



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 21

New Member Info
Session – Room
117/119

APRIL 23

Election Day

APRIL 27

Spring Grounds
Clean Up

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 21, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:00 – 10:30 am Sunday Breakfast

9:30 am Family Service,

CAT Class, High School Connect

9:55 am Sunday School

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 14, 2024

	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	115	14
9:30 am	76	N/A
10:30 am	96	17
2:30 pm	44	N/A

April 21 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	JoEllen Rooney		Craig Scott
Communion Assistants	Mary Vink Linda Devine	Dan T. Jennifer Wetzel	Theresa Schinkowitch
Readers	Art Horst	Elizabeth R.	Helen Miller
Children's Message		Karin Kahler	
Greeters	Marlene Feulner	John Slaby	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Rich Feulner	Josh S.	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Jimmy Lee Werley Glenn Hinderliter	Kristen Newill Bill Newill Diana Sorrentino



**NEW MEMBER
INFORMATION SESSION**
April 21st 9:30-10:20 am
In Room 117/119

** 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.



SUNDAY APRIL 21 BREAKFAST will be served between 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center. Free will offerings will be graciously accepted with all proceeds going to our youth attending the National Youth Gathering. April's breakfast is hosted by Worship and Finance Mission Teams.

- The May 19th Breakfast and New Member Welcome will be hosted by the Church Growth Team.

UPCOMING PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS

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!



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

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!

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. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis:

[Communion Assistants](#)

[Ushers/Greeters](#)

[Technology/Production Team](#)



Summer 2024
Vacation Bible School
June 17 – 21
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 to inquire about the process.
4. **VBS DECORATING SESSION:** Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we create the decorations that will be used for Surf Shack VBS. Our next decorating session is May 13th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please enter at the church office entrance. No artistic skills are required. Catechism students receive service hours for participating.

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.



Dear Bloomin' Faith group - Your flowers certainly helped to brighten my spirit. Sometimes the pain in my back is truly overwhelming; especially when it is raining. Needless to say, the day the flowers were delivered it was pouring. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.
~ Blessings, Pattie Bisbing

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

SUMMER INGATHERING collections continue for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua: donations needed of individual salty snack bags (no nuts/peanut butter), 16oz filled water bottles, and Walmart gift cards (\$10 increments). See the designated bins in the Fellowship Center coat room for placing your donations. Gift cards can be left 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 5th and returning Thursday afternoon May 9th. 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).



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 9th 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>



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **April 27** with a rain date of May 4th. 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.

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 and neighbors. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.



We are going to carpool so if you're interested please contact either Dean Black at black@holyspirit-emmaus.org (484-649-9784) or John Mosovsky at vistafarm@ptd.net (484-264-6151).

It will be a focused day of being church together, reminded that in the midst of all that seeks to divide, we are united as the Body of Christ, gathered and sent for the sake of the world God loves.

You can learn more here:

<https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>

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

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.



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](#).



Church Community Garden

Our garden is growing!
We received approval for 2 additional raised garden beds.

We have also received approval of the Community

Garden effort as a Thrivent Action Team, and we will be receiving a \$250 gift credit card to be used to acquire the second new raised bed frame and other plant materials/stock.

We have approximately 8 volunteers interested in helping with the garden and can always use more volunteers. If you'd like to help, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com

BEAR CREEK CAMP
MAY PLAY DAY & WORK DAY
Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am - Work Day Begins
11:00 am - May Play Day Begins
Rec hall open (foosball, ping pong, etc.)
Nature center open
Hiking/exploring
Main camp tour

12:00 pm - Free Lunch for All!
1:00 pm - Gathering in the Courtyard
Q&A about BCC Summer Camp

1:00 - 3:00 pm - Activities Continued
Guided hike on Lenape Trail
Camp store open
Rec hall open
Boating

Invite your congregation, bring your youth group, and spread to the word for an amazing day filled with community at Bear Creek Camp! This event is free for all.
RSVP at bearcreekcamp.org/mayplayday or scan this code

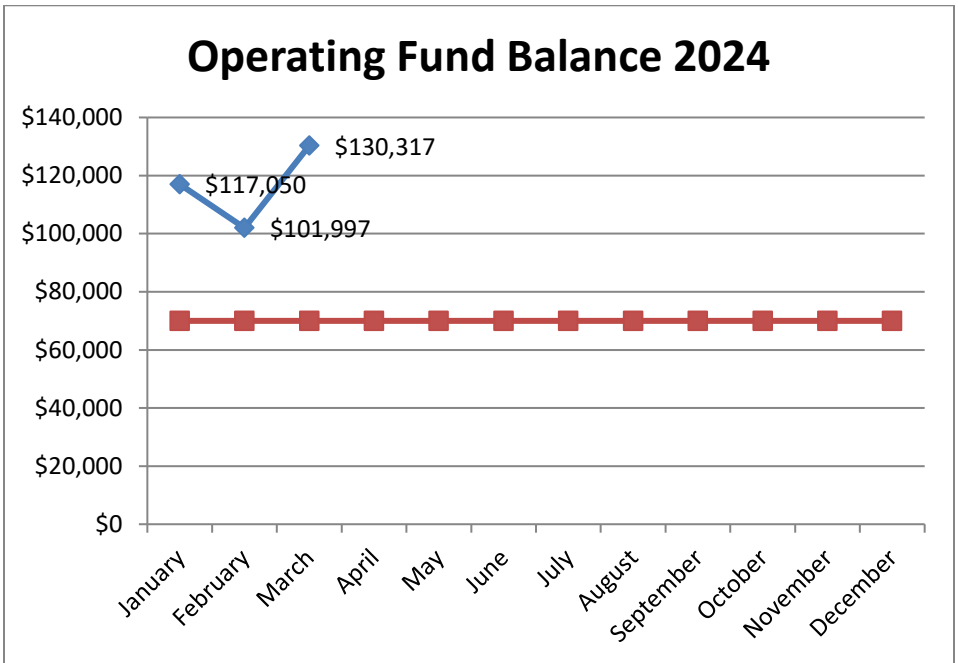


For questions, email bccampe@bearcreekcamp.org or call 570-472-3741

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, Bob, Pat, Sharon, Kathy, Robbie, Nancy, Wilma, Chuck, and Robert.

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.

A FOND FAREWELL TO SHARON MACCABE

On Saturday, April 13, Sharon was presented with a wonderful program of songs, stories and gifts from the choir, Spirit Ringers, and other Holy Spirit Ministries. Thank you Sharon, for your many years of dedicated service at Holy Spirit. We wish you the best in your retirement.



CALENDAR

Sun. 4/21	9:00 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	New Member Info Session (117/119)
	5:00 pm	GS 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)
	6:30 pm	Council Sub-Team (116)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/23	ELECTION DAY (FC)	
	9:15 & 12:40	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)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship (117/119)
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)
Mon. 4/29	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/30	9:15 am & 12:40 pm NS Chapel (WC)	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Tanzania Planning Mtg. (117/119)
Weds. 5/1	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	5:00 pm	GS #63064 (110/112)
	7:00 pm	GS Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 5/2	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal



PENTECOST FLOWER ORDERS are due to the office no later than April 28th. Pick up an order form in the Worship Center Lobby or call the office with your order. Geranium plants are \$10.00 each.