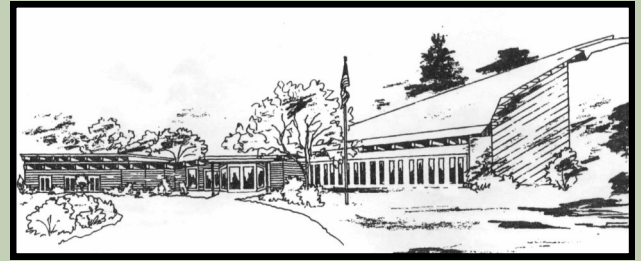




Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



September 2022

S P I R I T D A Y

Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 AM

We are so excited to kick off another year of ministry at LCHS! Catch the enthusiasm with us starting in worship as we bless and commission our Sunday School Teachers. After the service we'll have an opportunity to sign up to serve our various ministries in the coming year and receive a church calendar of events. Of course food and fellowship follows and everyone will then be invited outdoors for a huge celebration. There will be something for everyone: games for kids and adults, a bouncy house, and the joy of getting together with your church family. Don't forget to invite friends, neighbors and family, so all can share in the Spirit!

You won't want to miss this Spirit-filled day!



GAMES

FOOD

COMMUNITY

Catch the Spirit

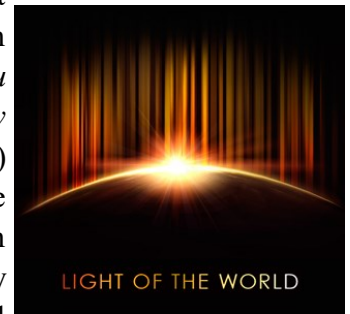
A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sunday, September 11th is our Back to Church “Spirit Sunday”, and it’s going to be a little different than our normal Rally Day to kick off the new year for our Christian education programs. We plan on having games and food and fellowship that will ensure that a good time will be had by all. It will be like a family reunion that no one will want to miss.

And I pray that we all take this special opportunity to reach out to a friend or family member to come and worship with us, and join in the festivities and particularly to invite someone we know that may be in need of a church home. In their best-selling book “Comeback Churches”, Ed Setzer and Mike Dodson describe many strategies for re-vitalizing churches, but in one section they describe how everyone should be involved in three ways. First, they should be “pray-ers”. Everyone can pray for special needs, for the church and for the mission of God’s church. Second, they should be “bring-ers”. The first thing Andrew did when he experienced Jesus was to find his brother Simon Peter, told him what he had experienced and brought him to Jesus. We can all bring a friend to an event that our congregation puts on. And third, they should be “tell-ers”. We have many tell-ers in our church family, and we have many stories to tell, about our faith, about our fellowship, about our fire! God intends to transform people and ignite their passion for life and love and service, and God intends to do that through us!

When God’s Spirit is at work, people are moved, and they are drawn to that brilliant light that breaks through all darkness. And that light shines through us! In one of the most amazing revelations Jesus made for us, He said, “*You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*” (Matt. 5:14-16) Yes, we are the chosen ones to reveal the glory of God to others. We are the ones called to direct the lost to Jesus, and accompany our fellow travelers in life, to a life aimed at loving God and our neighbor. Now, we can’t do this by ourselves, but we are never alone, for God is always with us, and he will multiply our efforts, even beyond what we can envision.



Just as Jesus invited the disciples to follow him by simply saying “Come and see”, we are to follow his example. We are to live a life of prayer, and regularly pray for guidance. Through prayer God will bring to your attention someone that may be hurting, someone who could use a friend, someone who may be open to an invitation to hearing more about living a spiritual life. Being a genuine, caring, joyful, and loving presence in someone’s life is how we can let our light shine before others. We don’t need to have all the answers, for God will use our willingness and our own unique personalities to grow His Kingdom.

As we celebrate the beginning of a new season with our Back-to-Church “Spirit Sunday”, let’s give thanks for all that God has blessed us with and let’s pray that God will continue to guide us and lead us as our developing ministries and our congregation reaches out to grow and thrive. And let’s not forget to share all that is going on here with others, for when God’s Spirit is at work, people are moved and drawn to that brilliant, glorious light. So, let’s all be “pray-ers” and “bring-ers”, and “tell-ers”. Our invitation is simple. “Come and see!”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

Quilters

The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of every month. No experience necessary to join them.

Meet & Greet

We reserve the last Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM for a special time of fellowship as we gather as a family of faith to renew, sustain, and form new friendships.

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. Join us as you are able.

EXPOS—Tuesday, September 13

Our annual organizational meeting will be at church at 10:30 AM. This year we will ask for volunteers to organize each of the meetings and plan who will organize each month's activity/event and brainstorm ideas for future activities. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship after the meeting.

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

The Thursday Bible Study has a long tradition at Holy Spirit and will be returning from a short break on September 8th. 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 the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

For the present time, we're going to continue with one worship service on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Education hour for the children will take place during worship, as the kids will break out to go to their classes after the Children's Sermon, and return in time for Holy Communion. We look forward to expanding our worship service options in the future.



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

Children's Ministry News

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

September is here and we are ready to begin!!

