



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

October 11

Rejoicing Spirits

October 12, 13

Fall Grounds Clean Up

October 14, 28

Bible Study

October 17

Trunk-or-Treat

October 24

Confirmation Banquet

October 25

New Member Info Session

November 1

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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

**9:30 am Fellowship,
CAT Class, High School Connect**

9:45 am Family Worship

**10:10 am Sunday School,
Gospel/Sermon Replay**

***10:45 am Worship**

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits

**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 4, 2026

8:45 am

9:45 am

10:30 am

In Person

126 9

110 (17 Pets - Blessing of the Animals)

72 17

Online

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	JoEllen Rooney		Ruth Doty
Communion Assistants	Sue Reiss Angie Niland	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Susann Madara
Message		John and Theo	
Readers	Linda Devine	Connor K.	Michael Epperly
Greeters	Christine Bolen	Smith Family	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Bob Bolen	Smith Family	Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman

OCTOBER ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us this Fall, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30 to 10:30 am each Sunday for Faith Formation. October topics are listed below:

Oct. 11 - Fellowship

Oct. 18 - Northeast Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. Come and learn about the synod with Assistant to the Bishop, Chelle Huth.

Oct. 25 –Artificial Intelligence & Data Center growth: Why, what, and challenges. In this presentation, member John Osenbach will try to stitch together AI operational basics, its impact on the volume of information transmitted over the internet, the resulting need to grow the number and size of data centers, and the societal challenges this entails.



The Rejoicing Ringers will return for our Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, October 11th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. "Through every season, we are all in God's boat together" is the special message. Please join us and stay for the reception in the Fellowship Center following the service.



FAITH250

Sunday, October 11, 3-5 p.m.

As our nation continues to celebrate its 250th anniversary, Faith250 is a program that invites faith leaders and communities across the country to form clusters of congregations to act as sacred spaces for listening to one another, clarifying our shared civic values, and celebrating our hopes for America. Its work centers on some of America's sacred texts. Since May, the Interfaith Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley has been organizing these gatherings to consider the meaning and blessings of our country's founding. It is a time for people of multiple faiths to enjoy respectful dialogue.

The October gathering will explore the 1923 Speech to Calvin Coolidge by Native American Ruth Muskrat and will be hosted by **Horizon Church, 2613 West South Street, Allentown, PA 18104.**



We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **Monday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th.** If you are able, we would love your help from 9:00 am – Noon to weed, rake leaves out of beds, trim bushes, etc. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, work gloves and any other items you think might be needed.

PRIME TIMER'S

October 13 – Movie. Join us in the All-Saints Room at 10:00 am to watch "*Bringing Down the House*" starring Steve Martin and Queen Latifa.

October 28 – 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.



TRUNK or TREAT / FALL FEST

Saturday, October 17th from 1:00-2:30 pm

(Rain date 10/18)

This intergenerational event is a fun way for LCHS children, their families, and the community to safely enjoy the time of year. It is also a great opportunity to introduce families to our church. In addition to Trunk or Treating, the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and more! Everyone is invited

Come join the fun!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE EVENT:

- **Join in volunteering to help set up or tear down** for the event by moving tables, chairs, decorating, hanging signs, etc. from 9:00-10:30 am or 2:30 to 3:30 pm.
- **We are collecting** wrapped candy (**peanut free please**), gluten free treats, and non-edible items such as pencils and stickers to distribute at the event. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Fellowship Center.
- **Make a financial contribution** to help offset the costs. **Invite** your friends and family.

For additional information or questions about our Trunk or Treat/ Fall Fest event, please contact Courtney Keiser at: courtney_keiser@yahoo.com.



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.

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 2 – Wednesday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 110/112

WHAT WAS HE SUPPOSED TO SAY?

What were the messages God told Jeremiah to deliver? How might the ways God expresses these messages impact the way we think about God? Don't worry if you missed the first session. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity.

Weeks to follow: Wednesday October 28 (note skip October 21)
 Wednesday, November 4
 Wednesday, November 11
 Wednesday, November 18



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



IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES!!

Saturday October 24th

Confirmation Banquet 11:00 - 2:00

Friday November 13th thru

Sunday November 15th

Cat Camp at Bear Creek

We are encouraging high school mentors to attend!

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 October 24, November 21 and December 19.** Please sign up to help by [clicking here](#).



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 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.



Our Friends' Table will take our first culinary forays to Bamboo Asian restaurant in October! If interested and haven't signed up for the group yet, simply email: ChurchDining@Bashus.com or contact Pearl Bashus ("Mrs. B" from Sunday School).



WORSHIP LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would be interested in serving as a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services, you can 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.



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: Bill, Bantok Family, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Mike, Terry, Janie, Laura, Brynne, Jan, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Angie, Carl, Ryan, Susan, Holly, Harry, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Wilma, Elaine, Mary, Rich, and Don.

In times of joy and celebration for Carl O.'s 90th birthday and for Marlene and Rich's 60th wedding anniversary.

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.

Joyful Generosity — The Invitation to Give

This week our stewardship emphasis will explore “The Invitation to Give”. The financial stewardship of our congregation remains strong! We thank everyone that has supported and continues to support the mission of our congregation with your financial offerings. These gifts allow our ministries that serve our communities and beyond to continue and to grow.

We have reached the time when you are asked to consider your giving to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit for 2027. This Sunday, before and after each service, we will in the Narthex handing out a mailer that contains:

- A letter from the Stewardship Team
- A page of photos highlighting many of the “ministry moments” to-date in 2026
- An Estimate of Giving Card for 2027

For members that do not receive their mailer in-person this Sunday, they will be mailed to homes during the week.

We ask that you complete the 2027 Estimate of Giving Card and when you attend worship, offer your intention by placing it in the box located in the narthex (no later than November 15th). Other ways this can be done are by mail to the church office, email to finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org and online at lchsemmaus.org , click on Stewardship and then follow the prompts.

Also, please plan to join us at worship on Sunday, October 18th as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday and give thanks for the Joyful Generosity of all your gifts of time, talent and treasure throughout the year.

From the LCHS Stewardship Team

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, Oct. 26th, 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!

CALENDAR

Sun. 10/11	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 10/12	9:00 am	Fall Grounds Clean Up
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 10/13	9:00 am	Fall Grounds Clean Up
	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 10/14	9:00 am	NS Picture Day (Narthex)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation Team (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/15	9:00 am	NS Picture Day (Narthex)
	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sat. 10/17	1:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
Sun. 10/18	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 10/19	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (117/119 & ASR)
Tues. 10/20	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 10/21	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/22	9:25 am	Nursery School Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Daisy Girl Scout Troop (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 10/23	9:00 am	Decorating
	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 10/24	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Banquet (FC)



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** • 9:30 AM – Christmas Around the World
- **Dec 20** • 12:30 PM – Blue Christmas Service

Christmas Eve – Dec 24

3:00 PM | 5:00 PM

7:30 PM | 10:00 PM



Sunday – Dec 27 * 10:00 AM

Lessons & Carols (*Light breakfast follows*)



Remembrance Form
All Saints' Sunday – November 1, 2026

In morning worship, I would like to remember:

NAME(S):

Submitted By:

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM/YOUR INFORMATION
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2026.**

Email information to Nikki Clark at: clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org or drop this form in the basket in the narthex.



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.