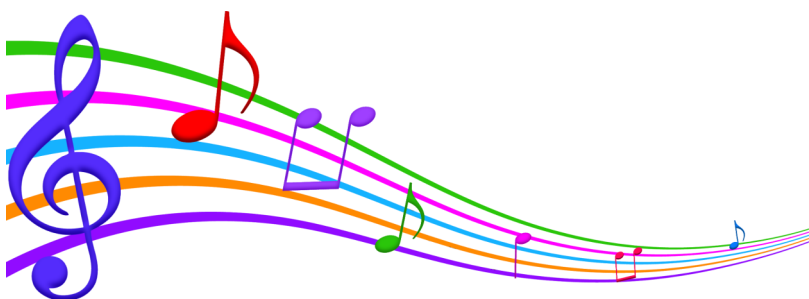
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<b>19</b> Confirmation Sunday Meet & Greet	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10am Quilters	<b>22</b> 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	<b>23</b> 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Summer Worship starts-- 9:30am service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> Music Sunday	<b>3</b> 7pm Worship in the Woods starts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>7</b> Synod Assembly	<b>8</b> Synod Assembly
<b>9</b> Pentecost	<b>10</b> 7:30 Council Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> Church Picnic	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 10-2pm Lutheran Day Nursery	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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# JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Church office closed	<b>5</b> Church office closed	<b>6</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> VBS 9-Noon	<b>30</b> VBS 9-Noon	<b>31</b> VBS 9-Noon			



## Music Ministry

If you have an instrument you would like to play during worship, there are opportunities during the prelude, offertory and postlude. Please contact Brigid Cantagallo at [brigidcantagallo@gmail.com](mailto:brigidcantagallo@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

## Summer Choir

Summer Choir will be starting shortly! Why not consider adding your voice to our music ministry? We will meet at 9:00 a.m. twice a month during the summer to prepare a short musical offering for the 9:30 a.m. service. Watch for the summer Sunday schedule in the bulletin and join us in singing God's praises. All are welcome to raise their voice in praise and worship. See Mike Duffy if you have any questions.

# **HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS**

*May 2019*

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



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