



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5

LDR Trip

May 9

Nursery School Open
House

May 12

Mother's Day
Rejoicing Spirits

May 19

Pentecost – Wear RED!
New Member Welcome
Breakfast

May 27

Church Office Closed

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 28, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

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

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 21, 2024

8:30 am

In-person

114

Zoom

15

9:30 am

72

N/A

10:30 am

91

24

April 28 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Deb Smith
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Bonnie Shive Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger
Readers	Richard Feulner	Sarah G.	Judith Hausman
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Pattie Bisbing Lorie Stout Sherman	Lorie Stout Sherman	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Mike Epperly	Lorie Stout Sherman	Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Bill Keane Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Diana Sorrentino Chris Pirrotta

COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT May 5th at 9:30

The Attack on Knowledge and our Response - Rick Doty and John

Mosovsky - God's intent for us is to use knowledge to care for the common good. But the spread of lies, rumors, and ignorance along with misleading and inflammatory rhetoric, particularly by digital media, has reached levels to where proper discernment is nearly impossible. Our civic engagement depends upon a clear distinction between fact and misinformation for an informed public dialogue. So what should our roles and actions look like as we are called to be "innocent as doves" when interpreting intentions and "wise as serpents" when discerning information? Come join the discussion to learn from each other and from the church's draft social statement on civic life and faith.

May 12 – Come and learn about the Kindness Project.

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](#).

1. **VBS VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for adult to serve in the areas of storytelling, music, and crafts. In addition, 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:** 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.
5. **SNACK DONATIONS** VBS is asking for donations of snacks so that we can serve tasty treats to our “surfers” at the Surf Shack each day. Please [click here for the sign-up genius link](#) or the QR Code below and select the items that you are able to provide. Please be sure to note brand names when listed and that all snacks are to be individual quantities. All items should be placed in the labeled bins by Thursday, June 13th. Thank you for your support of VBS!



* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

SUMMER INGATHERING April 28th is the final day for dropping off donations for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's community program to provide lunch for children attending the summer program. Designated bins can be found in the coat room of the Fellowship Center. Walmart gift cards can be left in the church office with Nikki Clark. Questions? Call Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349. Thank you for your generosity.

PRIME TIMER'S COFFEE HOUR May 1 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, goodies, and something is always up Renee's sleeve!



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

May 12th – Recognition of Mother's Day at 2:30 pm

***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.

***Please note that this service will not be live streamed on Zoom.**



SUNDAY May 19th 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. May's breakfast will be hosted by the Church Growth Team. ***Come and welcome our new members.***



LCHS BOOK GROUP

Our May 20th book selection is: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult. We meet at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

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

*We will meet from 11:30-1:00 pm on these dates:
May 19, 2024 AND June 9, 2024*

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

Are you willing to volunteer once a month or on a more regular basis? Training is available. Please consider volunteering. Click on a link below to sign up or call the church office. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis:

[Communion Assistants](#)

[Technology/Production Team](#)

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.



Iron Pigs Baseball

Game: Friday, July 12 at 7:05 pm. Gates open at 5:45

pm. Fireworks after the game. Join your church family for a fun time at Coco-Cola Park! 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>



Lutheran Day in the Capitol

MAY 9, 2024

LAMPa's 45th Anniversary
Advocacy + Celebration

Join us for Lutheran Day at the Capitol. We plan on carpooling 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).

The day 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/>



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



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

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

Our homebound members: Al, Norma, John, Joe, Jeff, Tom, Scott, Bill, Glenn, Jane, Dan, Irene, Jim, Grayson, Lee, Bob, Bob, Pat, Sharon, Robbie, Nancy, Jean, Wilma, Chuck, and Robert.

Pray for God's healing for: Ray, Dale, Judith, Phyllis, Deb, John, Joyce, Dick, Linda, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Taylor.

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
First Quarter Ending March 2024

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT		
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE		
March 2024		
	YTD	
INCOME	Current	Current
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	250,990	257,374
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	4,510	2,600
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,957	12,824
INTEREST	1,002	900
TOTAL INCOME	267,459	273,698
EXPENSE		
PEOPLE	165,467	167,064
STAFF RELATIONS	573	656
RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY	64,438	53,811
WORSHIP	2,310	762
FAITH FORMATION - ADULT	421	749
FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN	705	683
FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH	2,010	1,242
HOSPITALITY	(130)	100
CHURCH GROWTH	548	901
MEMBER CARE	122	180
BUDGETED BENEVOLENCE	8,580	8,580
MISCELLANEOUS	6,564	6,564
TOTAL EXPENSE	251,608	241,292
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	15,851	32,406

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Income: Income for the 1st quarter is about 2% below projections/budget. Most of the income shortfall is actual revenue for individuals providing "estimates of giving" being less than the estimates that were provided. We continue to have a number of members fulfill their annual estimate of giving at the beginning of the year, which is a great help to operational cash flow.

Expenses: Expenses for the 1st quarter were higher than projected/budgeted. The Resources for Ministry expense line includes all our service contracts, energy bills and building maintenance. Higher expenses than projected during Q1 were driven in part by snow removal, roof repairs from significant rain events and the timing of some annual service contract payments being different than budgeted.

Summary

While we have added \$15,851 to our operating reserve during the first quarter, this amount is only about half of what we expected to add to our operating reserve during the quarter. It is critical that we continue to increase our operating reserve (income exceeding expenses) during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the calendar year to fund our budgeted benevolence and other operating expenses which will occur during the 4th quarter.

ATTENTION GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE!!!

Your church community would like to recognize you on **June 2nd**! So please email me with a photo, the name of the school you are graduating from, if you are continuing your education, where you plan to go, what you plan to study, and what your plans are for the future! If you know of anyone who is graduating, please reach out to them and have them contact Amber O'Brien **by May 20th!** You can send everything to my email: obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org.



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 bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org or call 570-472-3741

ACCEPT. EMBRACE. CELEBRATE!

Different is Beautiful

National Autism Month

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](#).

CALENDAR

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)
	6:30 pm	Endowment Commttee (117/119)
	7:00 pm	GS Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 5/2	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal
Sun. 5/5	5:00pm	GS #689 (110/112)
Mon. 5/6	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 5/7	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice (SC)
Weds. 5/8	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	11:00 am	NS Teacher Luncheon (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/9	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	NS Open House (SC)
Sun. 5/12	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)



Rejoicing Spirits is an innovative ministry that works to enrich the faith lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and friends. Services are the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm. All Are Welcome!



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

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ GERANIUMS \$10.00 EACH PLANT

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

Flowers can be picked up after the last Service.