Please join us as we kick-off a new year with SPIRIT DAY on SEPTEMBER 11! We'll have food and games for all and a Bounce House for the kids. It's going to be a great day to show your HOLY SPIRIT!

Sunday School: Our new year together begins on Sunday, September 18. Kids will be dismissed after Pastor Tim's Children's Message during the 9:30 service and gather in the triple classroom. Our dedicated team will lead them in a lesson. Children who receive communion will return to the Sanctuary at that time while others will remain in the classroom until the end of the service.

Tuesday LYFE: We are off and running! Our crew has begun to gather on Tuesday afternoons. See you at 4:00! Email Jennifer for information or with questions.

Trunk or Treat: Tuesday, October 25. Get planning those car decorations and Halloween Costumes.



Car Wash: Our annual Youth Car Wash will be held September 18! Calling all kids in Confirmation and High School: we need your help! Breakfast will be provided! RSVP to Jennifer with your favorite donut or other breakfast item.

Adult help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please consider assisting with parking cars, directing traffic and car washing basic instructions. Email Jennifer to say you'll lend a hand.

Save the Date for our first youth **"WATCH PARTY"**.....Sunday October 23. We'll gather in the youth room, enjoy breakfast and fellowship as we view the live streamed service.



Blessing of the
Backpacks



Kona Ice Truck





CHURCH EVENTS

BRATS & BEER

Saturday, October 1

Come for Gemutlichkeit !!! (how Germans describe the feeling of friendliness and warmth.)

Bring your own stein to raise a glass and say Prost!

Pretzels, bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and, of course, beer!

We will have a strudel contest! (lots of recipes on Google!)

Here are some ideas.....

- *Apricot
- *Apple
- *Blueberry
- *Pear Cranberry
- *Chocolate
- *German Walnut Strudel



If you have Lederhosen or a dirndl- we want to see it!!! Email Ruth Ann Grockis at ra60015@Aol.com if you have any questions.



It's back to school time, and books aren't just for kids! Be sure to stop by the Holy Spirit library and take home a book or two to read. No due date, no check out! Just pass it on to a friend or return it to the library for another book to read. There are also jigsaw puzzles for you to enjoy. The donated books are on the south wall of the library.

Confirmation Parent's Meeting

September 7th at 6:00 PM

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to be a part of this year's Confirmation Class. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this orientation meeting as we plan and schedule events and meeting times for the year. Please bring your calendar to help plan your participation in this year's program. Confirmation Classes start on Tuesday, September 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

MOST - Men of the Spirit Together

The men's group will be meeting at Half Day Brewery at 6:30 PM for food and fellowship on Thursday, September 1st. 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 a while, don't hesitate to come. We'd love to see you there.

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 11th, 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."

Quilt Blessing

September 25th

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 25th 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.

Music Ministry

Our Music Ministry is always looking for new members to share their gifts. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing, please consider adding your musical talent to our Music Ministry.

Adult Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:00 PM and the Bell Choir rehearsals follow at 8:10 PM. The Brass Ensemble rehearses after worship services on Sundays, but the schedule is not set yet.

We also encourage other instruments to accompany and provide music during worship, so join us as we make beautiful music in praise of our God.

For more information about participating in our Music Ministry please contact Mike Duffy, Music Director at dorothy.duffy@att.net



Bring your family for "SHREK" under the stars.
WE HAD A GREAT TIME LAST YEAR. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

WHO: YOU! Invite your friends!

WHAT: Free movie under the stars. A casual dinner will be available for those who pre-order.

WHERE: Holy Spirit Church, 30 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire

WHEN: Friday evening, September 9 at approximately 7:15 PM (dusk).

HOW: Movie shown in the south parking lot. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, yoga mats, or whatever you need to be comfortable; jammies and pillows welcome for little ones. Individual bags of popcorn provided; feel free to bring extra snacks & beverages for your family.

In case of rain, the movie will be shown in Fellowship Hall. If indoors, masks will be optional.

RSVP and questions: Email Jan Schwanke, bennett95@comcast.net

"Undie Sundies"-Drop Your Drawers and please donate to The Drawer.org

We often donate items and clothing to charitable organizations- do we think of socks and undies? But individuals and families experiencing homelessness or financial hardship need items like socks and undergarments too! The Drawer, a non-profit organization focused on those oft-forgotten items, is our human needs focus for September. To that end, we will have "Undie Sundies"--on Sunday, please bring NEW socks or undergarments. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and outside at Spirit Day and Movie Night. Donations also can be made directly by check to The Drawer, online at Donate | The Drawer, or through an Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26AN2N1JROCT7?ref_=wl_share



Please keep an eye out for more info and contact Donna Williams, rdjrwilliams@att.net or 847-331-7651 with any questions.

College Treat Boxes

In October, our Confirmands 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 address info to the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com. A box will be in the Narthex mid-September to receive donations of goodies (candy, small salty snacks). Monetary donations to offset the cost of shipping also are greatly appreciated! Please contact Donna Williams, rdjrwilliams@att.net or 847-331-7651 with any questions.



