



We are a
**Reconciling in Christ
and Rejoicing Spirits
Congregation**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22
Lunch with Pastor Mark

November 22
**Thanksgiving Worship
In person and on Zoom**

November 23 & 24
Church Office Closed

December 3
**Crafts, Cookies & Cocoa
Advent Event**

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, November 19, 2023

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**
9:30 am Family Service
**9:30 am CAT Class,
High School Connect**
9:30 am Coffee, Tea, Connect
9:55 am Sunday School
**10:00 am Gospel Reading and
Sermon Replay**
***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all
morning services.**

***Our 8:30 & 10:30 am
worship services are 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.

[Zoom Link](#): Meeting ID: 511 504 8051

Bulletins are available on the [website](#)
prior to the Sunday service for those who
wish to follow along.

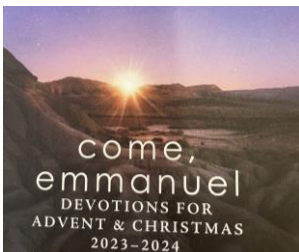
If you are interested in watching the
Pastor's sermon and listening to the
Gospel, please visit our [website](#) and click
on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday
service" button.

ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2023

	IN-PERSON	ZOOM
8:30 SERVICE	116	14
9:30 FAMILY SERVICE	64	N/A
10:30 SERVICE	131	22
2:30 REJOICING SPIRITS	42	

November 19 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	JoEllen Rooney		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine JoEllen Rooney	Karin Kahler	Dianna Olszewski Jackie Leipert
Readers	Dan T.	Sarah G.	Deb Stevens
Message		Video	
Greeters	Carol Walrod	John Slaby	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Don Walrod	Josh S.	Brenda Truhe
Production Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler Bill Keane	Chris Pirrotta Eric Kahler	Chris Pirrotta Diana Sorrentino Kristen Newill

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are needed for our morning services and our Christmas Eve services. If you are interested in volunteering, please [click here](#) to sign up. Thank you.



**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.

**From the Stewardship Team:
Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's)**

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a tax-free donation from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be age 70 1/2 or older to make a qualified charitable distribution. You cannot deduct a QCD from your taxes, but the savings on your income may still make this kind of donation a great idea. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) counts toward satisfying your annual required minimum distributions (RMDs) when you become of age to be subject to them, depending upon your year of birth. Several members of our congregation already contribute all or part of their financial giving to Holy Spirit using a QCD. If you have additional questions, your financial advisor can explain to you the full advantages of using QCD's and other IRA alternatives.

MOVING FORWARD STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Estimate of Giving Cards Please remember to complete and return your Estimate of Giving card either at Sunday Worship (box on the Offering Table), to the church office or through the mail. You may also complete an Estimate of Giving online at lchsemmaus.org . Click on Stewardship and then follow the prompts. Knowledge of the congregation's estimates of giving allow us to budget more effectively and better plan our ministries for the coming year.



Thank you for faithful prayers offered for healing – a special thank you to the children at Holy Spirit for brightening my day with the colorful cards they made; to the knitters for the cross; and to Nikki for keeping me up to date with “Holy Happenings.”

~ Peace, Val Reinhold

Dear Lisa and Leesa, (Bloomin' Faith)

What a lovely surprise! The flowers were truly beautiful. Your work and your dedication is so meaningful. May God bless you and your drivers. It is so appreciated.

~ Fondly, Pattie Bisbing



WEDNESDAY LUNCH WITH PR. WIMMER

Bring your lunch and join in the conversation in the Fellowship Center. Water and coffee will be available. Here is a list of dates and topics for our time together:

November 22nd 11:00-12:00 Your jobs and occupation: what was God telling you. Note time change due to our Thanksgiving Worship service that begins at 12:00 in the Worship Center.)

November 29th Noon-1:00 Holy Spirit in 10 years. Where do you feel God is leading us?

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is **Monday, November 27 at 11AM in Room 117/119**. We will be discussing: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Our December 18th Selection is **Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel**.

PRIME TIMERS COMING EVENTS:

Movie Group – Tuesday, November 28 at 10:00. Come and see *Never Too Late* starring James Cromwell. It's a story about men breaking out of their retirement home to achieve their unrealized dreams.

Coffee Hour – Wednesday, November 29th at 10:00 am. We will be playing Thanksgiving Wheel of Fortune, hearing the latest coming events schedule, playing Trivia and having a great time! Please join us.

CRAFTS, COOKIES AND COCOA is the theme for our annual **Advent Workshop for Children** who 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 in the Fellowship Center on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 pm. Please [sign up using this link](#) so that we can plan for crafts and refreshments and feel free to invite a friend.

Christmas Ingathering Reminder: Christmas Ingathering continues. This is the last week for shopping. Final collections are due Sunday, November 26th for Topton's children's' gifts (unwrapped, seasonal gift bags accepted), and items needed for the *Topton* and *Daybreak* programs. Call Alice Mudge (610-400-5349) if you have any questions.

Daybreak

Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Shampoo / Conditioner
Shower Gel / Body Wash
(unisex)
Shaving Cream
Disposable Razors
Hand Lotion
Shower Curtains
Pillows and pillowcases
(standard size – NEW)
Sheets (Twin & Full – NEW)

Topton Home

Sand Art Bottles (small), colored sand
Jars of Bubbles
Children's Board Games
Crayons (regular or large size)
Large Gift Bags (non-holiday)
Tissues
Stickers
Colored Construction Paper
Rolls of Large White Paper (to trace
kids for prep lessons)
Fidget Toys (spinners, cubes and
poppers)

“Thank you, Holy Spirit! Thank you! We have once again reached our goals which were lofty this collection since we did most of both the December and Spring collection. Here's what your generosity produced:

Canned Green Beans/Peas - 550+ WOW!

Canned Corn - 300+ WOW!

Laundry Detergent - 150 WOW!

This truly is almost unbelievable except that Tom and I have counted these items multiple times!!! We estimated 130 - 140 families for December, but it's looking like that number will be closer to 160. Because of the large collection, we will have enough items to serve our families for Christmas, and we will still be in great shape for our Spring collection! Angel Network continues to be astounded at your generosity, and we are most grateful for our partnership with Holy Spirit. This food basket distribution takes a village, and we can not express how thankful we are to all of you and your generous hearts. Thank you all again for all that you do to support EHS Angel Network! " Deb Walsh & EHS Angel Network

Dial 211 is a service line that offers help and assistance to people in need. It is important to note that 211 is **not a hotline**; rather it is a service that provides assistance during difficult times. The most commonly requested resources include housing, utilities, food, employment, physical health, and mental health. You can access this service by dialing 211 or by visiting the website pa211.org. This is a great resource if you know someone in need.

~ Dean Black, LCHS Faith Community Nurse

BLOOMIN' FAITH Thank you for your support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family no matter what their age: those who are grieving, those facing difficulties, and those celebrating milestones. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. Upcoming delivery dates are Saturday Dec 2, Dec 23 and Jan 27.

Ways you can help: Donations: branches, small pinecones and evergreen are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen. Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-4 bouquets. Please let us know if you are able to help on the [sign up genius](#) form. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.

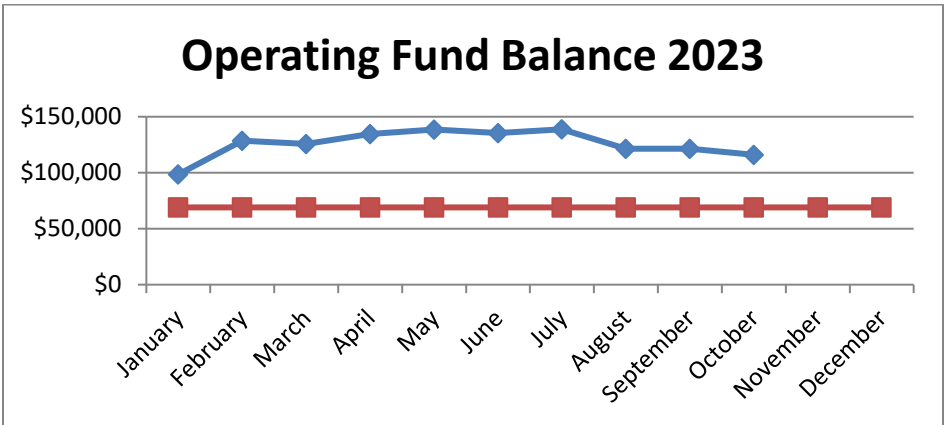


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Ushers and Greeters on Christmas Eve. Youth volunteers are also needed. If you are willing to serve, please sign up in the narthex.

