



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, October 12, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

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**

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits

**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.

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

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Upcoming Events

October 14

Grief Support Group

October 15

Bible Stories

October 18

Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

October 19

New Member Info
Session

October 25

Confirmation Banquet

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person

Zoom

October 5, 2025

8:45 am

170

15

10:30 am

65

18

Blessing of the Animals 22

14 dogs

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Diane Evans		Renee Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	JoEllen Ronney Linda Devine	Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Dianna Olszewski Jackie Leipert
Readers		Camille B.	Rick Doty
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Mike Epperly	Courtney Keiser	Linda Letts
Ushers	Angie Niland	Courtney Keiser	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join with others in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 AM as Pastor Shari leads us in expanding upon our Core Value of Faith Formation.

Foundational to LCHS' ministry is our call to be good stewards of all God's gracious gifts

* Growing together in faith throughout all life stages

DEFINITION:

Sharing a journey of spiritual growth where individuals support and encourage one another through every phase of life.

Deepening one's faith together through life's challenges, transitions, and milestones, fostering a sense of community and mutual growth in faith and discipleship. Understanding that each stage offers unique opportunities for learning and connection in faith

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

“For Everything There is a Season” is the special message for the Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, October 12th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception in the Fellowship Center will follow. Please join us on October 12th and bring your family and friends. ALL are welcome!



Pastor Appreciation Sunday **October 12, 2025**

Honoring Our Faithful Shepherds

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” *Jeremiah 3:15*
We give thanks for Pastors Shari, Tami, and Cindy - faithful leaders who guide, serve, and love with Christ’s heart. Let us lift them up in prayer and gratitude for their tireless dedication to God’s people.

We encourage you to take some time to reflect on ways that our pastors have made a difference for you. Maybe they have been there for you in a difficult time or shared a joyous milestone with your family. Perhaps a sermon or a conversation really inspired your faith. If you’re able to, jot down your example and look for ways to share it with them!



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Holy Spirit’s **Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat** will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 1:00-2:30 PM. (**Rain date is Sunday, October 19th**)

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.



ESTIMATE OF GIVING REMINDER CONNECTING THE DOTS

Recently you received information in the mail with details of our fall financial stewardship campaign, Connecting the Dots. Included in that mailing was an Estimate of Giving card for 2026. **If you have not already returned your Estimate of Giving, we ask that you submit it by October 26, 2025.** The completed card can be placed in the box in the narthex (to the left of the center doors) or in the offering plates on Sunday. Extra cards are also available next to the box in the narthex. Other ways to return your Estimate of Giving is to email finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org or go online at lchsemmaus.org (click on Stewardship, then follow the prompts). By sharing your 2026 Estimate of Giving, you are helping our church leadership plan for our ministries in the coming year. Please plan to join us at worship on Stewardship Sunday, October 12th !!

~ Thank You from the LCHS Stewardship Team



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.

Planning Ahead:

Oct. 15 - Vi Ballard: Adam & Eve

Oct. 22 - Lisa Bradley: Fiery Furnace

Oct. 29 - Deb Smith - Deborah

Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Moessner: Joshua

Nov.12 - Tom Bradley: Gideon

M&M'S

M&M's is an inspirational time for women to talk, pray and connect. Our topic for October 15th will be Bee Keeping presented by a friend of Vi Ballard's. We meet in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is hosting a collaboration event on October 15th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center to hear from Lehigh and Northampton County Child & Youth Services caseworkers regarding support to at risk families, foster families, and kinship families. If you have an interest in hearing more about the current situation and how you can help, please contact Brenda Truhe at <mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com>.



INFORMATION SESSION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

October 19 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.

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

October 21 – Movie Group – We will meet in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am to watch, *“The Good Nurse.”* *The Good Nurse* is an American thriller film starring Jessica Chastain and Eddie Redmayne, about the serial killer Charles Cullen and the fellow nurse who suspects him. The film is based on the 2013 true-crime book of the same name by Charles Graeber.

October 23 - Book Group – 10:00 am in Room 117/119. We will be discussing *“Remarkably Bright Creatures”* by Shelly Van Felt.

October 29 – Coffee Hour – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Come for good conversation, trivia, homemade baked goods and laughter! We have a lot of fun. We would love to have you!

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.

EMERGENCY **INFORMATION**

Many folks attending services, meetings, or community events at Holy Spirit don't know the church's address. When 911 is needed, it's crucial to have the physical address

to help rescue responders reach the scene quickly. An information card is posted on every first aid box, AED box, and inside the AED carrying case. This card shows the LCHS address at 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd, the cross street of Pine Street, and our phone number. The poison control phone number is also included (800-222-1222). We hope this information will never be needed, but it is always good to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

The EHS Angel Network continues to collect for the Christmas food baskets. We are expecting to serve approximately 165 families and our goal is as follows:



204 laundry detergent (bottles, sheets, or pods)
150 cans of corn

We are also collecting **adult men's and women's socks** (new) to be distributed to our community friends attending the Sunday morning breakfasts at Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown.

Please bring your donations through the end of October and place them in the labeled bins outside the Fellowship Center.

If anyone would like to help with inventory on Monday December 8th, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

YOUTH EVENTS!

For the following events, please sign up using the **BAND app** or let [Amber O'Brien](#) know if you plan to attend.

Friday, October 17th: Youth participants are collecting donations at the parking lot again! Join us starting at 5:30 to collect donations for charity!

Saturday, October 25th: We are having our Confirmation banquet at 11:00 am. Youth are encouraged to help serve and support our confirmands!

Sunday, October 26th: Confirmation Sunday! We are celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism for our Confirmands at the 10:45 worship service!

Sunday, October 26th: (for High School Connect only) First Brewing Faith! [Check here for more information!](#)

COMING UP: Sunday, November 16th: Our youth group will be going to Kalahari Resort! We need drivers and chaperones, so please let Amber know if you can help! The more that can come, the cheaper it'll be!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bring a Friend Sunday is coming on Sunday, November 9, 2025. Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us for worship and fellowship. Every guest will receive a small welcome gift. Let's share the joy of our church family together!



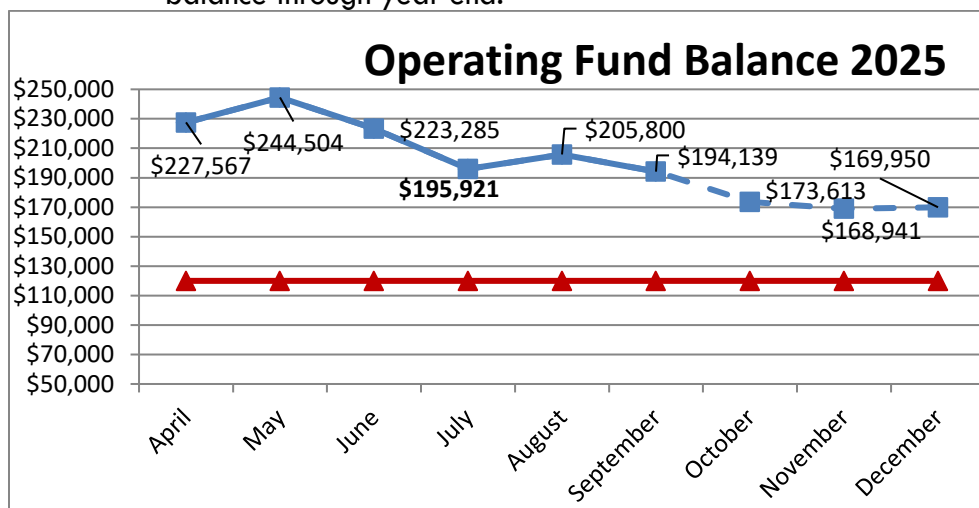
Just a note to thank all the minds behind the planning and carrying out of Sunday's GWOH day. It was an impressive sight to see all the participants, feel the energy in the room, the happy chatter, the spirit and seeing all the quilts for the blessing. The service project was informative, fun and there was something for everyone to do to help. Thank you! ~ Nancy & John McClain

Financial Results and Discussion – September 2025

Operating Performance: September income was \$63,150, \$3,582 or 5.40% below budget. Operating expenses were \$74,811, \$1,261 or 1.7% below budget. We finished September with a \$11,661 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$9,340. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **April - December**.

Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

- **Straight Line at \$120,000:** Represents our 6-week 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 increased \$535.00 during the month and has a balance of \$8,617.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of September 30, 2025, is \$348,565.48.

****Note:** The mortgage rate is set to adjust in April 2026 and is expected to be higher. Any funds contributed to Spirit Led, Spirit Alive will be used to pay down the principal balance before the interest rate adjusts on the mortgage.



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

Our homebound members: Dale, Judith, 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, Linda, Al, Ben, Phyllis, Nathan, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Tom, Scott, Dayton, Jess, Lisa, Teresa, Gayle, Brad, Jameson, Rainer, Christa, Diane, Laura, Lorraine, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Nancy, Linda, Elizabeth, Helen, Mike, Kurt, Larry, Laura, Nancy, Don, and Deacon Mel.

This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Priya June, daughter of Jillian and Saagar. We welcome Priya into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Marilyn Ahearn, Tracy Metka's mother and for the family and friends of Doug Heckman, Marilee Oplinger's brother.

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.

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.

Watch for more information and sign-up sheets coming in November.

CALENDAR

Sun. 10/12	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 10/13	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 10/14	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:30 pm	Grief Support Group (ASR)
Weds. 10/15	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's (117)
	2:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Group (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	LV Foster Care Collaboration Mtg. (FC)
Thurs. 10/16	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (117/119)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 10/18	1:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Lower Parking Lot)
Sun. 10/19	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (SC)
Mon. 10/20	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 10/21	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	10:00 am	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:30 pm	Grief Support Group (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 10/22	2:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/23	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 10/24	10:00 am	Decorating Team
Sat. 10/25	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Banquet (FC)



**All Saints' Sunday
Morning Worship
Remembrance Form**

For the morning worship services, I would like to remember:

Submitted By _____

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM/YOUR INFORMATION TO THE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025.**

Forms can be found on the Information Table in the Worship Center Lobby. You can email your information to Nikki Clark at: clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org or drop this form in the basket in the Worship Center Lobby.

