

## HAPPENINGS AT HOLY SPIRIT

May 2, 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

11:00 am Center for Faith and Life (CFL) and 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 (CFL) - Our new church garden helping to fight hunger in our community.**

Please join CFL on Sunday, May 2 as long time active member, Marilyn Egner, speaks to us about the church garden, the local food bank and how you too can become involved in making a difference in the hunger issues that surround our community today

**REJOICING SPIRITS** The Rejoicing Spirits team invites you and your family and friends to join them on May 9<sup>th</sup> for a special Mother's Day celebration service at 2:30 pm on Zoom.

**FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Volunteers are needed to make our Family VBS a success. Family VBS will be held on Monday, June 21, Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 beginning at 6:15 pm. Leaders are needed to plan and lead the following areas: science, games, and storytelling. Materials are provided to aid in the planning process. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact Karin Kahler at [kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

**HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL** continues registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes are available for children age 3, 4, and 5 years old. Additional information can be found by visiting the website at <https://lchsemmaus.org/nursery-school/> or calling Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107.

### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**If you haven't already, please remember to send in a picture of your Confirmand to Pastor Spencer.**

**We are having a Youth Group night at the church on Sunday, May 2 at 6:00 pm.** Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**LAST CAT CLASS** will be Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Confirmation Banquet: This will be held on Zoom at 6:00pm. This Banquet is for the family and youth who will be Confirmed at the Affirmation of Baptism service Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>. The youth will be presenting their faith journey projects with their peers.

On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring the youth of the congregation who for the last three years have diligently encountered the Holy Scriptures and the traditions of the Lutheran Church through study, service and community. On this Sunday we celebrate their commitment to Christ as they become fully ratified voting members of the congregation. Please join in supporting them during Spirit Worship on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Interested in electronic giving as a way to automate a regular donation on a weekly or monthly basis** – contact Terri Hinderliter at [finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org) with your contact information. Terri will contact you to give you step-by-step guidance.

**FLY TO ABE READERS** On Monday, we finished discussing the book American Dirt. There are many other books to read if you want to continue with the "Border" issues. Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario and Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle, just to name two of the many, currently out there.

Fly to ABE will be meeting again, on May 24th at 10 AM, to continue on the theme of mental illness, with the book, A Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold; Sue being the mother of Dylan Klebold, who was one of two young men that carried out the Columbine incident. Log onto the church zoom account to join in on our discussion. Also, please think about whether the group wants to meet during the summer months or if we want to take a hiatus. Marilyn Egner

**OUTREACH APPEAL FOR THE EASTER SEASON: FROM PANDEMIC TO OPPORTUNITY**, sponsored by the Health Care and Global Missions Teams:

As we come out of the shadow of this difficult year, we hope we can celebrate those on the front lines in the health care system here, whose education was so very important to them and to those they served. By combining two opportunities for mission, educating nurses and giving girls the opportunity for nurse's training, we can, in effect, double our impact in Arusha, thus giving them the medical personnel they need. Please join us in April and May in donating to scholarships to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing.

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A STEPHEN MINISTER?**

**Stephen Ministers** are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

The needs for care are greater than ever before. Perhaps God has been preparing you for this moment to serve God, help others and grow spiritually. Stephen ministry is a powerful source of Christian community and as a Stephen Minister you can make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting and ensure that no one suffers alone.

Stephen ministry training will equip and empower you with everything you need to effectively care for others. It gives you the opportunity to use your spiritual gifts, deepen your own faith as you see God at work through your ministry, and become part of a community of people who can lift one another up as they strive together to provide the best possible ministry.

To learn more about the Stephen Ministry program and plans for a training program targeted for the fall, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Kitti Berkheimer - 610-509-1674  
Mike Berkheimer - 610-509-1673  
Bill Derhammer - 484-553-3010  
Fran Derhammer - 610-217-5885



Please take a few minutes to click on the link below to watch a video produced by Stephen Ministries, Saint Louis, MO, entitled "**The Stephen Ministry Training Experience.**"