FINANCE: Operating Performance: October’s income was \$58,705, 2.5% over budget. Operating expenses were \$64,210, 9% over budget, due to several unplanned expenses. Because of our larger expenses, we finished October with a \$5,505 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1,624. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirements.

- Straight Line at \$69,000: This represents our monthly cash requirement to run the church.
- Upper Line: This represents our current operating cash balance at the end of each month.



Building Fund: The building fund increased \$755 during the month to a balance of \$10,504.

Spirit Led Spirit Alive: This fund decreased \$1,196 during the month and has a balance of \$9,753.

ANNUAL REPORTS Please submit your annual report to the church office no later than Monday, January 8, 2024. Thank you.



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

Our homebound members: Ray, Dale, Gloria, Judith, Phyllis, Deb, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Ed, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, Don

Pray for God's healing for: Alessandra, Ben, Randy, Al, Paul, Michael, Joe, Helen, Gale, Jan, Glenn, Jane, Dick, Reinhold, Jan, Fred, Jim, Lester, Nancy, Marysue, Denise, Sara, Fred, Pete, Jack, Wilma, Jim, Glenn, Timothy, Cat, Sherri, Judith

The flowers are in loving memory of Wilbur Boyer from the Boyer family.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, at any time, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, Call the office at 610- 967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

If you, or a member of your family, are ever 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.

Prayer cards are available at the Information Desk. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 12/17 at 12:30 pm and

Wednesday 12/20 at 1:00 pm

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

December 17 and December 20
after the Blue Christmas Worship
Services.



Christmas Eve Chime Participants Needed: Our elementary students (Kindergarten - Grade 5) are invited to participate in the musical leadership at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service. Rehearsals for the hand chime ensemble will be on Wednesday evenings (December 6, 13 and 20) from 6:00 - 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. Please contact Mrs. Sharon MacCabe at maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org to let her know of your child's interest.



**It's The Most Wonderful
Time of the Year!**
Our HOLIDAY LOCK-IN is here!
December 8th – 9th

Any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend! If you'd like to bring a friend, let us know! Scan the QR code above for more information and to sign up!

Childcare for Holiday Shopping!
December 9th 10:00AM- 2:00 PM
[SIGN UP HERE!](#) Or scan the QR code:

Do you have kids and find it hard to get any holiday shopping done? For **\$10 an hour**, you can leave your kids at the church and our fabulous youth will entertain them! All money goes directly to our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!



BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE: You can drop any gifts off and tell us who they're for and who they're from and we'll wrap them for you! Gifts can be brought to the High School Room (114) any Sunday morning. We will keep them locked away and safe. We will be

wrapping them on Sunday December 17th. We are offering a wrap while you wait option, if you'd like to wait while your gifts are wrapped. We are accepting donations to support our youth on their trip to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. For any questions or more information contact Amber O'Brien at obrien@holyspirit-emmas.org

CALENDAR

Mon. 11/20	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Ministers (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 11/21	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel & Thanksgiving Feast (WC and FC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:30 pm	Outreach (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 11/22	11:00 am	Lunch with Pastor Wimmer (FC)
	Noon	*Thanksgiving Eve Worship (WC)
		*In person and on Zoom
		Church Office Closing

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 the Church Office will be closed

Mon. 11/27	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
Tues. 11/28	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship (117/119)
Weds. 11/29	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	Noon	Lunch with Pastor Wimmer (FC)
	2:15 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 11/30	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 12/1	10:00 am	Decorating
	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 12/2	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	10:00 am	Schuessler Funeral Service (FC)
	2:00 pm	Shoemaker Event (FC)
Sun. 12/3	1:00 pm	Crafts, Cookies, and Cocoa (FC)
	3:30 pm	Angel Network (FC)

HOLIDAY EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3, 2023

1:00 pm

Crafts, Cookies and
Cocoa Advent Event

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:30 pm

Rejoicing Spirits
Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:30 am

Family Service
Christmas Pageant

12:30 pm

Blue Christmas Service
Walk the Labyrinth

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

1:00 pm

Blue Christmas Service
Walk the Labyrinth

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:00 am

Advent 4 Service

*3:00 pm

Traditional Service

*5:00 pm

Family Service

7:30 pm

Spirit Worship Service

9:30 pm

Carol Sing

10:00 pm

Traditional Service
with Candlelighting

Monday December 25 & Tuesday December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:00 am

Lessons and Carols

Monday, January 1, 2024

Church Office Closed

*Child Care Available