



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

May 2023

"CATCH THE SPIRIT" Capital Campaign



The "Catch the Spirit" capital campaign is in full swing. Many of you attended our dinner Saturday April 22nd which was followed up with our "Invitation Sunday".

Just for clarification, the Capital Campaign for our Building Fund, is separate from our annual Stewardship Drive. Our Stewardship Drive is a response to all of what God has given us, and where we ask ourselves, 'what percentage of my

income am I committed to giving back to God for God's mission and ministry'. Every year, in the fall, we have a stewardship drive to make our commitments for the coming year.

The Capital Campaign is aimed at paying off our mortgage, for urgent needs, and other projects related to our building and property aimed at advancing our ministry. It is more of a fundraiser to pay for specific building projects. And you are invited to participate in both. Informational packets have been distributed to members. We invite you to carefully review the information and consider your offering to this important campaign.

We hope you will "Catch the Spirit" as we emphasize "Invitation Sunday" and our special appeal for the Building Fund.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

60th ANNIVERSARY OF LCHS

This year we'll be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our congregation!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 1963, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit was officially organized as a congregation of the newly formed Lutheran Church in America.

This year on **Sunday, May 21st** we're planning to celebrate the continuing ministry of our congregation. Please put this date on your calendar as we prepare to remember the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future.

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. And the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection will continue to be celebrated in the month of May as we celebrate through baptism, the affirmation of our faith in confirmation, and as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our congregation.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples and many of his other followers after His resurrection, he not only demonstrated the power of God and defeated death and the devil for all time, he also "opened the minds" of his followers to understand their mission. That's why the early church never understood Jesus' departure from them, when he ascended into heaven, with a sense of loss or abandonment. Rather, it was seen as a further step toward His glorification and did not mean that Jesus was no longer with them. Jesus entered a new dimension, but that also meant that they were now going to participate in Christ's universal reign through their preaching, teaching, and all that God was going to do through them. Jesus promises that his followers will be "clothed with power from on high", and with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Jesus made good on that promise.

Each of us is also part of God's ongoing mission, and our challenge is to open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit and continue Christ's work in the world. And we are challenged to be bold in our actions of love and service, "For the Spirit, God gave us, does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 So it is with great joy and passion that we step up to serve our Lord, and it is with humble, yet spirit-led pride that we claim our rightful place as children of God.

It is also fitting that as we renew our commitment to paying down our mortgage and stewarding our building fund that the theme of our capital campaign this year is "Catch the Spirit", because this is the season of the Spirit. This is the time to remember all that God has done for us and to give thanks. This is a time to commit to the furthering of our church and its mission. And I look forward to the training we will be providing to the congregation to help us be more effective in carrying this out. So, look for those upcoming trainings and participate in them as they become available, for God has much in store for us.

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



Highlights From April 2023

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on April 17th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$20,556 for March (YTD total is \$69,681)

Operating expenses were \$31,528 in March (YTD total is \$102,075). As of the end of March, we have a negative operating budget deficit of \$15,636. A financial update will go out once a month in the weekly email. Once a quarter, we will offer an opportunity to meet with Council after service to ask any questions.

Pastor's report: Pastor Tim reported we had more than expected at the mid-week services. We also had a great turnout for Easter with around 200 for both services and 100 at breakfast. Christian Education reported Sunday School will end for the school year on May 7th and LYFE will have their year-end celebration on May 9th. The survey sent out showed most people prefer a few Sunday activities over the summer versus a VBS. These will be for all ages and combined with a fellowship focus. **CUFF** will be hosting the backpack blessing, Kona Ice Truck and cookout on Sunday, August 27th. More details to follow. **Growth** encouraged members to attend the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on June 4th after church services. In the past, we have walked in the parade but we are taking a year off because it falls on the same day as Music

Sunday/Mike Duffy's retirement celebration.

Human Needs will be hosting an AED refresher course on Sunday, April 30th. We are wrapping up donations for the Housewarming Kits. **Property** is waiting to hear about the timing of the soffit repairs. The faucets in the back bathrooms have to be replaced due to severe corrosion. **Technology** found someone to help with updating the sound component for live streaming.

