



HOLY SPIRIT
Lutheran Church
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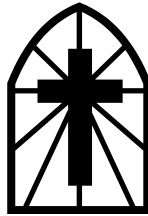
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The Voice of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church





Worship Assistants for Apr 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Asst. Minister</u>	<u>Psalm Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Apr 7	Meghan G.		Gary/Raymond	Devine/Pysher
Apr 14	Greg C.	Lydia Y.	Alan S./Alan D.	Christensen/Joshi
Apr 21	Kathy D.		The Colahans	The Colahans
Apr 28	Alan S.	Tony H.	The Klines	Downey/Deemer
Altar – Kathy D.				

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday School for All - 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:30a.m. (Sept – May)

Worship Service – 10:15a.m.

Church office hours – Monday thru Thursday – 9:00A.M. – 2:00P.M.

Rev. Rachel Scheible –Pastor

Samuel Stevenson – Director of Music

Jeanne Warner – Office Secretary

Nancy Harris – Teacher – Pre-K

Colleen Hall – Teaching Asst – Pre-K

Shelly Avila – Teacher – PS & MMO

Michelle Bracken – Asst. – PS & MMO

Our Mission

Know Christ! Grow! Spread God's Love!



If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Oh, what joyous and blessed morn! We awake to find that our God is alive, our Christ is risen. Death cannot hold him, and death can no longer rule over us. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the good news that Jesus is risen. And, we celebrate that we have been raised with him. This good news should rule in our lives, but it's not simply a momentary realization, but hopefully a life-changing experience. Notice how the verses in Colossians alternate between the proclamation of good news: "your life is hidden with Christ in God" and "Christ who is your life is revealed", and the invitation to consider living a different way: "seek the things that are above" and "set your minds on things that are above".

I don't believe that the invitation to "set your mind on things that are above" is necessarily about morality, but more about the way life might feel if we did not worry so much about all the things we normally do. The point is that we are raised with Christ. When we read, "If you have been raised with Christ" the assumption in the text is that we have been raised with Christ. Easter is not only about Christ being raised, but that we are raised with him. Easter Sunday morning creates new space in our lives; a limitless area releasing us from our normal boundaries. Easter Sunday is meant to change our lives so that we begin to ask questions like: "If I wasn't so worried about everything, how would life be different?" or "How would my life be different if I gave more of my time, talents, and treasures away?"

Jesus rising from the tomb destroys the power that sin and death have over us. Lent is a season when we spend some time examining how sin and death rule in our lives, and now, in Easter, we get to live God's gift of new creation. Our lives are a new creation which are hidden in Christ, and which now burst forth in the Easter announcement. Not only is Christ risen, but we rise too; we rise from our self-imposed imprisonments to find new life, new creation in our very selves.

Celebrate this Easter resurrection! You are new creation! You have new life! You are God's beloved creation that will never disappoint, never fail, never be separated from God's love in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Christ is risen, and you have risen too! Alleluia!!

Prayer: Loving God, we celebrate the risen Christ bursting forth from the tomb and into our lives. Remind us daily of this amazing grace in our lives, and help us to trust more fully in you, so that we might live in true freedom. Amen.



If travels keep you away on Sunday, join virtually thru Facebook Live . Weekly bulletin can be found on the website: holyspiritsecane.org.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is being held on Monday, **April 8th from 2:00-7:00 PM** in our social hall. Please consider donating blood to this worthy cause. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Holy Spirit Lutheran to schedule an appointment. You can also download the blood donor app to schedule an appointment.

COUNCIL MEETING – **Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm** in the meeting room.

COFFEE HOUR–**April 21st** after service sponsored by the Finance and Stewardship Committees.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery and singing. All ages are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
4/14	Gina Helt
4/28	Debbie Gruhler



Robert Hensil 4/3
Barbara Saporetta 4/4
Brayden Waterfield 4/4
Frank Taddie Jr 4/12
Emma Christensen 4/15
Gary Pyscher 4/18
Georgiana Karim 4/22
Kim Christensen 4/23
John Hoyt 4/24
Pete Kanz 4/26
Harry Babe 4/28
Nancy Hooper 4/29



Mike Longo	Jackie Bernduer White
Rob Hahn	Jackie Dewitt
Lisa McDonough	Maureen Colahan
Hugh Mullarkey	Ann Ferguson
Jean Brown	Bill McVean
Betty Lake	Ed Shoup
Anne Rainsford	Dennis Dobson
Judy McGrane	Phyllis Horton
Christine Abate	Lou Vallies
Scott Smith	Geralyn Gerakaris
Bonnie Wood	Kathy Shoup
Lois Saunders	Jamal MacDonald
Cliff Kellett	Harry Collins
Trudy McDougall	Eileen Maloney
Lynn McGrane	Rachel Yost
Michael Long	



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church just completed a busy time in the worship life of our church. During Lent there were additional times to attend worship

services. There was a Soup Supper followed by an Ash Wednesday Service. We hosted the first midweek Lenten Service with the other area Lutheran Churches. It was an informal gathering with hymns, prayers, readings and guided discussion with refreshments served. Each Wednesday we were invited to attend this gathering at a different church. There was an opportunity to take part in a Bible Study and discussions after the worship service with Pastor Rachel.

