

We are a Reconciling in Christ and Rejoicing Spirits Congregation

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Bear Creek Camp Sunday Rejoicing Spirits

March 13 - March 20
Mid-Week Lenten Soup
Supper and Services

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 31 Easter Sunday

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HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 10, 2024

*8:30 am Spirit Worship
9:30 am Family Service
9:30 am High School Connect
9:30 am Coffee, Tea, Connect
9:55 am Sunday School
(Pre School – K)
10:00 am Bear Creek Camp
*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 <u>website</u> 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

	In-person	Zoom
Mid-Week Lente	en Service	
7:00 pm	31	N/A
March 3, 2024		•
8:30 am	99	1 <i>7</i>
9:30 am	1 <i>77</i>	N/A
10:30 am	100	16



March 10 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Liz Moessner
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Linda Devine	Deb Stevens Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Emily Burke	Katelyn G.	Charlie K.
Children's Message		Bear Creek Camp	
Greeters	Adam Fermier	John McClain	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Fran Derhammer Bill Derhammer	John McClain	Chuck Coe
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler Bill Keane	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler	Robert Neitz Chris Pirrotta

MARCH COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

March 10th: Laundry on Linden - 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Come hear about Laundry on Linden and the many ways it has come to serve the homeless population of the area with laundry services, meals, health support, drug and alcohol counseling, etc. We will be joined by those involved who will share their stories and experiences with this ministry that our congregation supports.

BEAR CREEK CAMP is visiting on Sunday, March 10th. Come to the Worship Center at 10:00 am to hear about the fun and excitement of Summer Camp and Family Camp. Bear Creek Camp is

celebrating 50 years of outdoor ministry!

REJOICING SPIRITS

Please mark your calendar and bring your family and friends to these upcoming Rejoicing Spirits events:

March 10th – Service at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The special message is "God Loves Everyone".

April 14th – Easter Pageant

May 12th – Recognition of Mother's Day

June 9th – In celebration of 16 years of ministry, Rejoicing Spirits will have its monthly service at 10:30 am in the Worship Center. ALL are welcome! Watch for more details.

Masks are optional at these services.

EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 10:30 am. We are asking for donations of egg fillers (stickers, tattoos, bouncy balls, **peanut and nut free candy**, etc.) Donations can be placed in the marked donation bin in the Fellowship Center lobby by Sunday, **March 10th**.

EASTER EGG FILLING — Please join us on Sunday, **March 17**th and Sunday, **March 24**th in room 117/119 at 10:00 am as we gather to fill the Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt. Many hands make this a quick process.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - March through May 2024

Breakfast 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. Here is the schedule:

- March 17th (hosted by Church Council)
- April 21st (host TBD)
- May 19th (New Member Welcome hosted by Church Growth Team)

2024 WEDNESDAYS IN LENT "JOURNEY TO PEACE"

Join us on the Wednesdays in Lent for a family-friendly evening of fellowship and worship as we explore and pray about ways to find peace in our hearts, our relationships, our communities,

our country, and our world. There is 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). Free Will Donations welcome.

A brief worship service, with prayer stations, will begin at 7:00 pm.

Here's the schedule:

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



CHILDREN'S EASTER CHIMES We are inviting

our elementary children (K-5) to share their musical talents on Easter Sunday at 9:45 am by joining our Children's Chime Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday, **March 13** from 5:45 – 6:15 pm, Wednesday, **March 20** from 6:15 – 6:45 pm and Wednesday, **March 27** from 6:15 – 6:45 pm. Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room. Any questions, contact Sharon MacCabe at maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

YOUTH - MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEW ORLEANS YOUTH GATHERING MEETING DATES

We will meet from 11:30-1:00 pm on these dates:

- March 17th for Easter Candy making!
- April 14, 2024
- May 19, 2024
- June 9, 2024

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL During this Lenten Season we will be focusing on support of the ELCA World Hunger effort. The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in: connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water; provide education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

Here are the various ways you can donate:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form <u>here</u> 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!

