



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 4
Annual Congregational
Meeting at Noon**

**February 10
Staff/Council Retreat**

**February 11
Souper Bowl Sunday**

**February 14
Ash Wednesday**

**February 21 – March 20
Mid-Week Lenten
Services**

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, January 21, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:00 am Coffee Tea, Connect

9:30 am Family Service

9:30 am CAT Class,

High School Connect,

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

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**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 14, 2024

	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	109	13
9:30 am	79	N/A
10:30 am	71	23
2:30 pm	27	N/A

January 21 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Louise Davis
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jen Day Roth Jennifer Wetzel	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger
Readers	Emily Burke	Ben H.	Charlotte Gross
Message		John & Theo	
Greeters	Jayne Moxey	Angie Niland	Nina McNally
Ushers	Angie Niland	Angie Niland	Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Diana Sorrentino Glenn Hinderliter

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

HELP NEEDED for the congregational meeting luncheon on February 4th. 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.

COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - WINTER SCHEDULE

January 21st – The Youth will be making pancakes for all to enjoy between 9:00 and 10:30am. Donations gratefully accepted for those attending the National Youth Gathering.

January 28 - 2024 Operating Budget Q & A Session

Earlier this week Congregation Council approved the proposed 2024 Operating Budget which will be presented for Congregation approval at our Annual Meeting on February 4th. The proposed budget is included in the Annual Report being emailed to the Congregation in advance of the Annual Meeting. Representatives from the Finance Mission Team and Council will be available Sunday morning in the Fellowship Center from 9:00-10:30 to answer your questions on the budget proposal in advance of the Annual Meeting. Please join us during the Coffee, Tea, Connect hour on the 28th!

February 4th and February 11th, 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 9:00-10:30am 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 21st (hosted by LCHS Youth)**
- February 18th (hosted by Church Growth Team)
- March 17th (hosted by Church Council)
- April 21st (Host TBD)
- May 19th (Host TBD)

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



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. 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.



LOVE FOR THE LEAST

LAST CHANCES – January 14th and 21st

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 21st**, 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.

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



Summer 2024

VBS – June 17 – 21
from 9:15 – 11:45 am

Group Outing to Lehigh Valley
Iron Pigs – July 12 – 7:05 pm

PRIME TIMERS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

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!

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.



GUEST READERS are needed for our **Jesus and Jammies** event on Sunday, February 18th during our Faith Formation time (10:00 - 10:25.) Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and younger elementary classes. A faith related book will be provided. If you are interested in reading, please see Karin Kahler.



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. 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](#).

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are needed for our worship services. If you are willing to volunteer, please [click here](#) to sign up. Thank you.

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.



Thank you to our Bloomin' Faith team for coordinating a dried flower wreath making event. The beautiful wreaths will be distributed to our members on our homebound communion list by our Eucharistic Ministry team. The wreaths are in addition to the monthly flower bouquets created and delivered to folks in times of difficulties and celebrations of joy. Thank you for spreading the sunshine to so many through Holy Spirit's Bloomin' Faith ministry!



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.

**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 21st: Breakfast by the Youth! Our kids have learned they are pancake experts so we will be making pancakes! All donations from breakfast will go to the ELCA Youth Gathering!

Youth: [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!



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.



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, Kathleen, Nancy, Tammy, Bob, Sharon, Tom, Sara, Fred, Pete, Jack, Wilma, Jim, Glenn, Timothy, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, Judith, and Mary Lou

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of David Procter.

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.

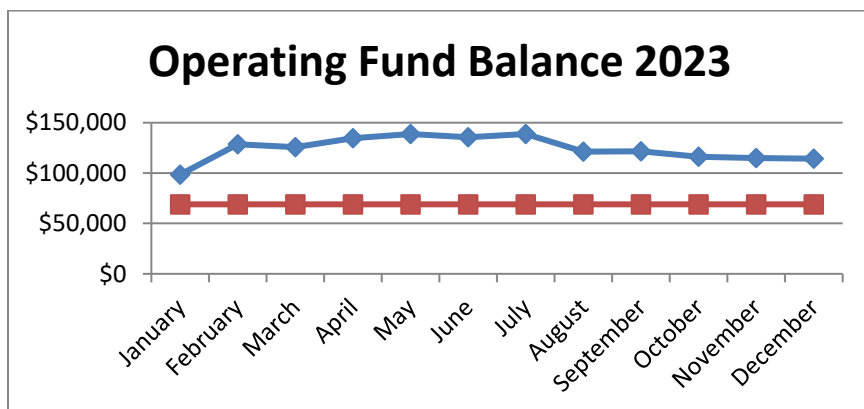
If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

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.

2024 WEDNESDAYS IN LENT “JOURNEY TO PEACE”

Join us on the Wednesdays in Lent for a family-friendly evening of fellowship and worship. We will explore and pray about ways to find peace in our hearts, our relationships, our communities, our country, and our world. There will be a “child-friendly” activity station available every week.



We begin with a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Center at 6:15 pm (soup, bread, and drinks provided). A brief worship service, with prayer stations, will begin at 7:00 pm.

Here's the schedule:

February 21	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
February 28	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
March 6	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
March 13	5:45 Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children) 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
March 20	6:15 Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children) NO SOUP SUPPER – ANGEL NETWORK IN FC 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal

CALENDAR

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)
	7:00 pm	Coffee, Tea, Connect Mtg. (Zoom)
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)
Mon. 1/29	10:00 am	Counters (116)
Tues. 1/30	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship (117/119)
Weds. 1/31	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Coffee Hour (FC)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 2/1	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 2/3	1:00 pm	Youth Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 2/4	11:30 am	Congregational Luncheon (FC)
	12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting (WC)