



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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 14  
Rejoicing Spirits**

**January 15  
Church Office Closed**

**February 4  
Annual Congregational  
Meeting at Noon**

**February 10  
Staff/Council Retreat**

**February 11  
Super Bowl Sunday**

**February 14  
Ash Wednesday**

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**\*8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:30 am Family Service**

**9:30 am CAT Class, High School  
Connect, Coffee Tea, Conversation**

**10:00 am Gospel Reading and  
Sermon Replay**

**\*10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits**

**Nursery Care is available at all  
morning services.**

**\*Our 8:30 & 10:30 am  
worship services are 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

Audio only: 929-205-6099

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](#) and click  
on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday  
service" button.

## **ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024**

**ZOOM at 10:00 AM**

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<b>January 14 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Assisting Ministers	Lorie Stout Sherman		Becky Leiby
Communion Assistants	Eric Kahler Linda Devine	Jen Day Roth Bonnie Shive	Bob Neitz Jackie Leipert
Readers	Rebecca Cachiguango	Weston B.	Louise Davis
Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Al Bauernschmidt Dee Bauernschmidt	Jeanette Shoemaker	Victor Schmidt
Ushers	Becky Keane	Jeanette Shoemaker	Brandie Barndt
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Glenn Hinderliter	Bill Keane	Diana Sorrentino

**Our Annual Congregational meeting  
will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024,  
at Noon following a light luncheon in the  
Fellowship Center.**

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*  
**Rejoicing**  **Spirits**

The Baptism of Jesus is the focus of Sunday's Rejoicing Spirits service. Please join us at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center and learn how we are "Washed in God's Love." The Rejoicing Ringers will accompany some songs and a reception will be held after the service in the Fellowship Center. Invite your family and friends. Masks are optional.

## **COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - WINTER SCHEDULE**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** - Please join Council President Mike Berkheimer and others for updates on a variety of LCHS activities (staffing, 2023 and 2024 financial summary, Mission Team highlights and more). The forum will be held in the Fellowship Center at 9:30.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – The Youth will be making pancakes for all to enjoy between 8:30 and 10:30. Donations gratefully accepted for those attending the National Youth Gathering.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will welcome, via Zoom, Dr. Virginia Wiles, retired professor of New Testament at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Dr. Wiles will use the writings of Paul to lead us through a presentation and discussion on Christians as peacemakers.

### **Monthly Sunday Breakfasts January through May 2024**

Due to the popularity of the summer Sunday breakfasts, ***we will be offering Sunday breakfast on the third Sunday of every month from January through May 2024!!***

These breakfasts will be served from 9:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Center on the following Sundays, with all proceeds going to the National Youth Gathering being held this summer in New Orleans, LA.

- **January 21<sup>st</sup> (hosted by LCHS Youth)**
- February 18<sup>th</sup> (hosted by Church Growth Team)
- March 17<sup>th</sup> (hosted by Church Council)
- April 21<sup>st</sup> (Host TBD)
- May 19<sup>th</sup> (Host TBD)
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Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



### **WINTER BIBLE STUDY POSTPONED**

Due to a delay in getting our materials from Augsburg Fortress, our Bible Study will be delayed until after Easter.

## GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY JANUARY 21

Our Speaker will be from  
"Through These Hands –  
Extending Our Hands to Help Those in Need"

Their Mission: Acquiring and Distributing Medical Supplies  
to Developing Countries

[throughthesehands.org](http://throughthesehands.org)



### **HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway for church members and the community. Registrations can be completed online at: [lchsemmaus.org](http://lchsemmaus.org). Tell your friends.

Don't want to wait until next year, limited openings remain for the current school year. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.

**MATCHBOX CARS** If you are cleaning out closets, toy boxes, etc., and come across any matchbox cars, the preschool children would greatly appreciate your donation. Donations can be given to Karin Kahler.



Annual Meeting



Lunch

**HELP NEEDED** for the congregational meeting luncheon on February 4<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. The hospitality team needs people who will be willing to donate an item for lunch. There is a sign-up

sheet posted in the worship center lobby with the items that are needed. Your items may be brought to the church kitchen the morning of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Devine. Thank you.

**LCHS BOOK GROUP** – We will be meeting on **January 22** at 11AM in Room 117/119. We will be discussing “*The Midnight Library*” by Matt Haig. Please join us!

