



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

May 2025



Confirmation

Sunday, May 4

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Join us as we celebrate with our confirmands and their families.

We celebrate and congratulate:

Audrey Hathaway

John Sieland

Ameila Tagge

Palm Sunday



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ:

After a rousing Easter Sunday with services filled with Alleluia's and praise for our risen Savior, I left church and arrived at my home, and what to my surprise did I see, the bush in front of our house had suddenly gone into full bloom. The cool spring had prevented much color from blossoming in our neighborhood even though our yards had all become quite green. But here was this dormant bush, that must have known that it was Easter, because suddenly its beautiful lavender flowers had bloomed for all the world to see. It was as if the flowers were sealed up inside of a tomb but now had risen to new life. It's fascinating when such coincidences happen, when a simple sign in nature reminds us of what's really important or points us to some new revelation.

The Bible doesn't mention butterflies, but for many they are living embodiments of endurance, transformation, and resurrection. Many have compared the resurrection of Jesus Christ to the evolution of a butterfly as the caterpillar disappears once it forms a chrysalis. And it is gone just as Jesus was, when he was crucified on the cross and placed in a tomb. The caterpillar is then resurrected to new life as a butterfly with all its beautiful colors, and Jesus, too, was resurrected and emerged as the powerful savior of all people.

Rebirth to new life is a central concept in all of Christianity, just as in baptism we die to our past selves and are reborn to new life

with the promises of forgiveness of our sins and eternal life.

James Agee wrote a beautiful novel several years ago entitled, "A Death in the Family." The story is told from the delicate perspective of a little boy whose father was killed in an automobile accident. Agee tells about the bewilderment of that boy and his struggle to understand this awful ending. There is a lot of tone and texture to the story. The smell of funeral flowers and the solemn calling of friends, all in the home of the boy, which was a Southern tradition before there were professional funeral homes. The story ends with the boy attending his father's funeral.

As the service comes to an end, the boy witnesses a miracle. A beautiful butterfly slowly flies into the open grave and lights softly upon the casket. The wings beat once. Twice. There is perfect harmony with the silence of the moment. And then, as gently as it entered the earthy grave, it flies off into the sky. What a beautiful symbol of new life! What was an ending, became a beginning.

I recently read that in the Nazi concentration camps where children were kept before they were taken to the gas chamber, the walls hold the artistic scratchings and drawings of those children. The one motif that was found over and over was that of the butterfly. Isn't that remarkable? A symbol of resurrection in the midst of one of the world's

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Children's Ministry News



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worst crucifixions.

As we celebrate this season of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, let's embrace all those surprising signs and little reminders



that we often encounter, that remind us that our God is a God of new beginnings and new life. Christ is Risen! And that means new possibilities exist that we may have never imagined as possible. May your new beginnings and new life take flight as simply and effortlessly as a butterfly, and have a wonder-filled Easter season!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

Welcome Spring! Our Children's Programming is heading into the homestretch of the school year.

Sunday School:

Our final class and celebration will be held Sunday May 18th. Join us for some faith filled fun!

Special thanks to our teaching team! We couldn't do amazing work for the kids of our church without all of you!

Please consider joining the teaching team in the Fall. In order to keep the growing program thriving we really need your support. The expectation is small, perhaps less than 1 Sunday per month. All materials are provided and lesson leader guides are shared in advance. Please let Jennifer know if you'd like information or to give it a try (even on occasion).

LYFE:

Our final class and family celebration dinner will be on May 13th

All kids in grades 2-6 are welcomed to join us in the fall! Please reach out if you have questions!

Family S'Mores Night:

Tuesday June 24th. Bring your family and friends out to share this favorite summertime treat! Please RSVP to Jennifer by Sunday June 22 so we have s'more fixin's for all!

Jennifer Williams,
Children's Ministry Director
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Thank you to those who
generously donated the beautiful
Easter flowers.

