



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 1
Church Office Closed**

**January 8
Annual Reports Due to
the Office**

**January 14
Rejoicing Spirits**

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 31, 2023

**10:00 am A Service of
Lessons and Carols
in person or on Zoom**

Reminder: There is no Sunday School,
CAT Class, High School Connect, Coffee
Fellowship, Gospel Reading/Sermon
Replay on December 31.

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.

DECEMBER 31 WORSHIP HELPERS	10:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Linda Devine
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod
Reader	Leesa Wimmer
Greeter	Linda Black
Usher	Dean Black
Production/Technology	Craig Kauffman Diana Sorrentino

ANNUAL REPORT

Please submit your annual report to the church office no later than **Monday, January 8, 2024.**

Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2024.



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin for church members on Monday, January 8th. Registrations can be completed online at: lchsemmaus.org. Registration opens to the

community on Thursday, January 11th.

Don't want to wait until next year, limited openings remain for the current school year. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.



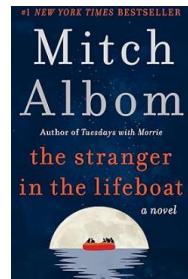
GOD IS WITH US; LIVE IN THAT LOVE

The Christ Child is born, for us and to be with us – an eternal blessing. Can you, in turn, be a blessing for a child, by contributing to Holy Spirit's efforts to provide care to infants in the NICU at Arusha

Lutheran Medical Center? Help one of God's children in need by supporting our Christmas/Epiphany appeal. However you give, please note that the contribution is for the Love for the Least campaign. If you wish, pick up a paper ornament from a colorful Global Missions tree (in the narthex and FC lobby) to honor or remember someone special in your life with your contribution.

LCHS BOOK GROUP – We will be meeting on January 22 **at 11AM in Room 117/119**. We will be discussing “*The Midnight Library*” by Matt Haig. Please join us!

Book Group Coming Attraction –
February 26: **Stranger in the Lifeboat**
by Mitch Albom



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. Our next delivery is Saturday January 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.



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

Prayers current as of
December 22, 2023

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

Pray for God's healing for: Randy, Al, Paul, Michael, Joe, Helen, Donald, Gale, Carolyn, Glenn, Jane, Reinhold, Andrew, Fred, Jim, Lester, Christopher, Nancy, Tammy, Bob, Sharon, Sara, Fred, Pete, Jack, Wilma, Jim, Glenn, Timothy, Cat, Sherri, June, Judith, and Mary Lou.



HAND WASHING is the most crucial defense against the spread of diseases. It is a simple yet effective practice that can serve as a do-it-yourself vaccine. It is essential to follow a proper technique while washing hands. Use warm soapy water and rub your hands together for at

least 20 seconds. Make sure to wash the front and back of your hands, in between your fingers, and don't forget to clean your fingernails. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands.

This year enjoy a clean and health-conscious season.

~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



WINTER BIBLE STUDY

There are many books of the bible that we hear little about. One of those is 1 Peter. Come explore this epistle (or letter) with us, which, though short, has much to say about how God's

people are trusted, called, and made holy to proclaim him along with advice about relationships and suffering. Join us for this five-week study on Monday evenings from 7 – 8pm in Room 110/112 starting on January 8th and ending on February 5th. A regular participant or someone newly interested, all are welcome.

COFFEE, TEA, AND CONVERSATION – WINTER SCHEDULE

Please join us for Coffee, Tea for the first two Sundays of January and February between 9:30 and 10:15 am.

On January 7th - Come hear about Laundry on Linden and the many ways it has come to serve the homeless population of the area with laundry services, meals, health support, drug and alcohol counseling, etc. We will be joined by those involved who will share their stories and experiences with this ministry, which our congregation supports.

On January 14th - Council President, Mike Berkheimer, will present a council update. Please join us if you have questions relating to our congregation or would like to hear about the joys, challenges and realities related to Holy Spirit and our ministries here.

On February 4th and February 11th, we will welcome, via Zoom, Dr. Virginia Wiles, retired professor of New Testament at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Dr. Wiles will use the writings of Paul to lead us through a presentation and discussion on Christians as peacemakers.

High School Seniors, High School Grads, and College Students!



Come to **Starbucks at Hamilton Crossings** for a treat! We will be hanging out on Saturday, January 6 from 11:00-1:00 pm. Sign up using the link or QR code so we know how many people will be coming and can get adequate seating. [Sign Up Link](#)



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

If we need to cancel Sunday services due to weather, power outage, etc., we ask that you please check the church's website, Facebook and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Information will also appear on WFMZ. The church office follows

the same schedule as the East Penn School District so if schools are closed, the office is closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.

CALENDAR

Mon. 1/1	Church Office Closed
Tues. 1/2	9:15 and 12:40 NS Chapel (WC) 10:00 am Counters (116) 10:00 am Staff Meeting (117/119) 7:00 pm Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 1/3	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 2:30 pm Rejoicing Ringers (WC) 5:00 pm Girl Scout #63064 (110/112) 6:15 pm Spirit Ringers (WC) 7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit (FC) 7:00 pm Staff Support (Zoom)
Thurs. 1/4	5:30 pm 8:30 Musician Rehearsal (WC) 6:30 pm Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 1/5	10:00 am Decorating 7:00 pm Eagle Scout Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 1/6	12:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor WC/FC
Sun. 1/7	5:00 pm Girl Scout #689 (110/112)
Mon. 1/8	9:30 am Stitch-n-Chat (113) 10:00 am Counters (116) 6:30 pm Finance Committee (116) 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (110/112) 7:00 pm Tech Team (117/119)
Tues. 1/9	9:15 and 12:40 NS Chapel (WC) 10:00 am Staff Meeting (117/119) 7:00 pm Faith Formation for Children (117) 7:00 pm Property Committee (110/112)
Weds. 1/10	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 2:30 pm Rejoicing Ringers (WC) 5:00 pm Girl Scouts #63064 (110/112) 6:15 pm Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 1/11	9:00 am PEO (117/119) 5:30 pm 8:30 Musician Rehearsal (WC) 6:30 pm Music Rehearsal (WC) 7:00 pm Church Growth (Zoom)
Sat. 1/13	11:30 am Girl Scouts (FC/110/116/117)
Sun. 1/14	11:30 am Youth Gathering Mtg. (114) 1:50 pm Rejoicing Ringers (WC) 2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits (WC)

