

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY SPIRIT

December 6, 2020

Sunday Worship Schedule via Zoom:

8:50 am Zoom Worship Room opens and remains open
8:57 am Children's Music
9:00 am Family Worship
9:20 am Kids Connections
9:30 am Readers and Assisting Ministers Log on
9:50 am Gathering Music
10:00 am Spirit Worship followed by Connections
11:00 am Center for Faith and Life (CFL), CAT Class

You can join us on Facebook Live Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/LCHSEmmaus/>

Please remember to have bread, grape juice or wine available and ready for digital communion which will be offered at both services.

CENTER FOR FAITH AND LIFE - 11:00 am – December 6th: This second week of the bible study series explores various women in the Bible as models, perhaps even for a post-patriarchal world. What new ways of living might we—both women and men—learn from the women who have left traces in our Sacred Scriptures? Our time will be short but let's see how many women we might rediscover and learn what they may have to teach us. Please consider emailing Dr. Wiles (virginia@virginiawiles.com) with your own "favorites" among women in the Bible - she wants to hear from us so she can gather our suggestions into a thoughtful discussion that can strengthen us all in our life together.

CAT CLASS – 11:00 am Join Pastor Spencer as the class continues studying the New Testament Heroes. Join CAT CLASS on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98972850807?pwd=RUVPQmREZDJnZFFGcFBTaHNEUkp6UT09>
Meeting ID: 989 7285 0807 Pass code: 157453 (This will remain the same for every Sunday of class)

ESTIMATE OF GIVING COMMITMENT So that our church leadership can appropriately plan our ministries and other work for 2021 please be sure to submit your Estimate of Giving Card **by Sunday, December 6**. You may submit your commitment either by mail to the church office, or online through the church website.

YEAR-END OFFERINGS To ensure that your donations are included in church year 2020 they will need to be in to the church office no later than noon on December 30th. Please do not rely on the US Mail or postmarks to determine your end-of-year contribution. Because our church accounting is on a cash basis, **all donations must be in the church off by Noon on December 30th in order to be counted for 2020.** Thank you.

LIVING NATIVITY Holy Spirit is working on creating a living nativity for this year's outdoor Christmas Eve service. Pr. Spencer is looking for people who would be interested in being a part of this great holiday experience. For more information or if you have any questions please email them to Pr. Spencer at prsteele@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due to the church office no later than Friday, January 8, 2021 in preparation for our annual congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

REJOICING SPIRITS We will be having their first ever **ZOOM** Christmas Pageant. Thank you to our Rejoicing Spirits' Team for their hard work in allowing our Rejoicers to present the Christmas Story in a virtual setting. Our Rejoicers are super excited to be able to present the Christmas Story to us. Please join them on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

ADVENT CRAFT PACKETS for children are available for pick up at the Canopy Entrance. Feel free to take one packet per child from the labeled bin. The crafts make great gifts to share at Christmas.

The **FLY TO ABE** book group will meet again on December 28th at 10 AM, via the church zoom address. Our next book to discuss will be The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate. (There are several copies available from the Emmaus and the Allentown Public Libraries). On January 25th, our book of discussion will be on Etty Hillesum: A Life Transformed, written by Patrick Woodhouse. And, on February 22nd, we will discuss Practicing Resurrection by Janet Wolf. Please feel free to join in on these interesting book conversations. - Marilyn Egner

HOUSEWARMING GIFT for Pr Steele, Amanda and Silas. Pr Spencer and Amanda are moving to a new home. As a housewarming gift, Staff Support is encouraging that we provide them with a Christmas tree adorned with ornaments provided by our members. Please share an ornament as a reminder and memory of your family. You may want to add a note to highlight its meaning for you. There is a drop off box at the canopy entrance. Please drop off your special ornament no later than Dec. 16th. Help us celebrate Pr Spencer's, Amanda's and Silas' new home!

OUTREACH CAUSE OF THE MONTH - In-Reach is Outreach Too!

We often think of Outreach as helping people in need – often focusing on those ‘outside our church walls’. The Outreach Mission Team would like to encourage you to reach *within* our communities this month and be intentional about connecting with one another. During this time of social isolation, the Advent/Christmas season may be difficult. There are many among us – in our Holy Spirit family, our individual families, even our next-door neighbor...who may be experiencing emotional, mental or spiritual struggles.

Let us reach out! Send a card. Take a random page from the church directory and make some calls. Share your story or a scripture verse. Check-in with a distant friend or family member. Intentionally pray for one another. *You are not alone. We are in this together – with God!*

Please visit the below links for information/resources in coping with social isolation and loneliness:

<http://farfromalone.com/resources/>

<https://www.endsocialisolation.org/Resources>

For more information on mental health issues and where to seek help – please visit the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

2020 Shelter for the Savior Appeal
November 29, 2020-January 24, 2021



Plaster House is a home where Tanzanian children with treatable disabilities such as burns from home cooking fires, club foot, cleft palate, and bent legs caused from skeletal fluorosis, can prepare for and recover from corrective surgery. It is one of many ministries envisioned and developed by ELCA missionaries Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson and many partners. Newly constructed housing now serves 160 children. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit has been helping to support the Jacobson's for over 30 years. <https://www.theplasterhouse.org/>

At the moment,

\$4 supports one child for one day at The Plaster House

\$10 provides one special feeding bottle for therapeutic feeding program

\$20 provides shoes/foot abduction brace for one child following clubfoot treatment

\$50 provides 10 locally made reusable diapers

\$100 provides one month of rehab and residential stay for one child

\$200 provides feeding program formula for one child for one month

\$500 provides monthly salary for one therapy staffer

If you would like to support The Plaster House through our Shelter for the Savior appeal, you can send your check payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting Shelter for the Savior on the check memo line. You may also give online to our congregation (lchsemmaus.org/), noting Shelter for the Savior in the “other” line. If you would like a packet sent to you, which includes a Christmas ornament and greeting card by which you may tell someone you made this gift in their honor, please email Nikki Clark at our church office at <mailto:clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org>



With the holiday’s right around the corner, did you know that Holy Spirit is an “AmazonSmile” charitable organization? AmazonSmile is a way to support a charitable organization when you shop. To shop at AmazonSmile, go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device and enter Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit as your designated charitable organization. For all subsequent purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to Holy Spirit.

CALENDAR

Mon. 12/7	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 12/8	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Weds. 12/9	7:00 PM	Building Emergency Task Force (Zoom)
Sat. 12/12	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Music Recording (Sanctuary) Kiwanis (Parking Lot)
Sun. 12/13	2:30 PM	Rejoicing Spirits Christmas Pageant (Zoom)
Mon. 12/14	7:00 PM	Finance Committee (Zoom)
Tues. 12/15	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom) Congregation Council (Zoom)
Weds. 12/16	7:00 PM	Connections (Zoom)
Mon. 12/21	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 12/22	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thurs. 12/24	3:00 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service (Zoom) Christmas Eve Service with Live Nativity (Parking Lot) Christmas Eve Spirit Worship (Zoom)
Fri. 12/25		Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas