



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

June 2023

“CATCH THE SPIRIT”

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



The "Catch the Spirit" capital campaign officially kicked off with a dinner Saturday April 22nd followed by "Invitation Sunday" on the 23rd. Commitment Sunday May 14th came upon us very quickly. We have since received 33 pledges totaling \$284,460 in pledge contributions. This includes a generous donation from a local company. The current total amount is sufficient to cover mortgage & interest for 3 years.



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.



CHAPLAIN LESLIE HUNTER from Holy Family School and Ministries, will be guest preaching on Sunday, June 4th! Chaplain Hunter is a

published author of several books of inspirational poems and prose. To audiences large and small, Leslie persuasively shares that life is about recapturing hope and re-embracing optimism and love – always emanating from the healing power of a Divine presence.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

There's a great old hymn that starts out like this, "I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love..." Most of us are probably quite familiar with that hymn, and most of us are quite familiar with the story of Jesus. But the times, they are a-changing, and in this day and age, there are many, a majority in our country, who do not know the story of Jesus and his love.

At the preaching conference I attended, Rev. Dr. David Lose, former President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, talked at length about how we are losing our story. He talked about how we are drowning in a sea of stories and how the Biblical story is being lost. He talked about how everyone is trying to sell us something, and they tell a compelling story to make their case because we are drawn to that, we are drawn to stories. And he talked about four dominant stories that are told today in many different ways, that challenge us and take us away from our story of faith. These four dominant stories are:

"You are what you own" – The temptation of materialism is alive and well in our world today, but just consider how the worth of each human being that God created in his image is diminished as we allow our greed and selfishness to influence our ability to love as Christ loved us.

"Image is everything" – This temptation strikes at our pride and self-identity, dividing us into haves and have-nots. God has created us to be Christ to all the world and to see the face of Christ in each other, a very different image for us to embrace.

"There is not enough" – Our God of abundance questions whether we are willing to trust that God will provide in the face of hoarding and self-reliance. And yet a little boy trusted Jesus with all he had, five loaves and two fish, and the abundance of God was revealed.

"You should be afraid" – Throughout the Bible we hear the message "Fear not, for I am with you", yet we are constantly given reasons to be afraid of something, in the media. Nazi leader Hermann Goering understood this well when he said, "you can control any country this way, just say you're under attack."

The challenge before us is to not let the glut of stories that we are flooded with, take us away from the story of our faith, the story that gives life. In Psalm 119:105 we read, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” In a world filled with darkness, the word of God, provides us with the light to guide our way through all the competing stories so we come to embrace our story, our Biblical story, a story of hope and peace and joy. No longer filled with doubt or fear, we can witness to this story and sing the hymn “I love to tell the story” with confidence and assurance. And we can invite others into the story as well, “for some have never heard, the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.”

I pray that God blesses you with the opportunity to dwell in the Biblical stories as we enter into the warmth of summer, and that you might share the story, and the new life it gives us, with others.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim



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.

PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO KAREN JIRSA, WHO WILL SUCCEED MIKE AS ADULT CHOIR



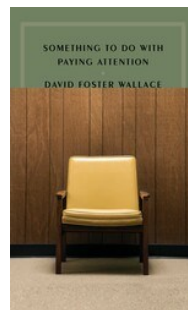
DIRECTOR.

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! My

name is Karen Jirsa and I am looking forward to serving you as your new Adult Choir Director. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. For the past five years, I have been the Sunday Morning Worship and Music Coordinator at Concordia University—Chicago. It is a long title, but it means that I

directed the choir and instrumentalists and played the organ. Prior to Concordia, I served as Director of Music at Faith Lutheran Church in Lake Forest (1996–2017). I also served as Music Director at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect and at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Skokie. My full-time job for 30 years was teaching 6th through 8th General Music at Woodland Middle School in Gurnee. I also directed the school's top choir—WMS Concert Choir. I retired from teaching in 2019. I earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Concordia University—Chicago and a Master of Science in Music Education degree with an emphasis in Choral Conducting from the University of Illinois. I live in Lincolnshire and I am the caretaker for my mom. (She is excited to meet you too.) In my spare time I love to play tennis, spend time with my friends and tell a lot of bad jokes. I am excited join the music ministry team at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and I am looking forwarding to meeting all of you. *Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!*

GET READY FOR BOOK CLUB



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*. We look forward to seeing you as we resume our book club.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — for Lutheran Day Nursery Visit On Thursday, June 15th.

We will host the Lutheran Day Nursery school at Ryerson Woods followed by a lunch and playtime at our church. To make this event successful, we need YOUR help! Volunteers of all ages will be needed to walk in the woods with the preschoolers, help with lunch preparation and service, and enjoying time on the playground with our visitors. Please consider giving a little bit of your time at Ryerson or the church. Sign up to volunteer using the link at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer or contact Kari Davenport (773)844-7542 karikdavenport@yahoo.com

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION



Pastor Tim led the Invocation and Benediction at Lincolnshire's Memorial Day Commemoration at Spring Lake Park.

COOL 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING.

It is time for COOL's Annual Golf Outing. Save the Date: Friday July 14th at Bonnie Brook Golf Course.



10:00 am Check In

11:00 am Shotgun Start

4:30 pm Dinner 50/50 raffle & Prizes

Golf for one includes; Greens Fees with a power cart, Lunch on the Turn, Dinner, and Entry into Prize Drawings. Cost: \$175 per golfer. A dinner only option is also available. Sign up at coolministries.org On the right side of their page you will find a section for payment options.

A colorful event poster for 'S'MORES AND CAMPFIRE COCKTAILS'. The background is light green. At the top, it says 'EVERYONE'S WELCOME!' in green. The main title 'S'MORES AND CAMPFIRE COCKTAILS' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below that, the date 'TUESDAY, JUNE 27' and time '6:30-8:30' are in green. The bottom half of the poster features an illustration of a woman and a man sitting on the ground around a campfire, with a brown tent in the background and stylized trees. At the very bottom, it says 'Bring friends and camp chairs and join us for a summer evening of fun!' in brown text.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

S'MORES AND CAMPFIRE COCKTAILS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27
6:30-8:30

Bring friends and camp chairs and join us for a summer evening of fun!

Childrens Choir

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION SERVICE.



Children's Ministry News



Jennifer Williams,
Children's Ministry Director —
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Confirmation



Congratulations to
Dominic Cantagallo
and Tyler Nack

Join us for music
Sunday on June 4. This is
our last chance to hear
our fantastic youth choir
lead by Mr. V for the sea-
son.

Summer is here!
Our first event will be
“S’mores and Campfire
Cocktails”. Everyone is
welcome to join us on
Tuesday June 27 from 6:30
-8:30. Bring your friends
and camp chairs. This is a
family event not a drop-
off event. Please come
and mingle with members.
We’ll have S’mores and a

signature campfire
cocktail! Kids can play in
the park and adults can
have fireside chats!

Although Sunday
School has come to an end
for the school year, we’ll
be hosting family cen-
tered Sundays. Please
be on the lookout for
dates in the Friday email
blasts and July newsletter.

If anyone might be
considering joining our
teaching team, please let
me know!

60th Anniversary of LCHS

This year on **Sunday, May 21st** we celebrated the continuing ministry of our congregation.



Work Day and A Well Deserved Rest

Thank you to our members who came out and helped at last months work day.



D103 5K

LCHS was a proud sponsor of this years district 103- 5K.



60TH ANNIVERSARY & PENTECOST SUNDAY FLOWERS



WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Jacki Murphy, in honor of the Brady Murphy Family.

Arnie and Nila Bilstad, in honor of granddaughters graduation.

Eileen and Tom Weglarz, in memory of Jim Gloudeman.

Amy and Daaron Dohler, in honor of our daughters Katelyn and Lora.

Jeanne & Barry Nelson, in memory of John, Louise, and Thomas Gombar, Leroy Nelson, and in honor of Sharon Nelson.

The Wyrwicz Family, in memory of Phyllis Defenderfer.

Wayne and Mary Giampietro, in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Jennifer Prosk, in honor of Sue McCoy.

The Eastmonds, in memory of our parents, Nicholas Pagotelis and Linda Eastmond.

The Davenport Family, in memory of our grandparents.

Trudy Bettiker to the glory of God.

Ron and Dorothy Stocks, in memory of Helen Schmidt, Dorothy's Sister.

Al and Janice Edwards, in memory of Howard and Joan Kontje (former members and Neighbors).

Carol Raymond, in honor of Mark Raymond.

Gordon and Carol Duprey, in honor of our family.

Jerry Mason in memory of Marilyn Mason.

Terry and Michael Pedersen, in memory of our parents Marcella and Jerome Moore, and Margaret and Efraim Pedersen.

Sandy and Leo Ditewig, in gratitude for family.

Ruth Ann Grockis, in memory of Charles and Marcy Kengott.

Tim and Maria Linstrom, in memory of Marcene Linstrom and Carmen Hernandez.

The Eastmonds, in memory of our Parents Nicholas Pagotelis and Linda Eastmond.

Chris Miller, in loving memory of Joan Keyes.



Highlights From May 2023

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on May 8th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$43,309 for April (YTD total is \$129,748) Operating expenses were \$46,184 in March (YTD total is \$148,259). As of the end of April, we have a negative operating budget deficit of \$18,511. We will send out updated giving statements. We haven't sent any benevolence to the Synod due to our current financial situation.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tim reported it has been a busy month. We kicked off the Capital Campaign, Confirmation, choir director interviews and hosting the North Conference meeting. We still need one more delegate to the Synod Assembly.

Christian Education reported Sunday School will end for the school year on May 21st. LYFE will end on May 9th. They will host two evening summer family events so stay tuned for more details. **Growth** encouraged members to attend sign up for the D103 Run on Saturday, May 20th and attend the Buffalo Grove Pride parade after services on June 4th.

Human Needs will be passing around an interest sheet to see if we have enough interest for a blood drive in the fall. We also need volunteers for the Lutheran Day Nursery visit on June 15th. **Property reported** the faucets in the west end will be replaced.

Corcoran Heating has submitted a \$7342 proposal to replace Air Conditioning Unit #5. A proposal was received from Barreca Blacktop to sealcoat the parking lot for \$3538 which is \$380 more than the amount they charged in 2021. **Technology** is working on livestreaming to YouTube and Facebook simultaneously. **Worship and Music** will be conducting a second interview this week with a candidate for the Choir Director position. **Old Business:** 2026 Capital Campaign is underway! Commitments are due this Sunday! 60th Anniversary celebration will take place after service on May 21st. Planning continues for the narthex renovation. **New Business:** A committee was started to begin looking into the 2024 lease for LCNS. We will also start updating the church directory. Next council meeting currently is scheduled for June 12, 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.

Quilters —

The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30. This month's date is June 20th. No experience necessary to join them.

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 — Enjoy the summer

The EXPOS do not meet during the summer. EXPO meetings will resume in September.

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.



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!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP



Jan Schwanke—*President*

Jeanne Nelson—*Vice President*

Daaron Dohler—*Treasurer*

Kari Davenport— *Secretary*

Nancy Fencil

Kelly Wittich

Joel Utterback

Allison Wyrwich

Jennifer Prosk

Wayne Giampietro

Andy Eastmond

JUNE 2023



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study 3:00 pm Keyes Funeral	2 Synod Assembly	3 Synod Assembly
4 Music Sunday	5 7:00 pm Capital Campaign Meeting	6	7	8 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study 4:00 pm Calendar Planning Meeting	9	10 11:00 am Menter Funeral
11	12 6:30 pm Hospitality Training 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting	13	14	15 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	16 Book Club 7:30pm	17
18 Fathers Day "ASK US" Session with council members 10:30 am	19	20 10:00 am Quilters	21	22 9:30am Prayer	23	24
25	26	27 S'mores and Campfire Cocktails 6:30- 8:30 pm	28	29 9:30am Prayer	30	



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| 1- Hannah Glenner | 12- Dane Brown | 24- Daniella Cantagallo |
| 2- Trudy Bettiker | Anne-Marie Glenner | Bernard Kasche |
| Jean Gates | 15- Mark Bilstad | 27- Sienna Dirks |
| 3- Peter Ahlschwede | 18- Ethan Becker | 30- Liam Sieland |
| 4- Bennett Dirks | Ron Stocks | Donald Brotz |
| Jim Koblas | 23- Kaitlin Driscoll | Lauren Schwanke |
| Don Roth | Ken Rosko | |
| 10- Larry Michalowski | John Sieland | |



LIVE STREAM

WITH IMPROVED SOUND AND VIDEO QUALITY

The Holy Spirit YouTube channel is now where you will find live streaming of Sunday services. There you can also access saved recordings. Go to our YouTube channel or scan the QR CODE youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspiri6256/streams

Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Jeanne Nelson if you have any questions.



ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE —

We have several secure online giving options to make it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our new text-to-give feature. Send the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379.

For example, if you want to donate \$100, then text the number 100 to 844-573-1379. You will receive a registration link to enter your contact

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