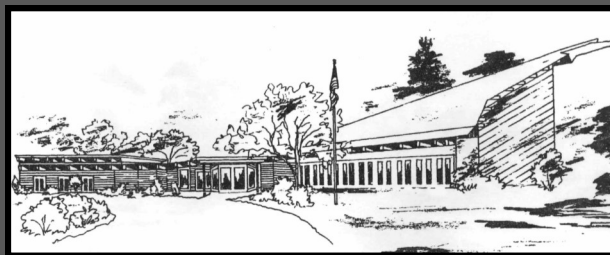




**Lutheran Church  
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June 2020

## Season of Pentecost

*This is the Day that the Lord has Made. Let us, Rejoice and Be Glad in it.* (Psalm 118:24)

The season after Pentecost is a time of growth. This is a time when the beloved community we call church is continually being shaped by its attention to the word of God. Each day, and particularly on Sunday, our baptismal callings are formed in Christ for life. Despite our setbacks, misunderstandings, or distractions, God continues to come close. The prophet Isaiah declares that *"the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord."* (Isaiah 51:3) We are given a precious gift through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. We might find renewal in this gift in the summertime. And we might receive the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

## BUILDING A FOUNDATION

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock."* Matthew 7:24-25

### Appeal Update

We have already received over \$298,000 in commitments for the **"Building a Foundation"** appeal toward our goal of \$375,000 and encourage everyone to participate as you are able. Please review the information found in the packets that have been sent to you, and watch the videos that have been prepared. We give thanks for all your gifts. May God work through us all to "Build a Foundation" for the future here at Holy Spirit. Every response is important. Initial gifts and commitments will enable our ministry planning and mission to continue to grow.

## *A Note from Our Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the past couple months as we've been staying home to prevent the spread of this contagious coronavirus, there are plenty of things that we miss. The opportunity to gather with friends, to eat at restaurants, and to gather to worship are among the many activities we've had to refrain from. Even at home our activities have been altered, and I really miss being able to watch sporting events with everything being suspended.

But one bright spot that I have enjoyed during our seclusion, was reliving the glory years of the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan in the series "The Last Dance". Sometimes in looking back, we might think that the Bulls simply dominated the 90's, but in recapping those glory years, the series illustrated how each year was an incredible struggle. There were so many worthy opponents in Magic Johnson, Isaiah Thomas, Patrick Ewing, Clyde Drexler, Charles Barkley, Reggie Miller, and Karl Malone. The competition was intense, and the mental stress that the team had to endure was incredible. The star of the show, Michael Jordan, retired twice due to the personal stress, the anguish of losing his father, and the physical and mental toll he experienced. And yet you have to love the dogged perseverance and determination he placed on himself to be the best he could be, for himself, the team, and even the city of Chicago. Michael simply would not be denied, and the whole world fell in love with his charisma for winning.

When sports teams are faced with an uphill battle, as an underdog verses their opponent, the Biblical story of David and Goliath is often referred to. Of course, Goliath was the gigantic Philistine warrior that taunted and challenged anyone to face him in single combat – mano a mano – but no one dared to go and face this monster. Then David, probably only a teenager at the time, goes out to meet him with just 5 smooth stones and a sling, and the rest as they say, is history, as David slays the giant with one precise strike.

Oftentimes when we look at a problem, we're apt to make a giant out of it and consider all the ways that it can defeat us. The more we focus on that person or that issue, the bigger it seems to grow in our minds. The reality, however, is that the solution to the problem begins with identifying the source of the fear. Ultimately, the only thing we can ever control is ourselves and our reaction to a particular problem. In any given situation we need to ask, "What is pushing my buttons or causing my fear?" Once we identify what's going on that makes us tremble, we can then deal with the problem.

Whatever problem we are facing, we also have to recognize that we have some experience to draw upon. Where have you faced such an issue in the past? How were you delivered? How did God intervene to help? And if this particular Goliath is outside of your realm of expertise, then don't hesitate to bring in someone with the relevant experience to help, be it a counselor, a friend or another expert. Ask God to bring you a team of people to provide you with their experience.

People of God know that God can take any situation, even the most negative, and work it out for his glory. David believed that truth throughout his life, even in the dark days when he wrestled with the results of his own sin. He presented what he had that day in facing Goliath: himself, his trusted weapons, but even more, his faith in God. He trusted God for the results and God delivered.

The Goliaths in our lives present a formidable challenge, but we don't have to face them alone. God is with us, and while we should do our best to prepare to slay these giants, we ultimately trust God for the result, knowing that whatever happens will be for his glory.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Jim*

## **Thursday Bible Study**

Our Thursday Bible study has resumed using ZOOM. We are currently studying Barbar Rossing's book entitled "The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation". 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 in.

