

**HAPPENINGS AT HOLY SPIRIT**  
**January 3, 2021**



**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 – History of LCHS Part 2 with Marian Schneck**

This is session two and a continuation from the CFL on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> where Marian began sharing a PowerPoint that she created on the history of Holy Spirit since 1961, when it was formed. Each slide is a year jam packed with all kinds of information on how Holy Spirit has evolved, including major news events and what was happening in Lehigh Valley for each year. **Holy Spirit will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2021!**

**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)

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR WILLIAM DEIBERT** will be held on Zoom, Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 11:00 am.

**EPIPHANY PRAYER SERVICE AND CONNECTIONS** Join Pastor Ric on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom for a prayer service followed by connections time.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are due to the church office **no later than Friday, January 8, 2021** in preparation for our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

**OUTREACH CAUSE OF THE MONTH – Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

For 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has been a champion for refugees and migrants from around the globe. The LIRS legacy of compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have found safety and hope in America's communities. The LIRS history reflects American Lutheran's deep immigrant roots and passionate commitment to welcoming newcomers, especially those who are most in need.

Through the "Long Welcome", LIRS helps ensure that refugees and migrants are protected, embraced and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities. LIRS and its national network of service providers are uniquely equipped to provide holistic, trauma-informed, and age-appropriate care to the vulnerable individuals it serves.

LIRS is one of only two organizations that works with the government to support unaccompanied refugee minors (URMs). The URM foster care programming is catered to a uniquely vulnerable population. LIRS works diligently to protect these children and reunite them with loved one as quickly as possible. Working with congregations, grassroots advocates, and compassionate individuals, LIRS has developed a number of initiatives and opportunities to bring communities together in support of new Americans. [Note: a number of years ago, LCHS was involved in the settlement of Vietnamese refugees in Allentown.]

The information above is taken and adapted from wording on the LIRS website at [lirs.org](http://lirs.org). There is much more information available on the website about how to engage with LIRS in its activities and to donate to its work.

## **OUTREACH COLLECTIONS**

We will start collecting the following items for the Rescue Mission and Sixth Street Shelter on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be put into the marked bins at the church canopy entrance.

### **Allentown Rescue Mission (men's shelter)**

Slightly worn or new: Sweatpants all sizes, especially XL and XXL

Slightly worn or new: Sweatshirts all sizes, especially XL and XXL

Slightly worn or new: Winter hats and gloves

Socks (must be new)

### **Sixth Street Shelter (family shelter)**

New - Twin-sized blankets or comforters

Toilet paper

Paper towels

## **2020 Shelter for the Savior Appeal - Now through 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

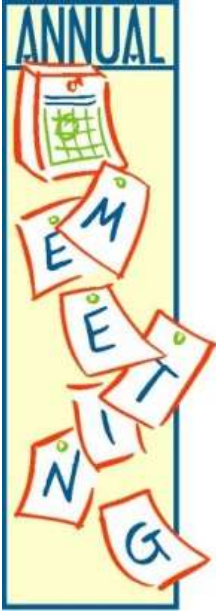
\$500 provides monthly salary for one therapy staffer

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/](http://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-emmas.org>

**FLY TO ABE READERS** Thanks to all who joined in on Monday's discussion of The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate. Vi Ballard took us through the many "themes" of the book that sparked so much interesting discussion. So much so, that we may need to visit some of the author's other writings in the near future such as: The Book of Lost Friends and Before We Were Yours. We will meet again on January 25th to discuss, Etty Hillesum: A Life Transformed, by Patrick Woodhouse. The setting of the book is the time of the Holocaust. Please join us by logging on to the church zoom site at 10:00AM on the 25th. - Marilyn Egner

## CALENDAR

Mon. 1/4	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 1/5	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
	6:30 PM	Nursery School Board Mtg. (Zoom)
Weds. 1/6	7:00 PM	Epiphany Prayer Service & Connections (Zoom)
Sat. 1/9	9:00 AM	Music Recording (Sanctuary)



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**Sunday, February 7, 2021**  
**Annual Congregation Meeting**  
**on Zoom after our**  
**Spirit Worship Service.**