McAlister's Deli individually boxed sandwiches, apple and beverage. If you are inviting guests, please **include their order with yours** on this page (additional forms are in the Narthex). **Email your order** to Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net by TUESDAY, September 6. You may pay when you arrive on Friday. **Cash or check** only, please.

Family Name _____

Adult Meals: sandwich, chips, and cookie \$14/person (includes tax + tip):
Choice of (indicate quantity):

- _____ Roast beef
- _____ Turkey
- _____ Ham
- _____ Chicken Salad
- _____ Turkey Cobb

Kids' Meals: sandwich and fruit cup or chips \$5.00 (includes tax + tip):

- _____ Cheese pizza
- _____ Grilled ham and cheese sandwich
- _____ Mac and cheese
- _____ Smuckers Uncrustables Peanut butter & jelly

Total cost of order: \$ _____

Additional information about sandwiches may be found on the McAlister's catering website. Please note the prices listed above are higher than the website. Your cost includes one apple per person, beverage, tax, and tip. We will also provide individual bags of popcorn during the movie. Any questions, please email Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net



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| 1- Fred Biederman | 9- Caroline Tagge | 20- Rex Roehl |
| 2- Sally Adkisson | Christine Upadhyay | 21- Kathleen Tagge |
| Anneliese Rudloff | 14- Elizabeth Ayers | Ryan McElhinny |
| Maria Linstrom | Elaine Theiss | 22- Luke Davenport |
| 4- Amy Dohler | 17- Gavin Kasche | Louise Menter |
| 6- Brittany Larson | 18- Ali Pink | Donna Williams |
| 7- Arnie Bilstad | 19- Samuel Prosk | |

Special events are in red bold print

SEPTEMBER 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30pm Men's Group	2 Church office is closed	3
4 9:30am Worship Service	5 	6	7 6pm Confirmation Parents Mtg 7:30pm Choir 8:10pm bells	8 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	9 7:15pm Movie Night	10
11 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Spirit Day	12 7:30pm Council Meeting	13 10:30am EXPOS 4pm LYFE 4:30pm Confirmation	14 7:30pm Choir 8:10pm Bells	15 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	16	17
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church council MEETING

August Highlights

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on August 15th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$42,942 for July (YTD total is \$241,301 (including a transfer from the Building Fund for furnace repairs)). Operating expenses were \$33,149 in July (YTD total is \$282,373).

Pastor's report: The Congregation and community at large have experienced emotional ups and downs this summer, with heightened pastoral response. Third-party building use continues and has increased, and the nursery school will be resuming soon. Spirit Day will be September 11, with food, games, and fun. Covid guidelines were discussed, and the Council again emphasized that mask wearing is optional, consistent with prevailing guidelines. Before discussing the upcoming year's calendar, Council discussed the mission of our congregation. **Christian Education** reported on 8/21 backpack blessing with Kona Ice and new playground, and with LYFE choir. Spirit Day will be 9/11 with Bounce house, food, and games. Trunk or Treat will be 10/25. Reformation Sunday (10/30) will include a family activity. Sunday School teacher installation will be 9/11 with classes starting on 9/18, with children going to class during the worship service. We can use an extra volunteer or two to teach. Tuesday LYFE resumes 8/23. A Youth Car Wash will be held 9/18, and a Youth Watch Party will be 10/23. **Fellowship** reported that the picnic unfortunately was cancelled due to low participation. The next event is movie night on Friday, September 9, followed by Brats and Beer night on October 1. **Growth** reported that Plans are being discussed for a children's area in the sanctuary. Jen is working on potential parent education, newly baptized family outreach, and additional signage. **Human Needs** reported that on July 20 we volunteered at Bernie's Book Bank. Donated backpacks and school supplies were collected, blessed, and will be delivered. In September, we will collect underwear and socks for donation to The Drawer, a charitable organization that provides dignity through new socks and underwear. We will begin to collect addresses and items for college treat boxes, which will be packed and mailed in October. **Property** reported that quotes for repair of the SE corner soffit and roof have been received, and Joel is working on addressing a roof leak. The Nursery School has made changes to the playground and is adding mulch. Joel will address some building and property concerns raised by the Nursery School. Stratus is providing excellent services for cleaning and did a great job waxing the floors. **Stewardship** reported that a letter was sent to the membership providing financial updates, and response has been positive and very much appreciated. **Technology** reported that the new equipment and software is being tested and changes are being made as needed for full implementation during services. Services continue to be streamed on FaceBook Live with an email link to the recording being sent. **Worship and Music** reported that outside worship services have been well attended and appreciated, and we have welcomed back several folks who have not returned yet to indoor services. It still is challenging to get ushers; assistants are slow to sign up but the calendar is filling. Choirs are gearing up for a return this fall, including an ambitious fall calendar for LYFE choir. **New Business:** The second PPP loan was discussed; due to the ELCA credit union's administrative error, a small portion of the second loan was not forgiven. The credit union sought repayment from the congregation, which we have resisted, negotiating receipt of "grant" funding to cover most of the balance. We will continue to press for the credit union to take full responsibility. **Next council meeting currently is scheduled for September 12th 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.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED