



**The Lutheran Church of
the Holy Spirit**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 29, 2023
Bear Creek Camp Visit**

**February 5
Annual Meeting**

**February 12
Souper Bowl of Caring**

**February 22
Ash Wednesday Services
Noon and 7:00 PM**

**February 24
Council Retreat**

**June 19 -23
Vacation Bible School**

HOLY HAPPENINGS

January 22, 2023

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 CFL, CAT Class, High School Connect

9:55 AM Sunday School (pre-school - Grade 5)

10:00 AM Gospel Reading and Sermon Video (Nave)

***10:30 AM Spirit Worship**

Nursery Care is available at all morning services.

Coffee and Fellowship in Room 117/119

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits Service

***We will livestream our 8:30 & 10:30 am
worship service on Zoom**

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, please remember to have bread, grape juice, or wine available and ready for digital communion.

[Zoom Link](#): Meeting ID: 511 504 8051

Bulletins are available on the [website](#) prior to the Sunday service for those who wish to follow along.

If you are interested in watching the Pastor's sermon and listening to the Gospel, please visit our [website](#) at and click on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday service" button.

***Please remember to wear
your name tag during worship.***

***If you are in need of a name tag speak
with an usher.***



MASKING IS OPTIONAL DURING SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ATTENDANCE:

	IN-PERSON	ZOOM
8:30 SERVICE	92	19
9:30 FAMILY SERVICE	74	Not Applicable
10:30 SERVICE	87	22

JANUARY 22 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow		Rick Doty
Readers	John Metka	Elizabeth R.	Carole Wetherhold
Greeters	Becky Keane		Victor Schmidt
Ushers	Mike Epperly		Brandi Barndt

CENTER FOR FAITH AND LIFE – ADULT FAITH FORMATION

January 22: Join Mark Stanziola, Council President, for a Council Forum and updates 9:30 am on January 22nd in person and on Zoom.

January 29th and February 5th: We welcome Dr. Deborah Appler of Moravian Seminary who will lead us through a session on healing plants and procedures in the Bible and ancient times and a session on medicinal herb gardens in the Lehigh Valley and beyond.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held Sunday, February 5, 2023. All members of Holy Spirit are invited to attend. Youth in the Confirmation Class and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend, as well as those who have been recently confirmed. As a member of Holy Spirit your input and support are encouraged as we consider the budget for 2023, elect members to the Congregation Council and Synod Assembly.

HELP NEEDED for the congregational meeting on Feb. 5th. A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. The hospitality team needs people who will be willing to donate an item for the lunch. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship center lobby with the items that are needed. Your items may be brought to the church kitchen the morning of the meeting. Any questions, please contact [Linda Devine](#). Thank you.



Thank you to our Global Mission Team

Rick Doty, Ruth Doty Dean Black, Dianne Fox, Charlotte Gross,
Jill Jarrett, Fern Schlegel, and Wilma Stewart

The hats are off to the NICU – the trees are coming down - Sunday is the official end of the *Love for the Least* fundraising appeal (but funds are gratefully received at any time). Please take the opportunity to take a last look at the colorful “preemie” hats on the Global Missions trees and consider a contribution to the support of the tiny babies in the Arusha NICU. Their lives depend on the doctors and nurses treating them and on the funds available for that health care staff and the medicines and equipment used to heal them. (The hats will help keep the babies warm.) Whether you give by check, kiosk, or online donation, please use a memo line notation to Love for the Least.

CRAFT SALE FOR WIDOW’S MIGHT

Sunday, on Global Missions Sunday, we are giving you a chance to support the widows in Tanzania who work in a cooperative started by Linda Jacobson. Craft sales are the means by which the widows make money to support themselves and their families. The best news for you – everything today is being **sold at a discount** to help us get funds to the widows at a great time of need.



YEAR END STATEMENTS In an effort to reduce postage costs, year-end statements **will NOT be sent** out via USPS. Following the services in January, you may pick up your year-end statement in the narthex. If you prefer a hard copy mailed to you or wish to begin receiving statements via email, please contact

Terri Hinderliter using finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

LCHS BOOK GROUP will meet on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10AM in Room 117/119 (arrangements will be made on Zoom in the case of bad weather.) Our book selection for January is ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. All are invited to join us!



BIBLE STUDY Please join us for a four-week bible study on the Letter of James, the only New Testament book to focus on biblical wisdom. Join us in exploring the pearls of wisdom for living a life of faith that are found in James. We will meet at 7 pm in the Speary Cafe for four consecutive Monday evenings, starting on January 23rd.

BLOOMIN' FAITH There are a variety of ways to help support our ministry to those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound or celebrating a special occasion. Donations of \$25 to help cover the costs. Help deliver 2-4 small bouquets to our members. Please [sign up for a slot](#), and Lisa Walton will contact. **Our next delivery date is January 28th.**



Dear Bloomin' Faith,

Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent us. They really brighten our day. What a lovely ministry. Edie enjoyed it a lot. With love and prayers, Donna and Larry Falcone.



