



Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy!!

I wanted to take a moment to update everyone on some of the things happening at Holy Spirit.

- We continue to monitor the status of Covid-19 and look forward to the time when we can re-open for in person services. When we do open, the worship experience will be different as we comply with the many guidelines and we will most likely worship initially in the Social Hall. As we learn more we will keep you informed. In the meantime we will continue with the Zoom worship services. We have had average attendance of about 30 people each week and we continue to work to improve the service as we gain experience. I encourage you to give this unique worship experience a try.
- I am looking for someone who is familiar with Zoom and is willing to host the worship service on **May 31st**. Please let me know if you are able to be the host. I am not able to host that Sunday and without a volunteer we would have to cancel the service.
- Thank you to everyone who assisted with our recent Food Drive. We collected a lot of nonperishable food and

put ourselves in position to help the community. We have not distributed the food to any Food Banks yet, so it is available if you have a need or if you know someone locally who is in need of food. Please contact the church office and we can arrangements to get you some food.

- Due to the social distancing guidelines we have cancelled the Strawberry Festival for this year. As the restrictions loosen we will probably try to schedule some alternative event since we have now had to cancel two of our major fundraisers.
- We are also looking for some volunteers to help trim the grounds around the church. We have discontinued our lawn service so that we can save some money and take advantage of our volunteer base. Volunteers are needed for the following weeks: June 1, June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug 10, Aug 24
- Volunteers must supply their own weed whacker or trimmer. If you are willing to help please let me know which weeks you are not available for and I will set up a schedule.

Bill Kline

Council President



FOR UPDATED INFORMATION:

www.holyspiritsecane.org

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Facebook Page

Email blasts: If the church does not have your email and you would like to add your email, please send email to holyspiritsecane@verizon.net and you will be added.

Phone message: The phone message will be updated as necessary in regard to cancelled services.



Sunday Morning Zoom Service at Holy Spirit at **10:15am**. A whole new way to be together for the word of the Lord. Zoom service hosted by Bill Kline and led by a weekly Supply Pastor is happening now on Sunday mornings at 10:15am. Info on how to join in the Zoom is being shared through email and mailings. If you have not received this info, please call the office to make sure we have your information. It also has the capability to call from your phone if you do not have computer or internet capabilities. We have been averaging 30 people.


Facebook Services: The following churches are airing services on Sunday morning (some pre-recorded):
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clifton Heights
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood
Holy Trinity Lutheran, Wallingford
Reformation Lutheran Church, Media (Zoom)

COUNCIL MEETING – June 9th at 7:00pm

"Walk a little slower, daddy",
said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I dont want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child,
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you." 



FATHER'S DAY POEM



Things are still happening at Holy Spirit!



The American Red Cross is so grateful to all our partners that continue to stand with us through the evolution of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Hundreds of thousands of donors and blood drive hosts have responded to the call to support the lifesaving mission and we can't thank you enough!

Your commitment to host a blood drive with the Red Cross truly made a difference! **Your team registered 28 total donors, collected 27 pints of blood and recruited 8 first-time donors.** Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.



Feeding the Community

On Saturday, May 9th, Holy Spirit had a food drive. If you or someone you know is in need of nonperishable food, please call the office and arrangements for pickup will be arranged.



- Joan Grossi 6/4
- Lynda Jones 6/4
- Walter QuiQui 6/5
- Regina Karim 6/5
- Autumn Jones 6/9
- Jamal MacDonald 6/10
- Phil Atwood 6/13
- Jeff Oaster 6/21
- Dudley Henriques 6/23
- Betty Oddi 6/29
- Sonya Baxter 6/29



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Stephen Colahan graduated from Drexel University with a BS in Game Design and Production!

Erik Christensen graduated from Ridley High School and is planning to attend Penn State this fall studying Aerospace Engineering.

Emma Christensen graduated from Penn State with a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

**WAY TO GO!
BEST OF LUCK!**



Strawberry Festival has been cancelled.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. —I Corinthians 12:12

May 13, 2020

Dear church,

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

During the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am encouraged by your resilience and creativity in our witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am also inspired by your generosity. Through the **ELCA COVID-19 Response Fund** and our **Daily Bread grants**, we are providing critical support to struggling yet vital ministries across this church. Through **Lutheran Disaster Response International** we have intensified our accompaniment of global partners. *We are church together.*

This is a trying time for us all. At the same time, we know that a disproportionate burden of illness, death, discrimination and harassment falls on communities of color. This pandemic has exacerbated racism and racial inequities deeply entrenched in society and

across the church. We see this in the growing anti-Asian racism and the disproportionate number of deaths in black, American Indian and Latino communities. I have been learning from the leaders of the ELCA's **ethnic associations** how the **data** we see on the news is experienced in real life. I have listened to leaders of color share the impact of this pandemic on their communities — on their lives and on their ministries. These stories are difficult but important, so we are launching a special series on **LivingLutheran.org** to lift up these voices for us all to hear. We also seek to ensure that our COVID-19 response more effectively tends to the realities of racism and racial inequality. *We are church together.*

Recently, in cities across this country, we have seen horrifying anti-Semitic and white supremacist messages displayed during public protests against government orders that are intended to protect lives. No matter our politics or opinions about our elected leaders and their policies, all of us must come together on the basis of our church's commitments to condemn **racism** against indigenous people and people of color, white supremacy, sexism, and anti-Semitism whenever they occur. Whether our churches and communities are racially diverse or predominantly white, our work for racial and economic justice for all people is work for all of us. *We are church together.*

Just as God has joined us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in baptism, we are joined to each other. Paul helps us to understand this by speaking of the one body of Christ, with many members. While this is always true, perhaps we feel it more acutely in this time of physical distancing. In our longing to be church together, let us be even more intentional in sharing with each other, easing each other's burdens, consoling each other in our fear and grief, condemning what is contrary to the gospel and living out our baptismal covenant "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

In partnership,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

What Council has done financially for the church with regards to the Pandemic:

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic the CARES ACT was developed by the Federal Government to try and help the economy. The CARES Act provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) under the CARES ACT is providing small businesses, (churches were included in this program), with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

The PPP is the loan program that the church applied for under CARES ACT in April 2020 and received \$19,925 on May 1, 2020. The loan is fully forgiven if the requirements are met. If not, the funds become a 1% interest loan. The reporting time frame for the loan is May 1 to July 1 in order to be forgiven for the loan. Requirements are to use 75% of loan for salaries during this period. In addition to payroll you can claim utilities for 2 months. Loan payments will be deferred for six months. No collateral or personal guarantees are required. Neither the government nor lenders will charge small businesses any fees.

Since receiving funds the treasurer Jeanne Warner prepared a break down and is coordinating with council on how to expend the funds within the guidelines. Council and the School Board approved the plan that was laid out with the expenditures.

Investments:

Council approved in May to have stock dividend checks from COMCAST and AT&T changed, to have the monies reinvested back into stock shares.

Big Thanks to All! In addition to receiving the PPP funds the Council/Church would like to THANK ALL for their continuing unwavering support with offerings. This has made a huge significance at Holy Spirit to continue to operate in a somewhat normal matter. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. At this time we are VERY CLOSE to getting back to some normalcy with having services again with locations being either outside, in social hall or in the church. Hope to see you soon!

Council