**Book Group** – February 26: **Stranger in the Lifeboat** by Mitch Albom

### **PRIME TIMERS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

**January 18 – Book Club.** We will meet at 10:00 am to discuss “Moscow Rules” by Daniel Silva. Our next book will be “Glass Castle: A Memoir” by Jeanette Walls

**January 24 – Movie Group** at 10:00 am we will watch the comedy, “About My Father” starring Robert DeNiro.

**January 31 – Coffee Hour** at 10:00 am. Join us for trivia, delicious snacks, interesting discussion, and fun! All Are Welcome!

**BLOOMIN’ FAITH** Thank you for your support of Bloomin’ Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family no matter what their age: those who are grieving, those facing difficulties, and those celebrating milestones. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. The upcoming delivery date is Saturday January 27.

**Ways you can help:** Donations: branches, small pinecones and evergreen are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen. Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-4 bouquets. Please let us know if you are able to help on the [sign up genius](#) form. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.



**BEAR CREEK CAMP'S** overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. All campers will experience adventurous activities like hiking and high ropes, teambuilding activities like games and low rope elements, and thoughtful activities like bible study and small group discussions. Throughout the week, the entire camp joins together for morning worships, beginning- and end-of-week bonfires, and other program activities including all-camp games and the dance. Activities change from week to week as no camper week is exactly alike. To learn more about what Bear Creek Camp has to offer or to register for camp, please [click here](#).

Session 1: June 16-21\*   Session 2: June 23-28\*  
 Session 3: June 30-July 5   Session 4: July 7-12\*#  
 Session 5: July 14-19#   Session 6: July 21-26#  
 Session 7: July 28-August 2#   Session 8: August 4-9

*\*try camp sessions*

*#rafting sessions*



## **LOVE FOR THE LEAST**

**LAST CHANCES** – January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> are the last Sundays to contribute to the **Love for the Least campaign**, supporting the babies in the NICU at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Over 300 babies a year receive low cost but

effective care that results in about 92% of those babies returning home to grow and thrive. That is among the best outcomes in all of Africa and is all because of contributions from people like YOU. Whether you give by check, kiosk, or online donations, please use a memo line notation to Love for the Least.

Our campaign trees remain up and decorated until January 21<sup>st</sup>, to remind you of the hats worn by premature babies and of the opportunity to honor someone special in your life with a contribution to saving a vulnerable child of God.



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

If we need to cancel Sunday services due to bad weather, power outage, etc., we ask that you please check the church's website, and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Closure information will also appear on WFMZ.

If the church is closed, we will have one Sunday morning service on Zoom at 10:00 am.

**OR**

If road conditions allow, we will have one Sunday morning service in person at 10:30 am. Either way,

**Please remember to check our social media or WFMZ  
for cancellations or delays.**

NOTE: The church office follows the same schedule as the East Penn School District meaning if the schools are closed, the office will be closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.

### **A WORD FROM OUR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE**

As your Faith Community Nurse, I endeavor to provide our church community with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual support and resources that promote healing of body, mind, and soul.

I'm available through the church office on Tuesdays from noon to 3:00pm. Please stop by or call 610-967-2220. Ext 102 or on my cell at 484-649-9784. It's my pleasure to make myself available during these times to help you with any needs, questions, or concerns you may have. This will be a great chance for us to connect and start the year with a positive and spiritual outlook.

Your Faith Community Nurse  
Dean Black RN. FCN

## **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS    Mark Your Calendars!!**

**January 14th: ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting** after 10:30 service in High School Connect room.

**January 20th: SNOW TUBING!** Details to be announced shortly. But please mark your calendars!! We're planning on going from 1:00-4:00 but are flexible. We are looking for drivers to go to Bear Creek! Parents/Youth – Watch for a separate sign up for this event along with a permission form.

**January 21st: Breakfast by the Youth!** Our kids have learned they are pancake experts so we will be making pancakes! We will have 3 kitchen rotations. Please use the link to sign up for which one you/your youth would like to help with. All donations from breakfast will go to the ELCA Youth Gathering! [Click here to sign up!](#)

**February 4th: YOUTH SUNDAY** is back!! [Click here to sign up!](#) Please add to your calendars: There will be a rehearsal for all musicians/singers on Saturday Feb. 3rd at 1pm.