Members were asked to support a food collection for our local food pantry. Also we were asked to donate candy, hot dogs, and water, fill the Easter eggs and volunteer at our 17th Annual Community Easter Egg hunt.

Special bulletin covers were ordered and sponsored. To beautify our altar on Easter Sunday the congregation was asked to sponsor Easter flowers. Special music was prepared for Palm (Passion) Sunday and Easter Sunday at two services.

This spring and summer we can look forward to a Hymn Sing of our favorite hymns, Pentecost Sunday, and a 5th Sunday Breakfast Service at the end of June.

So much time and effort go into providing a fulfilling worship experience so please don't make yourself scarce on Sunday mornings. Now that Easter is over please continue to gather to worship our Risen Lord.

Barbara Saporetti



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the donations of food collected during Lent. There was a great outpouring of support in donations. So far over 125 pounds was taken to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park and there is more now to take over there.

Thank you to all of you that brought donations in for it.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt this year. We really appreciate the donations of candy, hotdogs, plastic eggs, etc. Also, thanks to the 15 people who helped fill the eggs. We filled approximately 3,000 eggs in total for the hunt. We had approximately 90 kids attend. We want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped during the hunt. We could not have done it without you.

The Fundraising Committee

Where Jelly Beans Come From





CHALLENGE! Can you meet the challenge? – At our recent annual meeting we introduced our latest challenge to encourage giving. We challenged everyone to give at least an extra \$1 to the church every week for the rest of 2024. Our goal is to collect at least an extra \$3000.
CAN YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

Available dates for Sponsoring:
Holy Trinity Sunday (May 26)
Father's Day (Jun 16)
Reformation Sunday (Oct 27)
All Saints Sunday (Nov 3)
Christ the King Sunday (Nov 24)
Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

**Upcoming
Events:**



Saturday, May 11th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board outside office. Space is limited so make sure you sign-up.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES - will be held on **Friday, May 31** when the Phillies host the Cardinals at **6:40 p.m.!** Proceeds benefit SEPA youth programs.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

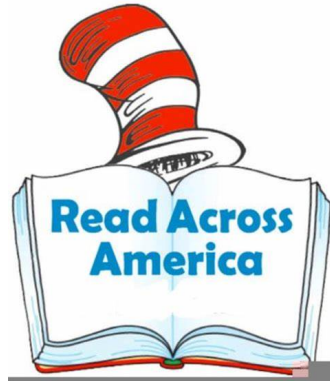
Please volunteer to help at the Strawberry Festival. This year's date is Wednesday, June 5. We will need volunteers for working the games and set up. Help will also be needed with cutting the Strawberries on Wednesday morning. Also, we are asking for filled baskets to raffle and gift cards. Please check with Raymond with your raffle ideas. Any questions, please contact Cyndi or Bill Kline



**YARD SALE
COMING IN
SEPTEMBER**

Don't forget to save items for our Yard Sale in September. As you do your spring cleaning, you can clean out your drawers, closets, attic, and basement of things you are no longer using. They can be sold at the yard sale, and the money received will help the church carry out its mission and ministry. Anything and just about everything will be accepted as long as it is in decent, usable condition. That means books, toys, linens, and household items, including small (working) appliances and furniture. Clothing will not be accepted. Anything that is not sold will be donated to the Good Will. Look for a date closer to September to bring in your items.

PRESCHOOL



APR 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	2	3 7:30pm AA (Hall)	4 7:00pm AA (Hall)	5	6 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
7 10:15am Worship 12:30 Song of Praise	8 2:00pm – Blood Drive (Hall) 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	9 7:00pm Council Mtg (Mtg Rm)	10 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	11 7:00pm AA (Hall)	12	13 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 4:00pm Hall Rental
14 10:15am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 12:30 Song of Praise	15 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	16	17 7:30pm AA (Hall)	18 7:00pm AA (Hall)	19	20 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 2:00pm Hall Rental
21 10:15am Worship Coffee Hour 12:30 Song of Praise	22 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	23 Election Day (Hall)	24 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	25 7:00pm AA (Hall)	26	27 10:00am AA (Hall) Breakfast 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
28 10:15am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 12:30 Song of Praise	29 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	30				