



HOLY HAPPENINGS

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

***8:30 AM Spirit Worship**

9:30 AM CFL, CAT Class, High School Connect**

9:30 AM Family Worship

9:55 AM Sunday School (pre-school through Grade 5)

10:00 AM Gospel Reading and Sermon Video (Nave)

***10:30 AM Spirit Worship**

Nursery Care is available at all morning services.

Coffee and Fellowship in Room 117/119

****PLEASE NOTE THAT CFL WILL NOT BE ON ZOOM THIS SUNDAY.**



We are continuing with our Covid protocol of "**masks optional**" on all activities of our congregation, including all worship services (with the exception of Rejoicing Spirits). Please be respectful of people's decisions regarding their masking preference.

***We are livestreaming our 8:30 & 10:30 am worship services on Zoom**

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, please remember to have bread, grape juice or wine available and ready for digital communion. **Bulletins are available on the website prior to the Sunday service for those who wish to follow along.**

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5115048051> Meeting ID: 511 504 8051

If you are interested in watching the Pastor's sermon and listening to the Gospel, please visit our website at www.lchsemmaus.org and click on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday service" button.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Please join us for our Blessing of the Animals service on **Saturday, Oct. 1st** at 3 p.m. (Rain date Oct. 8th). All pets are welcome, and each pet will receive an individual blessing.

This year we will accept donations in support of the Lehigh Valley Humane Society. So please invite your friends and neighbors, bring a chair and join us as we bless and celebrate God's critters and the important role they play in our lives. We will be in the upper parking lot of the church.



Fall Fest/ Trunk or Treat – Join us on Sunday, October 16th from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the lower LCHS parking lot for the return of our Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat!

There are many ways to get involved:

- Attend the event – feel free to invite a friend!
- Host a trunk – sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ABAF2EA3F5C61-trunkortreat> Guidelines and information will be emailed to those who sign up to sponsor a trunk.
- Volunteer to help with set up and clean up.
- Donate candy (**nut free**) or non-edible treats. Donations can be placed in the labeled bin in the Fellowship Center lobby. Ideas for non-edible treats include: bouncy balls, stickers, tattoos, pencils, etc.

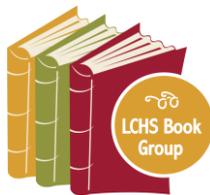
In addition to Trunk-or-Treat the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and beverages.

For additional information please contact Karin Kahler at kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org or Lorie Stout Sherman at stouts2@ptd.net

Adult Faith Formation and Education: Center for Faith and Life: Church in Society: Developing a Faith-Based Response to Divisiveness, our four-part series: September 25, November 13, February 12, March 19 facilitated by Dave Evans and John Mosovsky. All are welcome to join in.

Today's "all or nothing", "one or the other" narratives on controversial social issues have the power to divide us. They can make us angry and frustrated to the point of silent indifference, helplessness and fear. But we are commissioned by Christ to engage and participate in the public debate and we have a responsibility to mediate conflict and advocate for just and peaceful resolutions to divisiveness. This four-part CFL series will focus on a practical and universal faith-based response to controversial social issues to help us meet our Christian obligation to be peacemakers. Come and help us determine what this faith-based response might look like as we seek understanding and respect for our differences.

Sept 25th Session One – Series Goals, Fulfilling Our Commission, Where we are Today, and Resources: Come join the discussion as we focus on what Jesus would do, faith-based deliberations, active listening and reflection skills, how the church helps us, and what a faith-based response might look like to support God's Mission.



LCMS BOOK GROUP (formerly Fly to ABE) will be meeting on **September 26th, at 10 AM in Rooms 117/119**. All are welcome to our book discussions. Our book selection for the 26th of September is "*Rising out of Hatred, The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*" by Eli Saslow. Please feel free to join us for a very interesting, provocative, and current topic.



Sunday, October 2 at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 am our three-year-olds, third graders, sixth graders and those children and youth new to our Sunday School and Catechism program will receive Bibles as a gift from the congregation. This is one way that The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit supports parents in reaffirming promises made at Baptism.



Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School has limited openings remaining for the 2022-2023 school year. There are AM openings for three-year-olds and PM openings for four and five year olds. Registration information is available at <http://lchsemmaus.org/nursery-school/> Any questions, contact Karin Kahler.



CHILDREN'S Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Sunday School is offered on a weekly basis from 9:55 – 10:25 for our children age three – fifth grade. We are currently seeking volunteers (teachers and classroom assistants) to support our fourth and fifth grade classes. Materials will be provided. You can volunteer to be part of the class on a bi-monthly, monthly or yearly basis. Please contact

Karin Kahler (kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org) if you are interested in serving.

BLOOMIN' FAITH: With your assistance, we have been able to reach over 200 of our members and reassure them of God's love and our support as they struggle through difficult times, rejoiced with them as they celebrated milestones, or simply thanked them for their efforts. We'd love to share the healing joy of flowers with more of our church family: please consider **delivering flowers on October 22**. Thank you. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton at 484-431-7298. You can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CA4A6292-bloomin6>.