Worship and Music reported that Easter services went well with special music from the Brass, Adult Choir, Bell Choir and LYFE. We are always looking for new people to be assistants, ushers and greeters. **Old Business:** 2026 Capital Campaign packets will go out this Sunday, April 23rd. 60th Anniversary celebration will take place after service on May 21st. We are still working on all the repairs from the lightning strike. Planning continues on the narthex renovation. **New Business:** Administrative Professional Day is April 26th so be sure to let Ciara know how much we appreciate her! Next council meeting currently is scheduled for May 8, 2023, 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.



First Communion

Congratulations to Caroline Tagge on her 1st Communion



Children's Ministry News



Jennifer Williams,
Children's Ministry Director —
jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com

With gratitude:
Thank you all so much for your help filling so many Easter eggs! We had an awesome turn-out for the event. It was a beautiful day; filled with faith and fun. It would have never been such a success with you!

Tuesday LYFE
We end our year on May 9 with a celebration. We'll begin again in the fall. Keep us in mind for next school year. We'd love your child in 2nd-6th grade to join us!

Sunday School
We'll be wrapping up our year this month. Thank you parents for your dedication. We enjoyed sharing our lessons and stories with the children! Thanks again, to our team of teachers. If anyone would like to share their time and talent, please let me know.



Easter Egg Hunt



Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, May 7th at the 9:30 worship service, we will be celebrating the Confirmation of two of our youth as they affirm the promises of their Baptism. **Dominic Cantagallo and Tyler Nack** will be Confirmed after completing two years of study of the catechism which 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.

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.

Children's Choir



Easter Breakfast Preparations



“Catch the Spirit” Dinner

Thank you to those that joined us for the “Catch the Spirit” Dinner. A special thank you to our volunteers that worked to make it such an enjoyable evening. This campaign effort has just begun and we encourage you to consider how you can help. If you did not receive an information packet either at the dinner or at Invitation Sunday please let Ciara know and one will be mailed to you.



LCHS

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is happy to support two community events this spring!

5K RUN/WALK



May 20TH

We are thrilled to be a new sponsor of the

District 103 family-friendly 5k. This race is representative of D103's commitment to foster both healthy minds and healthy bodies in their children and to instill a lifelong passion for education and exercise. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. More information can be found at www.runford103.org

BUFFALO GROVE



PRIDE PARADE

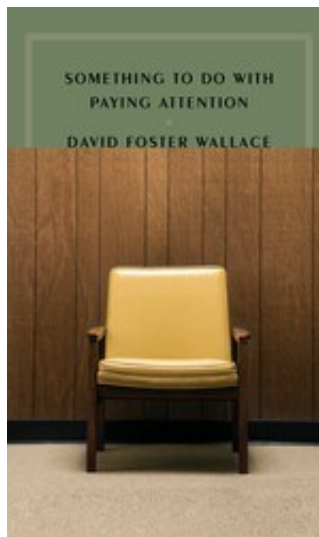
JUNE 4TH AT 11 A.M.

LCHS will, again, be a proud sponsor of the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on June 4. Even though we won't walk in the parade this year, as a 'Friend of BG Pride' we continue to show our support to the mission with which we believe as a church Reconciled in Christ. The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The parade begins at 11 am. We encourage anyone interested to visit www.buffalogrovepride.com for more information about viewing and this year's parade route.

BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

AT 7:30 PM.



Invite a friend. All are welcome for interesting conversation and good times. We will be reading David Foster Wallace's novella *Something to do with Paying*

Attention.

David Foster Wallace's last finished work—"the most unusual conversion experience in confessional narrative" (Judith Shulevitz, Slate). When David Foster Wallace died in 2008, he left behind a vast unfinished novel—some 1,100 pages of loose chapters, sketches, notes, and fragments—published in 2011 as *The Pale King*. But the unfinished *King* did contain a finished novella that Wallace had already considered publishing as a stand-alone volume. It is the story of a young man, a self-described "wastoid," adrift in the suburban Midwest of the 1970s, whose life is changed forever by an encounter with advanced tax law. It is, as Sarah McNally writes in her preface, "not just a complete story, but the best complete example we have of Wallace's late style, where calm and poise replace the pyrotechnics of *Infinite Jest* and other early works."



