



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, October 19, 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**

**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 19

New Member Info
Session

October 21

Grief Support Group

October 22

Bible Stories

October 26

Confirmation Sunday

November 2

All Saints' Sunday
All Saints' Requiem

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person Zoom

October 12, 2025

8:30 am	125	10
9:45 am	72	N/A
10:30 am	86	19
2:30 pm	35	N/A

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Carole Wetherhold		Marian Snyder
Communion Assistants	Rob Smith Sue Smith	Jennifer Wetzel Volunteers Needed	Sheila Huff Terri Hinderliter
Readers	Max H.	Landon S.	Anne Osenbach
Children's Message		Melanie Werley	
Greeters	Ava Killingsworth	Malkovsky Family	Kitti Berkheimer
Ushers	Dee Bauernschmidt	Malkovsky Family	Mike Berkheimer
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Alexis H.	Jeff Gross Jimmy Lee Werley	Robert Neitz Volunteers Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join with others in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 AM as Pastor Shari and Council Member Tom Bradley lead us in expanding upon our Core Value of Outreach.

*Foundational to LCHS' ministry is our call to be good stewards of all God's gracious gifts - **Recognizing and responding to needs through giving and service***

DEFINITION: Identifying the needs of others in our local and global communities and actively responding with compassion, generosity, and a willingness to help. Offering material support through charitable giving, as well as dedicating time and effort to hands-on service, with the goal of making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.



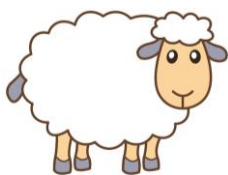
INFORMATION SESSION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

**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.



THANK YOU

In light of Pastor Appreciation Sunday, we must
let EWE, a generous flock, know that your gifts,
kind words, and loving actions given at this time
of year are greatly appreciated in our lives.

Thank you, Sunday School students, for your creative and thoughtful
banner with artful sheep and heartfelt notes that melt our hearts.
Being your shepherds and sharing in ministry together is a
challenging delight that we do not walk alone. The love and light of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus, is ever present. Thanks be to God!

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

The EHS Angel Network continues to collect for the
Christmas food baskets. We are expecting to serve
approximately 165 families and need the following to
reach our goal: **181 laundry detergent (bottles,
sheets, or pods) and 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.



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 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.

~ Thank You from the LCHS Stewardship Team

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!



Bloomin' Faith and church members.

You've touched my heart with your kindness.

I appreciate your thoughts, prayers and especially the fresh cut flowers! You've been so thoughtful and kind during my several

surgeries! I'm so blessed to be part of this wonderful group of caring people. ~ Nancy Slimmer



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. 22 - Lisa Bradley: Fiery Furnace

Oct. 29 - Deb Smith - Deborah

Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Moessner: Joshua

Nov.12 - Tom Bradley: Gideon

YOUTH EVENTS!

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

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!](#)

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!



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 Leeza Wimmer. [Click here](#) to sign up or call the church office. Our upcoming delivery dates are October 25, November 22, and December 20.



WHO WILL YOU INVITE? On November 9, we're celebrating Bring A Friend Sunday. Pray about who you can invite to experience an uplifting service and warm hospitality. Each guest will receive a small gift as our way of saying, "welcome!"

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.

We are also looking for people to read during our Thanksgiving Eve worship and the December 28th Lessons and Carols service. You can sign up by [clicking here](#) or calling the church office.

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.

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.

November 19 – Discussion and activities about increasing pleasure in our lives.

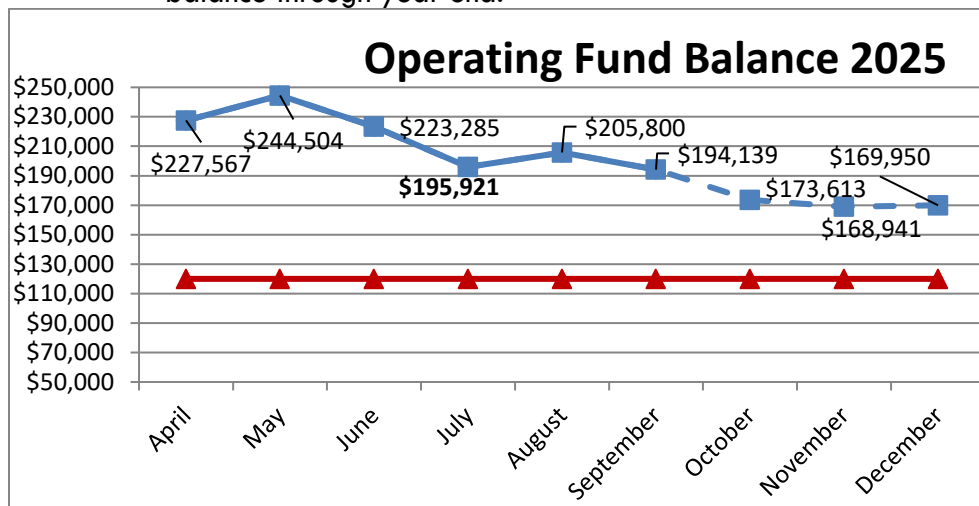
December 17 – Carol sing and Christmas cookies.

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, Al, Dean, Ben, Phyllis, Nathan, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Tom, Scott, Dayton, Jess, Lisa, Teresa, Gayle, Brad, Jameson, Rainer, Christa, Ann, Laura, Lorraine, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Nancy, Linda, Elizabeth, Helen, Angie, Kurt, Larry, Laura, Nancy, Don, and Deacon Mel.

In times of joy and celebration for Mike and Carolyn Epperly's 60th wedding anniversary.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Jeanette Smith, mother of Renee Smith Stitt and for the family and friends of Thomas Sierzega.

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

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)
	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
	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 10/25	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	10:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal (WC)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Banquet (FC)
Mon. 10/27	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
Tues. 10/28	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:30 pm	Grief Support Group (ASR)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 10/29	9:10 am	NS Halloween Parade (LL Parking Lot)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/30	9:10 am	NS Halloween Parade (LL Parking Lot)
	12:40 pm	NS Halloween Parade (LL Parking Lot)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 10/31	10:00 am	Decorating



All Saints' Sunday Remembrance Form

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

For the Requiem Concert, I would like to remember:

Submitted By _____

**I would like to contribute \$ _____ (amount) towards
defraying the cost of the musicians for the Requiem.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM/YOUR INFORMATION TO THE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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.