**WELCOME TO**

**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, New Jersey Synod

1220 Bayshore Rd., Villas, NJ 08251

609-886-2414

holyspiritlutheran@comcast.net

holyspiritvillas.com

facebook.com/holyspiritvillas

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are People of God, who

are called by the Holy Spirit to pray, worship, joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ, and

compassionately witness and serve others in Christian Love.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2022**

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

C:\Users\vpie8\Downloads\Icon1 Lectionary 19C (No Frame) (Clip Art).tif

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are glad you made it to Worship with us! We continue utilizing our Conference Call for those worshipping at home. Cape May County continues to be in the red, which means we are in an area of high community spread. Per CDC guidelines, it is highly recommended that masks be worn inside buildings. At this time, we are strongly encouraging masks to be worn, but it is a personal choice. Please continue to refrain from handshakes or hugs, and continue to social distance. Please continue to be respectful of people’s various comfort levels. Take your bulletin home with you at the conclusion of our Worship Service. May you encounter God, connect with others, and go out to serve God and neighbor by letting your light shine in the world!

**AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are glad that you joined us for Worship today! Thank you for enriching our time together. We would like to get to know you better, and we also invite you to get to know us better. We invite you to let us know how we can help you. Some informational brochures, small welcome gifts, prayer shawls, Bibles, and more are available at our welcome areas throughout the Narthex. Our members are happy to show you around the building, answer any questions you might have, and share about our ministries. Please don’t hesitate to speak up and ask questions.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

We will continue to utilize our Pre-Filled Communion Kits. You have a choice of picking one with wine or grape juice, including a wafer. They will be provided during

our Worship Services that an Ordained Minister is presiding over for those adults and children who have had their First Communion instruction.

**CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION**

We will be continuing to conduct our Sunday Worship Service in coordination with our Conference Call. Join us on our Conference Call # 657-390-7423. If this does not allow you to gain access, please utilize our other # 701-802-5170 and utilize the access code 8221190, then hit the # key. After you log-in, please announce your name. Make sure you grab a cracker or piece of bread, along with juice or wine, so we can have Holy Communion together during our Worship Service.

**SUMMER ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

The first arrangement is presented to the Glory of God & given in loving

memory of MARIE KINZLER by the Kinzler Family.

The second arrangement is presented to the Glory of God & given in loving

memory of DAVE STITELY by Heather and Vince Piekarski and Family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The month of August’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

LOGAN GRUBB by The Rinier Family.

**ALTAR CANDLES**

The month of August’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

JEAN FARINA & SUE CUSANELLI by Jean, Phil, & Bob Zimmerman.

The Sanctuary & Altar Candles cost $10 each. Interested in dedicating them in memory of someone? The sign-up sheets are located on clipboards in the narthex.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant Worship Leader, and Congregation.)

WL. Good Morning! Welcome to our Worship Service today. With no Ordained

Minister, we continue following a modified format. We cannot have Holy

Communion as we follow the guidelines set forth for Worship by the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America. I know we all look forward to that weekly Presence

of being one with the Lord. A Supply Pastor has been requested once monthly

through the NJ Synod of the ELCA to Preside over Worship Services to allow for

Holy Communion. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause at this time,

but I look forward to worshipping together with you today.

**INTRODUCTION**

WL. Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is

God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the

“little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal

gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**PRELUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist before the start of our Worship Service.)

(We invite you to be stand as you are able.)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

WL. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C. Amen.**

WL. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

WL. Merciful God,

**C. we confess that we have not followed your path**

**but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,**

**we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,**

**we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

WL. Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In our confession we have unloaded the burden

off of our shoulders and our hearts.

We have handed those sins over to the Lord.

Through our belief and conviction as children of God

we are blessed that through the Cross our sins have been forgiven.

