HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

November 1
All Saints Sunday
Youth Gathering Meeting
Youth Hang Out
Requiem Concert

November 2
Lunch w/Pr Shari

November 3
Election Day

November 4
Bible Study

November 8
Rejoicing Spirits

November 13
Cat Camp

November 15
Bible Sunday

FALL BACK -
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
Sunday, November 1, 2026

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

9:30 am Adult Faith Formation, CAT Class, High School Connect

9:45 am Family Worship

10:10 am Sunday School, Gospel/Sermon Replay

***10:45 am Worship**

4:00 pm All Saints Requiem Concert

Nursery Care is available at all morning services in Room 113.

***Worship will be online.**

If you are worshipping with us online, 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.

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

ATTENDANCE: October 25, 2026

	In Person	Online
8:30 am	**103**	**12**
9:45 am	**83**	**N/A**
10:45 am	**157**	**18**

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Sue Reiss		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Linda Devine	Dianna Olszewski Sheila Huff Volunteers Needed	Dianna Olszewski Susann Madara
Message		Baptisms	
Readers	Beth Fatzinger	Everett B.	Mike Rothe
Greeters	Sue Reiss	John McClain	Linda Letts
Ushers	Chuck Whirl	John McClain	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Ryan Olszewski

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us in the Fellowship Center from 9:30 to 10:30 am each Sunday for Faith Formation. Topics are listed below:

Nov. 1 - Songs that Unite Us: Prayers for our Nation - Join with friends and fellow members as we celebrate the blessing of our right to vote and sing and pray for our nation and the world.
Nov. 8 - Village In Partnership with John Huddle and Rich Daesner
Nov. 15 - 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's with Lee Ann Kriner
Nov. 22 - New Member Welcome Breakfast
Nov. 29 - Intergenerational Faith Formation Event

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Christmas Ingathering collection for the **Bright Hope Pregnancy Center** begins this week. Please see the list below for items needed. There are designated bins for Bright Hope as well as the gifts for Topton Home children (click here to sign up) in the coat room of the Fellowship Center lobby. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 22nd.

Bright Hope Pregnancy Center

Baby wash
Baby Shampoo
Baby Lotion
Diaper Sizes: Newborn, 3 and 6
New Clothing Sizes: Newborn thru 2T
Baby Wipes
Baby Bottles and Sippy Cups

LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Bring your lunch and join Pastor Shari in conversation from Noon to 1pm on Monday, November 2nd in the Fellowship Center.

"Love your neighbor". Vote! Election Day is November 3rd. Invite a neighbor to vote with you. May God bless our community. Go to https://Vote.PA for information."

Lutheran Basics Study

You are warmly invited to discover the basics of the Lutheran faith and our understanding of God's grace, faith, Scripture, worship, and service. Come with your questions as we explore faith together in a welcoming community.

This gathering is for everyone—whether you are new to the Lutheran tradition, considering membership, returning to church, or simply curious. No previous knowledge is needed, and questions are always welcome.

What We'll Explore Through
Martin Luther's Small Catechism

- God's lens of grace
- The Bible
- Baptism and Holy Communion
- Worship, Prayer, and the Church year
- Serving our neighbors
- Mission and Ministry

Gather With Us
Date: Mondays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30th
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 PM
Location: Online Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://docs.zoom.us/agenda/doc/178fa398-cd81-4af1-ac30-d119f70b8208
Meeting ID: 849 1815 9759
Passcode: 279201

Contact: Pastor Shari

Bring your curiosity and join us for conversation, learning, and fellowship. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY - JEREMIAH: PROPHET FOR OUR TIMES?

As we explore the book of Jeremiah, we will not only look at the context for his messages but also ask what they have to say to us today.

Week 4: Wednesday November 4 at 2 p.m. Room 110/112
THE COST OF MINISTRY

What did it cost Jeremiah to be God's spokesperson? What is the cost for us today? How can we identify and support those who speak for God? Don't worry if you missed other sessions. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity.

Weeks to follow: Wednesday, November 11 and November 18

NOVEMBER 8TH ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:30 am

Join us for a session with John Huddle, Executive Director of Village in Partnership (VIP). Come and learn about VIP's projects and programs that support communities in Malawi, a landlocked nation in southeastern Africa, where many people face significant economic challenges and the annual income is about $600.00.

Each year, VIP sponsors medical and dental mission trips, as well as friendship trips, that build relationships and strengthen communities. Inspired by Jesus' call to serve the poor, John will share the good news of VIP's work and the power of partnership.

Hear inspiring stories of how VIP listens to the needs and hopes of villagers and works alongside them to bring meaningful improvements to their lives.

All are welcome! Come, be inspired by a ministry rooted in faith, friendship, and service to others.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing Spirits

Rejoicing Spirits will celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 8th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow the service. Please join us – ALL are welcome!

JOYFUL GENEROSITY - Estimate of Giving for 2027

Recently you received information with the details of our ***Grounded in Joyful Generosity*** fall financial stewardship campaign. Thank you to all those who have submitted their 2027 Estimate of Giving cards that were included in the campaign information!! The best way for us to plan our ministries for the coming year is to have an estimate of our income and we appreciate your help in this process.

If you have not already returned your Estimate of Giving for 2027, we ask that you submit it by November 15th. 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. Other ways to complete your Estimate of Giving are to email finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org or go online at lchsemmaus.org (click on Stewardship, then follow the prompts).
Thank You from the LCHS Stewardship Team

Our Friends' Table will be venturing in November to Cactus Blue for both a lunch and dinner of Mexican food. We will continue during upcoming months with Hungarian, Indian, Mediterranean, Caribbean, German, and more, plus bonus Lunar New Year meals! Come on out for both fellowship and exploration!
If interested and not yet signed up, please sign up by emailing: mailto:ChurchDining@Bashus.com ... or contact Pearl Bashus, aka "Mrs. B" from Sunday School.

BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY

Thank you for your part in helping us spread the healing power of flowers. Here are some ways you can continue to support our ministry: deliver small bouquets to members; donate flowers from your garden; help make the bouquets the Friday before we deliver. **Upcoming delivery dates are November 21 and December 19.** Please sign up to help by clicking here.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.

Join with other people of faith as we give thanks for the many blessings our nation has received and pray for peace that is based on the health and wholeness of creation, individuals, our community, nation and the world. This year Holy Spirit is privileged to host this gathering sponsored by the Interfaith Action Committee of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

The Children's Ministry table and basket in the worship center lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

You are invited to join us for our annual crafts, cookies and cocoa event on Friday, December 4th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm Children will have the opportunity to create Christmas themed crafts. The children can share the crafts they made as Christmas gifts for family and friends so that they can experience the joy of giving. Refreshments of cookies and cocoa will be provided.

All are welcome to join in the festivities! You can participate by planning/leading a craft, or bringing children (family, friends, and neighbors) to attend. Please click here to sign up so we can plan for crafts and refreshments. If interested in leading a craft, please contact Karin Kahler.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 18

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. If possible, include a picture or two of your event(s). Annual Reports will be due to the church office no later than Friday, December 18, 2026.

CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND BOX

In the coat closet in the Narthex, there are lots of travel cups and clothes that have been left behind. Please re-claim yours today!

WORSHIP LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would be interested in serving as a **COMMUNION ASSISTANT** at one of our Sunday morning worship services, please sign up by clicking here.

Interested in becoming a member of our **Production/Technology Team**? Training is provided and you can pick the date(s) you would want to serve. Speak with one of our tech people on a Sunday morning to find out more or volunteer by signing up by clicking here.

ALTAR CARE HELPER ***Would you like to help at church but don't have a lot of time?*** Preparing the altar for services is the perfect choice! 15 minutes before and after the service you attend is all that is needed. We will train and support you until you are comfortable.

Worship volunteers choose what days they would like to serve, and training is available. Sign Up here or you can **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.

PRESCHOOL CAR WASH
GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Holy Spirit Nursery School is partnering with The Car Wash (Broadway, Hamilton, and West Main), to offer a gift card fundraiser. Gift cards in denominations of $10, $25, and $50 will be sold with delivery in time for Christmas gift giving. The preschool will receive 50% of each gift card sold. **The proceeds will be used to support the preschool playground fund.**

Gift cards can be used at any of the three locations and can be used toward the purchase of a variety of wash options.

Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th. Paper forms are available on the Information Table in the Lobby or an electronic form can be accessed HERE. Payment can be made using the church website, Venmo, cash, or check. Any questions, contact Karin Kahler.

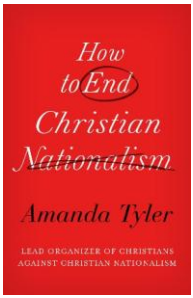
Holy Spirit! I just wanted to thank you all and bring you up to date on our Angel Network collection. We are a little behind to meet our goals for this year's collection. This is a one time collection of 320 cans of corn, and 320 laundry detergents, which supplies the Angel Network students and their families. That being said, we will be trying to get the Spring collection completed with this collection also, and those goals will be as follows: Immediate needs for December are 30 cans of corn, and 110 laundry detergents.

Still needed for the spring:
165 cans of corn (Weiss brand super sweet canned corn - .69 cents each- x 12= $8.28). Best price I could find this week.
165 laundry detergents (CVS- Gain detergent pacs - 42 count $9.99).
Please feel free to share better prices so I can update them for all next week!

We will be extending the collection into November, and the bins will still be outside the fellowship center. Thank you all so much for keeping Angel Network students and their families in your minds! Our receiver families are most grateful! And the EHS Angel Network is blessed to be partners with Holy Spirit in this important outreach program!

THANK YOU for your support!!! For the first time since June18th, I was able to return home after a third hip surgery and rehab. Physical therapy continues and I will be looking for rides until I am cleared to drive BUT I want to thank all if you for the thoughts and prayers, visits, rides, gifts and Door Dash cards for meals. I was often complimented for my positive attitude in spite of my circumstances, but the credit belongs to all of you and my faith. Thank you so much!

~ Deb Smith



ONLINE BOOK STUDY

The NEPA Synod Racial Justice Team invites participants to an online study of Amanda Tyler's **How to End Christian Nationalism**. Beginning November 2, the nine sessions will explore the difference between Christian nationalism and the teachings of Jesus, religious freedom for all, and ways to have difficult conversations with loved ones.

Sessions meet on select Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
Dates: Monday Evenings - November 2, November 23, Dec 7, Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, March 8, March 22
Time: 7 pm-8:30 pm via Zoom.
Led by: Rev. Brandon Heavner and Rev. Samantha Drennan (Synod Racial Justice Team)
Materials: Participants are asked to purchase their own copy of the book. However, assistance is available if needed. A rental copy of the book is available through the synod's Resource Center.

To register: Please contact Samantha Drennan at: (samantha@nepsynod.org) to be enrolled in the class and receive the Zoom link.
ABOUT THE BOOK: Christian nationalism is a powerful and pervasive ideology, one that is becoming normalized. From Amanda Tyler, lead organizer of the Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign, comes ***How to End Christian Nationalism***, a vital companion for countering this dangerous ideology. Tyler draws on her experiences, conversations with pastors and laypeople, research, Scripture, her Baptist convictions, and her work as a constitutional law expert to help us confront Christian nationalist fervor.

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

Prayers for God's presence for our homebound members: Gayle, Joan, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

Prayers for God's healing in times of illness for our members and friends: Arya, Glen, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Mark, Sally, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Mike, Terry, Ann, Josh, Janie, Laura, Donna, Brynne, Keegan, Jan, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Carl, Ryan, Holly, Prytchyk Family, Pete, Sylvia, Harry, Laura, Deb, Wilma, Elaine, Carol, Mary, and Don.

This weekend, **we celebrate the baptism** of Noah Alexander and Victor Joseph. We welcome Noah and Victor into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

In times of joy we celebrate today the baptism of Shelby Grace, parents Emily and Robby, grandparents Deb and Bob in Sterling, Virginia.

We extend our sympathy to Mary Weiss and family on the death of her husband, Rich, friends of Lynn Snyder.

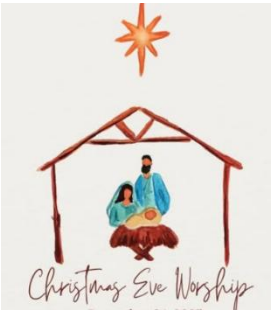
Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

- **Nov 1** • 4:00 PM – All Saints Requiem Concert
- **Nov 25** • 12:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- **Dec 4** • 6:00 PM – Crafts, Cookies & Cocoa
- **Dec 6** • 4:00 PM – Bells of Christmas Concert
- **Dec 13** • 9:45 AM – Children's Pageant
- **Dec 20** • 12:30 PM – Blue Christmas Service



Christmas Eve – Dec 24

***3:00 PM | *5:00 PM**
Family Worship

***7:30 PM | 10:00 PM**
(*Childcare available)

Sunday – Dec 27 • 10:00 AM

Lessons & Carols *(Light breakfast follows)*

CALENDAR

Sun. 11/1	11:15 am	Grazio – Roots & Branches Group (117/119)
	12:30 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	4:00 pm	Requiem Concert (WC)
	4:30 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting (FC)
	5:30 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)
Mon. 11/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Pr Shari (FC)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions Team (FC)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (116)
	7:30 pm	Lutheran Basics Study (Zoom)
Tues. 11/3	9:00 am	Nursery School Staff CPR Training (110/112)
Election Day	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 11/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:30 am	Member Engagement Team (116)
	12:30 pm	IUP (116)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation for Children (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 11/5	9:25 am & 12:45	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Daisy Girl Scout Troop (SC)
	6:30 pm	Staff Support (116)
		NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Fri. 11/6	9:00 am	Decorating
Sat. 11/7	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	1:00 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Sun. 11/8	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 11/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:30 pm	Lutheran Basics Study (Zoom)
Tues. 11/10	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Movie Group (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Weds. 11/11	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Team (116)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)

The Bells of Christmas

Sunday, December 6th at 4 pm

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

3461 Cedar Crest Blvd, Emmaus

Name: _____ _____

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

Red _____ White_____ Marble _____

Plants cost $14.00 each Total Enclosed: $_____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

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In Memory of _____

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Poinsettia's can be picked up following the last Christmas Eve worship or on Sunday, December 27th.
Please return form in the offering plate or to the office *with your payment* ***no later than* Sunday, November 29th.**