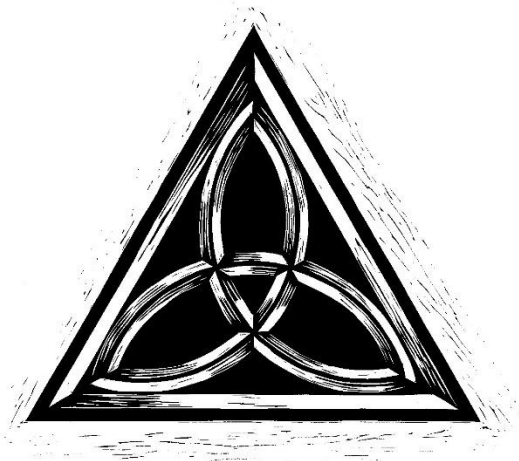



WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Member of the 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
Vicar Vince Piekarski can be contacted at any time for conversation or prayer
through call or text at 412-225-0287, or through email at vpie8282@gmail.com.

THE HOLY TRINITY
1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2025
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
NO HOLY COMMUNION



THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT + NEXT SUNDAY							
Sun, 6/15	Mon, 6/16	Tues, 6/17	Wed, 6/18	Th, 6/19	Fri, 6/20	Sat, 6/21	Sun, 6/22
 10:30AM Worship Service, No Holy Communion				10AM-1PM Food Pantry Church Office CLOSED			10:30AM Worship Service, with Holy Communion



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.



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 would like for you to get to know us better too. Brochures, welcome gifts, prayer shawls, Bibles, and other items are available at our welcome areas. Church members are happy to show you around and share about our ministries. Please don't hesitate to speak up and ask questions. Please make sure you sign-in on our clipboard on the podium in the lobby.



Our Worship Services are conducted in coordination with our Conference Call. Join us at 657-390-7423, and if that does not allow you to gain access utilize 701-802-5170, with access code 8221190#. You may need to dial 1 first depending on your phone plan. After logging in please announce your name and feel free to talk with others until we get started with our Worship Service.



Candles cost \$10 each. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices. Please feel free to see Vicar Vince with any questions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

June's is given to the Glory of God & in memory of
PHILIP ZIMMERMAN, JR. by Phil & Bob Zimmerman.

ALTAR CANDLES

June's are given to the Glory of God & in memory of
DAVID ZWILLING by Bonnie & Skip Millard.

CONFERENCE CALL CHECK-IN

(Roll Call and Attendance.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Offered by Worship Leader (WL), Assistant (A), and Congregation (C).)

INTRODUCTION

- A. “O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

PRELUDE

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

Arioso

CHIMES

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

Faith of Our Fathers

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.)

- WL. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C. Amen.

- WL. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

WL. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

- C. we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

WL. These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

- C. Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN

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

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Book

165—Holy, Holy, Holy



APOSTOLIC 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

WL. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

WL. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

WL. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

WL. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

WL. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

WL. Let us pray,

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

(We invite you to be seated for our Readings and Psalm.)

FIRST READING

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

R. Our First Reading is from the 8th Chapter of Proverbs (Verses 1-4, 22-31).

R. 1 Does not wisdom call
and understanding raise her voice?
2 On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
4 "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all who live.

22 "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker,

and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,

31 playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

R. Our Responsorial Psalm is from the 8th Psalm.

C. Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

R. 1 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and
children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and
avenger.

C. Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

R. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
4 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

C. Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

R. 5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
6 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
7 all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C. Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

SECOND READING

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

R. Our Second Reading is from the 5th Chapter of Romans (Verses 1-5).

R. 1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

WL. I invite you to stand as you are able, and I invite you to announce the Gospel Acclamation with me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C. Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia. (Isa. 6:3)

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

WL. The Holy Gospel According to John, the 16th Chapter (Verses 12-15).

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

WL. [Jesus said,] 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

WL. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

(Delivered by Worship Leader Chip Hand.)

WL. We invite you to stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

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

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Book
535—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

APOSTLES' CREED

WL. God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope let us confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

(The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.)

