HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

November 8
Rejoicing Spirits

November 9
Lutheran Basics Study

November 11
Bible Study

November 13
Cat Camp

November 15
Bible Sunday

November 22
New Member Welcome Breakfast

November 24
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 8, 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**

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.

ATTENDANCE: November 1, 2026

	In Person	Online
8:45 am	**167**	**16**
9:45 am	**106**	**N/A**
10:30 am	**82**	**10**

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Angie Niland	Sheila Huff Volunteers Needed	Jackie Leipert Susann Madara
Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Readers	Richard Feulner	Sally M.	Deborah Smith
Greeters	Don Walrod	Becky Keane	Kitti Berkheimer
Ushers	Becky Keane	Becky Keane	Mike Berkheimer
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed

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. 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

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing Spirits

The Special Message for the Rejoicing Spirits service on November 8th is: "*Thanks be to God for providing what we need.*" Please join us at 2:30pm in the Worship Center for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Following the service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship center. ALL are welcome!

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.



CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Christmas Ingathering collection for the **Bright Hope Pregnancy Center** began last 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 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

*Thank you all who have signed up for giving gifts to the children at Topton Home, all have been taken.

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. 9, 16, 23, 30th
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 PM
Location: Online Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting
https://holyspirit-emmaus-org.zoom.us/j/84918159759?pwd=ePOKR6lKLXAjLLZZgoBF1aVIR1LCmt.1
Meeting agenda
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 continue to 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 5: Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m.

NEGOTIATING A NEW RELATIONSHIP

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Jeremiah 32: 37-41

What was the new covenant God offered Israel? Who takes the initiative for creating and sustaining the relationship? What happens when that relationship gets strained? How does this relate to your relationship with God?

Don't worry if you missed the other sessions. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity. Week to follow: Wednesday, November 18

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



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 people of many faith traditions as we gather in gratitude for the countless blessings our nation has received. Together, we will offer prayers for peace, healing, and wholeness for creation, individuals, our community, our nation, and the world.

This year, **Holy Spirit** is honored to host this gathering, sponsored by the **Interfaith Action Committee of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches**. As we worship together, we will experience a variety of traditions and expressions of faith. For those of us in the Lutheran tradition, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in awareness and appreciation of the many ways people worship. Such experiences enrich our understanding, deepen our respect for one another, and remind us that learning from one another is a gift.

This Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will serve as **Holy Spirit's Thanksgiving worship offering for this year** and will be **livestreamed** for those who are unable to attend in person. To encourage participation in this special gathering, **the Wednesday noon worship service will not be held that week.**

Come and join us as we give thanks together and celebrate the rich diversity of faith within our community.

"*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*"
Psalm 118:24

WANT TO LEND A HAND TO THE SCOUTS?

Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie is holding their annual "Scouting for Food" event on **Saturday, November 14th**. They are looking for volunteers to help carry and sort all the food collected by the Scouts. Helping hands are needed from 10:30am - 1pm. Youth are welcome to participate and it's a great way to earn service hours! If interested in volunteering please call the main office at Grace 610-966-3325



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.



Dear Friends,
Carl very much appreciated the lovely bouquet from Bloomin' Faith friends. He was quite surprised to find them at our door. He misses church but the flowers remind him of all the wonderful people there.
Thanks so much. ~ Marilee Oplinger



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!



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.



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.

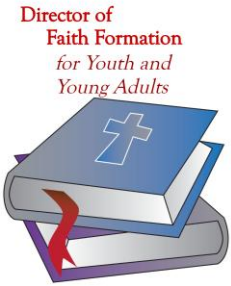
Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th. Paper forms are available on the Information Table in the Lobby or an electronic form can be accessed HERE. Payment can be made using the church website, Venmo, cash, or check. Any questions, contact Karin Kahler.

WOW!! What a difference a week makes Holy Spirit! Our new count as of Wednesday is 281 cans of corn, and 189 detergents!! That is 60 new detergents this week so far! And 116 cans of corn! You are all awesome and never cease to amaze me with your generous loving hearts!

So what we are still shooting for is:
111 more detergents and only 25 more cans of corn.

It's incredible! This may be the first year that we meet the goal for the detergent for both December and again in the Spring! The EHS Angel Network can't thank you enough. We are so thankful for our partnership. Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you!

God bless your generous hearts! ~ Deb Walsh



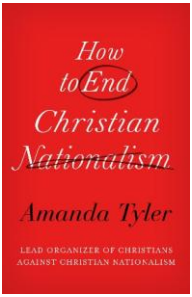
The search for LCHS's new full-time Director of Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adult Ministries is officially underway. The search committee has reached out to local and regional synods, seminaries, universities and camps to communicate our opening and share the job description with hopes of finding viable candidates. We are seeking applicants who are:

- Passionate mentors and relational leaders
- Exceptional communicators with strong interpersonal skills
- Contemporary, creative youth ministry leaders
- Committed Christians and members of the Lutheran Church

Preferred qualifications include a bachelor's degree in youth ministry, Christian education, family ministry, or a related field, and 2–3 years of experience working with youth and young adults.

Please direct inquiries or referrals to **Diane Evans at** diasevans02@gmail.com by **December 30, 2026.**

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 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, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Janet, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, and Bob.

Prayers for God's healing in times of illness for our members and friends: Andrea, Arya, Glen, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Mark, Sally, Donna Lee, Dayton, Lisa, Joan, Terry, Ann, Josh, Janie, Keegan, Jan, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Prytchyk Family, Pete, Sylvia, Carol, Mary, and Don.

We give thanks for the faithful step Thomas is taking as he affirms his baptism this weekend.

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.

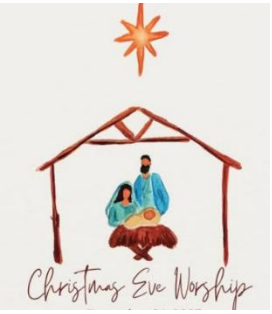
Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered 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. 24** • 7:00 PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- **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. 11/8	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 11/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	1:30 pm	Care Meeting (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Kiwanis Club (FC)
	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)
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)
Thurs. 11/12	9:25 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:45 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 11/13	9:25 am	NS Music (WC)
	CAT CAMP	
Sun. 11/15	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 11/16	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Finance Team (116)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Lutheran Basics Class (Zoom)
Tues. 11/17	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 11/18	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's (117/119)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 11/19	9:00 am	NS Conferences (116)
	9:25 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Daisy Girl Scout Troop (SC)
	6:30 pm	Interfaith Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	7:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 11/20	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 11/21	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)

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.**