**February 11th: Souper Bowl of Caring.** Our youth will be collecting money for charities before and after each service! Mark your calendars! Sign up to follow.





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

**Our homebound members:**

Ray, Dale, Gloria, Judith, Phyllis, Deb, John, Joyce, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

**Pray for God's healing for:** Randy, Al, Paul, Michael, Joe, Helen, Kevin, Donald, Gale, Carolyn, Glenn, Jane, Reinhold, Andrew, Fred, Wilbur, Jim, Lester, Nancy, Tammy, Bob, Sharon, Sara, Fred, Pete, Jack, Wilma, Jim, Glenn, Timothy, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, Judith, and Mary Lou.

**In times of sorrow,** we pray for the family and friends of Joyce.

**In times of joy** for the birth of Tessa Fay, granddaughter of Terri and Glenn.

**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency,** you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, call the office at 610- 967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

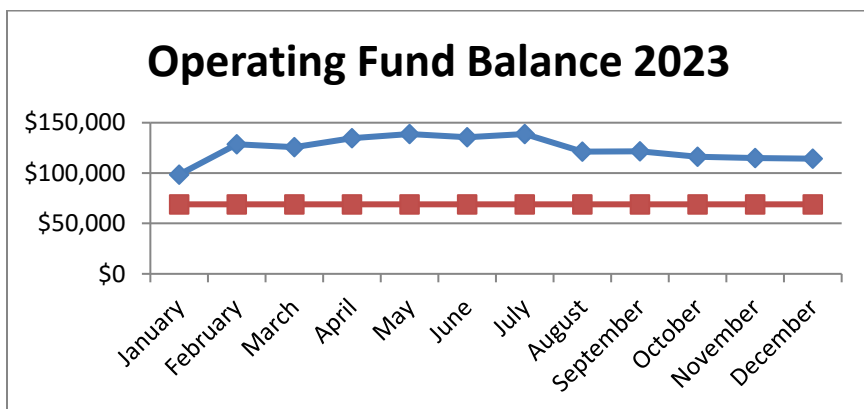
**If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized,** please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

**Prayer cards are available** at the Information Desk in the lobby. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor or usher for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family are hospitalized.

## Financial Results and Discussion – December 2023

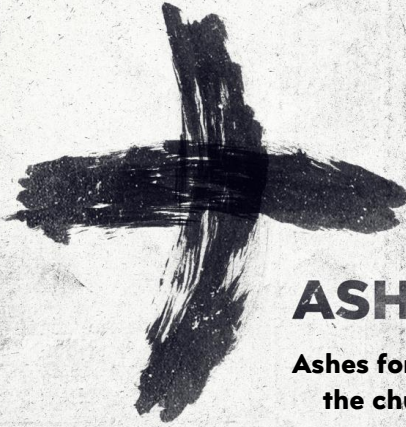
**Operating Performance:** December's income was \$95,020, 13% over budget. Operating expenses were \$95,625, 4% under budget. We finished December with a \$605 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$15,527. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirements.

- **Straight Line at \$69,000:** This represents our monthly cash requirement to run the church.
- **Upper Line:** This represents our current operating cash balance at the end of each month.



**Building Fund:** The building fund increased \$1,850 during the month to a balance of \$13,359.

**Spirit Led Spirit Alive:** This fund increased \$11,394 during the month and has a balance of \$19,641.



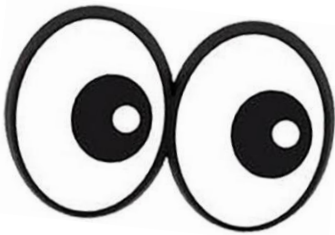
**February 14**

In-person worship at  
**12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**

**Zoom worship @7:00 pm**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ashes for Zoom worshippers available in  
the church office and in the narthex  
beginning January 28.**



Watch for more  
information on our  
upcoming Mid-week  
Soup Suppers and  
Lenten Services

## CALENDAR

Sun. 1/14	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Mtg. (114)
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 1/15	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 1/16	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (FC)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 1/17	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63064 (110/112)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 1/18	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Club (117/119)
	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
Mon. 1/22	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	5:30 pm	Jasper Ridge Community Mtg. (WC)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board (117/119)
Tues. 1/23	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (Zoom)
Weds. 1/24	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 1/25	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 1/26	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 1/27	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)