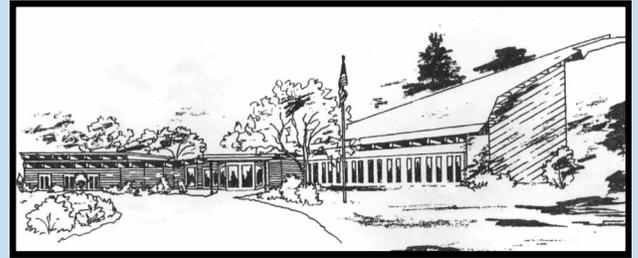




Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



May 2022

Join us in celebration as the following Affirm their Faith on Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 AM:

Nick Auer

Olivia Brown

Ethan Cloonan

Lauren Driscoll

James Pink

Sam Prosk

Helen Sieland

Jack Tantillo



During the past two years their study of the catechism 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. We congratulate them and their families on this blessed milestone!

"I am the Shepherd;



*I know my sheep and my sheep
know me." John 10:14*

Good Shepherd Sunday, May 8

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often recognized as Good Shepherd Sunday as the reading describes our Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This is the Sunday that **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois** has also chosen to have their **annual fundraiser** and all are encouraged to give generously toward LSSI. LSSI is the largest social service agency in Illinois and provides many vital services such as mental health services, foster care, children's services, senior services, affordable housing services, and prisoner and family ministry. All are encouraged to support the wonderful work LSSI does for our community.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!!

The joy of our Risen Christ was certainly felt at Holy Spirit this Easter Sunday. With Jesus' resurrection proclaimed through the Word of God, with joyful hymns, with stirring music, and with shouts of praise, we all witnessed to the Risen Lord, and celebrated His victory by receiving His presence at the communion table. What a privilege it is to be claimed as sons and daughters of God!

As we celebrate the joy of the season of Easter, and Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the devil, we can't help but observe through the many Bible stories of events after that first Easter, the transformation of Jesus' closest followers, the disciples. Those curious companions of Jesus, who abandoned him at the cross, but were then shocked and amazed to come face-to-face with the risen Jesus, eventually became so inspired that nothing could stop them from sharing Jesus' life and love.

When others saw the boldness of Peter and John and that they were uneducated and ordinary men, people were amazed, and they recognized them as furthering the work of Jesus. Even after being imprisoned, and brought before the legal authorities, and warned to no longer speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus, the disciples claimed that no matter what may happen to them,

"We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

As fellow followers of Jesus, we too, must be about sharing Jesus' life and love. We must make this our highest priority, to witness to Jesus and seek first the Kingdom of God. When the risen Lord stood with his disciples in the Upper Room the week after the 1st Easter, he said, *"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."* He sends us out to continue the work which he began. He asks us to follow his example so that his blessings and love are conveyed to all.

Share His love by telling
What the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing
of your faith,
And show the world that Jesus Christ
Is real to you
Ev'ry moment, ev'ry day.

Jesus calls us to put our total trust in Him, he calls us to learn and understand the principles of living a Christian life, he calls us to be obedient to God's laws and commands, he calls us to serve one another, and to make disciples, and Jesus calls us to represent him, to reflect the ways of God to others. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let's all commit to becoming the disciples that Jesus wants us to be, where we can't keep from speaking about what we've seen and heard.

May God's blessings and abundant life be with us all!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

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 9:30 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—May 10

We will meet at church at 10:30 AM in room 6 for a short discussion on future meetings. After, weather permitting, we will take a nature walk through Ryerson Woods and gather for lunch at Culvers to end our time together. Bring your ideas and walking shoes.

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

We are studying Richard Rohr's book, "The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe". Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus' life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet. Join us as we delve into how our faith informs our dealing with the challenges of today. We always close out time together in prayer.

Prayer Concerns

We freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list remains current. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.



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.com

Sunday School

It's hard to believe but the end of our year is fast approaching! I'd like to give a shout out to all of the amazing children that participated this year and to their dedicated parents! It began with a few challenges as we were still operating through the trials of COVID and has carried on in full awesomeness throughout the school year! Our fantastic team of creative teachers brought great lessons and learning each week! It really takes "all hands on deck" to have great success.....thank you!

If anyone would like to assist our teaching team next fall, please let me know!

Tuesday LYFE

We have had a blast this year! These amazing and talented kids had insightful conversations, reflective thoughts, a huge flair for drama (in a great way!), joyful hearts and contagious spirit! We'll be wrapping up the year with a celebration on May 10. Please consider joining our group on Tuesdays next fall. LYFE is open to all kids grades 2-6.