WL. Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

A. Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick; especially:

BettyAnn Rich-White (Church Member)

Chip & Marie Hand (Church Member)

Lynn Bargstadt (Church Member)

Frank & Sharon Ford (Church Member)

Carol Amundsen (Church Member)

Kim McGinley (Church Member)

Judy Brannan (Church Member)

Joan Sommerman (Church Family)

Arleen Kinka (Church Family)

Rick Lang (Church Family)

Suzie Clark (Rose Lang's Friend)

Francis Clock (Dianna DeNote's Family)

Andrew Hudak (Rose Lang's Friend)

Viena Murtha (Bob Fritsch's Friend)

Sharon Waicus (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Karen O'Brien (Paul Bowker's Friend)

Dustin Irizzary (Mary Melnicoff's Family)

The Bryan Family (Wanda Bryan's Family)

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

Sarah Dutton (Frank & Sharon Ford's Family)

Christina McNasby (Fran Green's Family)

The Kinkson Family (Judy Brannan's Friends)

Mark Stephen Dennis (Diana DeNote's Family)

Bill Lodge (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Patrick & Denise Brannan (Judy Brannan's Family)
Ron Anderson (Bill Kelly's Friend)
Pat Labrae (Kathy Poehler's Friend)
Bud Brearey (Judy Brannan & Mary Melnicoff's Friend)
Mary Skain (Kathy Poehler's Friend)
Bill Rand (Wayne & Eleanor Rand's Family)
Kevin Naylor (Vicki Rinier's Friend)
Robert Chaplin (Mary Melnicoff's Friend)
Jack Wieckowski (Theresa & Kim McGinley's Family)
Carolyn Santarpio (Bob Fritsch's Friend)
Ken Mortensen (Del McKenna's Family)
Harry (Judy Brannan's Friend)
Janet K (Philomena Noak's Friend)
Michael Hart (Diana DeNote's Friend)
Rocco Leonard DeNote (Diana DeNote's Family)
Al Singer & Family (Frank & Sharon Ford's Friends)
Sherri Lynn (Bob Fritsch's Friend)
John Bannco (Bob Fritsch's Friend)
Nancy Pazarinie (Bob Fritsch's Family)
Jane & Paul Eiben (Rose Lang's Friend)
Joe DiMassimo (Judy Brannan & Mary Melnicoff's Friend)
Tommy Stanford (Sue Waltz's Family)
Audrey McAlister (Sue Waltz's Family)
Joe Waltz (Sue Waltz's Family)
Ronald Velli (Kathy Poehler's Friend)
Denny Papst (Rose Lang's Friend)
Mike Rhoades (Rose Lang's Friend)
Jannet Paynter (Leon Stitt's Friend)
Chris (Judy Brannan's Friend)
Carla Krouse (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)
Helen Ehlers (Judy Brannan's Friend)
Hailey (Fran Green's Friend)
Emily Delaney (Kathy Poehler's Family)
Leanne Bueth (Joan Kilcoyne's Family)
Janett MacFarlane (Carol Amundsen's Friend)
Joe Smith (Heather & Vicar Vince Piekarski's Family)
Patrick Davenport (Sue Waltz's Friend)
Sonja Anderson (Theresa & Kim McGinley's Family)
Thish Kelly (Theresa & Kim McGinley's Family)

Susan Callahan (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Family)
Bill Garrison (Mike Millard's Friend)
Joanne Shipper (Del McKenna's Family)
Edward Chapleski (Allison Call's Family)
Paul Cibiliew (Vincent Bruno's Friend)
Rob Rech (Heather Piekarski's Friend)
Mary March (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)
Scott Levin (Rose Lang's Friend)
Anthony DeLuca (Church Member)
Daniel Messer (Vincent Bruno's Friend)
Lynne Curlett (Del McKenna's Family)
Alice Ann Dennis (Diana DeNote's Family)
Nancy Taylor (Ted & Diane Bell's Family)
Santa Isabel Lutheran Church (Elizabeth, NJ)
Messiah Lutheran Church (Oakland, NJ)
(Additional Names Added Prior to the Worship Service.)

A. God of grace,
C. hear our prayer.

A. Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,
C. hear our prayer.

A. Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,
C. hear 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 hold within our hearts (pause). God of grace,
C. hear our prayer.

WL. Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.)



(Following the Sharing of the Peace, we invite you to be seated.)

OFFERING

WL. We now worship God with our tithes and offerings, monetary gifts to support our ministry for service in God's name. Our Ushers will be around to your pews to pass the Offering Plates.

(Ushers come forward to get the Offering Plates from the Assistant.)

(Vicar and Assistant prepare the Altar for Communion.)



OFFERING SONG

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

With One Voice—Blue Book
732—Create in Me a Clean Heart

(Usher(s) brings the Tithes and Offerings up front to the Assistant.)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

WL. Let us pray,
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We ring the bell throughout the Lord's Prayer at all services to invite those in the community to join in praying the Lord's Prayer.)

WL. May we now join with one another and pray together as Jesus has taught us.
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 love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C. Amen.



SENDING HYMN

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

Lutheran Book of Worship—Blue Book
522—Come, Thou Almighty King

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

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

(We invite you to be seated.)

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Offered by Assistant and Congregation.)

ANNIVERSARIES

17th Frank & Sharon Ford

21st Christine & Robert Basco

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

LICENSES & EXPIRATION DATES

Worship Service Content is used via permission through Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB144368. The next Subscription Renewal Date is 2/28/2026.

Our Hymns and Worship Music are used via permission through CCLI One License #11327166. The next Subscription Renewal Date is 1/31/2026.

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE				
1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
30	35			



SPECIAL PREACHER ON FATHER'S DAY

Chip Hand has been confirmed and is happy to be here and Preaching **TODAY, Sunday, June 15th**, while Vicar Vince and Heather are on Vacation in Virginia.

Please note there will not be Holy Communion as a result.

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. We are thankful for all the wonderful work being done. If you are interested in any position let Vicar Vince know so a training can be set-up.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices.

Date	Worship Leader	Assistant	Conference Call	Reader	Greeter/Usher
June 15th	Chip Hand	Vicki	Vicki	Marie	Mary
June 22nd	Vicar Vince	Vicki	Vicki	Wayne	Heather
June 29th	Heather/Vicar Vince	Vicki	Vicki		Heather
July 6th	Vicar Vince				Heather
July 13th	Vicar Vince				Heather
July 20th	Vicar Vince				Heather
July 27th	Rev. Chuck Romanowski				Heather

NEWSLETTER

Collect information, stories, pictures, and reports for our next seasonal publication. Submit them to Vicar Vince in-person or via email at vpie8282@gmail.com. Your Summer Publication will be out to you in the near future.



FOOD PANTRY

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

69 people were served in May. 378 people have been served in 2025. 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. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices.

If you have questions or need training see Heather, Vicar Vince, or Bonnie.

A special thank you goes out to all who donate, pray, and help in any way!

Thursday, 6/19	Thursday, 6/26	Saturday, 6/28
Garnet & Cathie	Tori & Bob	Skip & Bonnie

COMMUNITY FOOD DONATIONS, DELIVERIES, & MORE

Our local North Cape May Acme provides us with Expiring Soon, Recently Expired, and Slightly Damaged Food and Items weekly. Kathy helps those in need by delivering items each Saturday in the community, brings leftover items to the Church for church members in need, and those who visit the food pantry during the week. Additional items are taken over to the Branches Outreach in Rio Grande on Monday.

BULLETIN ENTRY DEADLINE

The Bulletin is Printed on **Thursdays** during Church Office Hours. Changes need to be submitted to Vicar Vince or Heather no later than **Thursday by 4PM**. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be **CLOSED this Thursday, June 19th**, while Vicar Vince and Heather are on Vacation in Virginia.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR EMERGING MINISTRIES

Vicar Vince will be back in Gettysburg, PA at United Lutheran Seminary for Lutheran Heritage, Biblical Foundations, & Lutheran Leadership for Mission intensive classes from **Sunday, June 22nd, following Worship Service, to Saturday, June 28th**.

SPECIAL PREACHER FOLLOWING SEMINARY WEEK

Heather Piekarski has been confirmed and is happy to be here and Preaching on **Sunday, June 29th**, following Vicar Vince’s week of 3 Intensive Classes. Please note that there will be Holy Communion as Vicar Vince will be back from Seminary.

DONATION STATION

Get on the train and place all purchased items in the specified project donation bins located on the counter by the front doors. See Heather for more information.

	Food Pantry	Operation Christmas Child	Back-To-School
June	Canned Carrots	Wash Cloths	Markers
July	Canned Corn	Bars of Soap	Backpacks

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, July 7th, at 6PM**.

New members are always welcome to attend! Contact Judy for more information.

S’MORES & SCRIPTURE

Did you ever look forward to sitting around a fire in the church yard hanging out with some folks, enjoying s’mores, and studying scripture? Come join us on **Saturday, July 12th, at 6PM**. Ask Heather or Vicar Vince for more information.

COFFEE HOUR

The Women of the Church will be hosting our next Coffee Hour on **Sunday, July 13th**, following our Worship Service. See Judy or Kathy for more info.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Share your comments, concerns, questions, or joys with one of our Church Council Members who can bring them back to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome to attend and listen to what is going on in and around the church. **There will be no meeting in June to allow for a brief Summer Break.** Join us In- Person or on our Conference Call at our next Meeting on **Tuesday, July 15th, at 6PM.**

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

I encourage you all to continue thinking how we are going to celebrate this legacy as we continue our preparations during our next Committee Meeting on **Sunday, July 20th, following our Worship Service.** We will review potential Banner Designs and Estimated Costs at this meeting as well.

SPECIAL PREACHER

Pastor Chuck Romanowski has been confirmed and is happy to be here and Preaching on **Sunday, July 27th**, while Vicar Vince is on Vacation in Pittsburgh. There will be Holy Communion during this Worship Service.

BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS

Bible Study & Faith Discussions was started in order to focus on various readings, books, Bible verses, people of faith, and other general topics. Group Members offer various points of view while reviewing the Bible and various aspects of faith while being respectful and supportive of each other. **Join us on Tuesdays at 6PM when we return from our Summer Break following Labor Day.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

“Here We Stand” is a program that allows our young folks to go through a 2-year process while focusing on the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. **The program is on Summer Break and will resume on Sundays from 9-10AM in September.**

We are also exploring resuming regular Sunday School classes for children of all ages to attend. We are looking at various dates and times in this planning process. See Heather, Bonnie, & Vicar Vince for more information.

SPECIAL PREACHER

Chip Hand has been confirmed and is happy to be here and Preaching on **Sunday, October 5th**, while Vicar Vince and Heather are on their annual trip to Knoebels. Please note there will not be Holy Communion that Sunday as a result.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Synod has been contacted! We have been placed on the Bishop’s Calendar for **Sunday, October 19th. We will have one Worship Service at 3PM this day.** This congregation is a legacy that we have all lived in and through over all of these years, or maybe just for a short time. However, it is a legacy that we hope and desire to continue to carry on and move forward for those people that will be able to gather and worship with us and following us as well. We are the church carries a strong mentality with it, and it does not just mean within these very walls. We need to celebrate those 75 years of being part of this community, and all that has led up to the very start of this church body as well.

HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

A Minister is available if you have a loved one, or if you desire services. We look forward in sharing the Word and Holy Communion! Please inform Vicar Vince, Kathy, or the Church Office so plans can be made for visits.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawls, Lap Quilts, Scarves, and other items have been made with love. Blessed items are located in the Narthex, and are free for anyone. Members of the group continue working at home on new stitches and patterns. We are blessed to be able to continue collecting new items. We have a donation station of yarn and other items located in the Narthex. You can find some new supplies for your next creation!

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 away, and the words “The Family & Friends of” appear before someone’s name. However, sometimes we forget names are still on the list and their health has improved or the they are no longer struggling, and they can be removed. Please 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. Names will stay on the list until removed by the person(s) who requested prayer.

FAVORITE HYMNS

Carol is willing to play some of your favorite hymns for the Prelude & Postlude each Sunday during our Worship Service. Feel free to let her know of your suggestions.

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ENVELOPES

2025 Offering Envelopes are available. Please see Heather if you have not received yours, or would like to have some. For we do indeed worship God with our tithes and offerings. We hear this in scripture, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) Feel free to drop your envelopes in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or drop them off in the locked mailbox. Thanks for your continued support in the mission of our church, its ministries, the NJ Synod, and other needs!

ED GREEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

We continue raising money for unforeseen costs or repairs. Kathy sells Wawa Tickets for \$6, the donation bin is in the back of the church, and we have our Annual Church Rummage Sale. Thanks for your continued donations, prayers, and support!

PROPERTY USE

Do you know anyone interested in utilizing our Fellowship Hall for a Party or Event? It is a suggested \$50 refundable security deposit, and \$250 for facility use. There is no alcohol or games of chance permitted due to ELCA policy. Please contact Vicar Vince or the Church Office with questions, for info, or to reserve a date and time.

LIBRARY

New books are added to our library from time to time. Several are borrowed and read and exchanged. Who knows, you might find one particularly interesting and share that with someone as well. Reading is a great way to pass spare time, learn, and explore. You may find some fresh ideas for prayer, ways to grow more spiritually, ways to grow closer to God, or some opportunities to understand our faith more. Visit the library between the church offices and see what books are there!

We also have an extended library located in Vicar Vince’s office. There are Bibles of various translations, books from his personal collection, books inherited from Pastor Leah, movies, past Bible Study Curriculums, and more. Just ask to check things out!

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. We are glad to have you, and would love to have you as a member of our Congregation. See Vicar Vince for more info.

BAPTISM

We are a church whose unity is in Jesus Christ, who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread. Baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey that is characterized by our relationship to God, our relationship to our faith community, our relationships in our community and the wider world. Living our baptismal covenant means living a life of growth in the faith practices of discipleship. Please see Vicar Vince for more information.

FIRST COMMUNION

Although no particular age for first communion is prescribed by The Use of the Means of Grace, one guideline is offered. Because admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord to the baptized, "baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor/vicar, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation.” Each congregation is encouraged to ask the question of readiness for first communion, establish their own policies regarding age and practice, and accompany that practice with catechesis appropriate to the age of the communicant. If anyone has questions, please see Vicar Vince.

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Additional copies are by the Church Office on the bookshelves. We continue keeping it updated and undoubtedly miss a few changes or have made a few errors. There are spaces for changes in info, new people’s info, notes, and your favorite Bible verses. Please continue to inform the Church Office of any changes or updates.

TAKING FAITH HOME

Vicar Vince was introduced to Milestones Ministries weekly guides for faith-filled studies and conversations through a Seminary class. A decision was made to pass these along to you. If you missed a week, or lost your insert, check our website for past issues. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback to Vicar Vince.

NJ SYNOD INFO & UPDATES

Jersey Jottings is a weekly e-newsletter that connects our synod together with weekly prayer, upcoming events, synod and churchwide activities, mission stories, congregational activities, and more. You can also sign up by going to <https://www.njsynod.org/stay-connected> and filling out the form! You can also get the app on your smartphone in the Apple App Store or on Google Play on your android.



VICAR APPOINTMENT ON MARCH 19TH, 2023

A Memorandum of Understanding on the Matter of Pastoral Appointment
In Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) Candidacy
TO: Congregation Council, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas
FROM: The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop, New Jersey Synod

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

This memorandum is in support of your discussions with Vincent Piekarski as pastor of Holy Spirit, Villas. Because this is not the usual pattern for completing the educational and candidacy requirements for ordination, it is my hope that this memorandum will both provide guidelines and engage in conversation with those who are invested in this process.

I would say at the outset that because Vincent is an outstanding candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, we will all want to do whatever is necessary to assure that his placement serves the mission of the church in the best possible fashion.

The following notes reflect my own understanding of this matter:

- (1) The appointment for Vincent will begin on April 1, 2023. At this time, Vincent will assume all responsibilities of a regularly called pastor, including presiding at the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism at Holy Spirit, Villas.
- (2) A pastoral appointment in the TEEM process is an option for completing seminary educational requirements and the steps of the candidacy process. Upon completion of the candidacy process and seminary education, the candidate may receive and accept a call to ordained ministry from the congregation where the appointment is being served.
- (3) This appointment is jointly supervised by the Office of the Bishop and the TEEM pastor's seminary. A mentoring relationship with a local pastor is required for the length of this appointment.

