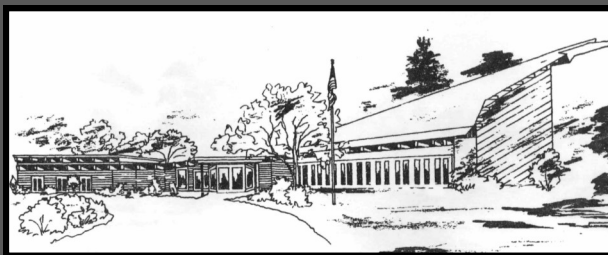




**Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit**
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April 2019 Issue

**PALM
SUNDAY**

IT IS FINISHED

the hope of Easter begins

Maundy
Thursday

HE IS
RISEN!

Holy Week and Easter

- ~ **Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14** A Sunday morning that begins with Palms and climaxes in the Passion of our Lord. Join the choir processions with palms and praises at 8:30 or 10:45 AM
- ~ **Maundy Thursday, April 18 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. *The nursery will be staffed.*
- ~ **Good Friday, April 19**
 - 11:00 AM Children's Service** Interactive Prayer Stations. Join us as we walk as Jesus did through Holy Week.
 - 7:30 PM Service** 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. *The nursery will be staffed.*
- ~ **Easter Morning Worship April 21 8:30 and 10:45 AM**
Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.
- ~ **Easter Breakfast** A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast between services on Easter morning. Last year's crowd enjoyed meeting friends both old and new. You are invited to join us from 9:15-10:30 AM.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare to end our Lenten journey this year, and walk with Christ through Holy Week to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we look forward to the "change" and the new life that comes with it.

After a long winter, we get a taste of spring as the snow melts and we once again see the earth, and the warmth of the sun brings rising temperatures. But just as we prepare to embrace the color and new life that springs forth, the skies turn gray and the snow falls again. Like a pregnant mother who races to the emergency room, only to find out that it is not quite time yet, we eagerly anticipate the change that is practically here.

Throughout the season of Lent we have embraced the call to consider our human condition and how we have not lived up to being the people we have been called to be. And in the same way we have also considered new possibilities for our way of living and how we can align ourselves with our Lord and Savior Jesus, and how we can live in His love. In our mid-week Lenten Series "Places of the Passion" we have meditated on how when Jesus enters a place, he never leaves it as he found it. The most troubling places are transformed into places of God's amazing grace. Jesus demonstrates strength in the midst of our weakness, and his timeless love in the midst of our temporal darkness.

And just as the minor keys in the music we hear in worship during Lent are about to give way to the joyful alleluias of Easter, our Lenten disciplines of prayerfulness and faithfulness will lead to new and broader horizons in our faith lives, with new possibilities, that as scripture says, "can move mountains!"

In our scripture readings we also observe a change in the disciples, who before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, seemed to be following Jesus in "earthly" ways, as so often they just didn't seem to understand what Jesus was doing and even tried to correct him or have things done their way. But as they witnessed the events of the Passion, they were changed from a scared bunch huddled together in an upper room, to bold, proclaimers of all they had seen and heard. Their minds no longer focused on "earthly" things, they were transformed to focus on "heavenly" things through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Many of us have seen the movie "The Passion", and in one scene, as Jesus is tortured and bloodied, carrying the cross to his crucifixion, he falls, and his mother, Mary, rushes over to him. In this intense moment of anguish and compassion, Jesus quotes from the book of Revelation as he faces his mother. He says, "See, I am making all things new!" And, in fact, the entire world was about to change, for it is through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross that the powers of death and the devil were defeated for all time.



The seasons of change that we are experiencing are not something to fear, but something to embrace and participate in, for God is the creator of this life-giving change. Jesus described this change as dying when he said, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Through the changing seasons, our disciplines of Lent, the influence of scripture, and the words of our Savior, God is truly "Making All Things New!" Let us celebrate the change! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

LCHS Work Day

Looking for a family service project? Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 6 from 8 AM—1 PM. There are many things to be done to keep our facility and grounds looking great. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Schroetter at dschroetter71@gmail.com.

Circle of Hope Columbarium

In 2001, the Circle of Hope Columbarium was dedicated. Since that time, it has become the resting place of many cherished people either by interment in one of the niches or the scattering of ashes in the garth.