LIGHTNING STRIKE

If you've attended

church or read any Holy Spirit emails in the last several weeks, you are aware that our lovely church building was the victim of a lightning strike on February 17. We are still awaiting the insurance adjuster's report of the damage. Ciara and Pastor Tim plowed ahead answering phones and jerry-rigging electronics to carry on with some sort of normalcy.

Arnie Bilstad and Ron Stocks used their engineering skills to trace the electric lines. Daaron Dohler met with a tech consultant to assess the damage to our Wi-Fi and computers (and, alas, our brand new online broadcasting equipment). Thanks to all of these people, we were able to worship without a hitch.

Thank you for your patience as things return to normal. We were blessed that there was no fire! Take a look at this

picture of the tree that conducted a surge of electricity into the building. You can see it from Riverwoods Road.



Items Damaged Include;

- ◇ Office Phones
- ◇ Printer/Copier
- ◇ Audio Equipment
- ◇ Outdoor Lighting
- ◇ 2 Laptop Computers
- ◇ Computer Monitor
- ◇ Network Hardware
- ◇ Network Cables
- ◇ IT Fees incurred

WORK DAY - May 13th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cold weather prevented us from getting much done on our last work day, so we're hoping for clear skies and warm weather this time around. Please join us on Saturday the 13th as we do some spring cleaning. There are always many things to be done to keep our facility and grounds looking great. So join us for as long as you can, many hands, make light work.

FLOWERS FOR LCHS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

This year we are celebrating the Churches 60th Anniversary in conjunction with Pentecost Sunday. We would like to buy 20 hanging plants to hang along the center sanctuary pews.

Please complete a donation form in Sundays Bulletin or contact Ciara at the front office to make arrangements.



Your Congregation Council wants to be very transparent about what goes on behind the scenes at Holy Spirit, especially when it comes to your contributions. We plan to have Council members available to answer your questions after the 9:30 Sunday service on the

third Sunday of each month. We'll meet in the library. Because of the many special activities on Sundays in May (Confirmation, Mother's Day, 60th Anniversary celebration) we'll begin on June 18. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Easter Flowers Given to the glory of God by

Katie and Don Bally, In memory of Dr and Mrs. Arnold
Maahs and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bally

Trudy Bettiker, To the memory of John Sciarrett

Scott and Jan Swanke, In memory of their parents

Gordon and Carol Duprey ,In memory of their parents

Maria and Pastor Tim Linstrom , In Memory of Robert and
Marcene Linstrom and Roberto and Carmen Hernandez

Jacki Murphy, In honor of the Murphy Family and the Brady
Family

Janice and Al Edwards, In memory of their parents

Eileen and Tom Weglarz, In honor of Louise Menter

Sandy and Leo Ditewig, In memory of Michael

Bill and Judy Shambrook, For our granddaughter Elizabeth
Grace "Lily"

Carolyn Raymond, In honor of Jane Wiberg

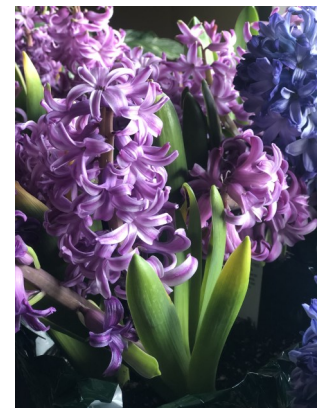
Joe and Pam Labellarte, In memory of Anna Labellarte

Joanne Schwarcz, In honor of Parents William and Margaret
Tillman

David and Nancy Fencl, In honor of our children Amanda,
Luke, and Rory

Joleen Gleasman, In honor of family

Chris Miller, In memory of Jim Miller and Stan Ernst



MUSIC SUNDAY and CELEBRATION OF MIKE DUFFY'S MUSIC MINISTRY

On Sunday, June 4th we will celebrate all the musical talent and contributions of our congregation to worship, with special thanks to our music directors. With our Adult Choir Director, Mike Duffy retiring after 26 years of leading our choir, we will have a special send off for our beloved and celebrated choir director on this day. His contributions over the years have glorified God and united the congregation in worship, and we will miss his joyful spirit.

