



We are a
**Reconciling in Christ,
Rejoicing Spirits, and
Handicap Friendly
Congregation**

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HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, August 4, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:00 – 10:30 Summer Breakfast

9:30 am Family Service

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

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

***Our 8:30 and 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 [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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 28, 2024

8:30 am

In-person

142

Zoom

11

9:30 am

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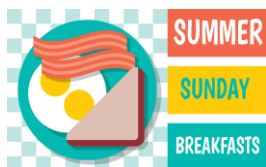
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August 4 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland JoEllen Rooney	Jennifer Wetzel	Jackie Leipter Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Lorie Stout Sherman	Elizabeth R.	John Mosovsky
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Christine Bolen	Bob Bolen	Linda Letts
Ushers	Bob Bolen	Christine Bolen	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Eric Kahler Kristen Newill Bill Newill	Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Diana Sorrentino Carol Osenbach John Osenbach



SUNDAY SUMMER BREAKFASTS go through Labor Day weekend. [Signup here](#) or use the QR code. **We have one available Sunday left:**

September 1. Breakfast is served between 9am-10:30am in the

Fellowship Center. Free will offerings will be graciously accepted and go towards the Tanzanian ministries to be visited by LCHS members in 2025.



AUGUST 4 SUMMER BREAKFAST Enjoy breakfast and fellowship with other members of our congregation in the Fellowship Center between 9:00 – 10:30am. This week's breakfast is sponsored by Church Growth.

Members of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,

I want to bring your attention to several events related to our Senior Pastor transition.

-- Sunday August 4th will be Pastor Shari Duminy's first Sunday with us as our new Senior Pastor. We will have a Welcome liturgy for Pastor Shari as part of all 3 services that day along with our typical Sunday morning summer breakfast. An installation service for Pastor Shari will be scheduled later this year based on availability of Northeast PA synod representatives and other special guests.

Also, as communicated to the congregation in June, our current agreement with our Interim Associate Pastor (Cindy Camp) was modified in April to provide for Pastor Cindy to continue serving us in her interim role for up to 3 months (October 31) following the start date of Pastor Shari (August 1). This will help us maintain our current ministries through the critical initial months of our Senior Pastor transition. During this transition period we as a congregation, working with Pastor Shari, Pastor Tami and leadership from Staff and Council, will determine the level of ordained/rostered staff that we will have for 2025 and beyond.

God's Peace to All,

Mike Berkheimer
Congregation Council President

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS - All Are Welcome to join us.

MOVIE GROUP August 9 at 10:00 am. Join us to watch the movie, "The Old Man and the Gun" in the All Saints Room.

BOOK GROUP August 22 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing the writer, Michael Connelly and sharing our books by him.

COFFEE HOUR August 28 at 10:00 am. We meet for fellowship, baked goodies, trivia fun and laughter.



FAMILY WORSHIP WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS to create hospital activity bags.

This collection will run through September
1. **Items must be new, fit in a gallon Ziploc bag, and be geared to ages 5-8.**

Crayola crayons ~ Travel size games ~
Deck of cards ~ Small Craft Kits ~
Action Figures and Figurines ~ Cars



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND CELEBRATED!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the worship center lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS for 2024-2025: We are looking for individuals interested in being teachers and/or teaching assistants for various ages. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) to get involved with our **Sunday School** program this fall.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES: Our youth who went to New Orleans had a wonderful time! We had gorgeous weather, saw some alligators, listened to live jazz, and had a lot of fun together! Our Youth Gathering participants will be **hosting breakfast on August 11th**, so don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the Youth Gathering! In addition, we have more opportunities for youth coming up this summer and fall that I want to make sure you know about!

We have our **beach trip to Ocean City New Jersey** August 16-19th and we also have our **Catechism Camp Retreat** at Bear Creek Camp from September 20-22nd. The cost of these trips is determined by how many attend, so the more the merrier!

If your youth is planning on getting Confirmed this fall, Catechism Camp is a Confirmation requirement. Many of our youth enjoy going to Cat Camp as often as they can and come after they get confirmed as youth mentors. We are looking for youth mentors AND adult chaperones to come with us this year!

Registration for Cat Camp will close on August 25th. [SIGN UP FOR CAT CAMP HERE!](#)

or use this QR code:



If you'd like to chaperone either of these or both of these trips, please let me know! We have time to get you clearances if you don't already have them and the church will cover all expenses related to clearances. **WE ARE IN NEED OF MALE CHAPERONES FOR OUR UPCOMING BEACH TRIP.**

Please let me know if you have ANY questions!
Blessings, Amber O'Brien



National Immunization Awareness Month

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

(NIAM) is celebrated in August. An Initiative from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), designed to raise awareness of the benefits of vaccinations for all ages. Vaccines prepare your body to be ready when you are exposed to an infectious disease. Strengthening the body's immune system to combat diseases is like investing in a retirement plan. Vaccination is a strategy for a healthier and safer future. Discuss your options and choices with your healthcare team. Online resources are at CDC.gov or Google search NIAM and follow the link to an abundance of information and guidance.

