



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

April 2025

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Passion/Palm Sunday,

April 13th 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th 7:30
p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Week Children's Station's of
the Cross**

Saturday, April 19th 11:00 a.m.

Easter Morning Worship, April 20th
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SAINT PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



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 but relatively mild winter, we look forward to the green of spring, and the warmth of the sun that brings rising temperatures. But just as we prepare to embrace the color and new life that springs forth, the skies turn grey and the snow falls again. Like a pregnant mother who races to the emergency room, only to find out that is not quite time yet, we eagerly anticipate the change that is practically here.

There are other seasons that we must endure as well, as we look forward to the change that brings new life. And during those periods we need to remain faithful, and learn, and rely on God's guidance. And we need to act, and persevere, and be open to new possibilities that may shake up our world.

And when we consider what the disciples went through in following Jesus, it can also mirror some of our own faith struggles, like our struggle in recognizing who Jesus is in our life, and the challenge to see Jesus for who he really is.

And yet those who saw him, really saw him. They knew there was something different about him. At his touch blind beggars saw.

At his command crippled legs walked. At his embrace, empty lives filled with vision. He fed thousands with a basket. He stilled a storm with a command. He raised the dead with a word. He changed lives wherever he went. He rerouted the history of the world with his life. He saved the world with his death.

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 observe such a change in the disciples, who before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, seemed to be following Jesus in "worldly" ways, and 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 "worldly" things, they were transformed to focus on "heavenly" things through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The seasons of change that we are experiencing are not something to fear, but

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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 calling us to become his beloved disciples. He is

calling us to acts of justice, compassion, and love. He is calling us to boldly go where we may have never gone before!

God is counting on you! May the power of the resurrection fuel you and inspire you as we navigate through this time of change. And never fear, for Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

“The Parables of Lent”

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Join us for the two remaining mid-week series of services for the season of Lent. You won't want to miss this opportunity to enrich your own stories of faith in Jesus as you journey through the season of Lent.

April 2 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

April 9 The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Children's Ministry News



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

Sunday School

We will continue to meet for lessons most Sundays through May 18. We'll have a celebration on our last day!

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

Continues to meet on Tuesdays with kids in grades 2-6. We are wrapping up our Old Testament lessons with Jonah. We'll be having some Spring fun outdoors, crafting and playing games over the next couple of weeks.

Confirmation

The kids will be celebrating Confirmation on Sunday, May 4. Join us as we support them on their journey of faith!

Children's Stations of the Cross

Please join us on April 19 at 11am for this Easter event. These interactive prayer stations will help kids understand the true meaning of Easter. RSVP'S are required, so let Jennifer know if you'll be joining us. RSVP'S are needed no later than April 15. Thanks in advance!

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



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations Claire, Grace, Cole, Emma, Noelle and Thomas



Family Friendly Friday Fellowship Fish Fry



April 11th 6:00pm

Prairies House Tavern

2710 N Main St, Buffalo Grove, IL



FELLOWSHIP EVENING OUT – Join us at the Prairie House on April 11th at 6:30 pm for a Family Friendly Friday Fellowship Fish Fry. We'll have our own room and all the fish we can eat! There will be a sign up in the We need to have a head count by April 7th. RSVP now to reserve your spot. www.holyspirit-elca.org/#fishfry.

Prairie House is located by the train tracks just north of Half Day Road.

SENIOR WORKSHOP: SCAMS & SAFETY

– Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Village Church of Lincolnshire. Address: 201 Riverwoods Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. This free workshop is designed to equip seniors with essential tools to recognize and avoid scams while ensuring their safety in an increasingly digital world. We would love for your congregation to join us for this informative event! A link to register can be found on our church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#register

2024 C.O.O.L. PLANT SALE – Beautify your yard, deck, or balcony with colorful fresh plants and at the same time, support the C.O.O.L. Food Pantry and Transitional Housing Program! Pick up an order form in the church gathering space. Return the completed form along with your check made out to COOL, to Terri Pedersen or the church office by April 1. Plants will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 10 between 1:30-3:30.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY SERVICE –

Each Sunday after service we have hospitality coffee and treats. We are asking that you please consider volunteering for a Sunday on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. If each family signs up for just one Sunday we will have a whole year covered. This is a simple task that makes a huge difference in the life of our church community.



CHURCH WORK DAY –

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 April 12 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and lend a hand. If you're looking for service hours or a family service project, this is a great option.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES –

Holy Spirit will be sending 3 delegates to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly on May 30 and 31 at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. This is our annual meeting where we have elections, approve the budget, and learn of all the meaningful work occurring in our synod. This year will be even more compelling as we'll be electing our Bishop. If you are interested in being a delegate for our congregation this year, please see Pastor Tim for more information. We need to register as early as possible to meet the early bird lower cost deadline.

Children's Stations of the Cross

Families are welcome to join us for a special Easter Event. We are hosting a children's version of stations of the cross. Walk through interactive prayer stations and learn about Holy Week.

Saturday April 19 at 11:00am

RSVPs are required for this event





MARCH 2025
HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on March 10th. Treasurer’s report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$25,163 (YTD \$83,486). Operating expenses were \$38,444 (YTD \$75,711). The mortgage balance is now \$452,381.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor reported we have a lot of baptisms on the calendar. We will be celebrating First Communion this Sunday. We are still looking for delegates for the Synod Assembly on May 30-31. Pastor will be hosting training on March 23rd and March 30th for assisting minister and altar guild. We will video it so we can share throughout the year.

Human Needs: We collected 13 units of blood at the blood drive. We potentially helped 39 patients!!

Christian Education: Saturday, April 19th will be Stations of the Cross. RSVP will be required. Congratulations to our students taking their First Communion.

Fellowship: Corned Beef and Cabbage will be held on March 15th. We are discussing possibly meeting somewhere for a Friday Fish Fry. More info to come.

Property: We have a new three-year contract for natural gas supply beginning January 2027.

Worship and Music: Jazz Sunday was enjoyed by all. Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Existing Business: The Sanctuary Floor Task Force will move forward with Phase 1. Valor Technologies will remediate the floors using a mechanical method. This work will take place the last week of May. Please contact Allison Wyrwicz with any questions regarding this exciting project.

New Business: We are still looking for a Council Member for Stewardship.

Next council meeting is scheduled for April 14th 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 Fencel
Jeanne Nelson	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- 5- Joel Utterback
- 6- Chris Wittich
- 10- Greg Olson

- 19- Jim Garbrecht
- 22- Collin Becker
Daaron Dohler
- 23- Katie Bittner
- 25- Rory Fencl
Amy Lambrecht

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 — Every Thursday morning from 10:15 to 11:30 our weekday Bible Study meets, and everyone is encouraged to attend our spirited conversations. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. During the month of March, we began a new unit studying the book “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas Kempis. This work focuses on the importance of embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ, emphasizing humility, inner reflection, and a life of devotion to God over worldly concerns. It offers profound guidance in developing a personal relationship with Christ, fostering moral integrity, and achieving spiritual enlightenment. Join us as we develop a deeper understanding of our spiritual journey in light of Christ’s example. We always close our time together in prayer.



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SUNDAY SERVICE LIVE STREAMED



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EASTER FLOWERS



Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete the order form and return with payment of \$20 per plant to the church office no later than April 13th.

Your Name _____

Number of Spring Flowers @ \$20.00 each _____

Given to the glory of God:

in memory of in honor of _____

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED