



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

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Upcoming Events

October 5

God's Work. Our Hands
Blessing of the Animals

October 6

Lunch w/ Pr Shari

October 7

Grief Support Group

October 10 - 12

CAT Camp

October 18

Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, October 5, 2025

**WEAR GOLD FOR
GODS WORK OUR HANDS**

***8:45 am God's Work Our Hands
Blended Worship**

**9:35 am Intergenerational
Service Project**

***10:30 am God's Work Our Hand
Blended 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

September 28, 2025

8:30 am

124

14

9:45 am

105

N/A

10:45 am

96

14

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Story B.	Ryan D.
Communion Assistants	Volunteers Needed	Deb Smith Robert Neitz
Readers	Becky Keane Kira K. Carly K.	Joe Burke Maddy H.
Greeters	Carol Walrod	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Don Walrod	Victor Schmidt
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Bill Newill Kristen Newill	Ev Reggie Carol Osenbach John Osenbach

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE AS
WE CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS
ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH**

GWOH Sunday Schedule

8:45: GWOH Blended Worship

9:35: Service Project

10:30: GWOH Blended Worship

We encourage you to be present for these times that we will experience together as the church in this place. Get in the spirit of the day and wear **GOLD** as our hands are blessed to serve God in the world!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

All people and pets are welcome to our Blessing of the Animals service at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 5th. (Raindate: Sunday, October 12)

Monetary donations will be received

to benefit ***Last Chance Ranch***, an organization that saves lives—giving abandoned, abused, and neglected animals a second chance through rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption. But their mission doesn't stop there. Through hands-on education and community programs, they empower people of all ages to make a difference for animals in need. So, bring your family, your friends, your pets and a chair and join us outside on the parking lot as we bless and celebrate God's critters and the important part they play in our lives.



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 1 pm on **October 6th** in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together. If you can't make it this month, our next gathering will be on November 3rd.



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. 8 - Pastor Shari: Joseph
- 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

SIGN UP FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!



It's that time of year! 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)**

If you are interested in sponsoring a trunk, the vehicle participation sign-up can be found [here](#). You can also sign-up using the QR Code below. The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is **Monday, October 6.**

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.

For additional information or questions about Trunk sign-up, please contact Karin Kahler at kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org; Lorie Stout Sherman at stouts2@ptd.net or Nikki Clark at clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to our Rejoicing Spirirts service on October 12th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The Special Message for October is "For Everything There is a Season."

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!



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.

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



Thank you to everyone for your generosity and thoughtfulness. From the pastors to the entire congregation, your kindness brightened my day and warmed my heart last Sunday.

It was not an easy decision to retire. After much consideration, thought, and prayer, the answer was that it was time. I thank God that I was guided to The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, showing me a real family community. I'm so lucky to have all of you in my life. Thank you for your unwavering love and support. God Bless

~ Dean Black

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.

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

Hello Holy Spirit!

Who has started thinking about Christmas???



The EHS Angel Network has, and they have begun planning for the Christmas food baskets! As part of that, our Holy Spirit collection will take place in the month of October. Our event will be held December 7th – December 10th, and we are expecting to serve approximately 165 families. The baskets contain approximately \$145 worth of food and hygiene products. It is a big project, and your generosity plays a huge part in making the food baskets meaningful to families.

We are going to combine the Christmas and Spring collections again this year, so our goals are as follows:

300 laundry detergent (bottles, sheets, or pods)

300 cans of corn

The canned green beans have already been donated.

With that being said, we are going to add adult men's and women's socks, to be distributed to the community friends who attend the Sunday morning breakfasts at Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. You will find the labeled bins outside the Fellowship Center. Please bring your donations starting October 1st.

As always, the EHS Angel Network looks forward to this give-away and we are most grateful for the many years of collaboration with Holy Spirit that help to make it a success. You are THE BEST!! If anyone would like to help on Monday December 8th with inventory, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

With much gratitude, Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network



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, Alex, Ben, Phyllis, Nathan, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Scott, Dayton, Lisa, Teresa, Gayle, Brad, Jameson, Rainer, Christa, Diane, Laura, Lorraine, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Nancy, Linda, Elizabeth, Helen, Mike, Kurt, Larry, Laura, Nancy, Don, Deacon Mel, and Zoey.

In times of joy and celebration for the birth of Caroline Mae to parents Nick and Ashley and for the birth of Maxwell James to parents Becca and Garrett, grandparents are Lisa and Bill Walton.

In times of joy, we give thanks for the marriage of Lincoln Walton and Alison Snyder, Lisa and Bill's son and daughter in law.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Margie Wagerick, Nancy Yablonski's sister and for the family and friends of Raymond Grube, father of Sue Reiss.

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.

YOUTH EVENTS!

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



Sunday, October 5th: Our First Youth Hang is Halloween themed! Grades 6-8, join us from 6:00-8:00 in the fellowship center! Wear a costume to add to the fun! We will have snacks, games, and faith-based activities to get us in the Halloween spirit!



Friday October 10th-Sunday October 12th:

Catechism Camp is just around the corner! We are so excited to experience God's beautiful fall season together at Bear Creek. [SIGN UP HERE](#) We really need adult support, specifically male chaperones. Please consider giving your time to these incredible young people.



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 HSC 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!



STITCH-N-CHAT

Stitch –n- Chat is a quilt knotting group that started in member's homes and moved to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA in 2004. Its mission is to create quilts, using donated fabrics and give

them to charitable organizations. For 20+ years, they have done just that. When donated fabrics come in, volunteers cut them into squares (11, 9, 6 or 5"). Patchwork designs are created and sewn into the tops by home sewers.

Twice a month, the tops are brought in to the church, matched with a bottom fabric, and a fiberfill bat is put between the layers. Knots are sewn to keep the layers together using a coordinating color cotton crochet thread. Once knotted, other volunteers bind the edges to finish them.

Twice a year the finished quilts are displayed in the sanctuary by laying them over the backs of the pews. It is a beautiful sight. During the service, congregants are asked to lay hands on them as a special blessing is said – blessings for the recipients and thanksgiving for the creators. The quilts are then delivered to helping agencies in the Lehigh Valley and beyond, as well as given to members who need personal support.

Over the years, more than 20 organizations have received quilts and over 20 volunteers per month spent countless hours and have created an average of 150 quilts a year.

Funds are needed to purchase the fiberfill batting. Today, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has donated money for the batting thru a Thrivent Action grant for which we give thanks. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the offering plate, or give online under "Other" by [clicking here](#). Please mark your donation, "Stitch-n-Chat." Thank you.

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. 10/5	8:45 am 9:35 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Blended Worship Service Project (FC) Blended Worship Blessing of the Animals (Parking Lot) Sunday Night Live (SC) Youth Group (FC)
Mon. 10/6	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon 7:00 pm	NS Photos (WC Lobby) Counters(116) Pastor's Meeting (Office) Lunch w/ Pr Shari (117/119) Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 10/7	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	NS Photos (WC Lobby) Staff Meeting (116) Grief Support Group (ASR) Property Committee (116) Community Justice Panel (SC) Tech Team (Zoom)
Weds. 10/8	2:00 pm 2:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119) Rejoicing Ringers (WC) Spirit Ringers (WC) Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 10/9	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC) Pr Tami MMT (ASR) Requiem Rehearsal (WC) Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 10/11	9:00 am 9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC) Allentown Music Club (FC)
Sun. 10/12	1:50 pm 2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC) Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 10/13	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113) Counters (116) Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 10/14	9:15 am 12:40 pm 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	NS Chapel (WC) NS Chapel (WC) Staff Meeting (116) Grief Support Group (ASR)
Weds. 10/15	9:15 am 9:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	NS Chapel (WC) M&M's (117) Bible Stories (117/119) Preparedness Group (110/112) Spirit Ringers (WC) LV Foster Care Collaboration Mtg. (FC)
Thurs. 10/16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC) Requiem Rehearsal (WC) Church Growth (117/119) Spirit Voices (WC)