



**We are a Reconciling in
Christ and Rejoicing
Spirits Congregation**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22
Mid-Week Lenten Service
7:00 PM

March 26
**Informational Session for
Potential New Members**
9:30 am

March 26 - 29
Angel Network

April 1
Bloomin' Faith

April 2 - Palm Sunday
Rejoicing Spirits
2:30 PM

HOLY HAPPENINGS

March 19, 2023

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 am Family Service

9:30 am CFL, CAT Class, High School Connect

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

10:00 am – Sermon/Gospel Reading Replay (Nave)

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

Nursery Care is available at all morning services.

Enjoy Coffee and Fellowship in Room 117/119

***We stream our 8:30 & 10:30 am
worship services live 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.

ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

	IN-PERSON	ZOOM
8:30 SERVICE	105	17
9:30 FAMILY SERVICE	95	Not Applicable
10:30 SERVICE	66	25

March 19 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Lindsey K.		Marian Snyder
Communion Assistants			Louise Davis Beth Fatzinger
Readers	Ricki Stringfellow	Alexis H.	Melanie Werley
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski		Marian Harrison
Ushers	Michael Yablonski		Brenda Truhe
Message Giver		Video	
Tech/Production Team Helpers	Kristen Newill Glenn Hinderliter Chris Pirrotta	Chuck Coe – CFL Family Service: Robert Neitz Chris Pirrotta	Kristen Newill Robert Neitz Bill Newill

CENTER FOR FAITH AND LIFE – ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:30 am

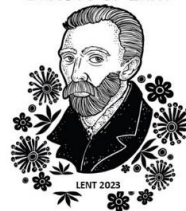
Church in Society: Developing a Faith-Based Response to Divisiveness, Session #4, John Mosovsky - In this 4th and final session of the series, we'll discuss how a faith-based response to any controversial social or political issue is nothing more than a practical application of our identity transformation as Christians. Engaging others in dialogue over controversial issues shouldn't have to be more than applying our faith with an intention of the heart as disciples of Christ (charitable listening in holy conversations). Although easier said than done, how we do it is also uniquely personal. Come join the discussion as we learn from each other how to become more fearless, content, and more at peace and comfortable as we take the initiative to engage in dialogue over controversial issues.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY BREAKFAST March 22 at 9:30 am in Rooms 117/119. Bring a friend for our coffee hour with baked goods. (Bring your own coffee.) Games, discussions, and trivia. Hope to see you there. All Are Welcome to join us!

**Evening Prayer
Wednesdays in Lent
7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center**

Each week, biblical texts and Van Gogh's work throw light on each other. Week by week, we'll travel this Lenten journey together toward Easter morning – and do our part to help lengthen the light, humble our hearts, and open our eyes to the beauty of God's springtime resurrection.

VINCENT VAN GOGH
AND THE
BEAUTY OF LENT



Arrive early to meditate to the sounds of our drum circle.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSION

for Potential New Members ~ March 26th 9:30-10:30AM ~ Room 5 Lower Level
Have questions about LCHS? The Lutheran faith? How to become a member?
Join Pr. Tami and members of the Church Growth Team
to hear about our church community and discuss your questions.

LCHS BOOK GROUP Monday, March 27 at 10AM in Room 117/119.

We will be discussing *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. All are invited to join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Planning for VBS 2023 has begun. Vacation Bible School (Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God) will be held June 19 – 23. Registration and volunteer forms are available in the narthex or on our [website](#). Come join us as we create the decorations that will be used as a part of VBS. It is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. We will again partner with St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus. **The next March decorating session is: Monday, March 27 at 6:00 pm in the Speary Café.** No special artistic skills are required.



HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please consider volunteering as an usher, greeter, reader, assisting minister or communion assistant at one of the Holy Week services. Here is the link to Sign-Up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAAAF2BA7F9CE9-lchs2>

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED We need your participation to continue offering Communion on a weekly basis. We need two communion assistants for each service as well as more members of our altar care team to help with the added responsibilities. To volunteer to be a communion assistant, please [click here](#). To volunteer to help on Altar Care Team, please contact [Terri Hinderliter](#).

EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED Donations of egg fillers are needed for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Candy (***nut free***) and non-edible donations can be placed in the labeled bin in the Fellowship Center lobby. Stickers, bouncy balls, small containers of bubbles, plastic rings, etc. make perfect non-edible donations. Donations are due by Friday, March 31.





IRON PIGS BASEBALL EVENT Join us on Friday, May 12, at 7:05 pm for our annual outing to the Iron Pigs. Tickets are \$11.00 per person and include a \$2.00 voucher to be used at select vendors in the ballpark. Seats are on the third base side of the field and fireworks will be presented after the game. Payment can be made by placing cash or check (made out to LCHS) in

an envelope in the offering plate or by paying on the Kiosk in the lobby. Please be sure to mark Iron Pigs tickets on the payment. **DEADLINE is April 9th**. Sign up using the link below to reserve your seat. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AAAD29ABFE3-iron1>



ATTENTION ZOOM WORSHIPPERS! If you would like to participate in our worship services as a READER, please contact the church office. We will make arrangements with you to record you during the week reading the scripture lessons. The recording will then be used in a Sunday morning worship service.

BLOOMIN' FAITH Our upcoming **deliveries are April 1, and April 29**. If you are willing to help deliver flowers, donate or have plant material you are willing to share, please sign up [here](#).



SNACK DONATIONS FOR OUR YOUTH

We are looking for donations for Sunday morning Cat Class and High School Connect! There is a box in the office labeled Cat Class Snacks if you'd like to donate! Thank you in advance! We are looking for:

Snacks:

- Keurig hot cocoa
- granola bars, cereal boxes
- muffin packs, fruit cups, gummies, gluten free snacks

Paper Products:

- Cups with lids for hot liquids



ICE SKATING! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for ice skating at Bethlehem Steel Ice Center. We need parent drivers, so please contact Amber O'Brien if you can help transport! Make sure to sign up using the link below so we know how many can come! Skating starts at 1:30 and ends around 3:00. See more scheduling details on the sign up genius! **Sign Up Link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA4AE22A1F8C43-iceskating>

EASTER CANDY! Easter candy making is right around the corner and we are collecting donations! Please bring your donations to the office, there will be a box labeled Easter Candy. Please bring your donations **before March 25th!** Thank you!

We need:

- white chocolate melts
- dark chocolate melts
- milk chocolate melts
- pretzel rods
- spring-colored sprinkles



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Just a reminder that Thrivent Choice dollars accrue to eligible members quarterly during the calendar year, and the annual deadline to give away the previous year's Choice dollars is **March 31** (the last day of the first quarter of the following year) each year. Eligible Thrivent members can designate their Thrivent 'Choice' dollars to any of the 45,000 enrolled recipient organizations, as they choose. Congregational Council extends its THANKS to those LCHS members who designate Holy Spirit as their recipient organization.

MARCH IS
COLORECTAL
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH

schedule your
colonoscopy!



Early screening and testing are key to your survival rate for colorectal cancer. Early signs often go unnoticed and are silent. March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. The age to start screening and testing is now 45. Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. (cdc.gov). Risk factors include, but are not limited to, family history, lack of physical activity, diets low in fiber, fruits, and vegetables, and being overweight. Talk with your healthcare providers to discuss your best options for screening and testing. For more information log on to cdc.gov, pennstatehealth.org, lvhn.org, or slhn.org.

OUTREACH MINISTRY



EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL ANGEL NETWORK

We are collecting our regular items through March 24th. Because we did so well for the Christmas collection, **we still need:** **16 cans of green beans/peas**
46 cans of corn
40 bottles of laundry detergent

Items can be dropped off by the Fellowship Center.
Thanks so much, we appreciate your very generous hearts!

If anyone is interested in helping us inventory our food basket items on **Monday March 27th beginning at 9am**, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com. Thanks! Angel Network is so proud to partner with Holy Spirit!