We also give thanks for our other directors, Kathy Roderer, organist, pianist, and accompanist; Bill Vaananen, Youth Choir Director and Composer; Patrick Cantagallo, Brass Ensemble; and Nancy Fencl, Phoenix Choir.

Quilters —

The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30. This month's date is April 18th. No experience necessary to join them.

Meet & Greet —

This month's meet and greet will be held on May 21st following Sunday service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

Prayer Group —

Our prayer group meets at 9:30 AM every Thursday morning in the Sanctuary as we lift up those in need of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us.

EXPOS — May Meeting Date Change

The EXPOS next meeting will be on Saturday May 30th from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Indian Trails Public Library. We will be attending the performance by the Lake County Radio Players. If you are able to attend, **please sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. There is additional information on the sign-up sheet. After the performance, we will gather at the Deerfield Bakery in Buffalo Grove to share a treat and a drink and reminisce about the "Good Old Days."

Prayer Concerns —

We freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks, 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.

Adult Choir —

Adult choir rehearsal takes place on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 9:15.

Thursday Bible Study — Weekly 10:15 -11:30 AM

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation! On March 16th, we began a new study on the book "The Complete Gospels" edited by Robert J. Miller. In this study we'll review all 20 of the known gospels from the early Christian era, offering a fuller and more fascinating picture of early Christian origins including: the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary, the Sayings Gospel Q, the Signs Gospel, the Secret Book of James, and the Gospel of Peter. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from each other. We always close out time together in prayer.



PADS HOUSEWARMING KITS DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who either bought items or contributed a monetary or gift card donation. We were able to assemble 5 complete bas-



kets! Each basket contains a set of 5 dinner plates, glasses and silverware, a medium pot, medium frying pan, can opener, dish soap, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, set of 5 bath towels, hand towels and washcloths, full size sheet set, comforter, broom with dust pan, laundry basket and a \$20 Target gift card!

MAY 2023



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 4 pm LYFE 4:30 pm Confirmation Test and Celebration	3 7:30 pm Choir 8:10 pm Bells	4 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:15 am Bible Study	5	6 1:00 p.m. Petras Wedding
7 Confirmation Sunday	8 7:30 pm Council Meeting	9 4:30 pm LYFE Celebration Dinner	10 7:30 pm Choir 8:10 pm Bells	11 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	12	13 8-1 pm Work Day 
14 Mothers Day	15	16 10 am Quilters	17 7:30 pm Choir 8:10 pm Bells	18 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	19	20
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| 3- Shirley Crandall | 10- Emma Hathaway | 15- Amy Steinberger | 22- Nancy Fencil |
| 4- Kyle Koblas | Grace McElhinny | Carolyn Raymond | 23- Nila Bilstad |
| 5- Dorothea Lehtinen | Madison McElhinny | 16- Tom Adkisson | 27- Ann Plaza |
| 7- Joan Keyes | 12- Emmanuel Neela | 17- Janice Edwards | 28- Amelia Tagge |
| 8- Eileen Weglarz | 13- Katherine Prosk | 18- Colton Schroetter | 29- Larry Neumann |
| 9- Stephen Pedersen | Allison Wyrwicz | Church Shambrook | 30- Terri Pedersen |
| Truman Rudloff | 14- Alfhild Perrone | 19- Bill Collins | 31- Steve Dick |
| | Kelsey Utterback | 21- Alicia Spoehr | |

60th Anniversary & Pentecost Sunday

Each year as we celebrate Pentecost, our Sanctuary is made even more beautiful by the special gift of red hanging plants. If you would like to order plants that will hang in the Sanctuary, please complete and return the form with payment to the church office by **May 14th**.

Name: _____

Number of plants _____ at \$25 each.

Given in Honor/Memory (circle one) of:

CHURCH LEADERSHIP



Jan Schwanke—*President*

Nancy Fencil

Jennifer Prosk

Jeanne Nelson—*Vice President*

Kelly Wittich

Wayne Giampietro

Daaron Dohler—*Treasurer*

Joel Utterback

Andy Eastmond

Kari Davenport—*Secretary*

Allison Wyrwich

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED