

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

September 2023

EVENTS

CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND COOKOUT OUTING

We were blessed with a picture-perfect day for our August 27 outdoor worship and cookout. The service and backpack blessing were meaningful, and we were happy to welcome our new partners in our shared space, True Hope Church. Many people pitched in with set up, cleanup, and entertainment. A huge thanks to the many people who made the day possible: Chef Extraordinaire Corey Kalas, Sandy Kalas, Chris Miller, Jean Gates, Jess Brown, Jackie Murphy, Larry Brady, Mike Pedersen, Jennifer Williams, Maddy Kreegier, Kelly Wittich, Tommy Rudd, Ryan Hathaway, Eileen Hoffman, Kari Davenport, Todd Davenport, Eileen Weglarz, and Maria Linstrom. A big apology to anyone not mentioned! The day was a great kickoff to the new school year.



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COOKOUT OUT & KONA ICE



CHURCH GOLF OUTING

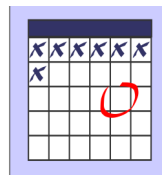
Sunday August 20th was the perfect day for some rounds of golf. We enjoyed the weather and company.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ SPIRIT DAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
- ◆ OKTOBERFEST SEPTEMBER 30TH
- ◆ CAR WASH OCTOBER 1ST
- ◆ BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 3RD



Have you noticed the spruced-up walls in the Gathering Area (AKA the Narthex) and the hallways? We owe a huge thanks to Jean Gates, who volunteered her time this summer to patch and paint the walls throughout much of the church. They look wonderful - Thank you, Jean!

Holy Spirit has three standing committees in addition to Church Council: The Endowment Committee, the Mutual Ministry Committee, and the Columbarium Committee. Each has members who serve staggered 3-year terms. We always welcome interested new members.



Church Council and Endowment Committee

update: Please thank Mike Pedersen (Property) and Jackie Murphy (Fellowship) who have graciously stepped up to serve as your representatives on Church Council. As noted elsewhere, Larry Brady, Barry Nelson, and Jerry Mason have agreed to serve on the Endowment Committee. We thank Jackie Murphy and Mike Pedersen, whose service on Council precluded their continuing on the Endowment Committee. A special shout-out to Ken Rosko, who is stepping down from the committee after 25 years of guiding the investments and disbursements of this important committee. As you update your financial planning and your will, please make Holy Spirit a priority.

At the present time, we have an opening on the Mutual Ministry Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net. The Mutual Ministry Committee meets with Pastor Tim to "develop and maintain channels of communication to provide support, assistance, and feedback to enable the pastor to improve performance, to review with the pastor on a regular basis the various aspects of the pastoral ministry, and assist in developing leadership skills effectiveness in ministry, and the development of priorities and to assist members of the congregation in their understanding of the role and responsibilities of the pastor, and to further the support of members for the ministries in the congregation."

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

As another school year begins and we celebrate the restart of many of our Christian Education programs, each year here at Holy Spirit, we rally together to celebrate Spirit Day. Spirit Day is a day to celebrate our many ministries and fellowship groups. It is a day to invite future members to join us in learning about what our church is all about and how we can be of service to them. And it is a homecoming for all our members to reacquaint themselves with their church family and commit to the ongoing growth and development of our ministries. Spirit Day is a day that will launch us into the many things that God has called us to for the coming school year.

And it is good for us to rally together, because our community needs us to be here for them. In a workshop I attended recently, our presenter discussed some of the research that Alban Institute has performed for churches and for the larger Christian community, and he identified that there are many people and families searching for answers that only the church can provide, and he divided these searchers into three categories. First of all, there are people searching for a church. There are over a million searches every month, by people who are searching for a church. That means, in every community there are people who already have a relationship with Christ and the Christian church, but who have just not yet found a church home. So, there are people in our community who fit that description, but may not have been invited to see what Holy Spirit offers.

The second type of searchers are people and families who are just looking for something to do. Many families will look for a family activity that they can engage in, to enjoy and participate together in, and therefore strengthen their own family relationships. Churches provide many of these type of healthy, nurturing, fun activities, like our Spirit Day, Trunk or Treat, Mardis Gras, and Easter Egg hunt. These are opportunities to build community, but also a way of inviting people into our own unique Christian family.

The third type of seekers are people in search of hope. These are people in need of ministry, who may be experiencing a challenge in their life and don't know where to turn. Perhaps they are new to the area and have had a hard time getting to know people or how to access the resources that are available to them. They may be experiencing loss, a medical problem, a change in employment, and are having a hard

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time coping with their distress. In a society where we, as individuals, are supposed to be able to solve whatever problem comes our way, many live in isolation and feel lost and forgotten. And this is where a church community can provide so much love and support. By praying for our brothers and sisters in need, we can bring Christ into their lives and provide the support and faith that only God can give.

In the coming months I look forward to our developing how our church reaches out to the seekers in our community, and how we can welcome them to Holy Spirit. It's wonderful to see how our church is growing, but there is an even greater need that we need to be aware of and we need to address. So, as we celebrate another new beginning and another Spirit Day, let us also look forward to how Christ may be using us in the coming year to build His Church. And may we all be a part of it.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

Welcome Karen Jirsa!



We are excited to officially welcome Karen Jirsa to Luthern Church of the Holy Spirit as our new Adult Choir and Bells director. Karen, a Lincolnshire resident, comes to us most recently from Concordia University-Chicago where she was the Sunday Morning Music and Worship Co-coordinator. She retired in 2019 from Woodland Middle School in Gurnee after 30 years as a General Music and Vocal teacher. Needless to say, she has experience directing all ages and abilities and already has shown us her wealth of knowledge of the Lutheran liturgy and music.

Karen and her mother, Marilyn, have been worshipping with us all summer. Karen jumped right in and led a volunteer choir for 3 services. The choir and bell rooms have received a much needed clean out and organization. Karen has also re-introduced the Psalm into worship, something we have not sung since before Covid. She has acted as cantor and substitute organist!

Please consider joining Karen and the Choir on Wednesday evenings @ 7PM and Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. There is excitement in the music making of our church!!!!

IMPROVEMENTS — Check out the new Information Desk as you enter for worship. We look forward to more improvements in the coming weeks as we strive to create an updated welcoming area. We give thanks for the gift dedicated to this project so that these improvements could be made.



TRUE HOPE CHURCH" COMING TO HOLY

SPIRIT — We have been in conversation with a Korean Methodist Church about sharing our worship space and facility with them, and they chose to come to Holy Spirit, and will begin worshipping here on September 3. They will begin their Sunday worship services at 12:00. Look for more information as we welcome our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ into our facility.

BLOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 3RD!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 3rd! We will be hosting a blood drive from 2:30-7:00. Share the information with your family, friends and neighbors to help save a life!



CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE

STUDENTS

In October, we will pack "treat boxes" for our college students as they study hard. If you have a college student in "need" of a treat box, please provide their address to the church office or lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com. A drop box will be in the narthex to receive donations of goodies (candy, small salty snacks, and gum). Monetary donations to offset the cost of shipping are also greatly appreciated! Please contact Kari Davenport, karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542 with any questions.



SPONSOR A BACKPACK AND SUPPLIES

FOR A HOMELESS CHILD



This Sunday, our own children will have their backpacks blessed for a new school year. Not every child is lucky enough to start the school year with all the supplies they need. For \$35, you can ensure that a homeless child will receive a backpack with all the necessary supplies for a successful school year. Look for the donation basket at our services this Sunday. Please mark your envelope with "Backpack Drive." If writing a check, remember to make it payable to the church. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kari Davenport, 773-844-7542 or karikdavenport@yahoo.com



ADULT CHOIR VOICES NEEDED —

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Come join the Adult Choir. No previous choir experience needed. Beginning Sept 6th rehearsals will be on Wednesdays 7:00–8:00pm and Sundays 8:30–9:15am. All you lovely singers hiding in the pews are invited to join this lively and fun group. Questions contact Karen M. Jirsa - call or text: 847-858-4755, email: kmjirsa@comcast.net

SPIRIT DAY — September 10 Come out and show your Spirit on Spirit Day at Holy Spirit! During worship we'll be installing our teachers and leaders for the coming year, and afterwards join us for a tailgate party in the south parking lot. We'll have treats and refreshments, fun and games and plenty of spirited fellowship. We'll also be distributing our church calendar of events and inviting everyone to fill out a Time and Talents form to indicate how you plan on volunteering and supporting our church's mission in the coming year. It's going to be a wonderful and "Spirited" event, with something for everyone, and you'll want to be a part of it! Don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, and family as we look to grow our church family

BELL CHOIR — **Ringers needed!** We are reviving Holy Spirits Bell Choir, but we need you! Bell Choir is open to High School age and up. No experience necessary however you must be able to count to four, preferably with your toes as your hands will be busy. If you are interested in being a ding-a-ling contact Karen M. Jirsa - call or text: 847-858-4755, email: kmjirsa@comcast.net

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY — September 17th. On Sunday, September 17th we'd like to recognize those who have recently joined Holy Spirit, and we also invite others who have been considering joining, to join the church on that day as well. Following our worship service, we'll also have a special time of fun and fellowship where we can get to know each other better. If you are interested in joining our church or have any questions about what membership is all about, feel free to contact Pastor Tim at tclinstrom@gmail.com. or join us for a question and answer session after worship on Sunday, September 10th. We appreciate everyone's level of participation in the life of our church, and we'd love for you to join our church family on September 17th.



Children's Ministry News

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

TUESDAY LYFE — 4:15-6:00 PM

All children in grades 2-6 can come for friendship, fun, lessons, activities, games and participation in our Youth Choir on Tuesday afternoons 4:15-6:00. Registration link:

www.jotform.com/assign/202533774008149/232195873854064

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS — September 17

All children in preschool through grade 6 can enjoy breakout lessons and activities immediately following the children's message during our 9:30 services

JOIN US FOR LCHS SPIRIT DAY — SEPTEMBER 10

Show your church spirit as we kick-off a new season together! Tailgaters needed! Join us in the parking lot after church to share tailgate treats and chat about what's happening in church this year. Email Jennifer or Ciara if you're participating, the more the merrier!!

Youth Updates

2023 MCS YOUTH GATHERING

boundless
INVITATION

OCTOBER 20-22
TINLEY PARK, IL

If any highschoolers are interested in attending our **Synod Youth Gathering** in October, please let me know. I can share registration info as it is currently underway.

Our annual **CAR WASH** will be Sunday, October 1 during the 9:30 service. Join us for this fun day of service. Breakfast treats will be served. RSVP to Jennifer with your donut of choice!



We'll need adult help with driving and moving cars as well as youth washers and dryers!



QUILT BLESSING

— September 24th

Throughout the year our Holy Spirit Quilters

gather on the third Tuesday of the month to craft together quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts help those in third world countries by giving them warmth, privacy, comfort, and at the same time, it shows them that someone cares. On Sunday, September 24th during worship, we will bless the quilts, before they make their way to those who need them most. Join us as we bless the fruits of our labor and for a time to bless all who give and all who receive, as we are all sewn together in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

BOOK CLUB — Book Club is moved to Friday October 20th at 7:30

LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT—

October 28th

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, October 28, 2023. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT:

TUESDAY, OCT 24 6:00-7:30

Please consider decorating your car. We need lots of support for this exciting annual event!

OKTOBERFEST - September 30

On Saturday, September 30th we're planning a festive fellowship event as we celebrate Oktoberfest at Holy Spirit. Like the famous festivals in Germany we will feature German food and beer, traditional folk and polka music, and all with a strong sense of *gemutlichkeit* (the feeling of friendliness and warmth).



Everyone is invited to attend and to wear Lederhosen or folk costumes if you can, to add to the festivity. Look for opportunities to help out in the coming weeks, to make this a grand event.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR PADS –

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is September 10th. This year marks the 10th anniversary of ELCA’s annual day of service. This year, we are collecting new clothing for PADS.

They are in need of

- Men’s and Women’s sweatpants and sweatshirts, M-XL
- New Women’s underwear and sports bras, S-2XL
- New Men’s underwear/boxers, M-2XL
- New Men’s and Women’s T-shirts, M-2XL



Please bring these items to church by Sunday, September 10th. Items can be placed in the collection bin in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions or wish to make a monetary donation, please contact Kari Davenport, karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

During the July Endowment Committee meeting, the committee approved funding in the amount of \$13,237, which included amounts for the deductible for insurance claim for lightning strike, parking lot sealing and striping, sanctuary sound updates, outdoor sound system and a contribution for the Synod for continuing education.

After 25 years as a member and leader of the Endowment Committee, Ken Rosco has decided to retire from his role with the committee. We thank Ken for all his years of dedication and hard work establishing the endowment fund and being an integral part of this important committee since 1998. At the August 14 Church Council meeting, members voted to approve the nominations of Larry Brady, Barry Nelson, and Jerry Mason to fill vacancies on the committee.

The purpose of the Endowment fund is to expand the benevolent mission of the congregation apart from the general operation of the congregation. Contributions to the endowment fund are accepted as a cash contribution, and also from bequests in wills and trusts. Please consider the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Endowment Fund as part of your annual giving and also in your final estate planning.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP



Jan Schwanke— <i>President</i>	Nancy Fencil	Jennifer Prosk
Jeanne Nelson— <i>Vice President</i>	Kelly Wittich	Wayne Giampietro
Daaron Dohler— <i>Treasurer</i>	Joel Utterback	Andy Eastmond
Kari Davenport— <i>Secretary</i>	Allison Wyrwich	Jackie Murphy

church council **MEETING**

AUGUST 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on August 14th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$40,362. (YTD total is \$244,315). Operating expenses were \$41,286 (YTD total is \$270,964). As of the end of May, we have a negative operating budget deficit of \$26,648.

Pastor's report Pastor Tim reported that he has met with the Korean Vision Church and they are considering renting our church for their services. He also attended a workshop on church growth. The program is available for purchase. Council will look into the program. **Christian Education** will begin Sunday School on September 17th and LYFE will begin on August 29th. **Human Needs** will be collecting donations to help Fill a Heart 4 Kids supply backpacks and school supplies to homeless and foster youth. **Property reported** the parking lot has been resurfaced and restriped. The floors will be stripped and waxed August 14-16. The next work day is scheduled for August 19th. **Worship and Music** will be meeting to map out the new year. **Long Range Planning** will be putting together a task force to construct a vision for the church.

Old Business: The Endowment Committee made a donation to help with several needs around the church. The Narthex was recently painted by Jean Gates and the new furniture pieces are ready to be delivered. **New Business:** Council approved the appointment of Jackie Murphy as the new Fellowship Chair. Council also approved three new members on the Endowment Committee. The new members are Larry Brady, Jerry Mason, and Barry Nelson. **Next council meeting currently is scheduled for September 11th, 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 10:00. This month's date is Aug 15th. 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 — **EXPO's** — Experienced People of the Spirit. EXPO's, our Seniors group, will be meeting on September 12th at 10:30 to kick off the new season. We'll be brainstorming and planning events for the rest of the year, so bring your ideas for things to do and see and let's plan to have a great year. Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship after the meeting.

Thursday Bible Study — Meets weekly from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. The Thursday Bible Study has a long tradition at Holy Spirit and will be returning from a short break on September 14th. Besides delving into our study of the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues and their impact on our faith lives. Join us for some spirited conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

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.

WELCA — Women of the ELCA. As the new school year begins, and other restrictions are being lifted, it's time to launch a new season for our Women's group. On Spirit Day, Sunday, September 10th, sign up to join our community of fun-loving, mission-oriented, spirit-filled women. If you can't attend, please let the church office know of your interest. Also, please prayerfully consider taking a leadership role in helping develop this vital ministry as we seek to fulfill the mission of "Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

Men of the Spirit Together M.O.S.T

—The men's group will be meeting at Half Day Brewery at 6:30 p.m. for food and fellowship on Thursday, September 14th. Join us as we catch up with each other and consider plans for the coming year. If you're new to this group or haven't been in awhile, don't hesitate to come. We'd love to see you there.



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

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 No LYFE No Confirmation	6 6:pm Confirmation Parent Meeting 7pm Choir	7 9:30am Prayer Group	8	9
10 Spirit Day	11 7:30pm Council Meeting	12 10:30 EXPOS	13 7pm Choir	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Group	15	16
17 New Member Sunday	18	19 10:00 Quilters	20 7pm Choir	21 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15 Bible Study	22	23
24 Quilt Blessing Meet & Greet	25	26	27 7pm Choir	28 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15 Bible Study	29	30 Oktoberfest



19- David Labellarte, Patrick Pink, Samuel Prosk

20- Rex Roehl

21- Kathleen Tagge, Ryan McElhinny

22- Luke Davenport, Bobby Tramutola, Donna Williams

25- Allison Schlender

26- Caroline Chocholak, Mark Giampietro

27- Brian Bettiker, Katelin Burke

29- Adam Brisske, Lselie Donovan

1- Fred Biederman

2- Sally Adkisson, Rhonda Imhoff, Anneliese Rudloff, Maria Linstrom

4- Amy Dohler, Juliana Fiuza

6- Brittany Larson

7- Karen Anderssen, Arnie Bilstad, Lynden Fields

9- Caroline Tagge, Christine Upadhyay

12- Sarah Mihalov

14- Elizabeth Ayers, Elaine Theiss

15- Ela Creech, Bradley McGee, Kelsey Ribordy, Michelle Voermans

17- Dylan Glenner, Gavin Kasche, David Travetto

18- Thomas, Deloye, Eric Deyerler, Vic Larson, Ali Pink

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

POSITIONS OPEN:	Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Hummer
PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:	You must be able to carry a light musical note part way across the sanctuary. You must have good enough vision to see the music director ten feet away.
BEGINNING WAGES:	Guaranteed satisfaction and joy in the service of the Lord and the church.
FRINGE BENEFITS:	Social Security. We can assure you the security of social fellowship with the other members of the choir.
EXPERIENCE:	No applications will be accepted from persons who have not sung, whistled, or hummed while they worked at some time in their lives.
ADVANCEMENT:	Choir members who demonstrate courage and some ability can become soloists and members of small ensembles.
RETIREMENT:	As long as the voice is able and the spirit willing, there is no retirement from service to the Lord.
HOURS (AKA Rehearsals):	Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm & Sunday 8:30 - 9:15am

FIRST REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH 7:00PM

All you wonderful singers hiding in the pews are invited to join this lively and fun group. We need your help! Questions – Karen M. Jirsa (call or text 847-858-4755; kmjirsa@comcast.net)

BELL CHOIR



**COMING BACK!
RINGERS NEEDED**

We would like to revive Holy Spirit's Adult Bell Choir, but we need you!
Bell Choir is open to High School age and up.

QUALIFICATIONS: You must be able to count to 4
(you can use your toes - your hands will be busy)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!



If you are interested in being a **ding-a-ling** contact
Karen M. Jirsa (call or text 847-858-4755) or kmjirsa@comcast.net



REHEARSALS
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP
START DATE: **SEPTEMBER 24TH**



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 and payment information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan this QR code with your phone to donate using secure online giving page.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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



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