Dear Member of Holy Spirit, Rejoicing Spirits,
Thank you for giving me a beautiful quilt. Each time I look at it, it helps me feel your love. It was very kind of you to think of me. I will always cherish it.

~ With gratitude and love, Emily Burke

To Bloomin' Faith – Thank you for the beautiful bouquets and many thanks to those that delivered them. It is so nice to reflect upon those that care when life can be hard. ~ Marilyn Egner



NEXT SUNDAY'S MUSICAL PREVIEW (October 2)

8:30 – Jeff Gross 10:30 – Adult Choir

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday November 6th, 2022, at **4pm** we will have the Dedication of the New Rodgers Organ and we will also perform *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Thursdays at **7:00pm** in the Nave. Please note we rehearse weekly and normally sing at the 10:30am worship. However, there will be times when we sing at the 8:30am worship. A schedule will be provided in September. Finally, all are welcome whether you have choral experience or not. The members of the Adult Choir provide encouragement and are supportive of one another and will always lend a helping hand to new members.

SPIRIT RINGERS rehearsals have begun. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at **6:15pm**. If you are interested in ringing bells, please contact me at maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

FESTIVAL CHOIR meets on Thursday nights at **7:45 pm** in the Nave. This year we will be performing *The Requiem for the Living* by Dr. Dan Forrest. We will also dedicate our new Rodgers organ. The Requiem concert is on Sunday November 6, 2022 at **4:00pm**.

INSTRUMENTALISTS are needed for both our 8:30 and 10:30 worships. We welcome guitars, percussionists, woodwinds, and strings. If you are interested in offering a solo or working in a group, please contact me at maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

~ Sharon MacCabe, Director of Music

Financial Results and Discussion - August 2022

Operating cash to begin the month was \$148,950. August operating income was \$51,567 and operating expenses were \$65,140, giving us a deficit of \$13,573. Accruals totaled -\$3,924. YTD we have a \$4,917 deficit. Most mission areas were close or under budget for August with the exception of Resources for Ministry. With August operating results our operating cash reserve is \$131,453.

Spirit Led, Spirit Alive Capital Campaign: The current total in our Spirit Led, Spirit Alive account is \$194,878. Total donations for the month were \$18,433. There were two expenses totaling \$1,900.

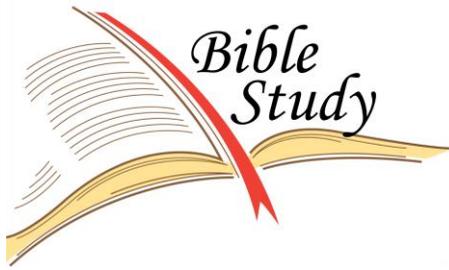
Building Project Loan: The balance on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the Building Project at the end of August is \$709,094.

Lower-Level Renovation Project: The current total in our Lower-Level Renovation Project account is \$170,485. There was one expense for the fourth payment of the project to Arthur Funk & Sons (\$109,644).

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$8,866 during the month. Donations totaled \$571. There were no expenses in August. Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund!

The Faith Formation for Young Adults Mission Team is looking for donations of microwaveable popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks, highlighters, post-it notes and note cards to add to a special package being sent out to our young adults/college kids. These items will be gathered through Sunday October 2nd and can be dropped off in Amber's office. Also, mailing addresses are being collected for this age group - please share with Nina McNally (ninamcnally@me.com).

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS On Sunday November 6th, we will remember those members who have died during the last year. You may also remember family members, friends, or loved ones who have died by placing their name(s) in the designated basket in the narthex where forms are provided. Please submit remembrances ***no later than Monday, October 24th***. Please call or email the church office if you need a form.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY “Proverbs”

Adult Bible Study for fall will be a study of the book of Proverbs. We will meet for 6 Mondays starting October 3 and ending on November 7 at 7pm in the Speary café. We also plan to broadcast it on zoom. (Zoom number will be published next week.) If you would like to download the study, email Rick Doty at 2dotys.tanz@gmail.com or Vi Ballard at

ballarvi@aol.com and we will forward you a copy. Some printed copies will be available at the study. Please bring your Bible to the study. Also, please enter the building through the downstairs door.

CHRISTMAS EVE: The Worship Team is looking for **Assisting Ministers** for the 7:30 and 10:00 pm worship services on Christmas Eve and **Readers** for the 3:00, 7:30 and 10:30 PM services. Detailed instructions and materials will be emailed to you the week before each service. If interested, please email Marian Snyder at <mailto:MnSydr@aol.com> or Melanie Werley at deaconwerley@holyspirit-emmaus.org. Please respond by November 15.



Greetings to a great and vibrant congregation.

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Dean Black, and I am your Faith Community Nurse. My main purpose is to enrich and support the spiritual, mental, and physical well-being of our congregation and community families, through education and guidance during difficult times. I'm available most Sunday mornings at the church, But for a confidential and private meeting call my cell at 484-649-9784 (best number) or the church office at 610-967-2200. Ext 102. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and Holy Spirit to strengthen our lives, spirit, and community.

God Bless and be well ~ Dean Black. RN, Faith Community Nurse



Please remember these members and friends
of Holy Spirit in your prayers:

Our homebound members: Ray, Wilbur, Gloria, Tom, Richard, Phyllis, Deb, Jim, Peggy, Dick, Christopher, Kathy, Jean, Ed, Norine, Jean and Billie.

Pray for God's healing for: Stephanie, Louise, Lea, Corbin, Darlene, Jace, Robbie, Paul, Pam, Pat, Elaine, Claire, Linda, Don, Leah, Kyle, Tom, Donald, Janice, Greg, Marilyn, Helen, Scott, Eric, Dave, Becky, Adam, Glenn, Jane, Denny, Millie, Lisa, Debora, Lisa, Edie, Marilyn, Patricia, Reinhold, Mary, Fred, Rosie, Debby, Janie, John, Donna, Jim, Lester, Karen, Lisa, Douglas, Rachel, Nancy, Grayson, Azlee, Frank, Katie, Darla, Helen, Nick, Ray, Ann, Debbie, Ross, Dave, Robert, Denise, Ksenia, Renee, Phil, Andrew, Fred, Jean, Peggy, Sherri, Wilma, Al, Grace, Tony, Tori, Melanie, Mike, Elaine, Don, Ali, Doris, Judith and Betty Mae.

In times of joy and celebration for Elaina and Dave's 55th wedding anniversary.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Tucker, Liz and Kevin.

About Our Prayer List...

If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates. Thank you.

If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Danger vs. Opportunity

Did you realize that the average crisis lasts for about six weeks? By the end of a month and a half, people usually come to some solution. Sometimes the solutions are good, but sometimes they just cause more painful problems.

Stephen Ministry can help by listening and providing caring concern as their care receivers work to find positive resolutions to their crises.

To learn more, call one of our Stephen Leaders or the pastor:

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| Bill Derhammer | 484-553-3010 |
| Fran Derhammer | 610-217-5885 |
| Kitti Berkheimer | 610-509-1674 |
| Mike Berkheimer | 610-509-1673 |
| Pastor Tami Reichley | 610-967-2220 (ext.112) |

| SEPTEMBER 25 WORSHIP HELPERS | 8:30 | 10:30 |
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| Assisting Ministers | Linda Devine | Victor Schmidt |
| Readers | Jimmy Lee Werley | Renee Wetherhold |
| Greeters | Lorie Stout Sherman | Kitti Berkheimer |
| Ushers | Chuck Whirl | Mike Berkheimer |
| Altar Care | Marlene & Rich Feulner | Julie Timmcke |

CALENDAR

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| Sat. 9/24 | 9:30 AM | Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot) |
| Sun. 9/25 | 5:30 PM | Girl Scouts #689 (4/9) |
| Mon. 9/26 | 10:00 AM | Counters (FC) |
| | 10:00 AM | LCHS Book Group (117/119) |
| Tues. 9/27 | 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting (117/119) |
| | 7:00 PM | Worship & Music (Zoom) |
| Weds. 9/28 | 9:30 AM | Stitch-n-Chat (117/119) |
| | 1:00 PM | Music Trio Rehearsal (WC) |
| | 6:15 PM | Spirit Ringers (WC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Faith Formation Youth/Young Adults (Zoom) |
| Thurs. 9/29 | 10:00 AM | Prime Timer's Book Club (117/119) |
| | 11:00 AM | P.O.E. (FC) |
| | 6:00 PM | Musicians (8:30) Rehearsal (WC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Choir (WC) |
| | 7:45 PM | Festival Choir (WC) |
| Sat. 10/1 | 10:30 AM | P.O.E. (FC) |
| | 3:00 PM | Blessing of the Animals (Parking Lot) |
| Sun. 10/2 | 11:45 AM | Youth Meeting |
| | Noon | Music Rehearsal (WC) |
| Mon. 10/3 | 9:15AM | Nursery School Chapel (WC) |
| | 6:00 PM | Building Re-Opening Team (Zoom) |
| | 7:00 PM | Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119) |
| | 7:00 PM | Bible Study (SC) |
| Tues. 10/4 | 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM | Nursery School Chapel (WC) |
| | 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting (117/119) |
| | 7:00 PM | Community Justice Panel (ASR) |
| Weds. 10/5 | 6:00 PM | Trunk-or-Treat Meeting (FC) |
| | 6:00 PM | Global Missions Team (ASR) |
| | 7:00 PM | Girl Scout Service Unit (117/119) |
| Thurs. 10/6 | 6:00 PM | Musicians (8:30) Rehearsal (WC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Choir (WC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Church Growth (Zoom) |
| | 7:45 PM | Festival Choir (WC) |
| Sun. 10/9 | 2:30 PM | Rejoicing Spirits (WC) |
| | 5:30 PM | Girl Scouts #689 (4/9) |

A great big THANK YOU to all who made God's Work. Our Hands. a success!
Your generosity and willingness to help and serve others is astounding.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

During the short time we had, we were able to decorate and fill 50 "birthday bags" for the local Boys and Girls Club, our Rejoicing Spirits folks made greeting cards, our Stitch and Chat group tied quilts for the Kindness Project (and during the services their quilts were blessed) and volunteers filled over 200 drawstring backpacks with school supplies.



