

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

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### March 3

First Holy Communion

### March 6 - March 20

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

## March 10

Daylight Savings Rejoicing Spirits

### March 24

Palm Sunday

### March 31

Easter Sunday

# HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 3, 2024

\*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 First Holy
Communion Reception
\*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 Audio only: 929-205-6099

Bulletins are available on the <u>website</u> 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

	In-person	Zoom
Mid-Week Lente	en Service	
7:00 pm	52	N/A
February 25, 20	024	
8:30 am	108	12
9:30 am	101	N/A
10:30 am	87	20

March 3 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Carole Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	Fran Derhammer Bill Derhammer	Bonnie Shive Jennifer Wetzel	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger
Readers	Melanie Werley	Roman H. Emma G.	Renee Stitt
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Ricki Stringfellow	Shannon Malkovsky	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Barb Roba	Amelia & Dominic M.	Bob Neitz
Production/ Technology	Kristen Newill Bill Newill Bill Keane	Kristen Newill Bill Keane	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach

## MARCH COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** First Communion Reception at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center.

### March 10th: Laundry on Linden - 9:30 am - 10:15 am

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 that our congregation supports.

<u>VBS DECORATING SESSIONS:</u> Planning for our 2024 VBS has begun. Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we create the decorations that will be used for Surf Shack VBS. The March dates for decorating are **Monday, March 4**th from 1:00 – 3:00 and **Tuesday, March 19**th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please enter at the church office entrance. No artistic skills required. Catechism students receive service hours for participating.

**SLAM THE SCAM** March 5<sup>th</sup> is Slam the Scam Day.

This is an initiative from the Social Security Administration to raise awareness and warn everyone about scam phone calls. The SS administration rarely calls unless you are expecting a return call. They never threaten arrest or other legal actions. Don't be fooled, these criminals can be persuading aggressive



these criminals can be persuading, aggressive, and convincing. If you receive a call **HANG UP**.

Scam calls can be reported to OIG.SSA.GOV or call 800-772-1213. For more information see the posting in the restrooms throughout the Church or on my bulletin board by the kitchen. Be safe and NEVER give out your social security number to anyone on the phone.  $\sim$  Dean Black Faith Community Nurse

**EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED:** We are asking for donations of egg fillers (stickers, tattoos, bouncy balls, *peanut and nut free candy*, etc.) Donations can be placed in the marked donation bin in the Fellowship Center lobby by Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am.

#### **REJOICING SPIRITS**

Please mark your calendar and bring your family and friends to these upcoming Rejoicing Spirits events:

**March 10**<sup>th</sup> – Service at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The special message is "God Loves Everyone".

April 14th - Easter Pageant

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Recognition of Mother's Day

**June 9**th – In celebration of 16 years of ministry, Rejoicing Spirits will have its monthly service at 10:30 am in the Worship Center. ALL are welcome! Watch for more details. Masks are still optional.

#### 2024 WEDNESDAYS IN LENT "JOURNEY TO PEACE"

Join us on the Wednesdays in Lent for a family-friendly evening of fellowship and worship. We will explore and pray about ways to find peace in our hearts, our relationships, our communities, our country, and our world. There will be a "child-friendly" activity station available every week.

We begin with a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Center at 6:15 pm (soup, bread, and drinks provided). Free Will Donations welcome. A brief worship service, with prayer stations, will begin at 7:00 pm.



#### Here's the schedule:

March 6 6:15 Soup Supper

7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations

7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal

March 13 5:45 Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children)

6:15 Soup Supper

7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations

7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal

March 20 6:15 Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children)

NO SOUP SUPPER - ANGEL NETWORK IN FC

7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations

7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal



<u>CHILDREN'S EASTER CHIMES</u> We are inviting our elementary children (K-5) to share their musical talents on Easter Sunday at 9:45 am by

joining our Children's Chime Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday, **March 13** from 5:45 – 6:15 pm, Wednesday, **March 20** from 6:15 – 6:45 pm and Wednesday, **March 27** from 6:15 – 6:45 pm. Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room. Any questions, contact Sharon MacCabe at <a href="maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org">maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org</a>.

**EASTER EGG FILLING** – Please join us on Sunday, **March 17**<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, **March 24**<sup>th</sup> in room 117/119 at 10:00 am as we gather to fill the Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt. Many hands make this a quick process.

#### Monthly Sunday Breakfasts March through May 2024

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center on the following Sundays, with all proceeds going to the National Youth Gathering being held this summer in New Orleans, LA. Here is the schedule:

- March 17th (hosted by Church Council)
- April 21st (host TBD)
- May 19th (New Member Welcome hosted by Church Growth Team)

## YOUTH - MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEW ORLEANS YOUTH GATHERING MEETING DATES

We will meet from 11:30-1:00 pm on these dates:

- March 17<sup>th</sup> for Easter Candy making!
- April 14, 2024
- May 19, 2024
- June 9, 2024



LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting will be: Monday, March 18 at 11 am in the Fellowship Center. Please note date and location. We will be discussing: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. "A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and

scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication."