## **The Quilters (suspended until further notice)**

## **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](mailto:jnelson814@comcast.net) and she will send you the link to be invited in.

## **Meet & Greet (suspended until further notice)**

## **Synod Assembly**

Holy Spirit will send three delegates to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly. The annual assembly has been postponed from June 5th and 6th to October 3rd. A location has yet to be determined as well as whether or not this will be a virtual gathering. Further details will be forthcoming. If you are interested in participating please contact Pastor Tim.

## **Church Calendar (suspended until further notice)**

We have not included our normal three month calendar in the newsletter this month since we cannot predict when we will be able to resume face-to-face activities in the church. With all church gatherings suspended for now, we will begin re-planning events as we near the time when we resume them. It will be wonderful to get back together when we do, and we can look forward to a grand celebration when that day comes!

## **Stay in Touch**

Let us know what you are up to during this stay at home mandate by emailing pictures, particularly of worship and service, to be included in the next newsletter.



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

# **LCHS Response to Covid-19**

**In response to the official guidelines by our state and health authorities we have suspended all formal worship services and large gatherings until further notice.**

During this time of uncertainty and vulnerability, it is with great pastoral care, that we want to assure you that you are not alone. In the coming weeks we will continue to:

## **Bring you the Word of God.**

Through recordings and downloads and live streaming we will continue to provide you the opportunity to join in worship with prayers, scripture readings, sermons, music, and children's messages

## **Provide Pastoral Care and Outreach**

Though person-to-person visits will not be available, a network of contact has already been established to provide wellness checks with all members, solicit volunteers to help with providing assistance efforts, and continued contact from staff and members as we explore ways to connect with each other and the ministries of our church.

## **Receive Offerings for Continued Ministry**

You may choose to mail your offerings in, drop off your offering, or sign up or continue to use Simply Giving, our pre-authorized automatic withdrawal program, to contribute to the church, world hunger, COOL food bank, LSSI, or Lutheran World Relief, for we recognize our need to sustain these vital ministries.

## **Continue to Gather as a Community**

Through teleconferencing platforms like ZOOM, we will continue to meet with each other. The church council, prayer group and our capital campaign team have already utilized this technology so that we can continue to work together and be the church we are called to be.

## **Be a Community Committed to Prayer**

Our relationship with God centers on our ongoing communication with God through prayer. As we learn of the many needs of people who need our prayer and lift them up in prayer, we also receive comfort, peace, hope, and inspiration as we experience the abundance that comes from God, and grow in our relationship with God through prayer.

## **Federal Government Loan**

We are pleased to announce that Holy Spirit has received a \$35,237 loan through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), a program established by the federal government to help small business keep their employees on the payroll. Holy Spirit has retained all of our staff members throughout the COVID19 pandemic, and this loan will help ensure we can continue to pay them while we work to re-establish our worship and ministries in line with the state guidelines. The loan will be used for expenses allowed by the federal guidelines, and we therefore expect the loan will be forgiven later this year. Please contact Council President, Jeanne Nelson or Treasurer, Daaron Dohler if you have any questions about the PPP loan.

# LET'S CELEBRATE!



## June Birthdays

2-	Trudy Bettiker	23-	Kaitlin Driscoll
	Jean Gates		Ken Rosko
3-	Peter Ahlschwede		John Sieland
4-	Bennett Dirks	24-	Daniella Cantagallo
	Jim Koblas		Bernard Kasche
	Don Roth	25-	Giorgio Laudati
12-	Dane Brown	27-	Sienna Dirks
	Anne-Marie Glenner	28-	Ben Grafe
13-	Emma McGee	30-	Donald Brotz
	Roger Nelson		Liam Sieland
14-	Lisa McGee		
18-	Ethan Becker		
	Kate Qualley		
	Ron Stocks		



## Welcome to the LCHS Family

Join us in warmly welcoming Kathy Roderer, who officially becomes part of staff on June 1st as our organist. Below is a brief bio:

Kathy was born and grew up in Toledo, Ohio, beginning piano lessons in third grade and organ in sixth grade. An amazing beginning organ teacher who shared her passion, love for organ repertoire, music theory, and most of all, her enthusiasm for hymns and church music was a life changing inspiration for Kathy.

A college graduate from the University of Toledo, Kathy earned a Master of Music degree in Organ and Church Music from Northwestern University. She recently retired from teaching and lives in Evanston with her husband, Kurt and their two dogs. Kathy is a mother of four grown daughters and has four young grandchildren. One of her favorite activities continues to be accompanying: choir, soloists, instrumentalists, and of course, a congregation!

As Kathy says, “I am thrilled to be playing at Holy Spirit and can’t wait for the church to be filled again on Sundays. Kurt and I have found the congregation to be so welcoming and friendly, and are looking forward to getting to know everyone!”