At the present time, we have 42 out of 106 niches that have not been purchased. The price for a niche is \$1400. If you have been thinking about purchasing a niche, now might be a good time to do so.

Additionally, there are 3 trustees who oversee the columbarium and there is currently an opening for a trustee.

If you are interested in a niche or being a trustee, please contact Nila Bilstad at nbilstad@hotmail.com or Scott Schwanke at scotts950b@yahoo.com.



National Day of Prayer

Pastor Tim will lead us in a special Prayer Worship Service on May 2 at 7:30 PM. The Caring Community Team and the Prayer Group invite everyone to join in prayer for our nation and all of God's creation on the day when churches across the nation will join together to pray for God's help and mercy.

Alice Training

Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate

The Lincolnshire Police Department has increased its presence at all houses of worship in the last few months. They are helping us develop an emergency response plan, which we hope we will never need to use. On Sunday, April 28, please join us at noon for an hour-long ALICE active shooter response training. Many businesses, schools, and organizations have offered this training. This PowerPoint presentation will not require any physical skills.

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.

Prayer Group

This month we will be using, devotions, scriptures and prayers taken from “Be Still and Know.” God wants to hear what is on our hearts. All are welcome to gather every Thursday morning in the Prayer Chapel from 9:30am-10:00 AM.

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.

We are continuing our unit on “What it Means to be a Lutheran”, with special emphasis on Baptism, Holy Communion, and how we interpret Holy Scripture. All are invited to join us for a lively conversation as we continue to grow in grace and faith.

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

We are studying 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, April 16 for fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome. No experience necessary!

EXPOS

Our next event is a tour of the Long Grove Confectionery factory at 333 Lexington Drive in Buffalo Grove on April 9th. The tour starts at 11:00 AM and lasts 45 - 60 minutes. The cost of the tour is \$2 and includes a sample. Afterwards, those who wish to gather for lunch will go to Cafe Zupas in Buffalo Grove. We invite all to join us. Please sign up in the narthex.

Book Club

Friday, April 26 at 7:30 PM

"Hotel Silence" From internationally bestselling author Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir, a charming and tender novel about a recently divorced man on a life-changing journey into a war-torn country, where he finds the tools to mend the lives of those he encounters.

Meet and Greet

Join us Sunday, April 28 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.

Spring into Style

Thursday, April 11th Lucille Resale

Join us for an evening of fashion and fun at Lucille Resale located at 1101 E. Rand Road, Arlington Heights.

Come and see how it's possible to use Lucille fashions in styling a great look! We'll highlight fashions for every day, work and special events.

6pm: Registration for Free Raffle
Shopping, Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments

7pm: Fashion Show

Lucille is a nonprofit (501c3) resale store that carries furniture, adult clothing, jewelry and accessories, housewares, and home décor. All profits from Lucille support Holy Family's school and youth programs serving children from low-income communities on Chicago's West Side.

Founded in 1985, Holy Family School is a high-performing K-8 elementary school. Other programs include the Little Learners Academy preschool and the Adventures in Learning after school and summer programs. All programs take place at the Holy Family Center.



Progressive Dinner!

Saturday, May 4 at 6PM

Please mark your calendars to set aside an evening of fun and fellowship as we gather for a progressive dinner on Saturday May 4.

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. We are now looking for host homes to welcome 8 other members for the catered dinner and for volunteers to help coordinate the evening. Please contact Kymm brown if you can host or help (kymm.brown@gmail.com).

Holy Family Ministries

Reach for the Stars Spring Benefit

You are invited to the annual benefit on Saturday, April 27th at 6:00 pm at the Glen View Club (100 Golf Road, Golf). Through the generosity of friends like you, we raise funds to support the more than 600 children who excel academically, grow spiritually, become effective leaders and expand their life experiences through Holy Family programs. Enjoy the fellowship of new and long-time friends, along with good food, live and silent auctions, and a chance to meet Holy Family students. It's a party-with-a-purpose – and sure to be an inspirational and entertaining evening! Holy Spirit members and friends filled two tables last year! Please join us!

