



HOLY SPIRIT  
Lutheran Church  
2545 Franklin Ave,  
Secane, PA 19018

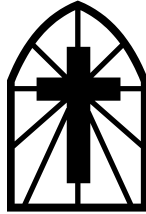
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# **The Voice of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**





## Worship Assistants for Sep 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Asst. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Sep 7	Kathy D.	Gary P.	Pysher
Sep 14	Greg C.	Alan S./Alan D.	Christensen
Sep 21	Donna G.	The Colahans	The Colahans
Sep 28	Meghan G.	The Klines	Downey/Deemer
Altar –See Volunteer List			

***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 - TBD***

***Worship Service – 10:15a.m.***

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

***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 Brackin – Asst. – PS & MMO***

## ***Our Mission***

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



**LABOR DAY** - Sep 1<sup>st</sup> - Office Closed

**COUNCIL MEETING** – September 9 at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

**NURSERY SCHOOL ORIENTATION** – Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15pm. First day of Day School is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is looking forward to a new school year! Due to lower enrollment this year, the 2 and 3 yr old classes have been combined, meeting on Tues, Wed, and Thu.

**CHURCH PICNIC**–Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Following service, we will enjoy a picnic. Please bring a side dish to feed 8-10 people. Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office.

## **TRANSITION UPDATE**

As we move into the fall season, our search for a Pastor continues. We are still searching for an opportunity where we can share a Pastor with another congregation. Trinity Lutheran in Havertown remains as a potential partner since they are in the same situation as Holy Spirit.

Any business regarding a new Pastor really slowed down over the summer months but I believe it will heat up as we move into the fall.

Many thanks to our Lay Assistants who have picked up the slack over the summer months.

I would like to announce that we have a Vice Pastor to help us out starting in September. The Vice Pastor will be Pastor Sarah Anderson who is currently the Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Drexel Hill. Pastor Sarah will be acting as an emergency Pastor and will help us through our needs where a Pastor is needed. She will not be preaching at Holy Spirit on Sundays so we will continue to utilize Supply Pastors and our lay assistants.

Thank you for your patience and faith during this difficult period at Holy Spirit.

Peace.

Bill Kline



Jane A. Croghan 9/3  
Dawn Greenlaw-Scully 9/4  
Michelle Oaster 9/10  
Parker Henry 9/18  
Taylor Lynn Jones 9/23  
Madeline Gordon 9/27  
Kimberley Gregg 9/28



<i>Mike Longo</i>	<i>Jackie Bernduer White</i>
<i>Eileen Maloney</i>	<i>Jackie Dewitt</i>
<i>Lisa McDonough</i>	<i>Maureen Colahan</i>
<i>Hugh Mullarkey</i>	<i>John Turner</i>
<i>Lois Saunders</i>	<i>Lynn McGrane</i>
<i>Betty Lake</i>	<i>Jon Kline</i>
<i>Anne Rainsford</i>	<i>Jean Cilurso</i>
<i>Dolores Maurer</i>	<i>Phyllis Horton</i>
<i>Isabella Jones</i>	<i>Lou Vallies</i>
<i>Nikki Miller</i>	<i>Linda Martin</i>
<i>Cyndi Kline</i>	<i>Joan &amp; Harry Chaykun</i>
<i>Bill McVian</i>	<i>Donna D'Agostino</i>
<i>Floss Whetstone</i>	<i>Geralyn Gerakaris</i>
<i>Michael Saporetti</i>	



### **BACKPACK COLLECTION**

A big thank you to the members who participated in providing school supplies or money for the Interfaith Backpack Collection in Delaware County. The collection box filled the trunk of my car. It was heartening to see how much was collected so far at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wallingford. They anticipate filling **605** backpacks. When I get an update on the collection I will pass that along. Thank you again for your support with this outreach project.

Thank you for the “soup can” donations which were delivered to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Prayers for family and friends of John Hoyt who passed away on August 10<sup>th</sup>



## Holy Spirit Investments

Holy Spirit investments are up since 2024 at this time from last year. The market has not fully recovered and it continues to fluctuate. Not expecting to see a great finish for 2025 since a lot of Trump's executive orders are starting to see their impact. Stock and Thrivent finds are up as of 7/31/2025 by about approx. \$6 K since 2024

Holy Spirit Schwab account is still tied to the church's M&T bank account. So far in 2024 the market has been flat with a lot of ups and downs. See below for a Summary on Holy Spirit investments. At this point in 2025 the stock market has not fully recovered but seems to be rather flat I believe the administration changes could have a negative impact as we close out the year.

