



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15

Sunday School Pageant

Installation of Pr Shari
& Pr Cindy

December 18 & 22

Blue Christmas Worship

December 29

10:00 am Service of
Lessons & Carols followed
by breakfast

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 15, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 am Sunday School

Christmas Pageant

followed by cookies, cocoa and coffee

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

***3:00 pm Celebration of Installation**

Nursery Care is available at all

morning services in Room 113.

***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

December 8, 2024	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	115	17
9:30 am	74	N/A
10:30 am	83	14
2:30 pm	65	N/A

December 15 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Advent Wreath Lighters	Mark & Leesa Wimmer	N/A	Osenbach Family
Assisting Ministers	Diane Evans	N/A	Deb Smith
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine JoEllen Rooney	N/A	Robert Neitz Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Rich Feulner	N/A	Charlie K.
Children's Message		Sunday School Pageant	
Greeters	Al Bauernschmidt	The George Family	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Dee Bauernschmidt	The George Family	Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Jeff Gross Eric Kahler	Eric Kahler Jimmy Lee Werley	Ev Reggie Bill Newill Kristen Newill

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!





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

Childcare will be available

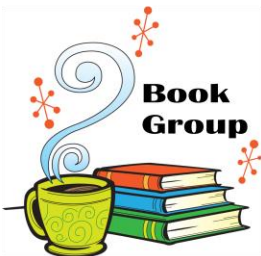
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Clergy are invited to vest and process.

Color of the day is Blue

A Reception will follow Worship



Book Group

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is:
Monday, December 16 at 11AM.

*****We will meet at the Superior Diner in
Emmaus*** DO NOT come to the church.**

We will be discussing "Joshua: A Parable for Today" by Joseph Girzone 2025. Our book for Jan. 27 is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar. All are welcome to join us.



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday 12/18 at 12:00pm

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.*

PRIME TIMER'S Thursday, December 19 we're having our Prime Timer's **Christmas celebration** at 10:00am in room 117-119. We'll have some quiches, fruit, dessert, coffee and tea. Come join the fun, trivia, jokes, conversation and great fellowship. All are welcome.

BLOOMIN' FAITH 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE USHER AND GREETER OPPORTUNITIES



We are looking for volunteers to be ushers or greeters on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by [clicking here](#) or call Nikki in the church office (610-967-2220).

EHS ANGEL NETWORK The EHS Angel Network is providing 150 families a much-needed food basket to help ease their financial burden this holiday season. We couldn't do this without your help! With your donations we were able to meet the goals for both this Christmas Give-A-way, and we met the goal for all the canned goods for the spring! Thank you to Holy Spirit for the use of the Fellowship Center, and to those who volunteered their time for inventory, all of you who so generously made donations, and to the muscle men who got all those boxes into people's cars! Thank you! We are called to do God's work, and you most certainly do! The EHS Angel Network is most grateful! Wishing you all a very merry and blessed Christmas!



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
10:00 AM SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

We will have a hot breakfast following the worship service in the Fellowship Center. Please come and join us. Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, HS Connect, CAT Class or child care.



SOS – SUPPORT OUR SISTERS

Become an angel to a young woman in need. Help protect and educate girls and young women, give them life skills, and enable them to become leaders. Three organizations our travelers to Tanzania will visit in 2025 all work to allow girls to define their dreams and take the first steps toward fulfilling their dreams. Remember that \$20 can send a girl to primary school for a month; \$60 covers the cost of a girl in a safe house for a month; and \$100 will pay all of the costs (tuition, room and board) for a girl at a secondary school for a month. Please make a donation online, by Venmo, or by check to Holy Spirit, noting that the donation is to Support Our Sisters. Or take an ornament off one of the Giving Trees and make a donation in memory or honor of someone.



Sunday School Collection

During the month of December, Sunday School will be collecting winter hats and gloves for our neighbors who visit the Grace Macungie Food Pantry. This collection was well received last year so we thought we'd do it again!



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 30th 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.



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 10:00am 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.

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.



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: Joe, Connie, Rod, Scott, Carolyn, Glenn, Judi, Joe, David, Joan, Jameson, Josh, Janie, Lester, Dottie, Linda, Edward, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Diane, Jan, Carl, Jed, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Chuck, Sherri, Margie, Don, Charles, and Judith.

In times of joy and celebration for Norene Shaffer's 102nd birthday.

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.

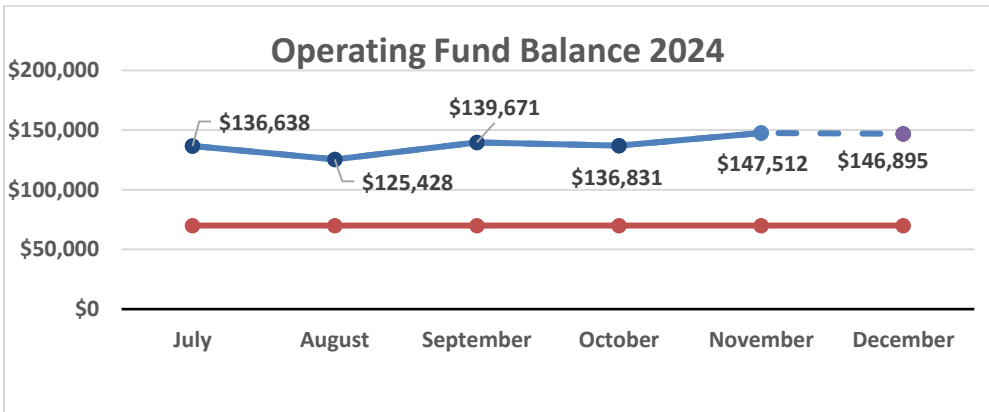
If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

November 2024 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: November's income was \$76,328, \$12,422 or 19.44% above budget, which we primarily attribute to members increasing their financial gifts in response to the Stepping Up 2025 stewardship campaign. Operating expenses were \$65,647, \$3,360 or 5.39% above budget. We finished November with a \$10,681 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,619. 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 \$8,263.00 during the month and has a balance of \$4,627.18.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of November 30, 2024, is \$367,881.51.

ANNUAL REPORT

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 13th 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. Thank you.

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.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Danger vs. Opportunity

Did you realize that the average crisis lasts for about six weeks? By the end of a month and a half, people usually come to some solution. Sometimes the solutions are good, but sometimes they just cause more painful problems. Stephen Ministry can help by listening and providing caring concern as their care receivers work to find positive resolutions to their crises.

To learn more, call one of our Stephen Leaders or the pastor:

Kitti Berkheimer 610-509-1674

Mike Berkheimer 610-509-1673

Lynn Snyder 484-431-3958

Pastor Tami Reichley 610-967-2220 (ext.112)



Our youth and Rejoicing Spirits members braved the cold for our first outdoor Live Nativity! They did a fabulous job performing the Christmas Pageant and telling the story of Jesus's birth to our attendees at the Crafts, Cookies, and Cocoa event.



What a wonderful way to share in the joy of the season!

DECEMBER WORSHIP / EVENT CALENDAR

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. 12/8	10:00 am	Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal
Sun. 12/15	9:30 am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant
	3:00 pm	Installation of Pr Shari & Pr Cindy
Mon. 12/16	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	6:15 pm	Children's Chimes (WC)
	7:00 pm	Music Rehearsal (Deacon Mel) (WC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (117/119 & ASR)
Tues. 12/17	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	NS Song Fest Practice (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:00 pm	Blue Christmas Set Up (FC)
	6:15 pm	Children's Chimes (WC)
	7:00 pm	Music Rehearsal (Deacon Mel) (WC)
	7:00 pm	Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 12/18	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	11:00 am	NS Sing-A-Long (WC)
	Noon	Blue Christmas (FC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #63034 (110/112)
	6:30 pm	RIC Group (116)
Thurs.12/19	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	Noon	NS Staff Holiday Lunch (SC)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 12/20	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 12/21	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 12/22	10:00 am	Children's Chimes Rehearsal (ASR)
	12:30 pm	Blue Christmas Worship (FC)
Mon. 12/23	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:00 am	Decorating
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 12/24	Noon	Office Closing
	Christmas Eve Services 3:00, 5:00, 7:30, & 10:00pm	
Weds., Thurs. Fri.		Office Closed
Sat. 12/28	Noon	Shoemaker Party (FC)
Sun. 12/29	10:00 am	Service of Lessons and Carols followed by breakfast
Mon. 12/30	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting
	12:30 pm	Counters (116)
Tues. 12/31	Noon	Office Closing
Weds. 1/1		Office Closed – Happy New Year