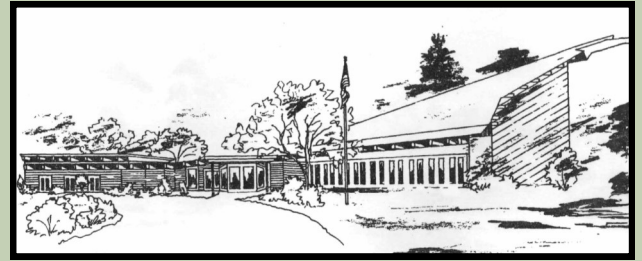




*Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit*
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



August 2022

Outdoor Worship

On July 17th, we gathered and celebrated worship outside. The weather cooperated and we got a chance to see and catch up with friends we haven't seen in a while.



Join us for our next outdoor worship on Sunday, August 14th at 9:30 AM.

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of us were still grieving, over the senseless mass shooting in the Uvalde Texas elementary school, before the wave of violence came to our own neighborhood. Who could have imagined that on a beautiful summer day where a community gathered together for a parade to celebrate our nation and all that we share together, to share all that unites us as we strive for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that our community would be traumatized by a young man with a weapon of war. Our hearts are heavy for the families of the seven who were killed in Highland Park, and the dozens of others who were injured, and we pray for healing and justice in the face of this massacre. And we pray that a tragic event like this will never happen again, and that all who might consider such an act of violence might receive the help and intervention that they need. We pray that all can live in harmony, security, and peace.

As I was contemplating what we could do put an end to the violence and bring people together to work toward common goals and just solutions, and acknowledge that every person is valuable in the eyes of God, I was reminded of a well-known story.

While Jesus was traveling, he stopped by a well to take a rest while his disciples went into town to get some food. A woman came to draw out some water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. Now there were a lot of reasons why Jesus and this woman should never have had a conversation; they were of rival nations, there were societal rules that prevented men and women from socializing, Jesus was a respected teacher, and the woman was of ill repute having already had five marriages and was now living with another man. And their religious beliefs were not very respectful of each other either. And yet the two have a conversation, and Jesus offers the woman living water, and the woman replies, "Sir, give me this water, so that I might never be thirsty again." Despite their differences, the woman's thirst leads her to bring others to the well too. She went back to the city and said to anyone who would listen, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He couldn't be the Messiah, could he?" Without telling them what to believe, but by just echoing the great door-opening Gospel invitation, "*Come and See*", Jesus transforms this woman, this despised outcast of society, and she becomes the first person to preach Jesus as the Messiah.



Perhaps salvation from God does not depend so much on getting everything right as much as it depends on our thirst, our thirst for that life-transforming living water.

There are many who are busy going about their day-to-day lives, who are searching for answers, who are struggling to get through the day, or, who may be comfortable, yet feel incomplete. There are many who are thirsty for Jesus. Having drunk from His life-giving water, let's share what we know and the impact of Jesus in our lives. Who knows what miracles God may work through us and our efforts, and yet we can be sure that Christ's life-giving water will nourish us and sustain us no matter what we may do. So, let's invite others to "*Come and See*," a community of believers devoted to serving God, and let's share our faith with others, for our cups are overflowing in a world dying of thirst.

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 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

We are taking a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be on September 13.

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

We are taking August off and will resume on September 8.

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.

SUMMER CHOIR - Sunday, August 14 & 28



During the summer months the adult choir will sing at some of our worship services. All you need to do is come early for a quick rehearsal at 9:00 AM and we'll be ready to sing at 9:30. Music has been selected to learn easily and to make a joyful noise to the Lord! Join us and share your musical gifts in song.



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

Children's Ministry News

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

We have lots coming up in August!

S'Mores and More will be back on Monday, August 1st from 6:30-8:00 PM. We had so much fun doing this in June we are doing it again! Please join us and invite a friend. Bring a camp chair and gather around for a fireside chit-chat! All S'More ingredients will be provided.

Sunday School

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

Tuesday LYFE

We share some amazing and fun moments throughout the year during our Tuesday meetings! Please consider joining us this school year. All kids in grades 2-6th are welcome to attend. We'll begin the year together on Tuesday, Aug 23. Please reach out to Jennifer if you'd like more information!



*Thanks to the volunteers at
Bernie's Book Bank*

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day, Sept. 11—To kick off a new year of Sunday School and our regular programs and activities we have Spirit Day, where we have a blessing and commissioning of our Sunday School teachers, and an opportunity for the students to meet their teachers. This is usually followed with festivities in the parking lot including crafts, food, games, and fellowship. Please put the date on your calendar for a great celebration, and volunteer to help. As things are still taking shape we will need your participation and support. We look forward to an exciting Holy Spirit-filled year and that you will be a big part of it.

Family Movie Night—September 16

Youth Car Wash—September 18



CHURCH EVENTS

LCCHS Summer Picnic

Sunday, Aug 14 from Noon-3 PM
at Tennaqua

SWIM - GAMES - FOOD

Bring a dish to pass. Cost - free will donation.

Please sign up in narthex.

Questions - Ruth Ann - ra60015@aol.com

All Hands on Deck!

Church Work Day

Saturday, August 27 from 8 AM-1 PM

The grounds of the church are looking tired and filled with weeds. Please help us spruce up the outside of church by donating your time. There are always projects inside that need attending if you prefer to work there. Either way, there is a job for everyone and we need your help!!

Blessing of the Backpacks Service

Sunday, August 21 at 9:30 AM

The new school year is almost here! Bring your backpack to church for a special blessing. Teachers should bring their planners, book bags, etc. to receive a blessing, as well. It's going to be a great year!!

After worship, enjoy **Kona Ice** in the parking lot as the Kona Ice Truck will be providing sweet treats!

Backpack/School Supply Drive

In August, we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for our local benevolence partner, Sagrada Corazon. Additional details will be provided via emails and bulletins with information about "wish list" items. Donated items will be included in our Annual Backpack Blessing and then delivered to Sagrada Corazon. Any questions or more info, please contact Donna Williams at rdjrwilliams@att.net.





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| 1- Patti Schroetter | 12 Julie Kasche | 21- Mike Pedersen |
| 7- Al Ohm | 13- Jennifer Prosk | Rozanna Shambrook |
| Helen Sieland | Jenny Williams | 24- Lisa Ayers |
| 8- Sandy Kalas | 18- Rob Sieland | 28- Bruce Leska |
| Karin Leska | Ajay Upadhyay | Andrew Shambrook |
| Kimberly Weller | 20- Conrad Dick | 30- Ruth Ann Grockis |
| Patrick Cantagallo | | 31- Brian Driscoll |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm S'Mores & More Family Event	2 10-11:30am Itty Bitty Bible Camp	3 10-11:30am Itty Bitty Bible Camp	4 9:30 Prayer Group 10-11:30am Itty Bitty Bible Camp	5 Church office is closed	6
7	8	9	10	11 9:30am Prayer Group	12 Church office is closed	13
14 9:30am Outdoor Worship 12pm Church Picnic	15 7:30pm Council Meeting	16 10am Quilters	17	18 9:30am Prayer Group	19 Church office is closed	20
21 9:30am Blessing of the Backpacks Svc 10:30am Kona Ice Truck	22	23 4PM LYFE	24	25 9:30am Prayer Group	26 Church office is closed	27 8am-1pm Church Work Day
28	29	30 4PM LYFE	31			

church council **MEETING**

No meeting in July.

When you encounter members of our Church Council, let them know they are appreciated and thank them for their service to LCHS.

We appreciate



all you do!

Council members: Jan Schwanke, Larry Brady, Donna Williams, Daaron Dohler, Kelly Wittich, Joel Utterback, Nancy Fencl, Ruth Ann Grockis, Jeanne Nelson, Wayne Giampietro, Andy Eastmond and Jennifer Prosk.

The church office is closed on Fridays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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