



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

October 4

Blessing of the Animals
2027 Youth Gathering
Meeting

October 5

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

October 11

Rejoicing Spirits

October 12, 13

Fall Grounds Clean Up

October 17

Trunk-or-Treat

October 24

Confirmation Banquet

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

**9:45 am Worship - Blessing of the
Animals - outside under the tent -
please bring a lawn chair/blanket**

***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.

September 27, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:45 am	110	14
GWOH	113	
10:30 am	90	18

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Ruth Doty
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Sue Reiss	N/A	Jackie Leipert Susann Madara
Readers	Fran Derhammer	Ben H.	Evalyn P.
Greeters	Barb Roba	Slaby Family	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Becky Keane	Slaby Family	Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt Volunteer Needed	N/A	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Volunteer Needed



Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday morning, October 4th, during the 9:45 family worship time. We will be together outside under a tent and all are invited to bring their favorite chair, blanket, and their pets (of any kind .. fury, scaly, feathery, etc.) for blessing.

Whoof, meow, caw, slither!

A special offering will be taken in support of the work of the *Lehigh Valley Humane Society community veterinary clinic*.

Dedication Ceremony

Also, as part of that morning's activities, there will be a plaque dedication in memory of former Holy Spirit Pastor Jim Bowers. The dedication will take place at the end of the 8:30 worship time with the placing of the plaque outside under the Memory Tree to end our time together.

Sunday October 4th

4:30- 5:30 First Official Youth Gathering Session!

(Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend the trip to Minneapolis in 2027.)

5:30 - 7:30 Youth Hang Out –

Bible Study and Halloween themed activities!



**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 1pm on Monday, **October 5th** in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.



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.

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. 4th - Blessing of the Animals -We will explore together, with all ages, the idea of intentional blessing for the gifts given to us in this life.

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.

JOYFUL GENEROSITY

The Joy of Living in Community

This week our stewardship emphasis will explore “The Joy of Living in Community.” We are called together in joy by a God who has a soft spot for community. One of Jesus’ most famous commandments to his followers is:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

Living together as the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit we strive to keep this commandment. Here are just a few examples of our ministries that demonstrate the ways in which our congregation helps people “love one another.”

- **Bloomin’ Faith Ministry** shows care and concern for the members who are shut-in, ill or grieving, and also shares our happiness and joy through delivery of small bouquets of flowers.
- **Eucharistic Ministers** are members that provide communion and a passionate, listening ear for members unable to attend services in-person.
- **Stephen Ministers** are members that have been trained to provide one-on-one care to members that are going through unique challenges or crises in their lives.
- **Rejoicing Spirits** is an innovative ministry that works to enrich the faith lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and friends;

As you prepare for worship this weekend, think about how you have contributed to our congregation’s love for one another and benefited from this love. Think also about the important ways your gifts of time, talent and money have made possible the ministries that help the congregation keep Jesus’ commandment.

From the LCHS Stewardship Team

Welcome, Jean Mawson, ULS Ministry Fieldwork Placement!

She is here to complete her Fieldwork as a student at United Lutheran Seminary. Jean is enrolled in the MA Professional – Deacon Track program. She will be with us on Sundays to observe and participate in our worship. She is considered a Distant Learner (online) Student. United Lutheran Seminary has campuses in Gettysburg and Philadelphia.

Jean Mawson is a lifelong member of Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. She currently is the Treasurer of the church and the Childcare Center. She is also a part-time Assistant Teacher at Jerusalem Childcare Center for the School-Age Program. At Jerusalem, she has been involved in many ways. Jean participates in the choir and handbell choir. She is on the altar guild and the social ministry committee. As treasurer, she also serves on church council.

Jean has a BA in Criminal Justice Administration from Mansfield University and has a Paralegal Certificate. She previously worked as a Paralegal and in Real Estate Title Closings. She took time off to care for her father.

Outside of Church, Jean is a Past State President of the Pennsylvania Jaycees. She is a JCI Senator and has held many offices in that organization.

Jean lives in Schuylkill Haven with her husband, Rob, and their dog, Finn. She looks forward to meeting everyone and sharing the community's faith life.

Update on Pastor Paisley Le Roy, Acting Director of Liturgy

Starting on September 14, 2026, Pastor Paisley returned from a requested leave to continue her duties regarding our liturgies at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. For six weeks, from July to her return, Pastor Shari completed this work. Grateful for understanding the process in a new way, we hope greater collaboration will bring about a worship experience that continues to send us forth into meaningful ministry in our daily lives. We are grateful for your return, Pastor Paisley!



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 to decorate car trunks and offer wrapped candies or items such as pencils and stickers to the children of Holy Spirit and our church neighborhood children. **Come join the fun!**

WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE EVENT:

- **Sponsor a trunk** - 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 or by calling Nikki in the church office and she will register you. The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is Thursday, October 8th.
- **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.
- **Place a Yard Sign** on your lawn or help **Distribute Doorhangers** advertising our event.
- **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.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

“Through Every Season, We’re All In God’s Boat Together” is the special message for the Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, October 11th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow the service. Please join us – ALL are welcome!



MUSIC REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN **ARE YOU READY TO JOIN IN?**

Spirit Ringers – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Spirit Voices – Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Requiem Rehearsals – Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Spirit of Praise (band) – every other Saturday at 9:00 am

Please speak with Reylene if you are interested or would like more information. All Are Welcome to join in the fun!



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.



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!



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.



Our Friends' Table (brainchild of Faith and Civic Life team) 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).



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](#).



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.



VOTERS OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

This Open House is an opportunity for the community to meet the Voters Office staff and see the equipment used to make sure our elections are

secure and transparent. The staff will be available to answer any questions and address concerns about the election process.

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 2-6pm

WHERE: Lehigh County Voters Office - 17 S 7th St, Allentown

Keep up to date! The deadline to register to vote is October 19th. Go to <https://Vote.PA> for information.

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.

The EHS Angel Network has started thinking about our winter food baskets already! Our Holy Spirit collection is scheduled for the month of October! Our event will be held December 6th - December 9th, and we are expecting to again 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. It is a big project and your generosity plays a huge part in making the food baskets meaningful to the families. Thank you!



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, Janet, 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, Terry, Janie, Laura, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Angie, Carl, Susan, Holly, Sally, Harry, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Anthony, Wilma, Elaine, Mary, Rich, and Don.

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.

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 1 – Wednesday, October 7th at 2 p.m.

CONTEXT AND CALL: What were the times like into which this young prophet was called to spend his life? How did God summarize the message he was to bring and the challenges it would involve? To what do we sense God might be calling us as individuals and a community? Bring your Bibles and your curiosity.

Weeks to follow: Wednesday, October 14

Wednesday October 28 (note skip one week)

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 11

Wednesday, November 18



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.**

CALENDAR

Sun. 10/4	9:45 am	Blessing of the Animals
	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	4:30 pm	2027 Youth Gathering Meeting (FC)
	5:30 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)
Mon. 10/5	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/Pastor Shari (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 10/6	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
Weds. 10/7	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 10/8	6:00 pm	Daisy Girl Scout Troop (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sat. 10/10	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
Sun. 10/11	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	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)
Weds. 10/14	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	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)



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.