



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events **October 25**

New Member Info Session

October 26, 2026
Lutheran Basics Study

October 28, 2026
Bible Study

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

**9:30 am New Member Information
Session, 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**

**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.

October 18, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:45 am	116	8
9:45 am	101	N/A
10:30 am	97	10

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Jimmy Lee Werley		Elizabeth Moessner
Communion Assistants	Suzanne Wendt	Sheila Huff Dianna Olszewski	Dianna Olszewski Vi Ballard
Message		Video	
Readers	Diane Evans	Maisie S.	Confirmands
Greeters	Ava Killingsworth	Pirrotta Family	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Alan Sylvestre	Pirrotta Family	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Bill Newill Glenn Hinderliter Kristen Newill	Craig Kauffman Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie

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

INFORMATION SESSION FOR
NEW MEMBERS

INFORMATION SESSION for POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

October 25th 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.

The EHS Angel Network has started collecting for our food baskets during the month of October! Our event will be held December 6th - December 9th, and we are expecting to serve approximately 165 families. We are going to combine the Christmas and Spring collections again this year, so our goals are as follows:



- ❖ **300 laundry detergent (sheets, pods, or bottles)**
- ❖ **300 cans of corn**

You will find the labeled bins outside the fellowship center to place your donations. Thank you.



**Lunch
with
Pastor
Shari**

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.

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

<https://holyspirit-emmaus-rg.zoom.us/j/81925448312?pwd=RsVk0ALwumsOP4YtKH9NveCF8FrAA8.1>

Meeting ID: 819 2544 8312 Passcode: 016307

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 3 – Wednesday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 110/112

WHICH VOICES SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

As in our time, there were many voices telling the people what to believe about their nation. Was it doing well? Had they escaped the threat of their enemies? Who really was speaking for God?

Don't worry if you have missed other sessions. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity.

Weeks to follow: Wednesday, November 4
 Wednesday, November 11
 Wednesday, November 18

PRIME TIMER'S is Holy Spirit's active "Senior's" group who enjoy getting together for fellowship, good conversation, and positive experiences.. The group is composed of singles and couples, and while some are members of Holy Spirit, they bring friends and invite other churches in the area to join. They would love for you to come out on **October 28 for Coffee Hour**. Bring a friend or two for baked goods, jokes, fun trivia, health tips and more! We will meet at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center.



OCTOBER'S HEALTH NOTE:

RSV: Respiratory Syncytial Virus is a common, highly contagious, virus that affects lungs and breathing passage. Usual occurrence time is in the fall and peaks in winter and early spring. People at most risk are infants under 6 months of age, adults over 60, people with chronic conditions or weakened immune systems. Good prevention strategies are good hand washing, staying home if sick and cleaning surfaces regularly. Current vaccine recommendations are for adults over 75 years of age, high risk people 50-74, pregnant individuals as well as preventative antibiotics for infants. ~ Carol Campbell



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.



CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

begins Sunday, November 1st. You will have opportunities to purchase needed supplies for the **Bright Hope Pregnancy Center** as well as **gifts for the children in the Tipton Home**

Foster Care program. Watch for our MailChimp email this week with details on what exactly is needed for **Bright Hope** and the link for Sign-Up Genius for Christmas gifts **for kids at Tipton**. 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. Call Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349 with any questions you may have.

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.



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.

*Crafts,
Cookies
and Cocoa*

DECEMBER 4
6:00 - 7:30 PM



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 REPORT

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.



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.



"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."



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.



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](#).



Members of Holy Spirit,

It is with much gratitude that we extend our sincere thanks for upholding us in your prayers, sending us beautiful flowers, personal phone calls, the many expressions of comfort in cards and through the beautiful prayer shawl which offers warmth and

comfort. Your thoughtfulness and kindness has been overwhelming.

We are blessed to be members of such a caring and supportive community in Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping us persevere through this challenging time. You have uplifted our spirits.

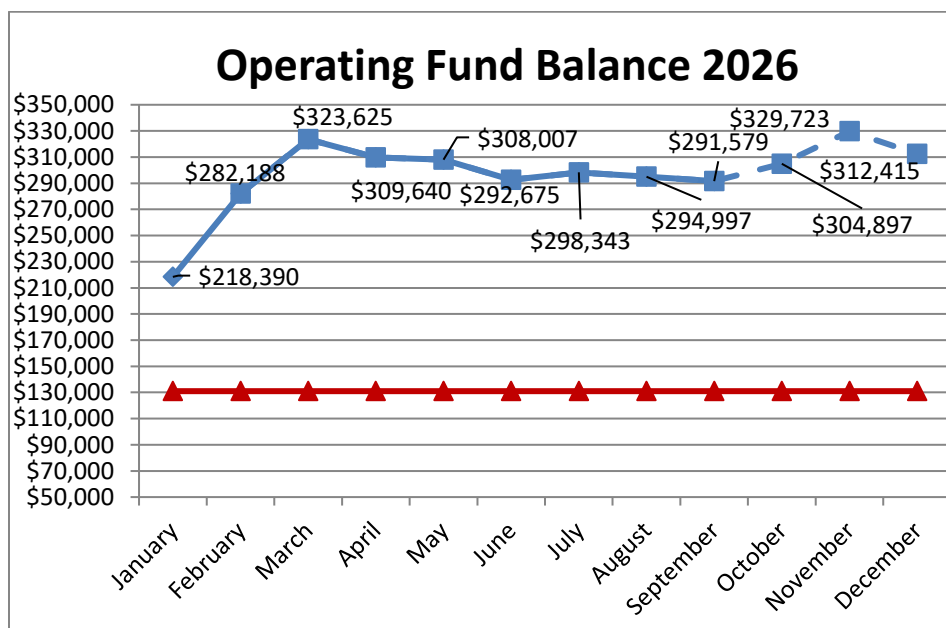
~ Sincerely, Joe and Deb Burke

Financial Results and Discussion – September 2026

Operating Performance: September income was \$75320.36, \$17,855 or 19.2% below budget. Operating expenses were \$78,739, \$7,596 or 8.8% below budget. We finished September with a \$3,419 deficit, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$6,840. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **January - December**.

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

- **Straight Line at \$131,000:** 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 \$830.00 during the month and has a balance of \$19,169.94.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of September 30, 2026 is \$314,944.94.



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, Bantok Family, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Mike, Terry, Ann, Josh, Lanie, Laura, Brynne, Keegan, Jan, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Carl, Ryan, Holly, Prytych Family, Pete, Sylvia, Harry, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Wilma, Elaine, Carol, Mary, Rich, and Don.

We give thanks for the faithful step these youth are taking as they affirm their baptism this weekend: Story, Asher, Alexis, Maxwell, Delaney, Gabriella, Alyssa, Bennett, and Evelyn.

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.

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 – Bell 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*)

2026 TRUNK OR TREAT

A HUGE thank you to the 96 Volunteers who braved the cold and wind to help make our Trunk or Treat/Fall Fest a success. We had 447 attendees on Saturday, October 17th. We are truly blessed.







November 1, 2026
All Saints' Requiem
Remembrance Form
(for the 4:00 pm concert)

**In the afternoon PowerPoint presentation,
I would like to remember:**

Submitted By _____

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION (NAMES) NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026.**

**I would like to contribute _____ (amount) towards
defraying the cost of the musicians for this service.**

Given by:

In memory of: _____

Please drop this form in the mail to: LCHS, 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.,
Emmaus, PA 18049, email deaconstarego@holyspirit-emmaus.org, or
give this form to Reylene Starego by October 26, 2026.



Name: _____

Envelope Number _____

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

Red _____ White _____ Marble _____

Plants cost \$14.00 each Total Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

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.**

CALENDAR

Sun. 10/25	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (WC)
	11:45 am	Cards w/ Friends (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 10/26	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
Tues. 10/27	6:30 pm	Outreach Team (Zoom)
	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
Weds. 10/28	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	9:10am	NS Halloween Parade (Lower Parking Lot)
	9:30 am	Stich-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
Thurs. 10/29	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	9:10 am & 12:40pm	NS Halloween Parade (Lower Parking Lot)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 10/30	9:00 am	Decorating
Sat. 10/31	8:00 am	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 11/1	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)
Tues. 11/3	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (116)
	9:00 am	Nursery School Staff CPR Training (110/112)
	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)