Individual tickets are \$200 and the tax-deductible value of each ticket is \$100. Seating is limited to the first 200 guests. For tickets, please visit their website: holyfamilyministries.org/events or contact Jeanne Nelson at jnelson814@comcast.net.

Blood Drive

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who gave the gift of life at our spring blood drive on March 24. Thanks to Emmanuel Neela for setting up and executing this successful event, and special thanks to Mary Giampietro for her signature brownies - always a treat! We look forward to resuming our twice a year blood drive, so why not consider donating next time this event is held? It's easy, safe, and is literally a life-saving activity.

Children's Ministry News

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

Mardi Gras was such a great time! Families enjoyed pancakes, floats and fun!



Tuesday LYFE completed the “Baking through the Bible” series with making Communion bread!



Good Friday Children's Service

Interactive Prayer Stations—Friday, April 19 at 11 AM

Join us as we walk as Jesus did through Holy Week.

Help Needed:

Please consider joining our team of Sunday School Teachers! Our curriculum contains all materials (teacher info, student leaflets and videos). Your planning would be minimal and commitment would be approximately 11 Sundays throughout the year. Even with no experience you can make a difference for the kids of LCHS. Please contact Jennifer for more information!



Like and follow the new LCHS Children's Ministry page! There are more pictures of all events!

Lincolnshire Community Preschool—LCNS

Have you noticed an expanded presence of the Lincolnshire Community Nursery School in our building? LCNS is a long-term lessee of space in our church. They have recently increased their footprint (and subsequent increase in rent) into the nursery room. Holy Spirit gains more than rent by hosting LCNS: We have gained members from preschool families, we have gained new safety equipment and toys for our church's use, and the preschool enhances our grounds by supplying manpower and woodchips to beautify the southern end of the building. We are happy to have good neighbors in director Amy Morrissey and her staff & school families.

Godspeed, Chuck Heyward!

In 1977, Chuck and Arlene Heyward joined Holy Spirit and quickly became pillars of the church. We mourned Arlene's death in 2017, and now we will also miss Chuck's smiling face. He sneaked out to Williamsburg, Virginia, to live near his children, Rick and Julie, before we could wish him Godspeed. If you would like to send Chuck a note, his new address is 3800 Treyburn Dr. Unit A114 and his phone number is 757-914-1439.



Youth News

In preparation of Holy Week, Crossroads invites you to walk through several **Stations of the Cross** surrounding the events of Holy Week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion for a time of reflection beginning at **7 PM on Wednesday, April 10th**.

In other news, as we approach the end of the school year, it is time again to look forward to the summer and the 2019/2020 school year! Parents are invited to meeting on May 5th after the 2nd service to discuss summer events, the upcoming school year, and more. 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/BXZv1Q9fuZg9BTOn1>.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

First Communion

A very special day!

April Birthdays

- 4- Mike Adinamis
- 5- Fred Harper
Joel Utterback
- 6- Chris Wittich
Cameron Tejeda
- 10- Denise Friedrich
Greg Olson
- 12- Carl Friedrich
- 15- Calvin Reeser
Lily Reeser
- 17- Kelly Reeser
Joao Rodrigues
- 18- Barbara Piechota
- 20- Haley Rossiter
- 21- Ben Voermans
- 22- Collin Becker
Daaron Dohler
- 23- Katie Bittner
- 25- Rory Fencil
- 30- Jan Ribordy



We congratulate all those who are graduating this year. Please complete the form below so you may be recognized in future newsletters.

Name _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____



World Hunger Chicks

We were able to purchase 90 chicks with Mardi Gras and Sunday School donations on World Hunger Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!!



church council MEETING

Highlights from March 2019

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on March 11th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$35,516; YTD total is \$63,107. Operating expenses were \$44,756; YTD total is \$ 76,180.

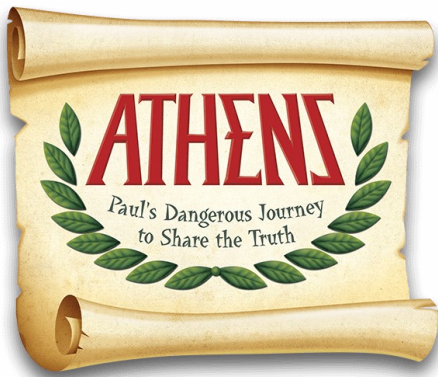
The Pastor's report: The Listening Campaign continues; additional participation is requested and encouraged. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Tim. Several youth made their First Communion on March 17. LCNS lease renewal is being negotiated. Efforts are being made to increase participation in activities and volunteerism.

