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## The Voice of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church





## **Worship Assistants for Dec 2021**

	Asst.	Psalm			
<u>Date</u>	Minister	Reader	Ushers	Counters	
Dec 5	Alan S.	Taylor J.	The Klines	Devine/Pysher	
Dec 12	Kathy D.	Lydia Y.	Alan S./Alan D.	Christensen/Joshi	
Dec 19	Greg C.	Mikayla E.	The Colahans	The Colahans	
Dec 24					
3:30pm	Mike G.		The Colahans		
7:00pm	Jake G.		The Klines		
<b>Dec 27</b>	Meghan G.	Autumn J.	The Klines	Downey/Deemer	

Altar – Kathy D.

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday School for All -  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Sundays at 11:30a.m. (Sept – May) Worship Service – 10:15a.m.

Church office hours - Monday thru Thursday - 9:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.

Rev. Rachel Scheible –Pastor

Samuel Stevenson – Director of Music

Jeanne Warner – Office Secretary

Nancy Harris – Teacher – Pre-K

Colleen Hall – Teaching Asst – Pre-K

Shelly Avila – Teacher – PS & MMO

Sarah Murray – Assistant

Our Mission Know Christ! Grow! Spread God's Love!



## **Dear People of God**

Stewardship has been on my mind.

As stewards of all God's blessings, we are first receivers of what God has already done. Then in trust and faith, we accompany the active work of God in the world through our giving."

We are a church that believes Jesus is God's "Yes" to us. Our lives can be a "Yes" to others. Stewardship is one way that we can be that "Yes" to others. When asked: "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

God has come down to us in love, entrusting an abundance of resources to our care. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to give generously as a grateful response to God's abundance.

Stewardship is the way that we use all of our resources — time, talents, possessions and money — to love God and our neighbor. The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 exemplifies this type of stewardship. The Samaritan gave generously of his time, his possessions, and his money. He took a detour from his own travels just to help a hurting man, who was more of an enemy than a friend. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

Stewardship is a topic in my prayer life and family life. I have found the more I let go of, the lighter my heart becomes.

It is no surprise that finance is a recurring discussion in a church setting.

Budgets are prepared yearly in many homes, and as well in the church. My husband and I have a habit of praying and asking for God's direction where and how much to give. Each year we increase our giving, for the practicality as bills and expenses increase and foremost because God desires us to.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider to take a step and give more to the Church.

Try a tithe- move toward tithing (10%) on the 1st Sunday of month, (while maintaining your giving pattern the other Sundays of the month).

Or make a short term commitment- First 3 months of the year give at increased rate, returning to current commitment at conclusion. If you find it uncomfortable committing more weekly, or monthly, then compromise and give more bi-monthly or quarterly.

The fact is there are no returns unless we invest. Thank you for your continued witness to God's love and grace, Pastor



All Sunday services will be offered thru facebook live and zoom, which allows you connect and listen with your phone! At the worship time you can call in with phone number (929) 436 -2866. enter the Meeting ID: 826 904 5869 Passcode: 0504 when prompted.

Bulletin and prayers can now be found on the website: holyspiritsecane.org for each Sunday worship.



<u>**DEADLINE**</u> – For bears and Fair Acre gifts is **Dec 1**<sup>st</sup>. CAADC gifts will be due **Tuesday**, **December 7**<sup>th</sup>.



FIRST FRIDAY FUN –Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30pm in the social hall. Children, with their family, are invited to decorate gingerbread houses that will delivered to our church homebound members. There will be holiday music, Christmas story, safely prepared snack and other activities. Monetary donation received at the event. Please email or call church to RSVP.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 11:30am. \$5.00 per person; children 2 and under are free.

A great way to spend your morning with your children or grandchildren.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Each year during the Advent season we decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Eve. Just like you decorate your home, we need help to get ready for Jesus here also. We need help to put up the tree, decorate the tree, hang the lights and roping and wreaths on the doors. There are bows to tie and candles to prepare for the Candlelight Service. This year we will meet on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, after the service. Of course the more the merrier and faster. Join us for a fun time to work with your family at Holy Spirit.

