



We are a
**Reconciling in Christ,
Rejoicing Spirits, and
handicap friendly
congregation.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1

Financial Workshop –
Retiring Fearlessly

October 6

God's Work. Our Hands

October 10

Just Chill Nursery School
Fundraiser

October 12

Blessing of the Animals

October 13

Special Congregation Mtg.

October 19

Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

October 27

Confirmation

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, September 29, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 am Family Service

Coffee, Tea, Connect

CAT Class, High School Connect

10:00 am Sunday School

Gospel Reading/Sermon Replay

***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

<u>September 22, 2024</u>	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	97	15
9:30 am	73	N/A
10:30 am	96	18

Sept. 29 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine Lorie Stout Sherman	Jen Day Roth Jimmy Lee Werley Volunteer Needed	Michael Epperly Carole Wetherhold
Readers	Leesa Wimmer	Gabriella C.	Bennett S.
Children's Message		Pastor Shari	
Song Leaders	Lisa Walton	Cindy Cicconi-Ernst	
Greeters	Adam Fermier	John Slaby	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Becky Keane	Josh S.	Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Carol Osenbach Diana Sorrentino John Osenbach	Bill Keane Jeff Gross	Ev Reggie Robert Neitz Volunteer Needed



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

Sunday, September 29th from 9:30 – 10:15am

Gerrymandering and the Fight for Fair Election Districts

What is gerrymandering?

How does it affect our elections?

As we head into election season Terry Schettini from Fair Districts PA will be with us on Sept. 29th to help us understand more about gerrymandering and the efforts to stop it here in Pennsylvania.



ELCAvotes INITIATIVE

This week we focus on How Voting Machines Work

By the June 2, 2020 primary election, all Pennsylvania counties had voting systems that produced voter-verifiable paper records to meet 21st-century standards of security, auditability and accessibility. To meet these standards, county voting systems, which includes voting machines, must be evaluated and certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Pennsylvania Department of State.

To learn what voting system is used in your county and see a video demonstration of how it works, click here [Find a video demo](#).

On this November 5th Election Day, polls will be opened from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are in line by 8 p.m. you can vote. After checking in with a poll worker, you will cast your vote either by hand marking a paper ballot or by using a voting machine called a ballot marking device. If you encounter a problem while voting, ask one of the poll workers for assistance. You can also contact the Department of State at the voter hot-line: 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772).

If a poll worker determines you are not eligible to vote on the county's voting system you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot. Go here for reasons for a [provisional ballot](#). Your county's elections officials will later determine if your provisional ballot can be counted.

As Americans we all share the magnitude of the importance of defending the integrity and security of our elections, to secure both our right to vote and our confidence that our vote will be counted accurately.

Stop by the ELCAvotes table in the lobby to view a video demo of how your voting machine works.

Financial Workshops

5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

Tuesday, October 1st -- 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary (and on ZOOM)

Please plan to join us in person or on ZOOM (same link as Sunday services) as we explore "5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly". This workshop will help attendees discover five keys to unlocking a retirement where they can have confidence in their ability to live out their dreams. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor!

- Guaranteed income
- Protection from volatility
- Don't outlive your savings
- Pick your own tax bracket
- Protection from the "what-ifs"

Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity

Tuesday, October 8th -- 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary (and on ZOOM)

Please plan to join us in person or on ZOOM (same link as Sunday services) as we explore "Your Legacy". This workshop will help attendees learn strategies around sustaining a church's foundation, supplementing an endowment fund or leaving an inheritance. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor!

LCHS Stewardship Team

God's work. Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands – October 6th, 2024.

We have several service projects to help those in need, including packing snack bags for Laundry on Linden, card making with the Rejoicers, quilt tying with Stitch & Chat, Children's Activity Bags for LV Reilly Children's Hospital and Kindness Rocks with Faith Formation, Holy Spirit's garden cleanup, and making reusable bags with the youth group.

We are collecting gently used backpacks for the Lehigh & Northampton County Foster Care children. While new backpacks are accepted, this is a great opportunity to put your used backpack to good re-use if you are shopping for a new one.

We are collecting used colorful t-shirts for creating reusable bags.

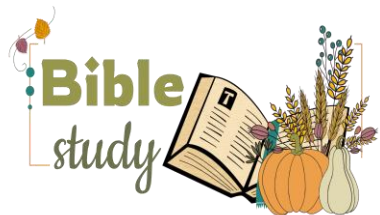
Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center.

To Sign up for Holy Spirit's Garden clean-up project [click here](#)

Please join us on October 6th 11:30am - 1:30pm.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will begin on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in room 110-112. We will meet for 6 weeks to search and learn about the book of Isaiah. Come and stretch and share your understanding of this incredible book. All are welcome. Contact Rick Doty, Elizabeth Moessner or Vi Ballard if you have questions.





NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:

Come out to Just Chill Creamery in Emmaus on Thursday, October 10th from 12:00 – 9:30 to support Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School. Present a flyer and the preschool will receive 15% of the proceeds.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

All people and pets are welcome to our Blessing of the Animals service at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 12th.

Monetary donations will be received to benefit *Tails of Valor*, an organization

that provides service dogs to veterans and first responders dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury. So, bring your family, your friends, your pets and a chair and join us outside on the parking lot as we bless and celebrate God's critters and the important part they play in our lives.



REMINDER Special Congregation Meeting Sunday, October 13th

Immediately following each of the services on Sunday morning October 13th we will hold a **Special Congregation Meeting** (in person and via ZOOM) for the sole purpose of voting to call Pastor Cindy Camp to serve as our Associate Pastor (2/3 time). A representative from the Northeast PA Synod will be present to oversee the special meeting. Pastor Cindy will preach and preside at all services. A 2/3 majority of eligible voting members present at the Special Congregation Meeting (in person and on ZOOM) is required in order to extend the call to Pastor Cindy.

~ Mike Berkheimer, President, Congregation Council



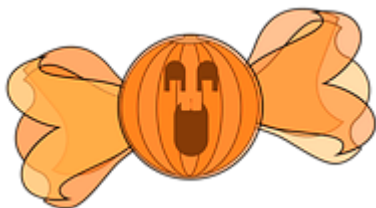
TRUNK OR TREAT / FALL FEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
1:00 – 2:30 PM

It's that time of year!
Holy Spirit's Fall Fest and Trunk

(Rain Date: Sunday, October 20th).

In addition to Trunk or Treat, the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and beverages. Our entire church family is invited to decorate car trunks and offer wrapped candies or items such as pencils and stickers to the children of Holy Spirit and our church neighborhood children.

If you are interested in sponsoring a trunk, the sign-up can be found [here](#). You can also sign-up using the QR Code below. The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is **Friday, October 4th**.



We are collecting wrapped candy (peanut free), gluten free treats, and items such as pencils and stickers to distribute at the event. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Fellowship Center.

For additional information or questions about Trunk sign-up, please contact Karin Kahler at Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org; Lorie Stout Sherman at stouts2@ptd.net or Victor Schmidt at vschmidt@ptd.net.





**NEW MEMBER
INFORMATION SESSION**
October 20th 9:30-10:30 am
Room 117/119

*** open session.... stop in anytime throughout the hour ***

Have questions about The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit? The Lutheran faith? How to become a member? Join Pr. Tami and members of the Church Growth Team to hear about our church community and discuss your questions.



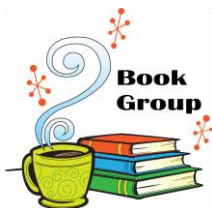
BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly flower ministry Bloomin' Faith. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. The next delivery date is Saturday, 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](#).



LCHS BOOK GROUP

Join us on Monday, October 28 at 11AM in Room 117/119 at LCHS. We will be discussing: ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy

together after our meeting. November's book will be: ***The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid.



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 or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a [Communion Assistant](#)

Volunteer to be on the [Production/Technology Team](#)

Like to sing? Volunteer to be a worship [Song Leader](#) at an 8:30 or 9:30 am service.

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

FIRST AID KITS AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS



As a reminder, **First Aid Kits and AED's** can be found in several locations at LCHS.

The first aid kits have an ice pack and various supplies for treating MINOR injuries. If additional care is needed beyond what these kits are designed to do consider transfer to a care center or Emergency room via car or by calling 911. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email at black@holyspirit-emmaus.org or call 484-649-9784.

~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



ENCOURING GROUPS TO SPONSOR THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFASTS

Through May, on the third Sunday of the month, we are asking that Mission Teams sign up to sponsor a breakfast. Breakfast is served between 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

Please [sign up here](#) or use the QR code.



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, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Darla, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

Pray for God's healing for: Jim, Joe, Gary, Tom, Bill, Scott, Kristin, Glenn, Jameson, Beth, Charles, Irene, Lester, Christopher, Nancy, Donna, Nancy, Carl, Nancy, Kim, Laura, Rick, Wilma, Caiden, and Sherri.

In times of sorrow, we pray for the family and friends of Pastor Cindy on the death of her father, Royal.

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.