We are free to love as God loves.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**FIRST HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

With One Voice – Blue Book

**794 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works**

**GREETING**

WL. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of

the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**C:\Users\Vince and Heather\Desktop\Kyrie, ELW Setting Four (Melody).tif**

**C:\Users\Vince and Heather\Desktop\Kyrie, ELW Setting Four (Melody).tif**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

C:\Users\vpie8\Downloads\LBW Setting Two Glory (Melody).tif

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WL. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

WL. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive

you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**FIRST READING**

R. Our First Reading today is from Genesis 15:1-6.

R. After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be

afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said,

“O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my

house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no

offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the

Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own

issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven

and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall

your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him

as righteousness.

R. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

R. Our Responsorial Psalm today is from Psalm 33:12-22.

**C. Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.**

R. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

  Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

  The Lord looks down from heaven,

  and sees all humankind.

  God sits firmly enthroned and watches

  all who dwell on the earth.

  God fashions all their hearts

  and observes all their deeds.

**C. Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.**

R. A king is not saved by the size of the army,

  nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

  The horse gives vain hope for victory;

  despite its great strength it cannot save.

  Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,

  upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

  to deliver their lives from death,

  and to keep them alive in time of famine.

**C. Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.**

R. Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,

  our helper and our shield.

  Surely, our heart rejoices in you,

  for in your holy name we put our trust.

  Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,

  even as we place our hope in you.

**C. Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.**

**SECOND READING**

R. Our Second Reading today is from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16.

R. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the

worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from

things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to

receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By

faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land,

living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same

promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect

and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he

was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful

who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable

grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a

distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers

and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that

they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had

left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a

better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be

called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(We invite you to be stand as you are able.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C.** **Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your**

**Lord is coming. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING**

WL. The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter. (Verses 32-40).

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

WL. [Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to

give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for

yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief

comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart

will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for

their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door

for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the

master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and

have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during

the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those

slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was

coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be

ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

WL. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**SERMON**

(Delivered by Worship Leader.)

(Following the Sermon we invite you to stand as you are able.)

**SECOND HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

With One Voice – Blue Book

**699 Blessed Assurance**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

WL. Let us confess our faith together by using the Apostles’ Creed.

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the**

**power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into**

**hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is**

**seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the**

**living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of**

**saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life**

**everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A. Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

(A brief silence.)

A. Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with

your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst

of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our

earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty,

fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in

places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with

compassion and justice. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your

steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you

especially:

Mo Bixler (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Christy Spero (Blanche Cameron's Family)

Donald Williams (Delores Basco’s Friend)

Lisa Mishler (Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Megan Pratz (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Patty Cioce (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Rob Norcross (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Mildred McDonald (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Linda Bowker (Church Member)

Debbie Pabon (Mary Melnicoff’s Family)

Butch Mitchell (Mary Pierce's Family)

Carla Wagner (Betty Lang’s Family)

Tom McNamara (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Beth & Bill Knapp (Betty Lang’s Family)

Denny Lauer (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Judy Po (Betty Lang's Family)

Janet Coleman (Church Member)

Cassie Jost (Church Member)

Eric Brown (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Allison Hopkins (Church Member)

Terry Davis (Alice Davis’ Family)

Pete (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Dave Griffin (Sandy Hansen's Family)

Christine Fuller (Betty Lang's Family)

Rhiannon (Frank & Sharon Ford's Family)

Joe Basco (Delores Basco’s Family)

Bob Brady (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Bill Kanass (Betty Lang's Family)

Betty Lang (Church Member)

Betty Becker (Church Member)

Mary Pierce (Church Member)

Kevin (Betty Becker's Friend)

Peter Berger (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Ed Borse (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Rosalie Stackhouse (Church Member)

James Kershaw (Audrey Kinka’s Friend)

Edna McCann (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

BettyAnn Rich-White (Church Member)

Kay Call (Church Member)

Melissa Moore (Harry Streit's Family)

Salvatore Friscia (Diana DeNote's Family)

Patti Jones (Susan Pulley's Friend)

Debbie West (Church Family)

Susan Horn (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Dorian Barton (Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Patrick Brannan (Judy Brannan's Family)

Bandit (Betty Lang's Dog)

Charlotte Heigon (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Suzie Clark (Rose Lang's Friend)

Kathy Beard (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Butch Hines (Rose Lang's Friend)

Evy (Betty Lang's Friend)

Amelia Skyrm (Audrey Kinka's Family)

Cindy Irana (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Ed Watson (Betty Lang's Friend)

Bill Bickley (Betty Bickley's Family)

Bob Zimmerman (Jean Zimmerman's Family)

Joe Cox (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Francis Clock (Dianna DeNote’s Family)

Bonnie Magill (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Carissa & Julia (Heather Piekarski’s Friends)

David Robinson (Mary Pierce's Family)

Jacalyn Nehlig (Church Member)

Jamie Miller (Vicki Rinier's Family)

Gary (Heather Piekarski's Friend)

James Colubiale (Diana DeNote's Friend)

Lisa (Community Member)

John Lauer, Jr. (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker’s Family)

Craig Brearey (Judy Brannan & Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Dianne Maguire (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Bruce Becker, Jr. (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Charlotte Schlindwein (Dianna DeNote’s Friend)

Joseph Sheretta (Ed & Fran Green’s Friend)

The People of Ukraine, Russia, & Neighboring Countries

Sally Shaffer (Betty Becker's Friend)

Carmen & Brook (Maryanne Lauer’s Friends)

Christine Schneider (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Maisie Donnelly (Betty Bickley’s Family)

Alice Basco Matics (Delores Basco's Family)

Jackie Churchman (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Caroline Palush (Bonnie & Skip Millard’s Family)

Sharon Waicus (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Sarah Dutton (Frank & Sharon Ford’s Family)

Jill (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker's Friend)

Tom & Anne Dickinson (Dianne & Ted Bell’s Family)

Delores Basco (Church Member)

Joanne (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Andrew Hudak (Rose Lang’s Friend)

Fred Lang (Betty Lang’s Family)

Viena Murtha (Bob Fritsch’s Friend)

Lorraine Fennimore (Church Member)

Amanda Testa (Betty Bickley’s Family)

David Smith (Heather & Vince Piekarski's Family)

Bill Johnson (Mayanne Lauer & Betty Becker’s Family)

Charlie & Vicky Rowe (Kathy & Butch Poehler’s Family)

Karen O'Brian (Linda & Paul Bowker's Friend)

Joe Hartman (Chip & Marie Hand's Family)

Landon Lester & Family (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

The Henning Family (Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

The Hansen Family (Sandy Hansen’s Family)

(Additional Names Added Prior to the Worship Service.)

A. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for

the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all

who care for those in need. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As

they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new

life. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

WL. Watch over all of us who are worried and suffering, and especially those whose

names we now say aloud or within our hearts (extended pause). Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

WL. Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your

steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

WL. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

WL. Let us share God’s Peace with one another.

**(**Please remain in your pews and offer the sign of peace with a peace sign or wave.)



**OFFERTORY**

**C:\Users\HSLC\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_STANZA_1343 Melody.zip\What Have We to Offer (Melody).tif**

**C:\Users\HSLC\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_STANZA_1343 Melody.zip\What Have We to Offer (Melody).tif**

(The Usher brings the Tithes & Offerings up front to the

Assistant to be placed on the corner of the Altar.)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

WL. Let us pray,

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

**C. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

WL. May we now join with one another and pray the Lord’s Prayer.

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily**

**bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass**

**against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For**

**thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

WL. The God of peace,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**CLOSING HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

Lutheran Book of Worship – Green Book

**532 How Great Thou Art**

(Assistant extinguishes the Altar Candles half way through the Closing Hymn.)

(Worship Leader processes out once the Altar Candles have been extinguished.)

(We invite you to be seated.)

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant and Congregation.)

**BIRTHDAYS**

9th Rocco DeNote

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist as we depart following our Worship Service.)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **JULY WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE** | | | | |
| **3rd** | **10th** | **17th** | **24th** | **31st** |
| **34** | **36** | **39** | **31** | **30** |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **2022 FINANCIAL STANDING** | |
| **JULY INCOME** | $5,948.00 |
| **JULY SPENDING** | $3,305.43 |
| **JULY GAIN OR (LOSS)** | $2,642.57 |
| **2022 INCOME** | $47,373.12 |
| **2022 SPENDING** | $49,138.12 |
| **2022 GAIN OR (LOSS)** | ($1,765.00) |
| **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** | $23,099.56 |
| **FOOD PANTRY FUND** | $14,726.02 |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, at 6PM. New members are welcome to attend! Contact Judy if you are interested, or have any questions.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT**

On Saturday, August 13th, True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center will be holding their Annual Back-to-School Event from 11AM-3PM. Last year over 500 Backpacks were handed out with school supplies in them. If you are interested in purchasing items to help out with this project we are in need of: Pencils, Pens, Paper, Folders, Binders, Back-packs, Highlighters, Crayons, Markers, Glue, Tape, Calculators, Notebooks, Erasers, Rulers, Sharpies, Composition Books, Scissors, Etc. Money can be donated to purchase supplies by marking your check or envelope for this.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Share your comments, concerns, questions, or joys with one of our church council members who can bring it back to our meetings. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings & listen to what is going on in and around the church. Join us In- Person & on our Conference Call at our next Meeting on Tuesday, August 16th, at 6PM.

Please note the change to the third Tuesday of the month due to schedule conflicts.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Several beautiful prayer shawls, lap quilts, and scarves have been made with love for those in need. They have been blessed and are free for you, your family, and friends. They are located on three racks in the Narthex for you to choose from. Members of the group continue to work at home on new stitches and patterns. Please bring in any that you have completed, or inform others working on them, as we are looking forward to having our next blessing on Sunday, August 21st.

**WILD ABOUT JESUS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children of all ages are welcome to attend to learn through Scriptures, Crafts, Games, Videos, & Activities. Classes will resume in September for the

2022-2023 school year. See Heather for info or volunteering opportunities.

**BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

Got any ideas on what you would like to study? Interested in attending?

Come join us when the group resumes in September 2022.

**PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Jeff Elliott has offered to have office hours at church weekly on Thursdays from 10AM to 1PM for various levels of support and prayer as needed. He is also open to emails at Jeffrey.elliott2006@comcast.net or calls at 609-770-3207.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Our Church Office is open on Wednesdays from 6-8PM to serve the Congregation, the Community, and to continue handling the business of the Church. Feel free to stop in to talk, pick-up or drop off something, pray in the Sanctuary, or for whatever other reason. Just please first come to the Church Office Door and check in with Heather and Vince so that they are aware that you are in the building.

**BULLETIN ENTRY DEADLINE**

The Bulletin goes to print on Wednesdays during church office hours. Changes need to be submitted to Vince or Heather no later than Wednesdays at 5PM. Thank You!

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

The most important thing we do each week is gather together as God's people to worship. God is the center and focus of everything we do. Participating in worship is active. Liturgy means the work and actions of the people gathered. Everything we do during the week to prepare for worship, and everything we do as we assist in leading worship, is important. Worship Leaders, Worship Assistants, Conference Call and the Computer, Readers, Greeters and Ushers, Communion Assistants, Home Communion Ministers, Altar Guild, Choir and The Music Team help make worship a meaningful experience. We are thankful for all the wonderful work being done. If you are interested in any position, please let Vince know so a training can be set-up. 

A Supply Pastor has been requested once monthly through the NJ Synod of the ELCA to Preside over Worship Services to allow for Holy Communion. If we are notified, we have been assigned a Pastor, the Worship Leader will be replaced.

**FAVORITE HYMNS**

Charlie & Karen are willing to play your favorite hymns for the Prelude & Postlude

on Sundays. Let them know your requests so that they can be added to the list.

**FOOD PANTRY, COMMUNITY DELIVERIES, & MORE**

Open every Thursday, and the last Saturday of every month, from 10AM to 1PM.

50 people were served in July, and 380 people have been served in 2022. We have been blessed to serve a total of 6,281 people since we reopened the food pantry in

May of 2014. Donations can be dropped in the basket in the Narthex, placed in the outdoor drop-box by the Church Office door, placed in the money jug in the back of the Church, mailed into the Church Office, or placed in the Offering Plate. Volunteers are needed each week. See Vince or Bonnie if you are interested in helping out.

We are looking to hold a Volunteer Meeting to address some changes to the Food Pantry, & to provide refresher training. We will also provide training to new Volunteers interested in working the Food Pantry too. Stay posted for a date & time.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** | | |
| **Thursday, 8/11** | **Thursday, 8/18** | **Thursday, 8/25** |
| Cathie & Tori | Tori & Dolores | Cathie & Dolores |

Our local North Cape May Acme provides us with Expiring Soon, Recently Expired, and Slightly Damaged Foods weekly. Kathy helps those in need by delivering items each Saturday in the community. Kathy then brings leftover items to the Church for church members in need, and those who visit the food pantry during the week.

**STAINED GLASS REPAIR**

Church Council has reviewed two estimates and voted on a proposal for the Stained Glass Repair to be completed above the front entryway doors in the Narthex. Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc. will be starting the project sometime in the Fall.

**CLEANING & DISINFECTION SERVICES**

Bactronix & Stanley Steemer both completed their COVID wipe downs, sprayings, and disinfection services in September of 2021. Heather’s Heavenly Cleaning Services completed the cleaning of the entire building in May of 2022. Then, Dave from Bactronix completed the swab test on our surface levels in June of 2022. One level fell in the Food Safe Zone; several other areas fell in the Relatively Clean Zone which require minimal action; and one area fell in the Cautionary Zone and requires more action and attention. We can continue to keep mindful of all of this and ensure good cleaning each week to make sure we provide a safe environment for everyone.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

We worship God with our tithes and offerings. These are monetary gifts in order to support our ministry for service in God’s name. Feel free to drop your envelopes in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or drop them off in the locked mailbox.

**PRAYER LIST**

Our Prayer List continues to lengthen and we realize the important need for prayers and healing. Sometimes the unfortunate result is that someone has passed on, and the words “The Family & Friends of” appear before someone’s name. However, sometimes we forget names are still on the list and “they are healed” or the “they are no longer struggling” and they can be removed. Share the good and bad stories as we continue to pray for strength and healing. Names can be added or removed from the list on the clipboard in the Narthex prior to the Worship Service, by calling the church office, or addressing it on the Conference Call. Please let us know the relation to the person(s) you listed so we can be more mindful with our prayers too. Names will stay on the list until removed by the person(s) who requested prayer.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER**

Have you been attending our church for a while? Have you just recently returned to church after being away for a bit? Maybe you transitioned from another church,

or just started to recently attend our church. Please feel free to ask Vince or a member of our Church Council for more information about becoming a member.

**NEWSLETTER**

We will continue with our quarterly seasonal printings of our Newsletter. Please gather all of your information, stories, pictures, and committee reports for the

future Fall Publication, and continue to submit them to Heather.

**VICE PASTOR APPOINTMENT ON JUNE 7, 2022**

The Rev. Jeffrey Elliott

Jeffrey.elliott2006@comcast.net

609-770-3207

Cape May Lutheran Church

509 Pittsburgh Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204

Dear Jeffrey,

With much appreciation, I write this letter to confirm your appointment as Vice Pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas, New Jersey, beginning June 13, 2022. I shall recount the understanding and expectations discussed with you.

The Synod Constitution accords to the Vice Pastor the full rights of a regularly called

pastor (see Chapter 14, Section S14.17). There are seven specific responsibilities I have indicated for the Vice Pastor. They are:

(1) To meet monthly with the Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

and provide them with pastoral counsel and guidance. If there is a schedule

conflict, the Congregation Council should accommodate itself to your schedule.

(2) To preside, or arrange appropriate Lutheran presidency, at any extraordinary

worship services such as weddings or funerals.

(3) To supervise the educational program of the congregation, and, if possible, to

teach the catechetical program.

(4) To call upon and provide pastoral care for those members of the congregation

who are hospitalized or long-term home bound.

(5) To make yourself available, including how to be reached, to those who need to

see a pastor, e.g. crisis counseling.

(6) To see that the administrative matters of the congregation are well attended to,

and especially that the Parish Register is correctly maintained during the interim.

(7) To report on a monthly basis to the Office of the Bishop as to the status of the

congregation's life in the interim.

The Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is responsible to assist and support you in every reasonable way so that the mission of the congregation continues to be well served. The Congregation Council is also responsible to compensate you for your services. The compensation proposal, to which I believe you agreed, and to which I trust the Congregation Council will also agree, is as follows:

(1) Compensation of $600.00 per month for serving as Vice Pastor.

(2) Extra compensation, not less than $175 per event, for any extra worship services

such as funerals or weddings.

(3) Reimbursement for travel expenses (1current I.R.S. standard for reimbursement)

including tolls, parking, and also for other usual expenses such as telephone

charges. If and when long distance travel to provide pastoral care is involved, say

in a distant hospital, such should be agreed upon in advance with the chief lay

officer of the congregation.

Again, let me tell you how pleased we are that you are willing to take on this responsibility. Thank you for your willingness to be the Vice Pastor at Holy Spirit. Blessings to you.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop

**TRUE DELIVERANCE PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER**

Reverend Maria Brooks and her Congregation continue to utilize our facilities

from 1-4PM on Sundays. Their congregation helps us with the Food Pantry and hosts or assists with various other events throughout the year at the Church.

True Deliverance PWC also hosts a Prayer Line you can join on their Conference

Call # 1-657-390-7957 on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 5PM.

**IBBETSON FAMILY HOME REBUILDING PROJECT**

On July 23rd, 2021 a tragedy occurred in the Villas when the Ibbetson home caught fire. Unfortunately, due to family health & setbacks there was no insurance on the home. As a result, the cost of rebuilding is an overwhelming amount. Ted & Diane Bell decided they wanted to be an instrument of change in the community & within this family. Ted is a Board member of Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM), a 501C3 organization. CAM is a part of the community outreach mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, WV. CAM can function to receive donations that would be tax deductible, within the IRS rules. In the month of December more than

$16,000 was raised & through a Corporate match from the company Ted works for, DEPCOM Power, Inc., they increased that amount to more than $32,000. Funds were disbursed to start the necessary framing to enclose the structure. The estimate is that about $100,000 is needed. Even with the possibility of “hands-on” volunteers helping to reduce that amount, there is a long way to go, to finish this home.

Are you interested in helping financially?

Mailing information for CAM, the 501C3 organization, for donations to meet the goal:

Mr. Bill Likens, Director

Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission

PO Box 81, Dunlow, WV 25511

All donations should be identified for the benefit of the “Ibbetson Family”.

Are you interested in helping physically?

Reach out to Ted & Diane Bell at

908-963-4500 or at tbell@depcompower.com

**CHURCH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**VICE PASTOR**

Pastor Jeff Elliott

**ORGANIST**

Karen Buckley

**CANTOR**

Charlie Buckley

**CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, EVENTS, FOOD PANTRY, & WEBSITE**

Vincent Piekarski

**CHURCH COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT & CHURCH PROPERTY**

Ed Green

**TREASURER, CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY, & CHOIR**

Bonnie Millard

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY, & NEWSLETTER**

Heather Piekarski