

HOLY HAPPENINGS



**We are an ELCA,
Reconciling in Christ,
and Rejoicing Spirits,
congregation.**

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Upcoming Events

November 2

All Saints' Sunday
All Saints' Requiem

November 3

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

November 4

Election Day

November 5

Bible Stories

November 9

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, November 2, 2025

***8:30 am Worship and Praise**

9:30 am

**Adult Faith Formation,
HS Connect, CAT Class**

9:45 am Family Service

**10:15 am Sunday School,
Sermon/Gospel Replay**

***10:45 am Worship**

4:00 pm All Saints' Requiem Concert

**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 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

In Person Zoom

October 26, 2025

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| 8:30 am | 120 | 15 |
| 9:45 am | 61 | N/A |
| 10:30 am | 136 | 15 |

| WORSHIP HELPERS | 8:30 AM | 9:45 AM | 10:45 AM |
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| Assisting Ministers | Eric Kahler | | Elizabeth Moessner |
| Communion Assistants | Carol Walrod Don Walrod | Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed | Jackie Leipert Robert Neitz |
| Readers | Melanie Werley | Connor K. | Beth Fatzinger |
| Children's Message | | Melanie Werley | |
| Greeters | Sue Smith | The Slaby Family | Fern Schlegel |
| Ushers | Rob Smith | The Slaby Family | Ken Schlegel |
| Production/ Technology | Jimmy Lee Werley Jeff Gross Volunteer Needed | Volunteers Needed | Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach |

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join with others in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 AM on Sunday.

Connect with God – Faith Practice – Meditation

Pastor Shari will provide information on the benefits of meditation.

We will practice forms of meditation to see what might become a life application of slowing down, breathing and spending time in the presence of God.



**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 on Monday, November 3 in the Fellowship Center.

Prayer will conclude our time together.

If you can't make this month, our next gathering will be on December 1st.

“Christmas is doing something extra for someone special”



CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Collections for the Sixth Street Shelter and Refugee Resettlement programs begin this week. Please refer the list below for the list of items needed for both organizations. There are designated bins for each organization in the Coat Room of the Fellowship Center Lobby. Donations will be

accepted through Sunday, November 23rd. Call Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349 with any questions you may have.

Refugee Resettlement Program Bethany Ministries

Bags of Rice, 10# bags
(staple food for various
cultures)

Diapers

Maxi Pads

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditioner

Laundry Detergent

Hoodies & Sweatshirts
(children & adults, various
sizes)

Hats & gloves (children &
adults)

Books for children (Pre-K to 5th
grade)

**Please do not bring donations
or gifts to the church before
Nov. 2nd. The Fellowship
Center Coat Room is the drop-
off location.**

**[Click here](#) for a list of gifts for
the children in the Topton
Home Foster Care program.**

Sixth Street Shelter

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Dish Soap

Paper Towels

Floor Cleaner

Sponges

Disinfectant Wipes

Toilet Paper

Mops & Brooms

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bath Towels (*NEW*)

Twin Sized Sheets (*NEW*)

Bed Pillows (*NEW*)

PERSONAL PRODUCTS

Women's Deodorant

Women's Shampoo

BABY ITEMS

Diapers: Sizes-2, 4, 5 & 6
(5 & 6 most needed)

Baby Wipes

Baby Shampoo

Children's Plastic Dishes
and Cups

ALL SAINTS REQUIEM CONCERT November 2, 2025, at 4:00 pm
Join us for a concert featuring organ, handbells, choirs and an orchestra, and featuring Heather Sorensen's Requiem. Enjoy light refreshments after the concert.



Another Look: Favorite Old Testament Bible Stories

We recall the Children's Bible Stories that we learned when we were young. Might they be worth another look? What was changed or left out that might expand our views of God as an adult? Don't miss the chance to learn on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in Meeting Room 117/119. During our studies, we will be focusing on favorite stories.

Looking Ahead:

Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Moessner: Joshua

Nov.12 - Tom Bradley: Gideon



NEXT SUNDAY: BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!

Take this week to reach out and invite someone to join you on November 9. We're planning a warm welcome and a small gift for every friend who attends. Lets fill our seats with new faces and open hearts!



**BIBLE
SUNDAY**

We are looking forward to celebrating Bible Sunday with our **3 yr. olds and 3rd and 6th graders** on Sunday, November 9th at all three services. We hope to see you there!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing  **Spirits**

Rejoicing Spirits will celebrate its Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 9th at 2:30 in the Worship Center.

