



# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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## NOVEMBER 20, 2022

**\*8:30 AM Spirit Worship**  
**9:30 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**



Holy Spirit is "**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 livestream 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](http://www.lchsemmaus.org) and click on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday service" button.

## **CENTER FOR FAITH AND LIFE (CFL - Adult Education)**

**9:30 am in the Fellowship Center and on Zoom**

For the next two CFL sessions, Pr Roger Timm will give an overview of the different branches of the Christian “tree”. He will connect them to their historical roots and compare some of their main differences in theological principles and worship practices. The Rev. Dr. Timm is a retired ELCA pastor who has served in both parishes and campus ministry settings.



**KNITTING IN FAITH:** If you like to knit or chat, all are welcome to join us as we knit prayer shawls for our members who are sick or in need. We meet at 3:00 pm on November 21.

### **NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT FIVE BELOW**

Help support the preschool by shopping at Five Below (Hamilton Crossing Location Only) between November 21 – November 28. Five Below will donate 10% of the proceeds (when a flyer is presented) to Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School. It is a great time to pick up some stocking stuffers or items on the church Ingathering list. Flyers are currently available on the Children’s Ministry table in the Worship Center lobby. Flyers may be shared with family and friends.

### **CHRISTMAS INGATHERING REMINDER**

Christmas Ingathering continues. This is the last week for shopping. **Final collections are due Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** for Topton’s children’s gifts (unwrapped – can be placed in a gift bag), and items needed for Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers and the Sharing Life program. Call Alice Mudge (610-400-5349) if you have any question or go to the [Sign-Up Genius](#) for the list of items being collected for the children’s gifts.

**LCHS BOOK GROUP:** will meet on Monday, November 28 at 10AM in Room 117/119. Our book selection for that date is *The Book of Longings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd. This is *an extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny*. All are invited to join us!

<b>NOVEMBER 20 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30	10:30
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow	Deb Stevens
Readers	Leesa Wimmer	Craig Kauffman
Greeters	Jayne Moxey	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Rich Feulner	Brandie Barndt



**Musical Preview for Thanksgiving Eve, November 23:**

**Noon:** Megan McCormick, flutist, Cindy Cicconi-Ernst, Elizabeth Moessner, Nancy Pfeffer, and Vi Ballard

**Sunday, November 27:**

**8:30:** Jeff Gross

**9:30:** Boombas Band

**10:30:** Glenn Hinderliter and Adult Choir

**PRIME TIMERS UPCOMING EVENTS:** All Are Welcome to join us!

**MOVIE GROUP:** Monday, November 21 at 10:00 am. Come join us to watch “Getting Grace”. It’s about a young girl who has cancer. We’re open to lunch suggestions afterwards.

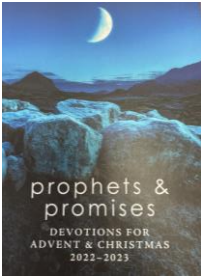
**COFFEE HOUR:** Wednesday, November 30 at 9:30 am

Join us for coffee, baked goods, trivia and fellowship. We have a good time, good conversations and FUN!!



Dear Members of Bloomin’ Faith,  
Thank you so much for the flowers – actually, I still have some of them. You are all so special! It was so nice to be remembered by you. ~ Pattie Bisbing

**BLOOMIN' FAITH:** Thank you all for your generous continuing support of the Bloomin' Faith flower ministry. With your assistance, we have been able to reach over 250 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. Here's how you can help: please consider delivering flowers, donating towards the cost of flowers, donating small glass vases (4-6" tall), or if you have evergreen branches, red twig dogwood, winterberry or other items from your winter garden to donate, we'd love to have it. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton at 484-431-7298. [You can sign up here.](#)



**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!**

The season of Advent is quickly approaching. Please help yourself to a daily devotional booklet located inside the doors of the Worship Center as well as outside the Fellowship Center. We have large text options available. If you'd like an electronic copy, you may purchase one on Augsburg Fortress's website, but our paper versions are free for you to use and enjoy.

