



**We are a  
Reconciling in Christ,  
Rejoicing Spirits, and  
Handicap Friendly  
Congregation**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 24**

Palm Sunday

**March 28**

Maundy Thursday

**March 29**

Good Friday

**March 31**

Easter Sunday

**April 1**

Church Office Closed

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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

**9:30 am Family Service**

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

**9:55 am Sunday School**

**10:00 am Sermon/Gospel 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.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**In-person**

**Zoom**

### **Mid-Week Lenten Service**

**7:00 pm**                      **29**                      **N/A**

### **March 17, 2024**

**8:30 am**                      **143**                      **14**

**9:30 am**                      **75**                      **N/A**

**10:30 am**                      **81**                      **22**

<b>March 24 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Assisting Ministers	Jimmy Lee Werley		Renee Wetherhold
Crucifer			Chuck Coe
Acolytes			Heather Coe Anne Osenbach
Communion Assistants	Lorie Stout Sherman JoEllen Rooney	Jennifer Wetzel Melanie Werley	Dave Fatzinger
Readers	Beth Fatzinger	Amelia P.	Becky Leiby
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski	John Slaby	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Michael Yablonski	Josh S.	Dean Black
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Chris Pirrotta Bob Stevens	Bill Keane Craig Kauffman	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Bob Stevens

### **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:

April 21st (hosted by Worship and Finance Mission Teams)

- May 19th (New Member Welcome hosted by Church Growth Team)

**EASTER EGG FILLING** – Please join us on Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**EASTER TREAT SALES ARE BACK!**  
**Please bring cash!**

We will be selling our delicious homemade treats at all three services on **March 24<sup>th</sup>!** They look great in Easter baskets and taste even better!

Chocolate covered pretzels come in pairs and are \$3 each and bunny bark is \$4. We have both milk and dark chocolate!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR AMAZING YOUTH AND ADULTS GOING TO NEW ORLEANS FOR THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN JULY. WITH YOUR GENEROSITY, WE HAVE RAISED \$7,990.00 SO FAR!**



**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**PRIME TIMER'S COFFEE HOUR**

10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. 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 so come out, bring a friend, and try a new challenge, "Name that movie", enjoy fellowship and goodies will be served. Bring your own coffee. We also have trivia and you will hear about the activities for April.



**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. Our rehearsal is Wednesday, **March 27** from 6:15 – 6:45 pm in the Music Room. Any questions, contact Sharon MacCabe at [maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:maccabe@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

## **WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED**

Are you willing to volunteer once a month or on a more regular basis? If you'd like to volunteer for any of the Sunday morning services, please click the link below to sign up or call the church office.

[Communion Assistants](#)

[Ushers/Greeters](#)

[Technology Production Team](#)



**The Knitting In Faith Group** 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.

## **WORLD HUNGER APPEAL**

**OFFERING FOR  
WORLD  
HUNGER**

During this Lenten Season we are focusing on supporting the ELCA World Hunger effort. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change.

### **Here are the various ways you can donate:**

- 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!

### **\* 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).



**SPRING BIBLE STUDY** There are many books of the Bible that we hear little about. One of those is 1 Peter. Come explore this epistle (or letter) with us, which, though short, has much to say about how God's

people are trusted, called, and made holy to proclaim him. It also includes advice about relationships and suffering. Join us for this five-week study on Monday evenings from 7 – 8pm in Room 110/112 starting on **April 8<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you are a regular participant, or someone newly interested, all are welcome.

## **APRIL COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES**

9:30 – 10:15 am

**April 7th** - Please join us for updates from Church Council on a number of critical activities that are in progress. Included will be updates on the Call Process for a Senior Pastor, the search process for a new Director of Music, financial updates through the first quarter and more.

**April 14th** - Come and hear from our youth who are attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July.

## **REJOICING SPIRITS**

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

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Pageant

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Recognition of Mother's Day

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – In celebration of 16 years of ministry, Rejoicing Spirits will have its monthly service at 10:30 am in the Worship Center.

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

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

**April 14, 2024    May 19, 2024    June 9, 2024**

## **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: ENVELOPES OF PRAYER**

We continue to look for more prayer partners so that each one of our sixteen participants have the same number of 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 on Sunday morning outside the worship center. Our finance team will accept envelopes with money in them through March 24th.