~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



TRUNK OR TREAT / FALL FEST

Calling all volunteers! Want to be a part of planning our spook-tacular Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival? We need

your creativity and enthusiasm! Join us in making this year's event unforgettable. Please contact Victor Schmidt (vschmidt@ptd.net / 484-747-1476) or the church office if you are willing to serve on this year's steering committee. Our Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.



Sign up to be a [Communion Assistant](#)



Sign up to be on the [Production/Technology Team](#).



Sign up to be a worship [Song Leader](#).

Training will be provided, and volunteers can choose how often they would like to serve!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on Sunday, August 25th at the 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 worship service as we mark the start of another school year. We invite all (adults, youth, and children) who will be beginning a new school year to come forward for a blessing. We encourage our students to bring along their backpacks to be blessed. Zipper pulls and luggage tags will be distributed.

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Preschool Registration: The start of the 24-25 school year is just around the corner. Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School offers classes for children age 3, 4, and 5 years old. Limited openings remain and spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration can be completed online or by contacting Karin Kahler. [Click here to register.](#)



SUMMER TRAVEL REMINDER: Planning to travel this summer and may miss some Sundays? Remember that Holy Spirit has multiple electronic giving options detailed on the congregation's website at [Holy Spirit Giving Options](#)

For additional questions on electronic giving, please contact our Financial Secretary at

finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org .

We appreciate your efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year!! ~ Stewardship Mission Team

HELP SUPPORT OUR TANZANIAN MINISTRIES

We are asking for donations throughout the summer for the Tanzanian Ministries Supported by Our Congregation. This week's featured ministry is the ***Olchoki Primary School*** in northern Tanzania, which serves over 1,400 students from the urban center of Arusha.



Here are the ways you can contribute:

- In Person: Place your donation in an envelope (decorated by our Sunday school) located in the nave.
- Online: Visit our website, click on "Give/Donate," choose "other," and designate your gift for "Tanzanian ministries."
- By Mail: Send a check to the church office, indicating that your donation is for the Tanzanian ministries.

As we look forward to the upcoming visit of our 12-member mission team to Tanzania in May 2025, we are reminded of the profound impact your generosity has had on the lives of many.





BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly flower ministry Bloomin' Faith, which reaches all members of our church family no matter what their age: those who are grieving, those facing difficulties, those celebrating milestones, and in appreciation of church volunteers. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know.

Upcoming delivery dates are Saturday August 24, September 28 and October 26.

Ways you can help:

Donations: flowers from your garden are always appreciated. Please contact [Lisa Walton](#) to let her know what you have available. Flowers must be dropped off to the church kitchen by 10 am the Friday before deliveries.

Deliver: with more drivers, we can spread God's joy to more members. If you are able to pick up and deliver 2-3 bouquets on a Saturday morning, [please sign up here](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Leesa Wimmer or Lisa Walton.

"God is in all creatures, even the smallest flowers." ~ Martin Luther



Dear Bloomin' Faith,

Thank you so much for the beautiful vase of flowers. What a wonderful surprise, you made me feel so very special! I can't thank you enough. ~ Joyce Krystopowicz



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

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

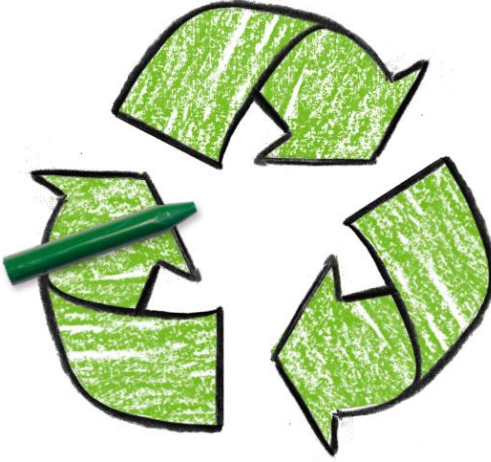
Pray for God's healing for: Joe, Greg, Nelson, Gale, Scott, Glenn, Beth, Charles, Irene, Lester, Nancy, Royal, Patrick, Nancy, Wilma, Sherri, Nancy and Margaret.

Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month. The full names of those for whom we are currently praying, including our homebound members, will continue to appear weekly in Holy Happenings.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, 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.

USED CRAYON DONATIONS: As part of our celebration of God's Work Our Hands, we will be collecting used crayons. These crayons will be recycled by The Crayon Initiative and remanufactured into new crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Donations should be placed in the labeled box outside the Fellowship Center. Donations will be accepted through September 29th.



CRAYONS

Millions of pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. With your help, we can recycle and remanufacture them into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the United States.

Learn how you can pitch in at thecrayoninitiative.org



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-  @ShareYourColors



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  Spirits

Please join us for the next Rejoicing Spirits service on **Sunday, August 11th at 2:30 pm** in the Worship Center. The special message is "Let Your Light Shine."

Bring your family and friends.
We look forward to seeing you!

CALENDAR

Mon. 8/5	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:30 pm	Pre-school Board Mtg. (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 8/6	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:00 pm	Staff Planning Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (117/119)
Thurs. 8/8	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
Fri. 8/9	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
Sun. 8/11	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 8/12	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
Tues. 8/13	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 8/14	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team (ASR)
Mon. 8/19	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 8/20	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Thurs. 8/22	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)
Fri. 8/23	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 8/24	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)