

HOLY HAPPENINGS



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

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Upcoming Events

October 29

Bible Stories

November 2

All Saints' Sunday
All Saints' Requiem

November 3

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

November 4

Election Day

November 9

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, October 26, 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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person Zoom

October 19, 2025

8:30 am	136	12
9:45 am	90	N/A
10:30 am	81	14

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed	Vi Ballard Robert Neitz
Readers	Lindsey K.	Kira K.	Evalyn P. Hailey G.
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Irv Keister	Smith Family	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach	Smith Family	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Max H. Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join with others in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 AM as Council Member, Tom Bradley, leads us in expanding upon our Core Value of Spiritual Care.

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

- Cultivating a generous and caring community

DEFINITION: *Inviting all to be part of the LCHS community, using the church's spaces and services, and experiencing genuine connection.*

Prioritizing the creation of a warm and open environment where everyone can find meaning and support. Going beyond membership — we witness to God's love through shared experience, care, and a forward-looking commitment to serve and uplift all people.

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

Thank-you! Thank-you Holy Spirit! You are the best!
The collection for EHS Angel Network is going well.
As of this week's count, we only need 137 cans of corn,
and 121 laundry detergent.



Because of your caring hearts, at least 160 EHS students and their families will find the month of December a little less challenging. The EHS Angel Network is most grateful for our partnership and feel blessed to be able to share in this opportunity to help others. Here is a note from one of last year's recipients.

*"I am incredibly grateful for all of the help that you have given me throughout the years. Thank you for helping me and every other parent who is struggling.
Thank you!"*

*You make a difference Holy Spirit!
With gratitude, Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network*

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

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!



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. 29 - Deb Smith - Deborah

Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Moessner: Joshua

Nov.12 - Tom Bradley: Gideon



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



TWO WEEKS TO GO!

Bring a Friend Sunday is nearly here – November 9. A simple invitation can make a big difference. Invite a friend or neighbor and sit with them. We'll have a special welcome and a small gift for every guest.

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.

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 Readers 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.



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.



Dear Bloomin' Faith Group,
I so appreciated the lovely flowers delivered to me on my birthday. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

~ Blessings, Peggy Geiling

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.

***"Christmas
is doing
something
extra for
someone
special"***



CHRISTMAS INGATHERING begins Sunday, November 2nd. You will have opportunities to purchase needed supplies for the *Sixth Street Shelter* and the *Refugee Resettlement* programs as well as gifts for the children in the *Topton Home Foster Care* program. Watch for our MailChimp email with details on what exactly is needed for each group

and the link for Sign-Up Genius for Christmas gifts for kids at Topton. Please limit your gift to a value of \$25-\$30. All collected items can be dropped in the designated bins in the Fellowship Center Coat Room beginning November 5th. Call Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349 with any questions you may have.

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.

**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, Dean, Ben, Phyllis, Nathan, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Wendy, Tom, Scott, Dayton, Jess, Lisa, Gayle, Peter, Jameson, Jonas, Rainer, Christa, Wilbur, Ann, Laura, Lorraine, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Nancy, Linda, Elizabeth, Helen, Felicia, Angie, Grace, Ernie, Kurt, Larry, Laura, Nancy, Don, and Deacon Mel.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Judith Brndjar.

We give thanks for the faithful step these youth are taking as they affirm their baptism: Hailey G., Emilee G., Evalyn P., August M., Ryan D., Lyla B., and Lyla R..

In times of joy and celebration for the birth of Paige Elizabeth, daughter of Morgan and Mark, granddaughter of Cindy Ernst.

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

Sun. 10/26	11:45 am Cards w/Friends (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 Committee (116)
Tues. 10/28	9:15 am 12:40 pm NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm Staff Meeting (116)
	3:30 pm Staff Meeting w/ Kyle David (116)
	5:30 pm Grief Support Group (ASR)
	6:30 pm NS Board Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 10/29	9:30 am NS Halloween Parade (LL Parking Lot)
	9:30 am Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am Prime Timers 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 & 12:40 NS Halloween Parade (LL Parking Lot)
	6:00 pm Children's Choir (WC)
	6:15 pm LV Foster Care Meeting (116)
	7:00 pm Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 10/31	10:00 am Decorating
Sat. 11/1	9:00 am Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
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)
Fri. 11/7	10:00 am Decorating
Sat. 11/8	9:00 am Spirit of Praise (WC)

TRUNK OR TREAT What a glorious day with over 400 attendees at our Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 18th. To the organizers, decorators, youth helpers, trunk designers, welcoming committee, craft helpers, hot dog and s'mores makers, talented musicians, tattoo and game attendants, volunteer fire fighters, members who donated candy and for all 122 volunteers that made the day happen, Holy Spirit thanks you.







Adult Faith Formation November

Opportunities for connection will happen at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship Center.

Sunday, Nov. 2nd - 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.

Sunday, Nov. 9th - Connect with Lutheran Faith

Second Sunday Seminary - Rev. Dr. Allison deForest

The Gospel of John will be explored and in particular the crucifixion in John pointing to restorative justice. Come and join this discussion with Associate Professor deForest from United Theological Seminary. This will be great preparation for the Advent Gospel of John Reading Challenge.

Sunday, Nov. 16th - Connect with Community

Tanzania Travelers - Medical and Church Partnerships

Come and hear from ones who traveled to Tanzania earlier this year, sharing their experiences with partners in ministry in this extraordinary country. A Tanzania Craft Fair will also be offered this Sunday in the Narthex of the church.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd - Connect with Each Other

Fellowship Hour

Take time to meet someone new or catch up with a member you have not seen in awhile. If you don't know what to talk about, Faith and Civic Life will have some questions available on the tables to explore.

Sunday, Nov. 30th - Intergenerational Connection

Advent Preparation

Come to the Fellowship Center this day for activities that will help prepare how you can mark Advent this year. High School and CAT class youth will join us for this time. And following the Family Service, all children in Sunday School are invited to be a part of these festivities.