## Giving Option

GivePlus is an extension of our current Simply Giving electronic donation system. You do not need to be currently using Simply Giving in order to use GivePlus. With GivePlus, you can quickly and easily donate to Holy Spirit using your smartphone or tablet. GivePlus is free to use and available for download at the App Store (Apple or Google). Simply download the GivePlus app, search for our church by name (Holy Spirit Lutheran Church) or zip code (60069), and then set up your payment using a debit card or credit card. You can make a one-time payment as a guest user, or create an account to set up recurring donations and view your giving history. You are able to donate to four different funds: General Operating Fund, Building Fund, Hunger Offering, or Holiday Offering. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please refer to the user guide, the FAQ document, or contact Larry Brady or Daaron Dohler.

UserGuide: [https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/images/GivePlus\\_Mobile\\_How\\_it\\_work.pdf](https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/images/GivePlus_Mobile_How_it_work.pdf)

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Our Holy Spirit family has always reached out to those in need. At this unprecedented time, there are doubtless families in our own congregation which are dealing with uncertainty and challenge. Please reach out to Pastor Tim if you have a confidential situation so he can connect you with the support or services you need.

## Community Outreach

### What can I do to help others during the pandemic?

The organizations that we support with our hunger offerings and special events need our help now more than ever! Please mail in your hunger offering to church just as you would have contributed on the second Sunday of the month.

**PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter)** During the shelter order in Illinois, PADS is not able to use churches or other facilities to shelter residents who are experiencing homelessness. At this time, over 100 individuals are being housed temporarily in hotels and are in need of food and basic supplies each day. PADS is seeking donations of microwaveable food and pantry items to be distributed to the guests staying in hotels. Please prayerfully consider a donation of items on the list below:

Mac n cheese cups	Cup-a-Soup	Ravioli – microwavable
Spaghetti and meatballs – microwavable	Loaves of bread	Ramen cups
Beef stew – microwavable	Tuna packets	Fruit cups
Small jars of peanut butter and jelly	Spam pouches	
Beef jerky, Slim Jim, meat sticks	Breakfast cereal bars or granola bars	

Gift cards to Aldi, Walmart, Jewel, McDonalds. Please either include the receipt or clearly mark the dollar value.

These items may be dropped off at the main PADS office, 1800 Grand Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085, M-F between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Cash donations are also needed.

**COOL Ministries (Community Outreach of Lutherans)** COOL is doing their best to keep up with the increased demands of families and individuals in the Lake County area and needs our help. COOL is in need of **boxes of cereal, canned vegetables, fresh produce and snacks for the kids home from school (granola bars, fruit snacks, etc).** They also need **juice (apple, orange, etc).** Toiletries are hard to find right now but they can also always use **toilet paper, paper towels and household cleaning products** as well.

COOL is working in conjunction with PADS to pack meal boxes for their hotel guests so anything microwaveable is also great as well as **plastic silverware, cups, plates etc. Can openers** are also needed. Monetary donations are always needed, and can be mailed to: COOL Ministries, 800 W. Glen Flora Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085.

**Holy Spirit will have a special physically-distanced PADS and COOL drop off on Saturday, May 9, from 1 - 3PM. Please bring your donations to our parking lot at 30 Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire. You can put them directly into the trunk of a car, and they will be delivered to the PADS and COOL offices.**

**Holy Family School** was forced to cancel their fundraising benefit scheduled for April 25. Their outstanding teachers have moved to e-learning in a community where many families do not have internet access. A Herculean effort has secured Chromebooks and iPads for their students. Temporary internet access has been donated to enable students in preschool through 8th grade to continue their education. However, many of the students lack basic school supplies. Please donate some crayons, some paper, or whatever you can: [https://smile.amazon.com/wedding/registry/R2ESTIBADFHR?ref=wr\\_search\\_page\\_result\\_1](https://smile.amazon.com/wedding/registry/R2ESTIBADFHR?ref=wr_search_page_result_1) You can donate everything from pencils to erasable white boards.

If you forget this link, go to Amazon and search “wedding registries.” Sorry, after much effort creating a school wish list, it was easier to create a registry! Use “Holy Family School” for the name of either the bride or the groom! **Your purchases will be shipped directly to the school and distributed as needed.**

**Please donate early and often. We are all in this together!**

# Children's Ministry News

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

## **SUMMER = UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**



Although VBS as we know it will not be happening this year, other options for our kids to share in their faith are being explored, researched and will be happening this summer! Please be on the lookout for information and options for the kids! Things might be different but the kids will be connected and celebrating God with us over the summer!

### **Prayer Pals**

Please keep our kids in mind. This has been a real struggle for them and they need a little support. Please continue your generous prayers for our kids and families.