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

We begin our annual drive to support these local non-profit organizations that devote resources to families in need and homeless **men**. Our collections will continue through the month of March. Please place your donations in the designated bins located in the lobby outside the Fellowship Center.

We are collecting the following items for:

Allentown Rescue Mission (all items for men):
Men's Watches, Alarm clocks, Notebooks, Men's Wallets

Sixth Street Shelter:

Mops, Cleaning detergents, 2-gallon buckets, Rags

If you have questions regarding the collections please call Carole Wetherhold (610-965-0875).



LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting will be Monday, March 18 at 11 am in Room 117/119. We will be discussing: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. Coming Attractions...April 22 Selection: The Guncle by Steven Rowley. The May 20 Selection is: Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

VBS DECORATING SESSION Planning for our 2024 VBS has begun. Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we create the decorations that will be used for Surf Shack VBS. The March date for decorating is **Tuesday**, **March 19**th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please enter at the church office entrance. No artistic skills required. Catechism students receive service hours for participating.



PRIME TIMERS EVENTS FOR MARCH

Friday, March 15th - MOVIE GROUP Come watch "The Love Punch" at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room. It stars Pierce Brosnan and

Emma Thompson. Divorcees enlist the aid of a married couple to get their stolen retirement money back from a corrupt French businessman.

Thursday, March 21st - **BOOK CLUB** will meet in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am to discuss "The Personal Librarian" by Maria Benedict. A story about the J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, a black American forced to pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

Wednesday, March 27th - COFFEE HOUR It's very important that as seniors we get out and socialize. It's good for our mental and emotional well-being. We are Reviving our Coffee hour. Come out and try a new challenge, "Name that movie" when you hear the famous quotes. Goodies will be served. Bring your own coffee. We have trivia and you will hear about the activities for April.



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. Registrations can be completed online at: Lchsemmaus.org. Tell your friends. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.

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. Upcoming delivery dates are March 23 and April 27. Please let us know if you are able to help on the sign up genius form. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Leesa Wimmer or Lisa Walton.

SLAM THE SCAM Slam the Scam Day is an initiative from the Social Security Administration to raise awareness and warn everyone about scam phone calls. The Social Security Administration rarely calls unless you are expecting a return call. They never threaten arrest or other legal actions. Don't be fooled, these criminals can be persuading, aggressive, and convincing. If you receive a call HANG UP.

Scam calls can be reported to OIG.SSA.GOV or call 800-772-1213. For more information see the posting in the restrooms throughout the Church or on my bulletin board by the kitchen. Be safe and NEVER give out your social security number to anyone on the phone. \sim Dean Black Faith Community Nurse

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: ENVELOPES OF

PRAYER Thank you so much for your support! To date, we have raised \$3,992 through our prayer envelopes. We continue to look for more prayer partners so that each one of our participants have people praying for them! **Please consider taking an envelope to pray for our participants without contributing any money. Your well wishes and prayers mean so much to us!**

You can pick up an envelope with a bio in it through the church office during business hours or from one of our Youth in the Worship Center Lobby on Sunday morning.



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

Our homebound members: Ray, Dale, Judith, Phyllis, Deb, John, Joyce, Dick, Linda, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

Pray for God's healing for: Randy, Al, Norma, John, Joe, Jane, Kevin, Rosenia, Janice, Scott, Carolyn, Vickie, Glenn, Jane, Violet, John, Reinhold, Ed, Andrew, Fred, Jen, Lester, Nancy, Liz, Tom, Bob, Sharon, Tom, Nancy, Fred, Jack, Julio, Wilma, Jim, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, and Judith.

In times of joy and celebration for Gayle Getz's 90th birthday.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, call the office (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.

<u>Prayer cards are available</u> at the Information Desk in the Worship Center 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 or are in need of prayer.