**COUNCIL MEETING** – Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

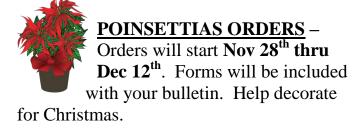
<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>–Dec 19<sup>th</sup> following service will be provided by the Finance & Stewardship Committees.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> - Stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>					
12/12	Meghan Gordon					

**BEARS ARE IN!** Pick up a bear and dress it up. You can find them in the front meeting room. They are **due back Sunday, Dec 1**<sup>st</sup>. They will be shared with Community Action Program of Delaware County.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP** – Date that orders will be sent into Shops with Script will be **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please hand in your order forms to Patsy or put in her mailbox. Extra forms can be found in the office.



<u>ANNUAL REPORTS</u> – Are due in the office by **January 16**<sup>th</sup>.



Patsy Gregg 12/1 Caroline Dougon 12/7 Michele Marusco 12/11 Sara Hoyt 12/12 Gina Taddie Helt 12/20 David Heacock 12/29 Shelly Avila – 12/31



Joe Monte Linda Taddie Frank Taddie Jackie Dewitt Lisa McDonough Cassie Leon Hugh Mullarkey Emma Schwab Jean Brown Meg Pysher Bob McKeighan Gary Kline Irene Muir Jane Pisano Dennis Matarese Albert Brogan Phil Atwood

SMILE.AMAZON.COM – Starting your Christmas shopping yet? Placing an order on Amazon? Enter Smile.amazon.com and select "Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit" as your charity. Holy Spirit will get ½ of 1% of your purchase.

### **CONDOLENCES:**

To the Kerns' family on the passing of Charles Kerns who passed away on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep the family in your prayers.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:30 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (FB LIVE) 7:00 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (ZOOM) SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> LESSONS AND CAROLS **Thank You** Dear Church for the lovely cross worship pendant and words of affirmation extended on November 14th. The year serving as your pastor has gone quickly. Our time together is just getting started! Always with much love, Pastor Rachel.

## **Christmas Worship Opportunities**

**December 19th** Sunday morning worship will be a morning you don't want to miss. The youth of the church will be presenting the Nativity story through drama, speech and music. Refreshments will follow. Please come and celebrate the children.

**December 24th** Christmas Eve worship services will include candle lighting, holy communion and special choral and string music to lead our praises.

**December 26th** Sunday worship with Traditional Lessons and Carols. We hear of the <u>fall of humanity</u>, the <u>promise of the Messiah</u>, and the <u>birth of Jesus</u>. All told in <u>Bible</u> readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, and interspersed with the singing of Christmas hymns and anthems.

### HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to:



Saturday, December 4, 2021 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

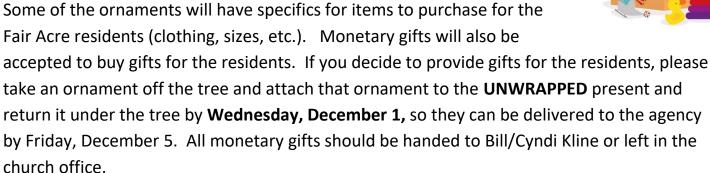
Email your reservations/questions to: holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com

Cost: \$5.00 per person Children 2 and under are free



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church 2545 Franklin Avenue Secane, PA Ridley Township It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. Also, we have been contacted by Fair Acres to help sponsor residents that have no family to buy them presents. We will be sponsoring 5 residents.

Starting Sunday, November 14, you will see a Christmas tree in the Social Hall with ornaments on it.



Other ornaments will have a present on it for toys, puzzles, games, socks (boys or girls – any sizes), underwear (boys or girls – any sizes), books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. New clothing for any age can also be donated. All gifts can be for any age, including adults, and for male or female. Please return the **NEW - UNWRAPPED** gifts for CAADC and leave it under the Christmas tree. The ornaments do not have to be attached to the gifts. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want. **DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Tuesday**, **December 7**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 10.

Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate. Also remember to keep the CAADC families in your prayers.

Thank you, Cyndi Kline





# **DEC 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30pm AA (Hall)	2 7:00pm AA (Hall)	3 6:30pm FFF (Hall) 7:30PM AA (Mtg Rm)	9:00am Breakfast with Santa (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 3:00pm Hall Rental
10:15am Worship Hanging of the greens	6 6:30pm GS (Mtg Rm)	7	8 6:30pm – GS (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	9 7:00pm AA (Hall)	10 7:30pm AA (Mtg Rm)	11 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
10:15am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Confirmation	13 6:30pm GS (Mtg Rm)	7:00pm Council Mtg	15 7:30pm AA (Hall)	16 7:00pm AA (Hall)	17 7:30pm AA (Mtg Rm)	18 10:00am AA Breakfast(Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
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