Committees of the council provided reports of various activities. **Worship & Music** were pleased with the Jazz Sunday service, which seemed well received. Lenten suppers and Wednesday services are underway. Church Council hosted the March 13 supper. A host still is needed for one supper. If you are interested in hosting a simple supper, please contact Carol Duprey. **Christian Education** held Mardi Gras on March 5 and it was a lot of fun. Sunday School has included large group themed projects and traditional classroom teachings. Tuesday LYFE wrapped up "Baking through the Bible" and made Communion Bread. Miss Jennifer continues working hard to post news and activities to our Facebook Page, "LCHS Children's Ministry"--please like it! **Growth** continues follow up with visitors and potential new members and will send postcards to the community about Lenten and Easter Services. We will need to update our banner for the Village of Lincolnshire kiosk because "Easter is Coming" is objectionable to some residents! We will publicize our community presence through the Chamber of Commerce, and we now have LCHS pens. **C.U.F.F.** held Corned Beef and Cabbage on March 15. The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 4; host homes are needed. Please see Kymm Brown if you are willing to host. **Long Range Planning** continues with preliminary sanctuary enhancement exploration. **Youth** is planning to host Experiential Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 10. Future, current, and "alumni" youth group members and parents are being asked to complete a very short online survey/suggestion box. We want to serve you better and learn your interests. Please let your voice be heard. **Finance** reported that the line of credit has closed. **Property** The insurance company is inspecting the roof to assess a possible claim for the repairs. Spring workdays will be scheduled and volunteers will be needed. **Human Needs** held a Blood Drive on March 24, 8 AM to 1 PM. PADs volunteers are needed for the final month of the season. Thanks to Pam Labellarte for spearheading a successful COOL Pantry bag drive.

Old Business: An ALICE Training workshop, open to all members, will be conducted on April 28 at noon. The Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force is working with Long Range Planning. Appointments have been made to the Endowment Committee and are under consideration for the Columbarium and Finance Committees. Three individuals have expressed interest in serving as delegates to the Synod Convention. The WELCA Boutique is scheduled for November 2, 2019, and Trudy Bettiker will contact vendors; a bake sale coordinator is needed.

New Business: Participation in a Buffalo Grove parade in June is being considered.

Next council meeting is April 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.



VBS IS GOING TO ATHENS

JULY 29-AUG 2, 2019

PADS Volunteers Needed

Would you donate 4 ½ hours of your time to help a neighbor in need? The PADS ministry at LCHS needs your help. Please sign up for just one shift to serve some of our Lake County neighbors who are experiencing homelessness this season.

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!

WELCA

Join us at the home of Kari Davenport on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM for our next "Ladies Night" to enjoy good fellowship and friendship! Please bring an appetizer, drink, or dessert to share.

Address: 200 Pembroke Drive, Lincolnshire

RSVP -- Email or text Kari at karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

Special events are in red bold print

APRIL 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7pm Lent Service	4 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study 6:30 WELCA	5	6 8-1pm Work Day
7	8 7:30pm Council Mtg	9 11am EXPOS 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	10 7pm Stations of the Cross	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 7:30pm Maundy Thurs	19 11am Kids Good Fri Event 7:30pm Good Fri Service	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE	24 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	25 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	26	27
28 Meet & Greet Noon ALICE Training	29	30 4pm Confirmation 4:15-6pm LYFE				

MAY 2019

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19 Confirmation Sunday	20	21 10am Quilters	22 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	23 9:30am Prayer Group 10am Bible Study	24	25
26 Summer Worship starts- 9:30am service	27	28	29 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	30	31	

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Music Sunday	3 7pm Worship in the Woods starts	4	5	6 9:30am Prayer Group	7 Synod Assembly	8 Synod Assembly
9	10 7:30 Council Mtg	11	12	13 9:30am Prayer Group	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 9:30am Prayer Group	21	22
23 Church Picnic	24	25	26	27 9:30am Prayer Group	28	29
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HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

April 2019

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



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