**ADVENT SEASON OFFERINGS** To contribute Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit members should utilize either their Advent package envelope or pick up a "Special Response Offering" envelope on the usher stand in the Worship Center Lobby.

**CRAFTS, COOKIES AND COCOA** is the theme for our annual Advent Workshop for children. Children will have the opportunity to create Christmas themed crafts and share them with family and friends so that they can experience the joy of giving. Crafts, Cookies and Cocoa will be held on the lower level of the building on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm. [Sign up using this link](#) so that we can plan for crafts and refreshments and feel free to invite a friend.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** We invite everyone to join us as the Sunday School classes present their annual pageant on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Worship Center. The pageant shares the story of Jesus' birth in an entertaining fashion. You don't want to miss it!

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** An important reminder to all LCHS Thrivent Choice Members who participate in the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. If you have not already done so, please contact your Thrivent Choice representative as soon as possible to re-confirm your participation and to re-designate your Choice Dollars to The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.



**REMINDER ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS!** 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](https://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.



It is National Hospice and Palliative care month. Many folks blend these two terms together as one, meaning end-of-life treatment. The major difference is: Palliative care continues treatment for serious diseases. Hospice care is treatment when curative treatment has ended, and life expectancy is usually less than six months. Both are designed to provide support and enhance these stages of life. For more information contact your health care provider or the pastor care team at LCHS.



**Sunday Nov. 27:**

**There will be no Cat Class or High School Connect in honor of Thanksgiving holiday. Take this time to spend the morning with family and reflect on all God has blessed you with and that you are thankful for.**

You voted and the date was decided! Our **Holiday Lock In** will be Friday, December 9th! 🎄

**When:** 6:00 pm on Friday to 12:00 on Saturday

Youth are welcome to arrive late and leave early, we know schedules can be crazy!

**What:** We will be having a holiday party with lots of games and treats as well as decorating the tree in the fellowship center! We will have activities for both middle school and high school aged youth.

**Why:** It's fun! It's Christmas! It gives our youth a chance to decorate the church as well as Connect with one another. Don't miss out! 🍷

**Needs:** We are looking for adult chaperones (must have clearances) For students to attend, they need a special overnight form. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien for a permission slip!

**Cat Class families:**

Please check in with your students regarding their service hours. They need to turn in their Catechism Cross Off before the New Year. If your youth is struggling to find activities that work for their schedule, please reach out to me, I am here to help!

Any questions? Contact Amber O'Brien at [obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org)



## **BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday 12/18 at 12:30pm and**

**Wednesday 12/21 at 1:00pm**

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified.

Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. Blue Christmas worship services provide a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

***Please join us for healing, wholeness and hope.***



### **Walk the Healing, Wholeness and Hope Labyrinth**

Sunday December 18 after the 12:30 pm

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Wednesday December 21 after the 1 pm

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Watch for more information coming soon!

## Financial Results and Discussion - October 2022

**Operating Performance:** Operating cash to begin the month was \$98,508. October operating income was \$61,714 and operating expenses were \$55,083, giving us a surplus of \$6,631. YTD, we have a \$30,650 deficit, \$19,812 less than budgeted. Most mission areas were close or under budget for October. Adjusting for timing differences, Resources for Ministry was \$2,200 under budget. With October operating results our operating cash reserve is \$105,139.

**Spirit Led, Spirit Alive Capital Campaign:** The current total in our Spirit Led, Spirit Alive account is \$222,635. Total donations for the month were \$18,982. There were no expenses.

**Building Project Loan:** The balance on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the Building Project at the end of September is \$706,174.

**Lower-Level Renovation Project:** The current total in our Lower-Level Renovation Project account is \$62,333. There was no activity in this account in October.

**Building Fund:** Our building fund increased to \$10,360 during the month. Donations totaled \$569. There were no expenses in October. Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund!



# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**Our homebound members: Our homebound members:** Ray, Wilbur, Gloria, Tom, 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, Judith, Paul, Pam, Pat, Elaine, Claire, Don, Leah, Daron, Kyle, Tom, Donald, Anne, Janice, Greg, Marilyn, Scott, Eric, Dave, Becky, Adam, Glenn, Jane, Denny, Millie, Lisa, Debora, Lisa, Edie, Marilyn, Patricia, Reinhold, Mary, Jen, Fred, Rosie, Debby, Janie, John, Donna, Jim, Lester, Karen, Tom, Lisa, Douglas, Rachel, Nancy, Grayson, Nina, Azlee, Joyce, Frank, Katie, Darla, Helen, Ann, Nick, Ray, Debbie, Ross, Linda, Val, Dave, Robert, Denise, Ksenia, Renee, Phil, Andrew, Fred, Pete, Jean, Peggy, Sherri, Wilma, Al, Grace, Tony, Tori, Melanie, Mike, Elaine, Vicky, Suzanne, Don, Ali, Doris, Judith and Betty Mae.

**In times of joy and thanksgiving** for the birth of Gregory Francis, son of Kelsey and Kyle.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Faye and Mikaela.

**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.

### **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.

## CALENDAR

Sun. 11/20	5:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #689 (LL)
Mon. 11/21	10:00 AM	Counters (FC)
	10:00 AM	Prime Timer's Movie Group (117/119)
	3:00 PM	Knitting in Faith (117/119)
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers (117/119 & ASR)
Tues. 11/22	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Nursery School Thanksgiving (FC & WC)
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 PM	Church Growth (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Staff Support (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Worship & Music Committee (Zoom)
Weds. 11/23	Noon	Thanksgiving Eve Service (WC)
	7:00 PM	Recorded Thanksgiving Service (on-line)
Thurs. 11/24		Church Office Closed
Fri. 11/25		Church Office Closed
Mon. 11/28	10:00 AM	Counters (FC)
	10:00 AM	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
Tues. 11/29	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Wed. 11/30	9:15 AM	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:30 AM	Stitch-n-Chat (117/119)
	9:30 AM	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:30 PM	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:15 PM	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 12/1	6:00 PM	Musicians (WC)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (WC)
	7:00 PM	Rejoicing Spirits Pageant Practice (Zoom)
	7:45 PM	Festival Choir (WC)
Sat. 12/3	9:30 AM	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	2:00 PM	Shoemaker Event (FC)
Sun. 12/4	11:30 AM	Follweiler Luncheon (FC)
	2:00 PM	Cookies and Cocoa Advent Event (LL)
	5:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #689 (LL)

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

November 23	Noon 7:00 PM	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b> Recorded Service will be available on-line (go to our website at: <a href="http://www.lchsemmaus.org">www.lchsemmaus.org</a> )
November 24		Church Office Closed
November 25		Church Office Closed
December 4	2:00 PM	Cookies and Cocoa Advent Event (for families of preschoolers and elementary school aged children)
December 11	2:30 PM	Rejoicing Spirits and Christmas Pageant
December 18	9:30 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Blue Christmas Worship Service Walk the Healing, Wholeness and Hope Labyrinth
December 21	1:00 PM	Blue Christmas Worship Service Walk the Healing, Wholeness and Hope Labyrinth
December 24		<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>
	3:00 PM	Traditional Service with Carols
	5:00 PM	Family Service
	7:30 PM	Spirit Alive Candlelight Service
	9:30 PM	Special Christmas Music
	10:00 PM	Traditional Candlelight Service with Carols
December 25	10:00 AM	Spirit Worship Service (No Family Service or Sunday School)
December 26		Church Office Closed
December 27		Church Office Closed
January 1	10:00 AM	Spirit Worship Service (No Family Service or Sunday School)
January 2		Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!



## Your 2023 Estimate of Giving

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I/we will support the congregation's operating budget in the coming year!

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 weeks

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Estimate of Giving by December 1, 2022