- ◆ Jerry Mason in honor of Grandchildren.
 - ◆ Jackie Murphy.
 - ◆ Scott & Jan Schwanke in memory of our parents.
 - ◆ Tom & Eileen Weglarz in memory of Lori Costillo.
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- ◆ Ron and Dorothy Stocks in memory of Todd.
 - ◆ Daaron and Amy Dohler in honor of our daughters.
 - ◆ Chris Miller in memory of Jim.
 - ◆ The Wyrwicz family in honor of God's glory.
 - ◆ Mike & Terri Pedersen in honor of our son Stephen Pederson.
 - ◆ Pastor Tim & Maria Linstrom in memory of our parents.
 - ◆ The Lee Curtis family in memory of Gary Curtis.
 - ◆ Joe & Pam Labellarte in memory of our parents.
 - ◆ Al & Jancie Edwards in memory of Margaret Bahl.
 - ◆ Don Roth, in memory of Nancy Roth.
 - ◆ Al and Janice Edwards in honor of C.J. and Timothy Edwards, our two new grandchildren.
 - ◆ Gordon & Carol Duprey in memory of our parents.
 - ◆ The Eastmonds in memory of our parents Linda Eastmond and Nick Pagotelis.
 - ◆ Joanne Schwartz in memory of parents Mr. & Mrs. William Tillman.
 - ◆ A choir member in memory of Marylyn Jirsa.
 - ◆ Barry and Jeanne Nelson in honor of our grandchildren, Grace and James.
 - ◆ Tim and Kathleen Tagge in memory of Bruce Tagge.
 - ◆ Carolyn Raymond in memory of Monica Butler
 - ◆ Bill and Judy Shambrook in memory of our granddaughter Lily.
 - ◆ Trudy Betticker in memory of Jeff Rayborne.



Tuesday LYFE & Children's Easter Event





CONFIRMATION SUNDAY –

Sunday, May 4

Join us as we celebrate with our three confirmands and their families at their Confirmation next Sunday. We celebrate and congratulate Audrey Hathaway, John Sieland, and Amelia Tagge as they affirm the promises of their Baptism. During the past two years their study of the catechism included: the Apostle's 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, the Church Year, Prayer, and Lutheran Worship. We congratulate them and their families on this blessed milestone! A time for congratulations and fellowship will follow the service.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY FOR LSSI –

Sunday, May 4

This Sunday 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 services agency in the state, currently serving nearly 100,000 people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cared for his sheep by feeding them, and healing them, and by reconciling them to themselves, their families, and their communities.

Through LSSI, the love of Jesus continues to transform lives of people in need. We will be taking up a special offering on Sunday for LSSI, so please consider giving generously to the vital ministries that Lutherans provide for people throughout our state. If you would like to donate online please visit Lutheran Social Services online at www.lssi.org

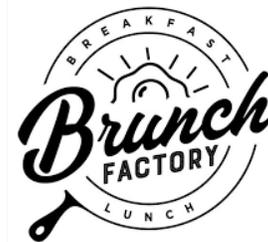
CHURCH WORK DAY – Saturday, May 10

There are always cleaning and maintenance tasks that need to be performed at our wonderful facility.



But we need everyone to pitch in as they can. Join us on Saturday May 11 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and lend a hand as you are available. If you're looking for service hours or a family service project, this is a great option.

MAY FELLOWSHIP EVENT



On May 18, the whole congregation is invited to assemble immediately after church at the Brunch Factory at 1111

Milwaukee Avenue in

Riverwoods. So that the restaurant will know where and how to seat us, we will have sign-ups as usual both in the gathering space and the church website at holyspirit-elca.org/#bg. Hope to see all of you there!

SANCTUARY FLOOR RENOVATION

BEGINS THIS MAY –

We're excited to share that our sanctuary will soon have a beautiful new floor! The project will take place in two phases: first, removing the current flooring, followed by the installation of new vinyl tile. Work begins on Friday, May 23 and is expected to last approximately three weeks.

To prepare, we'll need volunteers to help clear out the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, May 18. During the renovation, worship will be held either outdoors or in Fellowship Hall—stay tuned for details. Thank you for your support as we refresh this sacred space!

BUFFALO GROVE

PRIDE DAYS –

Holy Spirit will be walking in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade again this year!

This year's parade is on June 1st - parade kick-off is 11am. As a Reconciled in Christ church, we declare ourselves welcoming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Please use this Sign Up Genius link on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#bg to indicate your participation. Expect to walk the mile parade route, hand out LCHS and pride swag, and plan to have fun!!



YOU'RE
INVITED TO



LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

FAMILY S'MORES NIGHT

FUN • JAMMING • SMORES

TUESDAY
JUNE 24
6:30-8:30

BRING THE FAMILY TO
ENJOY FIRESIDE CHIT-
CHAT AND S'MORES!

ALL S'MORES FIXINGS PROVIDED
RSVP TO JENNIFER

Palm Sunday Procession





APRIL 2025
HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on April 14th. Treasurer’s report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of **\$41,194 (YTD \$124,680)**. Operating expenses were **\$38,895 (YTD \$114,606)**. The mortgage balance is now **\$446,606**

Pastor’s Report: We celebrated First Communion on March 16th. We are still looking for delegates for the Synod Assembly on May 30-31. Pastor hosted training on March 23rd and March 30th for assisting minister and altar guild.

Christian Education: The Children’s Stations of the Cross event took place the Saturday before Easter. May 18th will be the last Sunday School class for the school year. Tuesday LYFE will wrap up on May 13th and Confirmation Sunday is May 4th.

Fellowship: Thank you to Ryan Hathaway and Corey Kalas for making a fabulous Corned Beef and Cabbage! Attendees enjoyed food, fellowship and songs. More fun was had on April 11th at Prairie View Tavern for a fish fry! Be on the lookout for more events.

Property: The April workday was very productive thanks to the large, enthusiastic turnout! Spring HVAC maintenance was completed on April 11th. A pulley in Roof Top Unit #2 failed, causing severe wear on the shaft and required replacement of the blower motor.

Worship and Music: Everyone enjoyed music from all the choirs on Easter Sunday! Communion Deacons are needed!

Existing Business: Work on the sanctuary floor will begin on May 23rd. After services on May 18th, we will need help to remove everything from the sanctuary that isn’t tied down!

New Business: We are still looking for a Council Member for Stewardship and a committee member for the Endowment Committee.

Next council meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 7PM. All council meetings are open to Holy Spirit members. Minutes and reports of the council are kept in a public notebook in the gathering place.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP



Allison Wyrwicz—*President*
Jeanne Nelson—*Vice President*
Kari Davenport— *Secretary*
Daaron Dohler—*Treasurer*

Amy Lambrecht	Andy Eastmond
Mary Lou Gilliam	Mike Pedersen
Jackie Murphy	Ryan Hathaway
Kelly Wittich	Nancy Fencil
Jeanne Nelson	



The building will be closed to all visitor for the week of May 26th through June 1st. The floor removal will be taking place and no unauthorized people will be allowed on the premises. Pastor Tim and Ciara will be working remotely and will be available via email. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Sunday Service will be outside on May 25th and we anticipate a return to the sanctuary for Sunday June 1st.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:15 am Bible Study	32	3
4 Confirmation Sunday	5	6	7 7:15 pm Choir	8 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:15 am Bible Study	9	10 8-1 pm Church Workday 
11 Mothers Day	12 7:30 pm Council Meeting	13 10:30 Quilters 4:00 LYFE Dinner Celebration	14 7:15 pm Choir	15 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:15 am Bible Study	16	17
18	19	20	21 7:15 pm Choir	22 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:15 am Bible Study	23	24
25 BUILDING	26 Memorial Day Office Closed CLOSED FOR	27 THE ENTIRE	28 WEEK	29	30 Metro Chicago Senate Assembly	31 Metro Chicago Senate Assembly



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to Jim and Mary Garbrecht for the wonderful gift of new handbell risers for our handbell choir. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. They will make it easier for our ringers to see our music that we share during worship. We are so grateful for your support of our music program.



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| 2- | Corey Kalas | | Allison Wyrwicz | 24- | Anna Witbeck |
| | Cathy Nathan | 14- | Kelsey Utterback | | Camden Adloff |
| 3- | Sofia Adams | | Jake Lambrecht | 25- | Luke Lambrecht |
| | Andy Eastmond | 15- | Amy Steinberger | 27- | Ann Plaza |
| 4- | Kyle Koblas | | Carolyn Raymond | | Carol Bertrand |
| 5- | Lance Smith | 16- | Tom Adkisson | 28- | Amelia Tagge |
| 8- | Eileen Weglarz | 17- | Janice Edwards | 29- | Larry Neumann |
| 9- | Stephen Pedersen | | Lydia Smith | | Nate Lambrecht |
| | Truman Rudloff | 18- | Colton Schroetter | 30- | Terri Pedersen |
| 10- | Emma Hathaway | | Church Shambrook | 31- | Steve Dick |
| 10- | Grace McElhinny | 21- | Alicia Spoehr | | |
| | Madison McElhinny | 22- | Nancy FencI | | |
| 12- | Emmanuel Neela | 23- | Nila Bilstad | | |
| 13- | Katherine Prosk | | Marshall Calef | | |

Quilters — The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. No experience necessary to join.

Adult Choir — Regular Adult choir rehearsal times are as follows: Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM. Sunday mornings from 8:30.

Bell Choir — Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm and alternating Sundays.

Brass Choir — Rehearsals are on alternating Sundays.

Prayer Group — Our prayer group meets at 9:30 AM every Thursday morning in room 3 as we lift up those in need of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Concerns — We freshen prayer concerns regularly, so the list remains current. Please remember to email Ciara in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

Thursday Bible Study – weekly 10:15-11:30 am. Join us on Thursday mornings for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. On May 1st we began a new study on the book “The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage” by Richard Rohr. How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a critical path forward today. You won’t want to miss this informative study. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.



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

LIVE STREAM We are in the process of updating our live streaming equipment and for the time being the best option for viewing is our Facebook live page at <https://https://qrco.de/belHPi>



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