



HOLY SPIRIT  
Lutheran Church  
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Secane, PA 19018

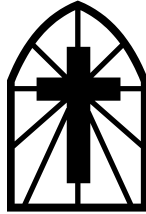
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# The Voice of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church





## Worship Assistants for Dec 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Asst. Minister</u>	<u>Psalm Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Dec 3	Kathy D.	Taylor J.	Gary/Raymond	Devine/Pysher
Dec 10	Meghan G.	Autumn J.	Alan S./Alan D.	Christensen/Joshi
Dec 17	Alan S.	Lydia Y.	The Colahans	The Colahans
Dec 24				
3:30pm	Mike G.		The Colahans	Downey/Deemer
7:00pm			The Klines	Downey/Deemer
Dec 31	Greg C.	Tony H.	Alan S./Alan D.	Christensen/Joshi
Altar – Kathy D.				

**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH** is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday School for All - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Michelle Bracken – Asst. – PS & MMO**

## *Our Mission*

*Know Christ! Grow! Spread God's Love!*



"Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Isaiah 7:1-16

"Do you know how much I love you?" I would ask my youngest during bedtime, she always delighted in this game. "To Germany, Florida and Vermont" she'd respond with a smile, listing the names of as many of the places she knew I traveled. "And back," I would answer with a kiss on her cheek.

Some summer nights, after she fell asleep, I would sit outside looking up at the sky. The vast sky with its twinkling moon and sparkling stars always amazed me, the indefinable greatness of our God.

"Do you know how much I love you?" I hear God speak. As deep as Sheol and as high as Heaven, I think. And even though I'm a tiny speck of sand underneath this massive canvas that is our Creator's universe, I always felt God's kiss upon my cheek in return.

***Dear God, thank you for bringing us a sign of the depth of your love—the child named Emmanuel. Give us hope in times of joy, and ordinariness, and dread alike. Trusting in your abundance we pray, Amen.***

Make room in your hearts as we prepare for His coming,  
Pastor Rachel



*If travels keep you away on Sunday, join virtually thru Facebook Live . Weekly bulletin can be found on the website: [holyspiritsecane.org](http://holyspiritsecane.org).*



**DEADLINE** – For Bears and Fair Acre gifts is **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**. CAADC gifts will be due **Monday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** – **Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am –12:00noon.**  
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 **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**PRE-K CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** – We will have our annual Christmas Pageant on **Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend. We will also perform the pageant during Worship Service on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come out and see these youngsters portray the nativity and sing Christmas carols.

**NURSERY SCHOOL MEETING** – **Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in Mtg Rm.

**COUNCIL MEETING** – **Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the meeting room.

**COFFEE HOUR**–**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** after service sponsored by Finance and Stewardship Committees.

**THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE** – **Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. See insert.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER** – **Friday, Dec. 22, 5-7:30** we need a few singers, a few bodies to say Merry Christmas and few bakers to extend Christmas greetings to homebound members. We will meet at the church and go visit a few homebound members to offer some Christmas Joy for those who can't get out. Don't miss this chance to give the gift that all can afford, and is received as priceless!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Plan to 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>
12/10	Pastor Rachel



**POINSETTIAS ORDERS** – Orders will start **Nov 26<sup>th</sup> thru Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – Are due in the office by **Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## **SHOP WITH SCRIPT/RAISE RIGHT –**

### **Starting your Christmas Shopping yet?**

Purchase your gift cards now. Date that orders will be sent into Raise Right will be **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** . Please hand in your order forms to Raymond or put in Pastor's mailbox. Extra forms can be found in the office.



**Coin Harvest** – Thank you to all who contributed to our Pre-K Coin Harvest. We collected \$183.08 for the homeless.

**Harvest Home Sunday** - Thank you to all who donated food for Harvest Home Sunday. We collected over 122 lbs of food. Donations were delivered to a local food pantry.

### **Reminder:**

At the start of 2023 we challenged each of you to increase your giving by 6%!!

Have you met your 6%?

Time is running out for 2023 giving.

Thank you.