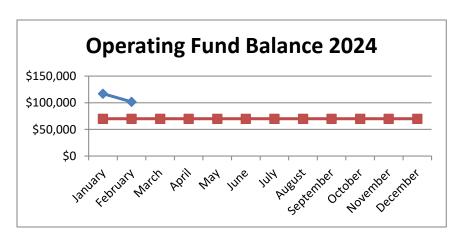
February Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance:

February's income was \$77,755, \$1,962 or 2.5% under budget. Operating expenses were \$93,100, \$3,727 or 4.17% over budget. We finished February with a \$15,345 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$9,656.

The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirements.

- Straight Line at \$70,000: This represents our monthly cash requirement to operate the church.
- Upper Line: This represents our current operating cash balance at the end of each month.



Building Fund: The building fund increased \$5,665 during the month and has a balance of \$24,709.

Spirit Led Spirit Alive: The Spirit Led Spirit Alive fund had a \$20,000 principal paydown of the mortgage in February leaving a balance of \$5,540. The remaining funds will be used to pay the mortgage until the balance is depleted.



Reserve the Date

April 13, 2024 3 to 5 pm "Stories and Song"

Come and celebrate the musical tenure of our Music Director,
Sharon MacCabe

Questions? Please contact Glenn Hinderliter.



Summer 2024

Vacation Bible School June 17 – 21 from 9:15 – 11:45 am

> VBS Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms are available on the Children's Ministry Table in the lobby

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





<u>The Knitting In Faith Group</u> will be offering Pocket Prayer Crosses on Good Friday and Easter Sunday to members and friends of Holy Spirit. The crosses will be available in baskets in the narthex.

Holy Spirit is a place of welcome for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and their families, friends and allies. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

All Are Welcome!

CALENDAR			
Sat. 3/9	10:00 am	Denise Rohrbach Calling Hour	
•	11:00 am	Rohrbach Memorial Service (WC)	
	DAYLIGHT S	SAVINGS TIME – SPRING AHEAD	
Sun. 3/10	BEAR CREEK CAMP SUNDAY!		
,	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)	
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)	
Mon. 3/11	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)	
,	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
	7:00 pm	Coffee, Tea, Connect Team (Zoom)	
Tues. 3/12	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)	
,	9:15 and 12	d 12:40 NS Chapel (WC)	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)	
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (116)	
Weds. 3/13	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)	
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)	
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts 63064 (110/112)	
	5:45 pm	Children's Easter Chimes (WC)	
	6:15 pm	Lenten Soup Supper (FC)	
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service (WC)	
	7:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)	
Thurs. $3/14$	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)	
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)	
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)	
Fri. 3/15	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)	
	6:00 pm	Calling Hour Pete Schneck (WC)	
Sat. 3/16	9:30 am	Calling Hour Pete Schneck (WC)	
	11:00 am	Schneck Celebration of Life (WC)	
Sun. 3/17	10:00 am	Easter Egg Filling (117/119)	
	11:30 am	Youth Easter Candy making	
	3:00 pm	Angel Network (FC)	
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout 689 (110/112)	
Mon. 3/18	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)	
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)	
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)	
Tues. 3/19	9:15 and 12:40 NS Chapel (WC)		
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)	
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating (110/112)	
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)	
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)	



PALM SUNDAY: March 24

*8:30 am Service 9:30 am Family Service *10:30 am Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 28

12:00 pm Service 7:00 pm – Service with Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29

Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm Service 7:00 pm Service

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION: March 31

8:30 am Spirit Led 9:45 am Family Easter Celebration 10:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade 11:00 am Festival Worship

Childcare will be available at all Easter services

*In person and livestreamed on Zoom

This year's Good Friday services will focus on the Stations of the Cross. The liturgy includes a series of Bible Readings telling the story of Jesus' journey to the cross on Good Friday. Each Bible passage will be depicted through art on the screens. You do not need to move to different stations. You will be invited to meditate on the art as you hear the Readings and listen to the message that follows each Reading.