



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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL 14

Rejoicing Spirits

### APRIL 20 & 27

Spring Grounds  
Clean Up

### APRIL 21

New Member Info  
Session

### APRIL 23

Election Day

# HOLY HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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

**9:30 am Family Service,  
CAT Class, High School Connect**

**9:30 am Coffee, Tea, Connect**

**9:55 am Sunday School**

**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.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**April 7, 2024**

**8:30 am**

**In-person**

**100**

**Zoom**

**16**

**9:45 am**

**85**

**N/A**

**11:00 am**

**83**

**17**

<b>April 14 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Victor Schmidt
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Bonnie Shive	Jackie Leipert David Fatzinger
Readers	Max H.	Joshua S.	Heather Coe Janet Coe
Children's Message		Melanie Werley	
Greeters	Al Bauernschmidt	Jeanette Shoemaker	Victor Schmidt
Ushers	Dee Bauernschmidt	Jeanette Shoemaker	Brandie Barndt
Production/ Technology	Chris Pirrotta Diana Sorrentino	Chris Pirrotta Eric Kahler	Robert Neitz

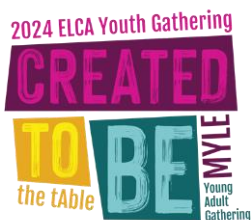
## **SUNDAY'S COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT**

9:30 – 10:15 am in the Fellowship Center

**April 14th** - **"ELCA Youth Gathering Past and Present!** Join our youth and adult members attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans who will facilitate discussions about the trip they are preparing for this July! We are encouraging any congregation member to attend, especially if you or a loved one has been to an ELCA Youth Gathering in the past. We'd love to hear your stories and experiences! There will be an opportunity to meet our current attendees and ask questions. If you have been participating in the partners in prayer fundraiser, you will be able to meet and talk with your prayer partner! If you'd like to take a bio card for one of our participants and pray for them, we will have them there on Sunday morning as well. We hope you'll join us as we look forward to sharing our gratitude for all of your prayers, love, and support.

**Jesus is Alive, Alleluia!**

Rejoicing Spirits will present its Easter Pageant Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception, honoring Sharon MacCabe, will follow the service. Please join us. All Are Welcome! Masks are still optional.



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER UPDATES!** Thank you to all the congregation members who are participating in our partners prayer fundraiser! We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we continue to prepare for the Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans in July.

**An additional thank you to anyone who purchased bunny bark on pretzels for Easter! We enjoyed the team-bonding of making the candy and are thrilled at how quickly we sold out! For anyone who missed out on candy this year, we plan to run this fundraiser every year so don't worry!**

**At the beginning of January, we set our fundraising goal for \$12,000. To date, we have raised \$8,261.00. THANK YOU!**



**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 study on

**Monday evenings from 7 – 8pm** in Room 110/112. Whether you are a regular participant, or someone newly interested, all are welcome.



**SUNDAY BREAKFASTS** Breakfast will be served between 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center on the following Sundays, with all proceeds going to our youth attending the National Youth Gathering being held this summer in New Orleans. Here is the schedule:

- April 21st (hosted by Worship and Finance Mission Teams)
- May 19th (New Member Welcome hosted by Church Growth Team)

### **WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED**

Are you willing to volunteer once a month or on a more regular basis? Training is available and if you'd like to volunteer please click on a link below to sign up:

[Communion Assistants](#)

[Ushers/Greeters](#)

[Technology/Production Team](#)

### **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**

### **UPCOMING PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS**

**April 18** – 10:00 am – **Book Club.** We will be discussing “Don’t Look Back” by Gregg Hurwitz (May’s book is “Serpentine” by Jonathan Kellerman)

**April 22** – 10:00 am – **Movie Group** in the All Saints Room. We will be watching “Anyone But You” a story about two young people who think they are great for each other and then they’re ice cold.

**May 1** – 10:00 am – **Coffee Hour** in the Fellowship Center. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, goodies, and something is always up Renee’s sleeve!

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

**Summer Ingathering:** We are still in need of 16oz water bottles, individual salty snack bags and Walmart gift cards (\$10 increments) for the summer lunch program of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua where they will provide lunch to children attending their community program. Questions? Call Alice Mudge, 610-400-5349. Donations can be left in the designated bins in the Fellowship Center coat room. Please leave Walmart gift cards with Nikki in the church office.

### Spring Mission Trip

Holy Spirit's spring mission trip is heading to York, PA to help repair homes damaged in recent flooding. We will be traveling to York on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> and returning Thursday afternoon May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at Camp Friendly Acres which is a church camp run by Advent Lutheran Church in York. If you can only work part of the week, we do have opportunities to coordinate carpools with other people. There will be work for all skill levels. Please contact Bob Mueller if you have any questions (610-442-7892).



### 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. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Kahler at: [ekahler71@gmail.com](mailto:ekahler71@gmail.com).



**NEW MEMBER  
INFORMATION SESSION**  
**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. **The 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.

**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 and neighbors. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.





**AUTISM** also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a condition that affects approximately 1 in 36 children. This shocking statistic has steadily increased every year since 2000 when the CDC began collecting data. In that year, ASD affected 1 in 150 children.