Egg Hunt Update

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! Thanks to everyone for filling those eggs! We couldn't have done it without your help! All children in attendance (about 40!) were able to collect as many eggs as they could find and they were ecstatic! Thanks as well to the team of volunteers that hid all of those eggs for the kids. It was an amazing day!



Summer Activities

Summer plans for kids are underway. Please take a look at the survey that went out to families about activities over the summer. I'd love to hear from you. If you didn't receive an email, please let me know. Thanks in advance for filling it out!





Lutheran Day Nursery Returns with Us to Ryerson

Save The Date!

After a 2-year COVID hiatus, our young friends from Lutheran Day Nursery will be visiting with us on June 16 for a morning at Ryerson Woods, followed by lunch and play at LCHS. 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. Announcements and sign-ups with more details will begin soon, but in the meantime, please save the date for this fun and rewarding day. Please contact Donna Williams at 847-331-7651 or rdrjwilliams@att.net with any questions.



We concluded our PADS collections drives for the season and have made several donation drop offs to PADS. Many thanks to everyone who generously contributed to this cause.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day and we look forward to celebrating all mothers at our Sunday morning worship service. God has given us mothers to carry us, raise us, teach us, and mold us into godly people. We give thanks and praise for all they do in their blessed role in raising their families and we look forward to recognizing them on this special day. Join us on May 8th as we celebrate Mother's Day!





Ukraine Relief

During the month of May, we will be lifting up Lutheran World Relief's Eastern European Crisis Response. In recent weeks, millions of people have fled Ukraine to seek refuge in neighboring countries, including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. Major humanitarian concerns exist for Ukrainian refugees, as well as Ukrainians who are internally displaced. These people need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral and psychological support. Lutheran World Relief is providing relief and assisting partners in humanitarian responses in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. Refugees receive immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Our gifts will support people impacted by the war. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected. More information and options to donate go to <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>.

Following the service on May 29, we will honor the memories of those who have perished as a result of this conflict with special music, and we will pass a collection plate to receive donations that will be forwarded to Lutheran World Relief. Our goal is to donate \$2,500 to Lutheran World Relief's crisis response. If you have already made a donation, please advise the church office so that prior donations are included in our collection tally (donors and donation amount will not be recorded or published--we merely are tracking amount in furtherance of our goal).

Please contact Donna Williams at 847-331-7651 or rdrjwilliams@att.net with any questions or suggestions.

Unsung Heroes

The March work day was a busy one for Pastor Tim and fellow volunteers. Many thanks go out to Ron & Dorothy Stocks and Arnie & Nila Bilstad, who replaced the dangerous, cracked floor tiles in front of the altar. Mike Pedersen single-handedly wielded a chain saw and disposed of a large tree that had fallen north of the parking lot. Thank you, thank you! We are so grateful for our volunteers!



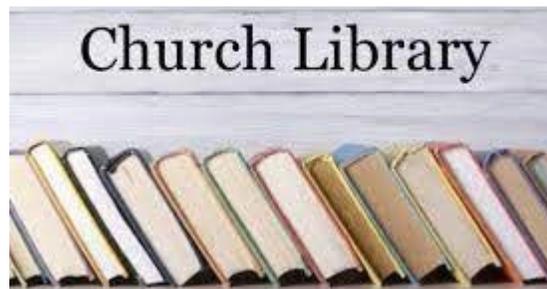
Saturday, May 14 8 AM-1 PM

There are always some items that require attention so please be generous with your time. Many hands make light work.

A Walk in the Woods

Join us on Saturday, June 4 for a Nature Walk with a naturalist at Ryerson Conservation Area.

We will meet at 1 PM in the Welcome Center. Best to wear lightweight long sleeves, pants and shoes that can get muddy. Questions - Ruth Ann Grockis 847-945-5532.



Library Update

Holy Spirit bibliophiles are enjoying new books from our informal lending library. No due dates, no fines! Select a book or two from the labeled shelves in the library (they're in the southwest corner) and either return it for someone else to enjoy or pass it along to a friend. The collection bin is no longer in the front door vestibule. If you have books to donate, please leave them in the library.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5

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 15**.

Name: _____

Number of plants _____ at \$25 each.