7/31/2025-- Holy Spirit Investment Summary					
<b>SCHWAB Account</b>	<b>TD Ameritrade was bought by SCHWAB in June 2023</b>				
<b>ABNB</b>	AIRBNB INC	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	29		\$3,716.35
<b>BMJ</b>	Bristol Myers Squibb	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	103.73		\$4,889.94
<b>ETCG</b>	GRAYSCALE ETHEREUM C	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	300		\$3,352.50
<b>SHOP</b>	SHOPIFY INC	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	70		\$9,837.10
<b>AAPL</b>	Apple inc	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	5		\$1,135.80
<b>TSLA</b>	TSLA	<b>As of 7/31/2025</b>	12		\$4,159.20
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,090.89</b>
<b>Thrivent Mid Cap Fund S</b>	AASCX as of 7/31/2024 394.904 sh s= \$12,459.22				
<b>Thrivent Mid Cap Fund S</b>	AASCX	<b>As of 8/25/2025</b>	394.904		<b>\$12,748.38</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,839.27</b>

Note on investment in 2019 our investments totaled approx. \$31K; in 2022 approx. \$36K; in 2023 \$33K; and in 2024 approx. \$32K

## **Insurance**

In 2025 our insurance remained the same with Church Mutual Select the changes that were implement in 2024 with the Sexual misconduct coverage to \$1M remained the same. Cost for policy is \$6,600 for the year.

## **Current Pastor Cost being considered**

We are currently without out a Pastor since Pastor Rachel moved on and our Interim Pastor Terri also moved on. We are working with the Synod to try and get an Interim Pastor back as well as getting a part time Pastor. I was identified that we cannot afford a full time pastor so we are currently looking for a ½ to ¾ time Pastor. Cost is expected to be in the \$55K region.

## **HS Monthly Balance Sheet Comparison**

JUN 2023 BALANCE	\$20,393.92	includes Strawberry festival
JUL 2023 BALANCE	\$19,278.62	
AUG 2023 BALANCE	\$19,567.08	
SEP 2023 BALANCE	\$15,351.14	
OCT 2023 BALANCE	\$17,939.35	includes Flea Market
NOV 2023 BALANCE	\$12,892.65	includes Raise Right payment #1 but not deposit #1
DEC 2023 BALANCE	\$31,923.07	includes endowment \$10K rcvd
JAN 2024 BALANCE	\$28,832.14	
FEB 2024 BALANCE	\$31,952.17	
MAR 2024 BALANCE	\$36,558.64	Includes Easter Egg Hunt
APR 2024 BALANCE	\$33,648.25	
MAY 2024 BALANCE	\$35,328.69	Includes Mapp Grant
JUN 2024 BALANCE	\$36,428.62	includes Strawberry festival

**Note: Balance sheets are deceiving since we are not paying a Pastor**

JUL 2024 BALANCE	\$36,451.15	No Pastor salary/benefits
AUG 2024 BALANCE	\$43,027.29	
SEP 2024 BALANCE	\$48,240.32	includes Flea Market
OCT 2024 BALANCE	\$47,272.56	
NOV 2024 BALANCE	\$50,394.15	
DEC 2024 BALANCE	\$53,539.12	
JAN 2025 BALANCE	\$50,228.59	
FEB 2025 BALANCE	\$45,378.24	
MAR 2025 BALANCE	\$43,124.74	
APR 2025 BALANCE	\$41,838.13	
MAY 2025 BALANCE	\$49,321.42	Includes Mapp Grant
JUN 2025 BALANCE	\$52,195.07	includes Strawberry festival
JUL 2025 BALANCE	\$51,566.11	

**Submitted By Denis Colahan Financial Chair**



**ALTAR FLOWERS** - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are now \$20 per vase.**

**PRE-K REQUEST** – Looking for empty 1 lb. tin coffee cans for a craft project. Just leave in the office.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Do you drink bottled water? If so, please bring the caps to church to help the veterans at the V.A hospital get prosthetics. There is a box on the table in front of the office.  
On behalf of those will benefit from your support, Thank you

### Delco Conference Events

Cars, Coffee & Christ  
Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran and St.  
Matthew Woodlyn  
held at St. Matthew's Woodlyn Parking Lot  
Sat, Sep 6, 8:30am-10:30am

Grief Support Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 6:30pm  
at Grace Lutheran Church, Broomall

For more info, call the office or check out  
the bulletin board outside of office



*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).*

# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 LABOR DAY</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	2	3  7:30pm AA (Hall)	4  7:00pm AA (Hall) 7:00pm DA (Mtg Rm)	5	6  10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 5:00pm Hall Rental
7  <b>10:15am Worship</b> 12:30pm Song of Praise 2:00pm Hall Rental	8  <b>6:15 pm School Orientation</b>	9  <b>7:00 Council Mtg (Mtg Rm)</b>	10  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School</b> 7:30pm AA (Hall)	11  7:00pm AA (Hall) 7:00pm DA (Mtg Rm)	12	13  10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
14  <b>10:15am Worship</b> 12:30pm Song of Praise	15	16	17  7:30pm AA (Hall)	18  7:00pm AA (Hall) 7:00pm DA (Mtg Rm)	19	20  10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm)
21  <b>10:15am Worship</b> 12:30pm Song of Praise	22  6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	23	24  6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm AA (Hall)	25  7:00pm AA (Hall) 7:00pm DA (Mtg Rm)	26	27  10:00am AA (Hall) 11:00am DA (Mtg Rm) 5:00 Hall Rental
28  <b>10:15am Worship Church Picnic</b> 12:30pm Song of Praise	29  6:30pm G/S (Mtg Rm)	30				