ASD encompasses a wide range of challenges that individuals face regarding social skills, repetitive behavior, speech, communication, and interaction skills. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial in developing the strengths and abilities of an individual.

For local information and support, you can contact the [Autism Society Lehigh Valley](#) or [The Arc Lehigh and Northampton Counties](#). For national resources, visit the [Center for Disease Control](#).



**Mark Your Calendars for Important Dates for CAT Class!**

**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!

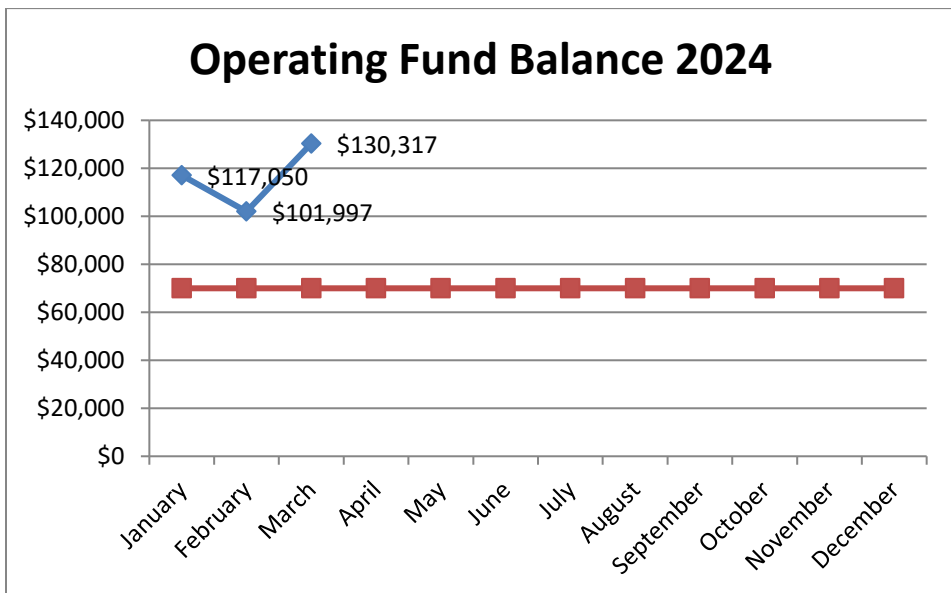
**Saturday October 26th: Confirmation Banquet** (only for those getting Confirmed in 2024 and their families)

**Sunday October 27th: Confirmation Sunday**

## Financial Results and Discussion March 2024

**Operating Performance:** March income was \$102,065, \$2,418 or 2.43% above budget. Operating expenses were \$73,745, \$9,500 or 15% over budget. We finished March with a \$28,320 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$35,402. 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 \$5,575 during the month and has a balance of \$30,283.96.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of March 31, 2024, is \$376,697.96.





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:** Al, Norma, John, Joe, Tom, Scott, Bill, Glenn, Jane, Dan, Nancy, Irene, Jim, Katie, Lee, Liz, Tom, Pat, Kathy, Nancy, Wilma, Chuck, and Robert.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Paul.

**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.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 17 – 21, 2024**  
**from 9:15 am – 11:45 am**

**VBS Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms are available on the Children's Ministry Table in the lobby or on the [website](#).**

**VBS Volunteers:**

1. We are currently in need of adult volunteers for VBS to serve in the areas of storytelling, music, and crafts. In adult we need group leaders (adults who shepherd the children to each of the pre-planned stations.) If you are able to serve, please contact Karin Kahler.
2. Volunteer meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 pm and Monday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. If volunteering at VBS, please plan to attend one of these meetings.
3. Children Protective Services Law/Protection of Minors compliance requires VBS volunteers to have current background checks on file. Please contact Jim Duggan at [clearances@holyspirit-emmmaus.org](mailto:clearances@holyspirit-emmmaus.org) to inquire about the process.



**Iron Pigs Baseball Game:** Friday, July 12 at 7:05 pm.

Gates open at 5:45 pm. Fireworks after the game.

Tickets are \$11/person (third base side) and include \$2 to spend at concessions. Only 75 tickets available. Payment is due by Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and can be made via cash, check (payable to LCHS), or online. Please be sure to mark *Iron Pigs* on the payment. Sign up by clicking below or use the QR link above.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8A82FA4F8C16-49000909-iron>

## CALENDAR

Sun. 4/14	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Meeting (114)
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 4/15	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 4/16	9:15 am & 12:40pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (FC)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 4/17	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	5:00 pm	GS 63064 (110/112)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
Thurs. 4/18	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 4/20	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-Up
Sun. 4/21	9:30 am	New Member Info Session (ASR)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout 689 (110/112)
Mon. 4/22	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/23	ELECTION DAY (FC)	
	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 4/24	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
Thurs. 4/25	11:00 am	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 4/26	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 4/27	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-up
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)



**FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST**

**ORDERS ARE DUE TO THE  
OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 28TH**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**# \_\_\_\_\_ GERANIUMS \$10.00 EACH PLANT**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT**

**Flowers can be picked up after the last Service.**