January is cervical cancer month. Prevention is key to this silent killer. Often there are no signs or symptoms in the early stages. With increased screening and a vaccine for the HPV virus, the most common cause of cervical cancer, cases have dropped by 50% since the 1970's. Parents with 11-12 year-old children and young adults are encouraged to speak to their healthcare provider to discuss options and screenings.



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Please contact Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107 with any questions. Limited openings remain for the current school year.

SHORT TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED During the month of February as part of our CAT Club lessons, our third-grade students will be having several lessons to help them become familiar with the new Bible they received as a gift from the congregation in October. Two adults are needed to teach this class and materials are provided. Please contact Karin Kahler if you are interested in serving.

GUEST READERS are need for our Jesus and Jammies event on Sunday, February 19th during our Faith Formation time. Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and kindergarten classes. A faith related book will be provided. If you are interested in reading, please see Karin Kahler.

BEAR CREEK CAMP JANUARY 29, 2023 - During our 8:30 & 10:30 services, Collin Grooms, Executive Director will share greetings from Bear Creek Camp. During the 9:30 Family Service, Collin will have a video and a special message. Come and see what the camp has to offer year-round and stay for a Q&A Session at 10:00.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
February 12, 2023
START SAVING YOUR COINS!**

YESUS AND JAMMIES!!!! Mark your calendars and find your favorite pair of pajamas! Jesus and Jammies will be celebrated at Family Worship service and Sunday School on Sunday, February 19th.



LEHIGH VALLEY
IRONPIGS

**LEHIGH VALLEY IRON PIGS
FRIDAY, MAY 12 @ 7:05 PM**



**Vacation Bible School 2023
Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God
June 19 - 23
from 9:15 am - 11:45 am**

CAT CAMP - OCTOBER 27 - 29, 2023



Please remember these members and friends
of Holy Spirit in your prayers:

Our homebound members: Ray, Wilbur, Gloria, Tom, Phyllis, Deb, Peggy, Dick, Christopher, Kathy, Jean, Ed, Norine, Jean and Billie.

Pray for God's healing for: Stephanie, Louise, Lea, Kathy, Corbin, Darlene, Tara, Jace, Robbie, Judith, Paul, Pam, Bubba, Pat, Claire, Don, Leah, Daron, Kyle, Tom, Donald, Janice, Greg, Marilyn, Tom, Scott, Eric, Becky, Adam, Glenn, Jane, Denny, Millie, Lisa, Debora, Patricia, Reinhold, Helen, Sandy, Gordon, Jeanne, Jen, Fred, Rosie, Debby, Janie, John, Donna, Jim, Lester, Douglas, Rachel, Nancy, Grayson, Azlee, Joyce, Margaret, Katie, Marysue, Darla, Helen, Nancy, Ann, Nick, Royal, Pat, Ray, Sharon, Ross, Val, Dave, Robert, Denise, Sylvia, Ksenia, Phil, Fred, Pete, Jean, Sherri, Wilma, Jen, Al, Theresa Rose, Grace, Tony, Tori, Melanie, Carol, Mike, Elaine, Joan, Angela, Suzanne, Don, Ali, Doris, Judith and Betty Mae.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Rosellen.

If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

About Our Prayer List... If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.

DECEMBER 2022
FINANCIAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Operating Performance: December operating income was \$74,215 and operating expenses were \$100,381, giving us a shortfall of \$26,166. The shortfall was entirely due to operating income, specifically in pledged and unpledged, which were a combined total of \$38,390 short of budget. The special offering and Christmas tithes helped make up \$3,141 of the income loss. Expenses were essentially right on budget for December.

Spirit Led, Spirit Alive Capital Campaign: The current total in our Spirit Led, Spirit Alive account is \$261,373. Total donations for the month were \$38,275. There was a \$3,754 charge to the account for the MIF loan payment.

Building Project Loan: The balance on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the Building Project at the end of December is \$703,234.

Lower-Level Renovation Project: The current total in our Lower-Level Renovation Project account is down to \$8,540. There were deposits totaling \$30,670. The sixth payment in the amount of \$84,462.80 was paid to Arthur Funk & Sons.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$13,209 during the month. Donations totaled \$765. There were no expenses in December. Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund!

YEAR We ended the year with a \$65,210 deficit, \$12,169 more than budgeted. As was the case for December, the shortfall was entirely due to operating income, specifically in pledged and unpledged, which were a combined total of \$22,030 short of budget. As a result, operating cash at year end declined to \$70,439.

CALENDAR

Mon. 1/23	10:00 am	Counters (FC)
	10:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	5:00 pm	Jasper Ridge HOA Meeting (WC)
	7:00 pm	MSP Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (SC)
Tues. 1/24	9:15 am & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	CFL Board Meeting (Zoom)
Weds. 1/25	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (117/119)
Thurs. 1/26	6:00 pm	Musical Worship Leaders (WC)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 1/27	1:00 pm	Decorating
Sat. 1/28	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 1/29	5:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #689 (LL)
Mon. 1/30	10:00 am	Counters (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (SC)
Tues. 1/31	9:15 am & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 2/1	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts (8)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
Thurs. 2/2	6:00 pm	Musical Leaders (WC)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (WC)