



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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **December 7**

Crafts, Cookies, Cocoa  
and live Nativity

### **December 8**

Special Congregation  
Meeting after each service  
Rejoicing Spirits

### **December 15**

Sunday School Pageant  
Installation of Pr Shari &  
Pr Cindy

### **December 18 & 22**

Blue Christmas Worship

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**\*8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:30 am Family Worship  
Coffee, Tea, Connect**

**10:00 am Sunday School Pageant  
Rehearsal  
Gospel Reading/Sermon Replay**

**\*10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all  
morning services in Room 113.**

**\*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

<b>December 1 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Advent Wreath Lighters</b>	Hetrick Family	Messler Family	Keiser Family
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Carole Wetherhold		Renee Wetherhold
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzel Volunteers Needed	Jackie Leipert Robert Neitz
<b>Readers</b>	Michael Epperly	Ben Heinz	Anne Osenbach
<b>Children's Message</b>		Deb Smith	
<b>Greeters</b>	Adam Fermier	Malkovsky Family	Kitti Berkheimer
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Whirl	Malkovsky Family	Mike Berkheimer
<b>Production/ Technology</b>	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Eric Kahler	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler	Chris Pirrotta Bob Stevens Volunteer Needed

**Coffee, Tea, Connect - December 1, 2024**

9:00 - 10:15 AM In the Fellowship Center

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC CALL** Please drop-in anytime from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday, December 1st and join representatives from the Director of Music Search Team and Congregation Council if you have questions related to the call of Deacon Reylene Starego to the Director of Music position.

**December 8th** in Fellowship Center from 9:30 to 10:15 - May we gather to do a final sharing on the ***Growing in Gratitude*** focus. The remaining time will include interaction with Senior Pastor Shari Duminy. Bring your questions about her life and calling, knowing that she may have some for you. How blessed it is to journey as a church in our life together.



## **Lunch with Pastor Shari**

### **FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI**

Bring your lunch and join with Pastor Shari in conversation from Noon to 1pm. We will meet again on Monday, December 2nd in the Fellowship Center. Conversation will include thoughts of faith relating to events of the month. Prayer will conclude our time together.

### **HOLY DARKNESS: Wednesday Advent Worship**

Advent, the first season of the church year is a time of expecting, waiting, and listening. Two Advent Worship services will be offered on Wednesday, **December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. Join us at Noon or 6:30 pm as we share in meditation on God's word through hymns and prayers. Holy Darkness is the theme as we explore its importance in creation, beauty, promises and the womb. During this very busy time of the year, may we take time to pause and be filled with new wonders that can unfold for us.



### **CRAFTS, COOKIES, and COCOA.... and LIVE NATIVITY Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm**

Come celebrate the season of Advent at our annual workshop with activities including:

- Making children's crafts to be given as gifts or displayed during the Advent season
- Enjoy some cookies and cocoa
- New this year...hear and see the story of the birth of baby Jesus!

All are welcome to join in the festivities! You can participate by planning/leading a craft, bringing children (family, friends, and neighbors) to attend and watch the story of baby Jesus' birth unfold. [Sign up using this link](#) so we can plan for crafts and refreshments. If interested in leading a craft, please contact [Karin Kahler](#).

## **Director of Music Candidate Meet/Greet and Q&A Sessions**

Immediately following each service on **Sunday, December 8th** we will hold a Special Congregation Meeting (in-person at all 3 services and via ZOOM at the 8:30 and 10:30 services) for the sole purpose of voting to call Deacon Reylene Starego to serve as our Director of Music.

In addition to the vote on December 8th, we will hold a **Meet and Greet event** on Tuesday, December 3rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Center to introduce Deacon Reylene, her husband (Ray) and son (Anthony) to our Holy Spirit family.

Prior to the Special Congregation Meeting we are also offering two opportunities for the congregation to ask questions of the Search Team and Congregation Council regarding the call of Deacon Reylene to the Director of Music position:

- **Sunday, December 1st** (in-person only) from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in the Fellowship Center
- **Thursday, December 5th** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM via ZOOM only. We will use the church ZOOM Worship Link for this question-and-answer session.

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*

**Rejoicing**  **Spirits**

Please join the Rejoicing Ringers handbell choir and the whole Rejoicing Spirits cast for our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Following the service, we will have a Christmas celebration in Room 110/112. Please invite your family and friends. All Are Welcome!



## **PRESCHOOL CAR WASH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**

Holy Spirit Nursery School is partnering with The Car Wash (Broadway, Hamilton, and West Main), to offer a gift card fundraiser. Gift cards in denominations of \$30 and \$50 will be sold with delivery in time for Christmas gift giving. The preschool will receive 50% of each gift card sold. The gift card can be used at any of the three locations and can be used toward the purchase of a variety of wash options. **Orders are due by Tuesday, December 10.** Paper forms are available on the Information Table in the Lobby or an electronic form can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Payment can be made using the church website, Venmo, cash, or check. Any questions, contact [Karin Kahler](#) or Leigh-Anne Wimmer.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Come and enjoy our annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 am.

Our Sunday School classes will present **"Sleepover at the Stable."**

All are welcome!

## **GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YOUTH**



Save yourself some time this holiday season! Bring your Christmas gifts and our high school youth will wrap your gifts for you. Gifts will be wrapped on Saturday, December 14th with pick up on Sunday, December 15th between 9:00am and 12:00pm. Donations will support youth events and our summer 2025 service trip. Gifts can be dropped off to the church office until Friday, December 13th. **Please make sure the bags or boxes your gifts are in are labeled with your name.** Donations gratefully accepted to support our youth ministry.

## **PRIME TIMER'S DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Movie Group: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** See the movie, “*Foul Play*” starring Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase in the All-Saint’s Room at 10:00 am.

**Book Group: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, we are reviewing, “*The Island of Missing Trees*” in room 117-119 at 10:00am. The book we’ll discuss in January is “*Lessons in Chemistry*” by Bonnie Garmus.

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, we’re having our Prime Timer’s **Christmas celebration** at 10:00am in room 117-119. We’ll have some quiches, fruit, dessert and coffee and tea. Come join the fun, trivia, jokes, conversation and great fellowship. All are welcome, see you there.



### **LCHS BOOK GROUP**

We will meet on Monday, December 16 at 11AM in Room 110/112 at LCHS. We will be discussing: “*Joshua: A Parable for Today*” by Joseph Girzone. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy together after our meeting. January’s book is, “*The Secret Life of Sunflowers*” by Marta Molnar.



### **BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

***Wednesday 12/18 at 12:00pm and  
Sunday 12/22 at 12:30pm***

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.***



The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
invites you to a  
**Celebration of Installation**

Pastor Cindy G. Camp

Pastor Shari A. Duminy

Sunday, December 15, 2024

3:00 pm in-person and on Zoom

3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.

Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049

Clergy are invited to vest and process.

Color of the day is Blue

**A Reception will follow Worship**

**BLOOMIN' FAITH** Thank you for your support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. Our next delivery date is Dec. 21. Ways you can help: 1) Donations: branches & evergreens are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. 2) Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen. 3) Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-3 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.

### **CUT OFF DATE FOR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS**

All contributions that you wish to have applied to 2024 must be in the church office ***no later than Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.*** **One-time electronic contributions** should be entered by 12/26 to allow for processing time (1-3 business days) for it to appear on your 2024 statement. If you are mailing your donations, please mail them in enough time to arrive in the church office by the cutoff date and time. Any contributions that are brought to church after 12/30 will be applied to 2025. Please contact [Terri Hinderliter](#) if you have any questions.

**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 OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer to be a [Communion Assistant here](#).  
Volunteer to be on the [Production/Technology team here](#).  
Volunteer to be a Song Leader at 8:30 or 9:30 [here](#).  
Volunteer to be a Cross-Bearer or Candle Bearer by clicking [here](#).  
Volunteers choose what days they would like to serve. Training is available. You can also call the church office if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.





### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

In the event that in-person Sunday worship services are cancelled due to weather, power outage, etc., we will continue to hold worship that day with one online service at 10:00a.m. via Zoom. Please check the church's website, Facebook and/or MailChimp emails for

updated news on worship cancellations. Information will also appear on WFMZ. Please remember the church office will follow 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.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **OH NO!**

It's that time of year, again! Please start thinking about your annual reports which are due to the church office no later than Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in preparation for our annual

congregational meeting in February. Reports should be brief with highlights of the year's accomplishments. Please email your reports to Nikki in the church office at [clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

Thank you.



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

**Prayers current as of November 22, 2024**

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

**Pray for God's healing for:** Jim, Joe, Rod, Gary, Scott, Carolyn, Glenn, Rick, Jameson, Judi, Janie, Lester, Linda, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Diane, Carl, Marilee, Nancy, Laura, Jack, Kathy, Wilma, Chuck, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

**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.

## WORSHIP / EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 4	Noon & 6:30pm	Advent Worship
Saturday, December 7	2:00 pm	Crafts, Cookies & Cocoa with Live Nativity
Sunday, December 8	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 11	Noon & 6:30pm	Advent Worship
Sunday, December 15	9:30 am	Family Service Christmas Pageant
	+3:00 pm	Installation Celebration Pr Shari & Pr Cindy
Wednesday, December 18	Noon	Blue Christmas Worship
Sunday, December 22	12:30 pm	Blue Christmas Worship
Tuesday, December 24	*3:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Carols
	*5:00 pm	Family Worship
	+7:30 pm	Spirit Worship w/ Candlelighting
	+10:00 pm	Traditional Candlelight Worship

Arrive 15 minutes early for Christmas Eve worship  
for special music and favorite carols

December 25, 26 & 27		Church Office Closed
Sunday, December 29	+10:00 am	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 31	Noon	Church Office Closing
Wednesday, January 1		Church Office Closed

\*Child Care Available + Worship is also on Zoom

## CALENDAR

Sun. 12/1	10:00 am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (WC)
Mon. 12/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch Bunch w/ Pastor Shari (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 12/3	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting
	Noon – 2:00	Office Closed – Staff Holiday Luncheon
	4:00 pm	Meet & Greet Deacon Reylene Starego
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 12/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel
	Noon & 6:30	Advent Service (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #63034 (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
	7:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 12/5	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	7:00 pm	Q&A Deacon Reylene (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Teams)
Fri. 12/6	10:00 am	Decorating
Sat. 12/7	2:00 pm	Crafts, Cookies, Cocoa (110/112) and Live Nativity (Parking Lot)
Sun. 12/8	10:00 am	SS Pageant Rehearsal
	1:00 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
	3:30 pm	Angel Network (FC)
Mon. 12/9	9:00 am	Angel Network Clothing Sorting (117/119)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 12/10	9:15 am	Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	RIC Task Force (Zoom)