If you have an envelope with no money, please drop them off on Sunday mornings to the basket in the high school connect room or give them to Amber O'Brien. Thank you!



## SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **April 20, April 27** with a rain date of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed from 9:00 am – Noon to weed, rake leaves out of beds, prepare areas for mulch, spread mulch, etc. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, pitch forks, work gloves and any other items you think might be needed. Please come at 9:00 am if you are willing to help. Trash bags, cans and water will be available.



**April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30-10:20 am**  
**All Saints Room**

*\* open session.... stop in anytime  
throughout the hour \**

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

Our next meeting will be **April 22**. We will be reviewing *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. Our May 20 Selection is: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

**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 date is 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.



IN OUR



# Thoughts and Prayers

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, Bill, Glenn, Jane, Dan, John, Reinhold, Ed, Nancy, Andrew, Ava, Jen, Lester, Nancy, Liz, Tom, Bob, Royal, Sharon, Tom, Nancy, Fred, Jack, Julio, Wilma, Jim, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, and Judith.

**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency**, if 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.



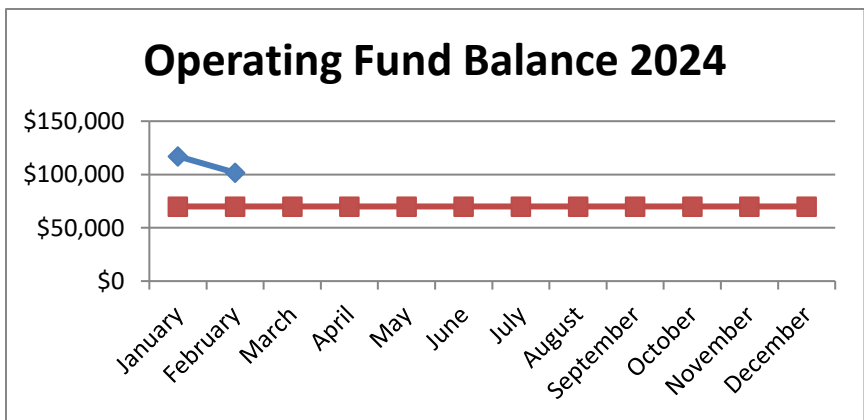
## February Financial Results and Discussion

### 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 "Stories and Song" from 3 to 5 pm  
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. Watch for the sign up after Easter**



### **Mark Your Calendars for Important Dates for CAT Class! Sunday March 31st: Easter (NO CAT CLASS)**

Youth are welcome to help with the Egg Hunt outside at  
10:30am.

**June 17-21: VBS!!!** Please see Amber O'Brien or Karin Kahler for a  
volunteer form! This is a wonderful way for our youth to get service  
hours!

**August 16-19th: Bible at the Beach in OCNJ!** We did this trip last  
year and the kids loved it and asked to do it again. We stay at the  
Kull Youth Center which has an open gym where the kids love  
playing games and is walking distance to the boardwalk and  
beach!

**September 20th-22nd: Catechism Camp at Bear Creek!** Please  
note: Every student in Catechism should attend Bear Creek camp at  
least once during Catechism before Confirmation!

**Saturday October 26th: Confirmation Banquet** (only for those  
getting Confirmed in 2024 and their families)

**Sunday October 27th: Confirmation Sunday**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade

\*11:00 am Festival Worship

Childcare will be available at all Easter services

**\*In-person & 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.

## CALENDAR

Sun. 3/24	10:00 am	Easter Egg Filling (117/119)
Mon. 3/25	10:00 am	Counters (116)
Tues. 3/26	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 3/27	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	6:15 pm	Chimes (Music Room)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 3/28		Maundy Thursday Services at Noon & 7:00 pm
Fri. 3/29	9:00 am	Decorating
		Good Friday Services at Noon & 7:00 pm
	1:30 pm	Youth Musicians Rehearsal (WC)
	Noon	Church Office Closing
Sat. 3/30	9:00 am	Decorating
	10:30 am	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 3/31	8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am	Easter Services
	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon. 4/1		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Tues. 4/2	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 4/3	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	GS 63064 (110/112)
	6:16 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	GS Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 4/4	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 4/5		<b>Church Office Closed</b>