Given in Honor/Memory (circle one) of:



Easter Breakfast



Trivia Night





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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3- Shirley Crandall | 13- Katherine Prosk | 19- Bill Collins |
| 4- Kyle Koblas | Allison Wyrwicz | 21- Alicia Spoehr |
| 5- Dorothea Lehtinen | 14- Alfhild Perrone | 22- Nancy Fencil |
| 7- Joan Keyes | Kelsey Utterback | 23- Nila Bilstad |
| 8- Eileen Weglarz | 15- Amy Steinberger | Marshall Calef |
| 9- Stephen Pedersen | Carolyn Raymond | 27- Ann Plaza |
| Truman Rudloff | 16- Tom Adkisson | 28- Amelia Tagge |
| 10- Emma Hathaway | 17- Janice Edwards | 29- Larry Neumann |
| Grace & Madison McElhinny | 18- Colton Schroetter | 30- Terri Pedersen |
| 12- Emmanuel Neela | Church Shambrook | 31- Steve Dick |

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 4pm LYFE 4:30pm 8th grade Confirmation	4 7:30 pm Choir 8:10pm Bells	5 7:30pm Natl Day of Prayer Svc 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	6	7
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15	16	17 10am Quilters 4:30pm Confirmation Test & Dinner	18 7:30 pm Choir 8:10pm Bells	19 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	20	21
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The logo features the text "church council MEETING" in white. "church council" is in a lowercase sans-serif font, while "MEETING" is in a larger, bold, uppercase sans-serif font. The text is enclosed in a white rectangular border. The background is a blue geometric pattern of triangles.

Highlights from April

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on April 11th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$44,738 for March (YTD total is \$125,833 (including a transfer from the Building Fund for furnace repairs)). Operating expenses were \$37,412 in March (YTD total is \$122,570).

Pastor's report: The congregation has been very busy with Lenten/Easter season services and activities, as well as member events and services. Pastor Tim has met with potential new member families. Building use has continued to increase. Synod assembly delegates still are needed. A joyful Palm Sunday service was celebrated and well-attended. **Christian Education** reported that LYFE will conclude on May 10 with a pizza party. Many members have donated filled eggs and other items for the Easter Saturday Egg Hunt. Plans are being discussed for possible interest in service activities over the summer, and VBS plans are under consideration. **CUFF** reported that the sign up is open for Trivia night on April 22, a Ryerson walk will be held on June 4 at 1:00 pm, plans are being discussed for a Church picnic in the summer and a pickleball night in August, and in lieu of Beef and Lobster, Ruth Ann is working on a Brats and Beer night in October. **Growth** reported Signage is out for Holy Week and Easter services. Jen has acquired new coffee makers. Jen is working on outreach to new members and potential new members and is considering a "shepherd" program for new members. Jen is looking into participation in summer parades. **Human Needs** reported that PADs donation drives conclude in April, with appreciation to all who have contributed. Lutheran Day Nursery will return for their visit and trip to Ryerson on June 16. Volunteers of all ages will be needed, and sign ups and announcement will begin soon. LSSI will be lifted up as a charitable partner on May 8. In May, we will focus on the ELCA's Lutheran World Relief campaign to send support to victims of the Ukraine crisis, culminating with a special appeal on May 29. **Property** reported that a cleaning service has been selected, and arrangements will be finalized. Joel has been in touch with the roofing company for soffit repairs. Sealcoating will be scheduled for late summer. Work day was held on March 26, and specially appreciated work included tree clean up and interim sanctuary floor repair. **Stewardship** reported that the 2023 envelope order was submitted, obtaining a 10% discount. **Technology** reported that video equipment has been mounted; programming and set up continues for installation and connection. **Worship and Music** reported that Holy Week services are Thursday and Friday at 7:30. The Adult choir, LYFE choir, bells and brass provide music for both services at 8:30 and 10:45 on Easter Sunday with breakfast in-between. The choir will be off 4/24 with Don Bally singing a solo. We will return to one service at 9:30 after Easter. **Old Business:** Pastor Tim met with Ryan Hathaway and Cory Kalas about Easter breakfast, and a delicious meal is planned. Volunteers still are needed to help with set up and clean up. **New Business:** Mike Pedersen and Ken Rosko were appointed to serve terms on the Endowment Committee, and Mary Detjen was appointed to serve on Mutual Ministry Committee. The Council reviewed and discussed Continuing Resolutions and reviewed the Congregation's relationship with Reconciling Works.

Next council meeting currently is scheduled for May 9th 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

May 2022

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



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