The special message is "**Give Thanks.**" A reception will follow the service. Please join us.

WE WAIT IN HOPE Families or pairs of people are invited to lead us in the Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles at the 8:30, 9:45 & 10:45 worship services each Sunday in Advent, and on Christmas Eve. 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. There is a signup sheet available in the narthex. Please contact [Deacon Mel](#) if you have any questions.



M&M's TOO – an inspirational time for women to get together in prayer and discussion. Upcoming meetings begin at 9:30 am in Room 117/119. Upcoming meetings: November 19 – Discussion and activities about increasing pleasure in our lives. December 17 – Carol sing and Christmas cookies.



November is designated as **National Family Caregivers Month** in the United States.

This month serves to recognize and honor the millions of family caregivers who support loved ones with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or age-related needs. Celebrating Family Caregivers

during National Family Caregivers Month enables all of us to:

- Raise awareness of family caregiver issues
- Celebrate the efforts of family caregivers
- Educate family caregivers about self-identification
- Increase support for family caregivers
- Reduce feelings of isolation

EMERGENCY ALERT:
**You can help neighbors
affected by Hurricane Melissa**

YOU CAN HELP THROUGH
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF.
FIND OUT HOW TO DONATE
BY [CLICKING HERE.](#)

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER....

Are you taking Required Minimum Distributions? If so, are you aware that your RMD (or a portion of it) can be sent directly to LCHS as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)? By paying LCHS directly, you can reduce your adjusted gross income when you file your federal taxes. QCDs can be initiated at any time of the year and as early as reaching age 70.5. If you have any questions, contact Terri Hinderliter at finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org or your financial advisor to assist you with this option.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer to be a [Communion Assistant here](#). Volunteers choose what day(s) 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.



BLOOMIN' FAITH

We have been blessed by an outpouring of goodwill, both from those involved in this ministry and those receiving the flowers. Thank you for your part in helping us spread the healing power of flowers.

We continue to look for people willing to deliver a few bouquets, help make the bouquets the Friday before the delivery date and are always looking for any evergreens, branches, or dried materials you would like to contribute. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer. [Click here](#) to sign up or call the church office. Our upcoming delivery dates are November 22, and December 20.

PRIME TIMERS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

November 11th – Join us at 10:00 am to watch, “The Good Nurse.” We will meet in the All Saints Room.

November 19 – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Coffee, trivia, fun games, health tips, wonderful treats and good conversation. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

HOLY SPIRIT'S ADVENT GOSPEL OF JOHN CHALLENGE

Join us for reading the **Gospel of John** during **Advent**.

Follow these steps:

1. Choose a partner (can be nearby or far away, a spouse, family member, friend, coworker, neighbor, etc.) You **must** have their name and email when you sign up.
2. **Sign up** on Sundays after worship services on Nov. 2, 9, 16 or 23.
3. **As partners, read and discuss a chapter a day in the Gospel of John from November 30th through December 21. (21 STRAIGHT DAYS!)**
4. **All instructions and materials will be distributed when you sign up.** Again, you must have name and email of your partner at that time.
5. Weekly video overviews with Pastor Shari will be available to access at your convenience.

Another way to join the challenge is by praying.

Follow these steps:

1. **Sign up as a "PRAY-ER"** on sign up Sundays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, or 23.
2. **You will receive instructions** about your prayer support efforts when you sign up.

All Challenge participants, READERS, AND PRAY-ERS are invited to attend an Epiphany Challenge Celebration on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at noon or 5:30 pm. A light meal, Challenge wrap-up, and informal worship will be included.

Sign-up sheets are in the Worship Center lobby.

Gospel Reading of John Challenge - CHALLENGE

We are collecting soup for the Angel Network in November in gratitude for the opportunity to engage God's Word in a new way. This will allow for an extra giving to families in December, while we consider how we can participate in dwelling in scripture during Advent.



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Enjoy a night of family fun, fellowship, good food,
and games.

When: Sunday, November 16, 5–7 PM

Where: Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Who: All are welcome!

Please RSVP so we can plan seating and supplies:

Questions or prefer to RSVP by email? Contact **Courtney David** at
courtneyadavid@gmail.com



We can't wait to gather, eat, and play together!

Warning: attendance may cause joy and laughter.



Coming Soon!

LCBS Spirit Wear will be available
for sale. Stay tuned.



CRAFT LEADERS are needed for our Crafts, Cookies and Cocoa event to be held on Friday, December 5th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We are looking to offer crafts that are appropriate for preschoolers and elementary-aged children. If you are interested in preparing and leading a station, please contact [Karin Kahler](#).

ANNUAL REPORTS

In an effort to streamline our annual report, we are asking teams to consider what they would like to share with the congregation. Try to highlight three or four key accomplishments / impact stories that lift up what your team does for our congregation, our local community and beyond. Annual Reports will be due to the church office no later than Friday, December 19, 2025.

WONDERING WHAT THE FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE ACTION TEAM IS ABOUT?

What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

A new action team, Faith and Civic Life, is forming at Holy Spirit. Its purpose is to provide a forum to openly discuss faith issues in our civic lives. Why are we working to do this? So that we can grow in our ability as individuals and a congregation to live faithfully and meet Jesus' expectations of doing justice, loving mercy and helping others in need. How will we encourage this growth? Through education, advocacy, support for one another, tapping into the resources of our faith, and listening together for God's Spirit. The challenge before us is to bring people from a variety of viewpoints into the discussion. Members and friends are welcome at meetings of the action team as well as presentations and study groups. Watch for upcoming events – the first of which will be Wednesday, December 10. 7 p.m. in the fellowship center. Meanwhile, team members encourage you to keep Micah's words in mind, prayerfully research the positions and records of candidates for public office, and vote.



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

Our homebound members:

Dale, Fern, Phyllis, Gayle, Joan, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Lee, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

Pray for God's healing for our members and friends: Alex, Al, Janet, Dean, Phyllis, Tom, Joe, Bill, Rod, Wendy, Tom, Dayton, Jess, Lisa, Gayle, Peter, Jameson, Jonas, Wilbur, Ann, Laura, Marcus, Nancy, Felicia, Angie, Grace, Ernie, Larry, Laura, Rick, Don, and Mel.

In times of joy and celebration for John and Elsie Guignet's 75th wedding anniversary.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin and the family and friends of Scott Engelter, son of Mike Quinn.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency If you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, please call the church 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

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| Sun. 11/2 | 4:00 pm | Requiem Concert (WC) |
| Mon. 11/3 | 10:00 am | Counters (116) |
| | 11:00 am | Pastor's Meeting (Office) |
| | 12:00 pm | Lunch w/Pastor Shari (FC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Faith Formation for Children (110/112) |
| | 7:00 pm | Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119) |
| Tues. 11/4 | 9:00 am | NS Staff Development (SC) |
| Election Day | 1:00 pm | Staff Meeting (116) |
| | 5:30 pm | Grief Support Group (ASR) |
| | 6:30 pm | Community Justice Panel (SC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Tech Team (Zoom) |
| Weds. 11/5 | 9:15 am | NS Chapel (WC) |
| | 2:00 pm | Bible Stories (117/119) |
| | 2:30 pm | Rejoicing Ringers (WC) |
| | 6:30 pm | Spirit Ringers (WC) |
| | 6:30 pm | Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg. (SC) |
| Thurs. 11/6 | 9:15 am & 12:40 pm | NS Chapel (WC) |
| | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir (WC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Spirit Voices (WC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Staff Support (116) |
| Fri. 11/7 | 10:00 am | Decorating |
| Sat. 11/8 | 9:00 am | Spirit of Praise (WC) |
| Sun. 11/9 | 2:30 pm | Rejoicing Spirits (WC) |
| Mon. 11/10 | 9:30 am | Stitch-n-Chat (113) |
| | 10:00 am | Counters (116) |
| | 11:00 am | Pastor's Meeting (Office) |
| Tues. 11/11 | 9:15 am & 12:40 pm | NS Chapel (WC) |
| | 10:00 am | Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR) |
| | 1:00 pm | Staff Meeting (116) |
| | 5:30 pm | Grief Support Group (ASR) |
| | 6:00 pm | Property Committee (116) |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship & Music Committee (117/119) |
| Wed. 11/12 | 9:15 am | NS Chapel (WC) |
| | 2:00 pm | Bible Stories (117/119) |
| | 5:00 pm | Adult Faith Formation (Zoom) |
| | 6:30 pm | Spirit Ringers (WC) |
| Thurs. 11/13 | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir (WC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Spirit Voices (WC) |
| Fri. 11/14 | 9:00 am | NS School (Kitchen) |



2025 Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____

Envelope Number _____

Please Indicate your **color choice with quantity** below:

Red _____ White _____ Marble _____

Plants cost \$13.00 each Total Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Please return form in the offering plate or to the office with your payment **no later than Sunday, November 23rd.**