## church council **MEETING**

## **Highlights from May 2020**

The monthly Church Council meeting was held via Zoom on May 11th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$51,447 for April (YTD total is \$150,390). Operating expenses were \$42,264 in April (YTD total is \$149,976 ).

**The Pastor's report:** Members who had been unable to attend in-person services have been enjoying our online services. Online or streaming worship will continue in the future, even after in-person services resume. Pastor Tim has been participating in a wide variety of virtual meetings with the Synod, other churches, members, and church committees. Camp Lincolnshire currently is interested in holding camp from late June into mid-August. VBS scheduling and programming can be flexible to accommodate. Discussion will continue in light of evolving circumstances and guidelines. **Worship & Music** reported that online services will continue with increasing engagement. **Christian Education** reported that Jennifer is staying connected with families to keep the Sunday School students and LYFE participants engaged and feeling cared for. **Finance** reported that electronic and alternative giving methods have been implemented and have been valuable in assisting with collection of benevolence offerings during this time. We have received a federal Paycheck Protection Program loan, which should be forgivable based on federal guidelines. **Growth** reported on the purchase of 2 large signs for the front of the church on Riverwoods Road, inviting neighbors to worship with us online, and that Lincolnshire has left our banner in the village kiosk. Our Deerfield Farmers' Market event in July has been cancelled by the Market committee due to COVID-19. **Human Needs** reported that the May 9 food drive was a tremendous success, contributing to COOL and PADs. A registry has been set up for Holy Family school to provide needed items, and many items already have been donated. ELCA World Hunger is very appreciative of our continued support. **Personnel** reported that Kathy Roderer officially will start employment in June and will need to complete necessary paperwork. **Property** reported that maintenance tasks and upkeep are ongoing, including HVAC routine maintenance and repair. **Old Business:** The Synod Convention will be Saturday, October 3, 2020, with details to be provided by the Synod at a later date. The Capital Campaign is proceeding, with circulation of written materials and a video; pledges over \$169,000 have been received thus far. Bible Study and Prayer Group are meeting virtually. National Day of Prayer was conducted virtually, and well-being calls continue. **New Business:** Camp Lincolnshire has expressed interest in changing camp dates, as discussed in the Pastor's Report. A Reopening Task Force is being convened to consider reopening plans and options, considering applicable requirements and guidelines, and available resources. The Synod also is conducting meetings and is expected to provide guidelines to congregations. We will plan to proceed with the November Boutique, modifying as needed as circumstances evolve. The Lutheran Day Nursery visit originally scheduled in June will not proceed due to the pandemic. The Church picnic scheduled for June will be postponed and hopefully will be rescheduled for later in the summer.

**Next council meeting currently is scheduled for June 8th 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.

## Community Spirit

### Food Drive Success!

Many thanks to the wonderful people who contributed to the PADS/COOL food drive on May 9. As you may remember, the two groups are coordinating efforts to get much-needed food and emergency supplies to our neighbors in Lake County. We filled 2 SUV's to the brim with microwavable entrees, snack bars, toilet paper, paper towels, and plastic cutlery. Don Hanigan and Pam Labellarte delivered the items to a very grateful warehouse. Thank you so much!



### Holy Family School Supplies Drive

Don't forget you can still contribute to Holy Family School's school supply registry on Amazon: [https://smile.amazon.com/wedding/organize-registry?ref\\_=wedding\\_subnav](https://smile.amazon.com/wedding/organize-registry?ref_=wedding_subnav) (yes, it does say wedding registry). You can donate as little as \$4.79 for felt-tip markers. Your gifts will be delivered straight to Holy Family. Thanks to those of you who have already donated!



## Reopening Task Force

The past couple of months have been challenging -- a challenge to our personal and communal health and safety; a challenge to staying connected to one another; and a challenge to worshipping in familiar ways. Being challenged and inconvenienced, however, does not compare to the suffering of those afflicted with this disease and those who have lost loved ones.

It will likely be a number of weeks before we are able to gather safely and worship in our sanctuary. Any plan for reopening our church must include every precaution to ensure public gatherings do not create additional cases of Covid-19, thus making our current sacrifices all for naught. Scripture teaches us to be “our brother’s keeper” and inspires us to sacrifice our individual inconvenience for the health and wellbeing of others.

In order to move forward with a plan for the gradual reopening of Holy Spirit, we’d like to invite members of the congregation to serve on a Reopening Task Force. The Task Force will be guided by recommendations of the CDC, the Lake County Health Department and the Bishop’s office of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. Meetings will be conducted remotely via internet or phone. If you are interested in joining in this effort, please email Jeanne Nelson at [jnelson814@comcast.net](mailto:jnelson814@comcast.net).



David Fencl participated in “Taps Across America” playing in the Columbarium.



# ***HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS***

*June 2020*

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



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