- (4) The synod of candidacy origin will be responsible for the approval process.
- (5) Upon approval for ordination, the congregation would be expected to extend a call to the pastoral appointee.
- (6) Compensation for the TEEM pastor will be according to the guidelines of the New Jersey Synod. All normal forms of compensation should be in place for the term of the appointment, including stipulation that base salary and housing shall be in accord with synod guidelines for first call at time of ordination.
- (7) The ELCA Portico benefit plan for lay persons in full-time church service should be used for the pastoral appointee up to the time of ordination, whereupon the benefit package is to be converted to the plan for ELCA clergy.
- (8) A decision for Pastoral Appointment is made with the agreement of a synod and its candidacy committee, and the ELCA, normally represented by the regional staff person of each in consultation with the seminary and its Director for Contextual Education.
- (9) Pastoral Appointment in a TEEM Candidacy is an option that is to serve the mission of the Church in a particular and vital way and is not to be viewed or used as a means to circumvent the normal candidacy process and/or first call placement process.

In the specific case of Vincent, the New Jersey Synod remains responsible for the candidacy and approval process, and has agreed to this proposal for Appointment at Holy Spirit, Villas.

Continued blessings to both Holy Spirit and Vincent Piekarski as you embark on this journey of mutual ministry. As partners in ministry, we walk with you and rejoice in this new relationship.

VICAR VINCE'S DAY OF REST

A day of rest can have physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. "Mittwoch," German for mid-week, or Wednesday, is the day that Vicar Vince will use to recharge and do some other things. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is an emergency!

VICE PASTOR UPDATE

Pastor William Hodgetts continues to attend our monthly Church Council Meetings.
Pastor William continues to provide Supervision and Direction for Vicar Vince.

TRUE DELIVERANCE PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER

Reverend Maria Brooks and True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center utilize our facilities from 1-4PM on Sundays. TDPWC helps with the Food Pantry and hosts or assists with other events throughout the year. TDPWC hosts a **Prayer Line** on **Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 5PM** on the **Conference Call 1-657-390-7957**.

TUESDAY SEWING CIRCLE **COFFEE, CHIPS, FELLOWSHIP, QUILTS!**

You all—men included—are warmly invited to join **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wildwood on Tuesday morning at 10 AM**. No sewing skills required! We welcome anyone looking to be part of a friendly group that enjoys doing a variety of activities together. We meet in the front room of the Parish Hall at 2810 Atlantic Ave. There's parking available behind the church, and you can enter through the rear door. Just bring a sandwich or snack for lunch! For more information, please contact: Louise McHugh at tillie26@verizon.net or Martha Neff at marthaneff1@yahoo.com

2025 FINANCIAL STANDING	
MAY INCOME	\$8,195.00
MAY SPENDING	\$5,567.75
MAY GAIN OR (LOSS)	\$2,627.25
2025 INCOME	\$32,859.00
2025 SPENDING	\$35,137.87
2025 GAIN OR (LOSS)	(\$2,278.87)
ED GREEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$12,511.55
FOOD PANTRY FUND (SOCIAL MINISTRY)	\$12,318.15
CD	\$25,827.92
75TH ANNIVERSARY	\$6,525.41



WHAT IS THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA?

The ELCA was formed in 1987 by the merger of three Lutheran Church bodies – the ALC (American Lutheran Church), the LCA (Lutheran Church in America), and the AELC (Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches).

To learn more, go to the ELCA's website at www.elca.org.



WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY SYNOD?

The New Jersey Synod is a geographical grouping of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations that share the mission and ministry of the Church on the New Jersey territory. It is one of 65 synods in the ELCA. The NJ Synod is comprised of 146 congregations, which include over 45,000 baptized members.

CHURCH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS **VICAR, BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS,** **EVENTS, NEWSLETTER, & WEBSITE**

Vicar Vince Piekarski

VICE PASTOR

Pastor William Hodgetts

ORGANIST & PIANIST

Carol Amundsen

CHURCH OFFICE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & FOOD PANTRY

Heather Piekarski

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Melnicoff

CHURCH COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Judy Brannan

CHURCH COUNCIL TREASURER

Bonnie Millard

CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY

Vicki Rinier

CHURCH PROPERTY

Frank Ford & Wayne Rand

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH



Celebrating 75 Years in 2025