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1759>

## CALENDAR

Sun.	5/2	NOON	Angel Network Prom Setup (FC)
		6:00 PM	Youth Group Night at Church
Mon.	5/3		Angel Network Prom Event (FC)
		11:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
		1:00 PM	AVL (Church)
		7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
		7:00 PM	Building Project Leadership Team (Zoom)
Tues.	5/4	8:30 AM	Construction Team (Church)
		6:30 PM	Nursery School Board Meeting (Zoom)
Weds.	5/5	11:45 AM	Nursery School Staff Meeting (Fellowship Center)
		6:30 PM	Picnic / 7:00 PM Prayer Service (Church Parking Lot)
Thurs.	5/6	9:00 am – 2:00 PM	Nursery School Snow Make Up Day
		7:00 PM	IT Team (Zoom)
Sun.	5/9	2:30 PM	Rejoicing Spirits Mother's Day Celebration (Zoom)
Mon.	5/10	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
		7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers Info. Session (Zoom)
Tues.	5/11	7:00 PM	Faith Formation for Children (Zoom)]
Weds.	5/12	6:00 PM	Building Re-Opening Team (Zoom)
Thurs.	5/13	7:00 PM	Building AVL Team (Zoom)
Sat.	5/15	9:00 AM	Church Grounds Spring Clean-up
		6:00 PM	Confirmation Banquet (Zoom)
Sun.	5/16	10:00 AM	Confirmation during our Spirit Worship (Zoom)
Mon.	5/17	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
		7:00 PM	Finance Committee (Zoom)
		7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues.	5/18		ELECTION DAY
		7:00 PM	Congregation Council (Zoom)
Sat.	5/22	9:00 AM	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
		9:00 AM	Spring Grounds Clean-up (Church)
Sun.	5/23	2:30 PM	Rejoicing Spirits Connections
Mon.	5/31		Church Office Closed – Memorial Day



### Bloomin' Faith Flower Ministry

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered a few days ago. What a surprise! The tulips and other flowers are breathtaking. You made my day. Thank you – Dick and Dorothy Levene

I would also like to thank the Bloomin' Faith team for the beautiful flowers and note of thanks that was on my desk when I came in. What a wonderful way to start the work week and be reminded that Spring is here!! Nikki Clark

Dear Flower Fairies... Thank you very much for the lovely bouquet for my b-day. All of your efforts are appreciated and enjoyed. Dee Bauernschmidt

Dear Ladies, Thank you so much for the lovely bouquet of spring flowers. After I dried my tears I said a heartfelt thank you to God for this very special ministry and the love I felt coming from Him and all of you. It was a sad day made brighter by this very special breath of spring. With love and blessings, Sylvia Roth

Thank you very much for the flowers delivered to me for my birthday. That was very, very nice! Elizabeth Slaby

**\* PICNIC -n- PRAYER \***

**Outdoor Worship on Wednesday 5/5/21**  
**Gather for picnic dinner or snacks @ 6:30pm - Prayer Service @ 7pm**

Come join us for a time of 'socially distanced' fellowship and prayer!

Grab a blanket, lawn chair or pop the trunk of your car. Bring along some dinner fixings or snacks to enjoy a picnic on the church lawn. Or simply come join us for a time of prayer outside on the church grounds.

Picnic -n- Prayer is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with God and one another...but we do ask your understanding of restrictions. Please heed the following guidelines to keep health and safety our top priority:

- Bring your own mask and keep safe space – if you are outside your vehicle, please always wear your mask and maintain 6ft social distance guidelines
- Prayer service will be led without verbal response participation or singing. Closed mouths - but wide-open hearts!!
- All food/drink is for individual consumption – “no sharing is caring”
- A box will be available to accept contributions
- Limited access to church building (restroom facilities)
- No trash receptacles available - “If you bring it – take it with you when you leave”
- Any cancellation decision due to inclement weather will be made by 5pm via church website and email distribution list



**SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS AT CHURCH**

Saturday, **May 15 and 22** from 9:00 am to Noon.

Volunteers are needed to help weed beds, trim the bushes and shrubs and spread mulch after the weeding is done. Please bring your own garden tools.

Contact Mike Epperly at 484-626-3490 to Sign up.

**Our Sanctuary Chairs – A Stewardship Story**

In the process of our current building project, our congregation sought a way to give our still usable sanctuary chairs away, to avoid throwing them away. Various Synods, congregations, and organizations were contacted, but all was very quiet for several weeks.

Then, Bear Creek Camp, a ministry of our NE PA Synod, to which we are connected with the extended ELCA, contacted us and picked up 40 chairs for use at their church camp. Following that, a Bethlehem congregation called Center of the Valley, picked up 200 chairs to upgrade the folding chairs they had been using in their worship space. And, Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown, picked up 50 chairs, which are now to be used for their church choir.

All these chairs are still in use for church activities, rather than discarded.

Finally, 30 chairs were requested by our members to be taken into their homes for memories 'sake.

Thanks to Chris Carter for sharing this story, and for his valuable contribution to this generous effort.

Charlotte Gross