ADOPT AN APARTMENT The apartment is officially “adopted”. It is a big one! Our first family has 8 members! We have cleaned the apartment and are in the process of painting it. We are still in need of some items. They can be used but in good shape. We need the items by March 23rd and we are able to pick them up. Please call the church office if you need assistance.

Here is the list of items needed:

4 wooden “chest of drawers”
Round breakfast table with 4 chairs
2 coat trees (racks)
2 end tables
4 sets of valances (50” -58” inches wide)
6 curtain rods (28”-48” inch)
2 curtain rods (48”-86”)
Cork board/bulletin board/ message board.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER programs provide valuable assistance around the globe. They depend on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. Matthew 25:35 states this best; “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

Here are the various ways you can donate to help those in need:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [here](#) and enter your donation amount on the “World Hunger” line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering “World Hunger” and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

Revised Financial Results and Discussion

February 2023

Operating Performance: February's operation income was \$109,903 and operating expenses were \$79,919 resulting in a monthly surplus of \$29,985. Coupled with January's surplus, our year-to-date surplus for the first two months of 2023 is \$58,076. While this looks quite positive, it doesn't present an accurate picture of our financial position. Many congregants provide their annual pledged donations early in the calendar year.

During January and February, we have received \$60,000 of these annual donations, resulting in the large surplus. Over the course of 2023 this prepaid impact will even out. Our projected 2023 budget deficit continues to be a reality and will need to be addressed.

Spirit Led, Spirit Alive Capital Campaign: The current total in this campaign account is \$2575. During February we moved funds to reduce our mortgage principal. Details of our current mortgage position are:

- Principal balance: \$408,071 at a 3.875% interest rate. This rate is firm for three years. Our total mortgage term is 23 years.
- Our current monthly payment is \$2,188.00.

Building Fund: Our current balance is \$11,284. Receipts during the month totaled \$735. We replaced one of our wall mounted HVAC units at a cost of \$3,400.

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



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

Pray for God's healing for: Lea, Kathryn, Barbara, Corbin, Tara, Judith, Paul and Pam, Bubba, Pat, Marie, Claire, Don, Leah, Daron, Kyle, Donald, Janice, Greg, Becky, Rich, Adam, Glenn, Jane, Denny and Millie, Lisa, Debora, Larry, Reinhold, Joe, Helen, Sandy, Gordon, Jen, Penelope, Victoria, Fred, Debby, Janie, John, Lavern, Donna, Jim, Lester, Lisa, Douglas, Rachel, Sharon, Nancy, Sue, Grayson, Azlee, Joyce, Margaret, Max, Katie, MarySue, Darla, Helen, Nancy, Ann, Nick, Greg, Tim, Pat, Sharon, Ross, Val, Dave, Robert, Denise, Ksenia, Fred, Pete, Jean, Sherri, Wilma, Jim, Al, Theresa Rose, Josh, Tony, Elaine, Joan, Angela, Don, and Ali.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Nancy H. and Nancy L.

Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month. The full names of those for whom we are currently praying, including our homebound members, will continue to appear weekly in Holy Happenings.

If you, or a member of your family, are ever 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.**

CALENDAR

Mon. 3/20	10:00 am	Counters (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 3/21	9: 15 am & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:15 pm	Pastor's Review of Good Friday (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 3/22	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Prime Timer's Breakfast (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service (FC)
Thurs. 3/23	11:00 am	PEO (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Music Leaders (WC)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 3/24	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (117/119)
Sunday 26 th - Wednesday 29 th – ANGEL NETWORK (FC)		
Sun. 3/26	9:30 am	Potential New Member Q&A Session (5)
Mon. 3/27	10:00 am	Counters (Office)
	10:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating (SC)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Tues. 3/28	9: 15 am & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (Zoom)
Weds. 3/29	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	11:45 am	Nursery School Staff Mtg. (117/119)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service (WC – note location change)
Thurs. 3/30	6:00 pm	Music Leaders (WC)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 4/1	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 4/2	Palm Sunday	
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)