**Book Group Coming Attractions...** April 22 Selection: The Guncle by Steven Rowley. The May 20 Selection is: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL: During this Lenten Season we will be focusing on support of the ELCA World Hunger effort. The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in: connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water; provide education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

#### Here are the various ways you can donate:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form <u>here</u> and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering "World Hunger" and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

The 2024 Phoebe Institute on Aging conference, Compassion on Aging, is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at DeSales University. This year's program objectives focus on Empathy and Compassionate Care; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; and the Economics & Ethics of Healthcare. Six CEUs are approved. For more information and to register go to phoebe.org/pia-conference or call 610-794-5152 if you have questions. For more information, you can always call me, Dean Black RN, at 484-649-9784.

#### HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway for church members and the community. Registrations can be completed online at: <a href="Lichsemmaus.org">Lichsemmaus.org</a>. Tell your friends. Don't want to wait until next year, limited openings remain for the current school year. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.

#### SPRING MISSION TRIP - ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holy Spirit's spring mission trip is taking shape. We will be working in the York, PA area helping to repair homes that have been flooded. We will be traveling to York on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> and returning Thursday afternoon May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at Camp Friendly Acres which is a camp run by Advent Lutheran Church in York. If you can only work part of this period, we do have opportunities to coordinate carpools with other individuals. There will be work to do for all skill levels. Please contact Bob Mueller (610-442-7892) if you have any questions.

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 March 23 and April 27. Ways you can help: Donations: branches and evergreen foliage are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen by 10 am the Friday before the delivery date. Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen, no prior arranging experience is needed. Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-4 bouquets on Saturday morning. Please let us know if you are able to help on the sign up genius form. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Leesa Wimmer or Lisa Walton.



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

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

Pray for God's healing for: Randy, Al, Joe, Kevin, Rosenia, Scott, Carolyn, Vickie, Glenn, Jane, Violet, John, Reinhold, Ed, Andrew, Fred, Wilbur, Jen, Lester, Nancy, Liz, Tom, Bob, Sharon, Tom, Nancy, Fred, Jack, Julio, Wilma, Jim, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, and Judith.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Pete and for the family and friends of Edie.

**In times of joy** for the birth of Matthew Grant to parents Kelsie and Kyle.

Welcome to the Lord's Table: This Sunday, our community of faith rejoices with Weston, Emma, Katelyn, Sarah, Devian, Makenna, Audrey, Chelsie, Juliette, Elizabeth, Gabe, Joshua, Charlie, and Izzy who join us in sharing the meal of Holy Communion.

<u>In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency</u>, 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.



#### Reserve the Date

April 13, 2024 3 to 5 pm "Stories and Song"

Come and celebrate the musical tenure of our Music Director,
Sharon MacCabe

**Questions? Please contact Glenn Hinderliter.** 



#### Summer 2024

Vacation Bible School June 17 – 21 from 9:15 – 11:45 am

VBS Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms are available on the Children's Ministry Table in the lobby

Group Outing to Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs July 12 at 7:05 pm





Rejoicing Spirits is an innovative ministry that works to enrich the faith lives of

people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and friends. Services are the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. All Are Welcome.

CALENDAR				
Sun. $3/3$	10:00 am	First Communion Reception (FC)		
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout 689 (110/112)		
Mon. $3/4$	10:00 am	Counters (116)		
	1:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)		
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)		
Tues. $3/5$	9:15 and 12	2:40 NS Chapel (WC)		
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (11 $7/119$ )		
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (117)		
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)		
Weds. 3/6	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)		
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)		
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts 63064 (110/112)		
	6:15 pm	Lenten Soup Supper (FC)		
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service (WC)		
	7:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)		
Thurs. $3/7$	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)		
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsals (WC)		
Sat. 3/9	10:00 am	Denise Rohrbach Calling Hour		
	11:00 am	Rohrbach Memorial Service (WC)		
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – SPRING AHEAD				
Sun. 3/10	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)		
- 4	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)		
Mon. 3/11	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)		
	10:00 am	Counters (116)		
- / -	7:00 pm	Coffee, Tea, Connect Team (Zoom)		
Tues. 3/12	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112) 12:40 NS Chapel (WC)		
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)		
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)		
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (116)		
Weds. 3/13	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)		
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)		
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts 63064 (110/112)		
	5:45 pm	Children's Easter Chimes (WC)		
	6:15 pm	Lenten Soup Supper (FC)		
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service (WC)		
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Thurs. 3/14	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)		
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsals (WC)		



#### PALM SUNDAY: March 24

\*8:30 am Service 9:30 am Family Service \*10:30 am Service

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 28**

12:00 pm Service \*7:00 pm – Service with Stripping of the Altar

## **GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 Stations of the Cross**

12:00 pm Service \*7:00 pm Service

### **EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION: March 31**

\*8:30 am Spirit Led
9:45 am Family Easter Celebration
10:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
\*11:00 am Festival Worship

Childcare will be available at all Easter services

\* In person and on Zoom



# EASTER FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH $8^{\text{TH}}$ .

NAME:	
IN MEMORY OF:	
IN HONOR OF:	
# TULIPS \$8.00 EACH PLANT	
# DAFFODILS \$9.00 EACH PLAN	г
#LILIES \$10.00 EACH PLANT	
\$TOTAL AMOUNT	

Flowers can be picked up after the last Easter Service.