Patsy Gregg 12/1  
Jesse Blake Mumford Jr. 12/4  
Caroline Dougon 12/7  
Michele Marusco 12/11  
Sara Hoyt 12/12  
Gina Taddie Helt 12/20  
James Helt 12/23  
David Heacock 12/29  
Shelly Avila – 12/31



<i>Ann Hoffman</i>	<i>Jackie Bernduer White</i>
<i>Rob Hahn</i>	<i>Jackie Dewitt</i>
<i>Lisa McDonough</i>	<i>Larry Poff</i>
<i>Hugh Mullarkey</i>	<i>Ann Ferguson</i>
<i>Jean Brown</i>	<i>Bill McVean</i>
<i>Betty Lake</i>	<i>Ed Shoup</i>
<i>Anne Rainsford</i>	<i>Dennis Dobson</i>
<i>Judy McGrane</i>	<i>Phyllis Horton</i>
<i>Christine Abate</i>	<i>Lou Vallies</i>
<i>Louise Hoffman</i>	<i>Mike Longo</i>
<i>Scott Smith</i>	<i>Geralyn Gerakaris</i>
<i>Bonnie Wood</i>	<i>Kathy Shoup</i>
<i>Lois Saunders</i>	<i>Jamal MacDonald</i>
<i>Harry Collins</i>	<i>Cliff Kellett</i>
<i>Maureen Colahan</i>	<i>Tyler Wolk</i>
<i>Maria Brown</i>	



## ***BREAKFAST WITH SANTA***

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Seatings are 9:00 – 10:15 am and 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

\$8 adults

\$5.00 kids

(children 2 and under are free)

Reservations are a must. Please email [holyspiriterevents2545@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiriterevents2545@gmail.com) to make your reservations.

Let us know which seating time you would like and state how many adults and how many children will attend.

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## **THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County AND Fair Acres to help sponsor residents that have no family to buy them presents.

Starting Sunday, November 12, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex with ornaments on it. Some of the ornaments will have specifics for items to purchase for the Fair Acre residents (clothing, sizes, etc.).

**Please take an ornament** and then attach it to the **NEW - UNWRAPPED** present and leave it under the tree.

Monetary gifts will also be accepted to buy gifts for the residents (please leave money in church office or hand it to Cyndi or Bill Kline).

Please return gifts under the tree by **Monday, December 4.**

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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. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want.

**DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Monday, December 4.**

Thank you for your kindness.

## **Christmas Worship Opportunities**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** Sunday morning worship will be a morning you don't want to miss. The Nursery School will be presenting their Christmas Pageant. Please come and celebrate the children.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** Thursday evening at 7:00pm will be a “Blue Christmas Service”. Gathering of prayer, scripture and reflection as many experience deep grief and sadness during the holidays.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve worship services at **3:30 and 7:00pm** will include candle lighting, holy communion and special choral and string music to lead our praises. There will be no morning service.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** - Christmas Swag and Mimosas. Wear your Christmas Sweaters, vests, etc. as we have festive, light-hearted service of praise with Carols and Readings. Following worship mimosas to toast 2023



***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES***

***3:30 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE  
7:00 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (Facebook)***

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S EVE  
LESSONS AND CAROLS  
Christmas Swag and Mimosas.***

***Wear your Christmas Sweaters, vests, etc. as we have festive, light-hearted service of praise  
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# DEC 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>Set Up Breakfast</b>	2 <b>9:00am Breakfast with Santa(Hall)</b> 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 12:30 Mtg Rm Rntl
3 <b>10:15am Worship</b> 12:30 Song of Praise 3:00 Hall Rental	4 <b>10:00am Hanging of the Greens</b> 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	5	6 <b>7:00pm PK Christmas Pageant (Hall)</b> 7:30pm AA (Mtg Rm)	7 7:00pm AA (Hall)	8	9 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 1:00pm Hall Rental
10 <b>10:15am Worship – PK Pageant (Hall)</b> <b>11:30 Sunday School</b> 12:30 Song of Praise	11 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:00pm Ridley Dems	12 <b>6:00pm Nursery School Mtg</b> <b>7:00pm Council Mtg</b>	13 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	14 7:00pm AA (Hall)	15	16 9:00am AA Breakfast (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 7:00pm Hall Rental
17 <b>10:15am Worship</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> 12:30 Song of Praise	18 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	19	20 7:30pm AA (Hall)	21 <b>7:00pm – The Longest Night Service (Sanctuary)</b> 7:00pm AA (Hall)	22 <b>5:00pm Christmas Cheer</b>	23 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 8:00pm Hall Rntl
24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>3:30pm Worship</b> <b>7:00pm Worship</b> 12:30 Song of Praise	25  <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>Office Closed</b>	27 6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	28 7:00pm AA (Hall)	29	30 10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> <b>10:15am Worship</b> <b>Toasting New Year</b> 12:30 Song of Praise 9:30pm Hall Rental						