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

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **November 17**

New Member Welcome

#### **November 27**

Thanksgiving Eve Service

#### **November 28**

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

#### **December 2**

Lunch Bunch w/ Pr Shari

#### **December 4 & 11**

Advent Services

#### **December 7**

Crafts, Cookies, Cocoa  
Live Nativity

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

## **Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

**9:30 am Family Service**

**Coffee, Tea, Fellowship**

**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 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 Sunday service" button.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>November 10, 2024</u>	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	136	14
9:30 am	82	N/A
10:30 am	85	20
2:30 pm	51	N/A

November 17 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Lindsey Kahler		Alice Mudge
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzel Volunteers Needed	Vi Ballard Deb Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Eric Kahler	XJ H.	Rick Doty
<b>Children's Message</b>		Leesa Wimmer	
<b>Greeters</b>	Lorie Stout Sherman	Lorie Stout Sherman	Renee Wetherhold
<b>Ushers</b>	Becky Keane		Bob Neitz
<b>Production/ Technology</b>	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt Eric Kahler	Bill Keane Jeff Gross	Carol Osenbach Bob Neitz Paige Mathieu

Welcome,

New Members

### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME BREAKFAST!**

Join the Church Growth Team and other members of the congregation for a time of

fellowship and sharing as we offer a warm welcome to Holy Spirit's new members. Stop in for **breakfast in the Fellowship Center** on **Sunday, November 17th anytime from 9 – 10:30am** for fellowship and sharing. Get acquainted with our new members, re-acquaint with others, and enjoy conversation over a light brunch.

# ADVENT unwrapped!

**ADVENT WREATH** - Families or pairs of people are invited to lead us in the **Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles** each week in December at the 8:30 & 10:30 service. You will share a brief reading with the congregation and light one of the candles on the Advent Wreath. Materials will be provided well in advance.

## **PRIME TIMERS' EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

**November 20 – Coffee Hour** – We will meet in 117/119 to enjoy fellowship, baked goods, Trivia, jokes and have fun! Invite your friends or neighbors. All are welcome.

**November 21 – Book Group** at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room to discuss, “*Little Liar*” by Mitch Albom. December’s book is “*The Island of Missing Trees*” by Elif Shafak.

**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 Saturday **Nov 22, and Dec 21**. Ways you can help: 1) Donations: branches, and 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](#). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.



**LCHS BOOK GROUP** Monday, November 25 at 11AM in Room 110/112 at LCHS. We will be discussing: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy together after our meeting. December’s book is, “*Joshua: A Parable for Today*” by Joseph Girzone and we will meet on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in 117/119.

**CHRISTMAS INGATHERING CONTINUES.** This is the last week for shopping. Final collections are due Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for Topton's children's gifts (unwrapped, seasonal gift bags accepted), and items needed for *Turning Point* and the *Allentown Rescue Mission*. Call Alice Mudge (610-400-5349) if you have any questions.

**Turning Point**

- Bath Towels (new)
- Comforters, Twin Size, new
- Comforters, Full Size, new
- Pillows, new
- Shower Curtains, new
  
- Body Wash
- Conditioner
- Shampoo
- Scented Hand Cream (for moms)
  
- Baby Wipes
- Pull Ups, all sizes
- Diapers, sizes 4-8
  
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Forks, Spoons and Knives
- Disposable Cups, hot and cold
- Laundry detergent
  
- Women's LEGGINGS, M-XL, NEW
  
- \$10 Gift Cards: Giant, Weis, Wawa, Walmart, Target \*

**Allentown Rescue Mission**

- Single Serving Fruit Juice
- Salad Dressing
- Sauerkraut
- Lo Sodium Canned Soups
- Lo Sodium Chili
- Lo Sodium Pasta Sauce
- Powdered Milk
- Coffee
- Powdered Drink Mix
- Canned Beef Hash
  
- Granola & Cereal Bars
  
- Disinfectant Cleaning Spray
- Pine Sol
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Trash Bags, 45-55 gallon
- Window Cleaner
  
- Men's Underwear, sizes M-XXL, new
- Men's T-shirts, sizes M-XXL, new
- Winter Work Gloves
  
- Notebooks/Lined Composition Books
  
- Anything on the Rescue Mission
- Amazon Wishlist

**\*GIFT CARDS BEING REQUESTED FOR TURNING POINT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NIKKI IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



Join us in worship as  
we give thanks for all  
God's blessings.

Thanksgiving Eve  
November 27

Noon in person & on Zoom

A replay of the  
Thanksgiving  
Eve service will  
be available on  
the church  
website after  
3:00 pm.



### **THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK**

No plans for Thanksgiving this year? Join together with Pr Shari and others for a time of community on Thursday, Nov. 28 from Noon to 3 PM in Fellowship Center. Turkey and gravy will be provided, when you RSVP by Nov. 25th on the sign up sheet on

the Information Table in the Narthex, check off the dish you are willing to share. Following the meal will be a time for games and conversation.



### **NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH.**

It is observed to raise awareness about this disease and encourage people to take action to prevent diabetes-related health issues. Diabetes is far more than high blood sugar; it can affect your eyesight and circulation, increase the risk of heart disease, lead to weight gain, cause kidney damage, increase your risk for osteoporosis, depression, anxiety, dementia, and more. Talk to your healthcare team regarding treatment and available resources. Online resources include the American Diabetes Association ([diabetes.org](https://diabetes.org)) and the National Institute of Health ([nih.gov](https://nih.gov)), Your healthcare team can guide you to local services. Your health insurance may offer support through counseling, education and exercise programs. They are often an overlooked resource. There is no cure for diabetes, but it is currently manageable. ~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



## Growing in Gratitude

Through Nov. 30, we are focusing on ways to be grateful. Join with other 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.

**Each Week: Return to church and write out 1-2 blessings from the week on a leaf. Then hang your leaf on one of the trees in the narthex. (*the abundance we will see after 7 weeks!*)**

**A bigger sticker will also be available for children each week to place on their sticker chart.**

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. 20<sup>th</sup>. A book of Thanksgiving will be shared with the congregation on the 27<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **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.

#### **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 can 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.



**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](#).



**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.***



THANK  
*you.*

John and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, emails and Pastor Tami for helping us through the death of John's brother, Reinhold. It was hard for us even though we expected it. But as they say, life goes on and we are thankful again for everyone that helped us through this. In times of great joy, our grandson, Johnny, planned to get our whole family together to celebrate our 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our families from Florida and North Carolina flew in to surprise us. After meeting everyone under the Marquee on 19<sup>th</sup> Street Theater, where John and I first met, the family all gathered to see our name up in lights on top of the theatre. We would like to thank everyone that sent us cards, emails and greetings in church. God has been good. ~ Elsie and John Guignet

**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.



## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!**

The season of Advent is quickly approaching. Please help yourself to a daily devotional booklet located inside the doors of the Worship Center. We have large text options available. If you'd like an electronic copy, you may purchase one on [Augsburg Fortress's website](#), but our paper versions are free for you to use and enjoy.





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

3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049

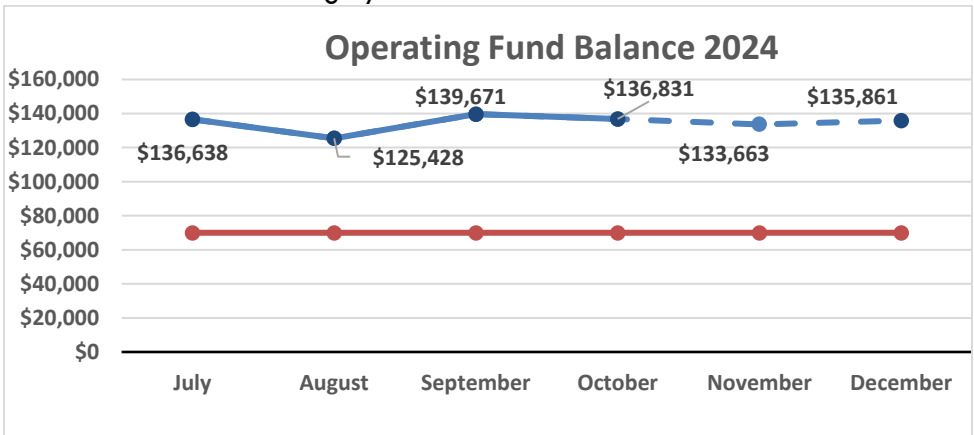
Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
Color of the day is Blue

**A Reception will follow Worship**

## FINANCIAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION – OCTOBER 2024

**Operating Performance:** October income was \$69,725, \$15,395 or 28.34% above budget, which we primarily attribute to members increasing their financial gifts in response to the Stepping Up 2025 stewardship campaign. Operating expenses were \$72,564, \$1,014 or 1.42% above budget. We finished October with a \$2,840 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$17,550. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement July-December. Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

- **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.



**Building Fund:** The building fund decreased \$2,622.00 during the month and has a balance of \$12,890.18.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of October 31, 2024, is \$369,865.34.



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, and Bob.

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

## **CALENDAR**

Mon. 11/18	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
	11:00 am	Pastor's Mtg. (Office)	
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)	
Tues. 11/19	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)	
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)	
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)	
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)	
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)	
Weds. 11/20	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)	
	9:30 am	M&M's Too (FC)	
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (117)	
	5:00 pm	GS Troop 63034 (110/112)	
	6:15 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)	
	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning Mtg. (116)	
	7:00 pm	NS Picture Day (Narthex)	
Thurs. 11/21	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)	
	1:00 pm	Outreach (Zoom)	
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
	9:00 am	NS Picture Day (Narthex)	
Fri. 11/22	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)	
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)	
Sat. 11/23	11:30 am	Live Nativity Rehearsal (110/112)	
Sun. 11/24	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
Mon. 11/25	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)	
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)	
	9:00 am	NS Placemat Making (110/112)	
Tues. 11/26	9:20 am	NS Chapel (WC)	
	10:30 am	NS Feast (110/112)	
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)	
	12:30 pm	Werley/Music Rehearsal (WC)	
	Weds. 11/27	Noon	Thanksgiving Eve Service (WC)
		Noon	Church Office Closing
Thurs. 11/28	Noon	Thanksgiving Potluck (FC)	
		Church Office Closed	
Fri. 11/29		Church Office Closed	