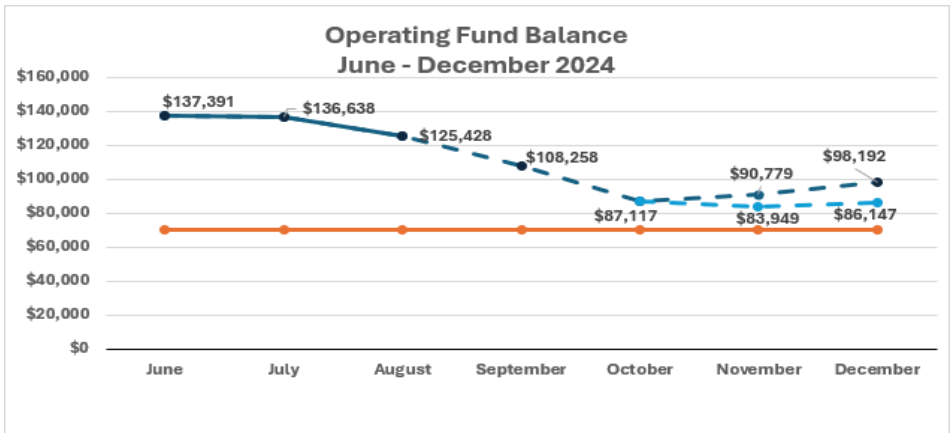
In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, call the office at 610- 967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

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.

August 2024 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: August income was \$70,892, \$10,468 or 17.32% above budget. Operating expenses were \$82,101, \$10,380 or 11.22% below budget. We finished August with a \$11,209 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$32,058. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirements.

- **Straight Line at \$70,000:** Represents our monthly cash requirement to operate the church.
- **Upper Straight Line:** Represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.
- **Upper Dotted Line:** Represents our **projected** operating cash balance through year end as well as a second lower line reflecting cash requirements with a second Associate Pastor called.



Building Fund: The building fund decreased \$11,598 during the month and has a balance of \$15,007.16.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of August 31, 2024, is \$370,872.34.

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August 2024 Financial Results and Discussion - continued

NOTE: We have ended the first eight months of the calendar year with a positive operating fund balance. **Thank you** for your faithful giving. The coming months giving is indicated by the dashed lines from September through December.

We have mailed information to the congregation to kick off our fall financial Stewardship Campaign (Stepping Up 2025). We are encouraging everyone to review the information in the Stewardship mailing and prayerfully consider their Estimate of Giving in 2025 as well as the balance of 2024.

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Book Group will meet on October 17th at 10:00 am and will be reviewing, "*Finding Margaret Fuller*" by Allison Pataki. The book for next month is "*Little Liar*" by Mitch Albom.

Movie Group will meet on October 22nd at 10:00 am. We will be watching, "*Something's Gotta Give*", a romantic comedy followed by lunch and laughter.

We will meet for **Coffee Hour** at 10:00 am on October 30th. All are welcome to join us for delicious homemade treats, jokes, games, health tips and more.



Growing in Gratitude

In October and November - (Oct. 6 - Nov. 30), we will focus on ways to be grateful. Join with members of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit as we walk together in growing this spiritual discipline through journaling each day, 3 or more blessings that we give thanks to God for providing in our daily life.

This can be done individually, as a couple, or with your family group. You pick the time of day that works best for you. If earlier in the day, perhaps think about the day before.

Provided for you will be:

A small Journal

**Weekly Devotions, Prayers, and Prompts to ponder
Scripture and Quote Cards**

For Children:

Chart with daily stickers for keeping on track

Each Week:

Return to write out 1-2 blessings from the week on a leaf.

**Then hang your leaf on one of the trees
(*the abundance we will see after 7 weeks*)**

**A bigger sticker will also be available for children
each week.**

All will be available on Sunday, Oct. 6th.

You can start at any time!

Any writing, poem, artwork, or other creation formed during the journey of Growing in Gratitude is asked to be submitted to the church office by Nov. 20th. A book of Thanksgiving to be shared with the congregation the final weekend.

CALENDAR

Mon. 9/30	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 10/1	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Financial Workshop #3 (WC & Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 10/2	2:15 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Bells (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
Sun. 10/6	11:45 am	God's Work. Our Hands
Mon. 10/7	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 10/8	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Thrivent Financial Workshop (WC)
Weds. 10/9	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Bells (WC)
	6:15 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 10/10		Nursery School Just Chill Fundraiser
	7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat Meeting (FC)
Sat. 10/12	1:00 pm	Blessing of Animals (Parking Lot)
Sun. 10/13	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)



venmo

A new way to donate is available – **Venmo is here!** Use the QR code to enter your donation. Please consider adding 2% to cover the transaction fees. Thank you.



Here's the Scoop!

Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School
invites you to join us for a
Dine to Donate Fundraiser at

Just Chill Creamery
1325 Chestnut St
Emmaus, PA 18049



Thursday 12pm - 9:30pm
October 10th



Show this flyer and 15% of
your sales will be generously
donated to the Nursery
School!