



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 7, 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**

**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**

**March 31, 2024**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>April 7 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Lorie Stout Sherman		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine Angie Niland	Mary Vink Bonnie Shive	Jackie Leipert Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Charlotte Gross	Maddy H.	Cassidy M.
Children's Message		Video	
Greeters	Carol Walrod	Amy Pirrotta	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Don Walrod		Dean Black
Production/ Technology	Diana Sorrentino Chris Pirrotta	Craig Kauffman	Craig Kauffman



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

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

**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.



**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.



**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. There will be no formal celebration on her last Sunday which is April 14<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Please contact [Glenn Hinderliter](#).

**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, LA. 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**

**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.

ALL are welcome! Watch for more details.

**\* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \***

**The Summer Ingathering project** collections begin this week for the summer lunch program of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catawauqua. We are collecting “individual” salty snack bags, 16oz water bottles and Walmart gift cards (in \$10 increments). Donations can be left in the designated bins in the coat room of the Fellowship Center through Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards should 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 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.



## **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. Don't want to wait until next year. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.



### **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**



I want to thank our Pastors and all my Holy Spirit family for their prayers, visits and lovely cards that I have received. This past Saturday, I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from my Holy Spirit family and I would like to give a

big thank you to all who made that possible.

Peace and Love, Jane Cella



**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](#).

### **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!



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.

Prayers current as of April 2, 2024:

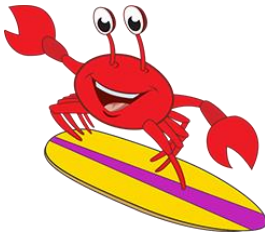
**Pray for God's healing for:** Al, Norma, John, Joe, Jane, Janice, Scott, Carolyn, Bill, Glenn, Jane, Dan, John, Nancy, Ava, Jen, Katie, Lee, Liz, Tom, Sharon, Ali, Nancy, Fred, Wilma, Chuck, and June.

**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.





**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 coming soon!**



**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!**

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*

**Rejoicing  Spirits**

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.

## CALENDAR

Sun. 4/7	5:00 pm	GS 689 (110/112)
Mon. 4/8	9:30 am	Stitch and Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/9	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	Noon – 2:00 pm	Office Closed
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee (FC)
Weds. 4/10	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	GS 63064 (110-112)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 4/11	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (FC)
Sat. 4/13	3:00 pm	Stories & Song - A Farewell to Sharon MacCabe (FC)
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 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (FC)
Weds. 4/17	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	5:00 pm	GS 63064 (110/112)
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
Thurs. 4/18	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)
Sat. 4/20	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-Up

**EHS ANGEL NETWORK** A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our spring food baskets! We braved rain, sunshine, sleet, and wind outside for 5 hours last week to get baskets to 140 families. Our incredible team made it happen and made it look easy!!

It takes so many of us to make this work - all the groups (school, church, and community) that collect items, the individual donors, the student and adult volunteers who help us sort, count and pack the baskets, our helper crew that loads the cars, and the staff at the schools who work with us. You all deserve these thank you notes (below) that came in with the basket signups.

And for a change of pace, I'm including a picture from packing day with the adults this time instead of the kids! ~ EHS Angel Network

- *I am incredibly grateful for all of the help that you have given me throughout the years. Thank you for helping me and every other parent who is struggling.*
- *God bless you always for everything you do 🙏🙏*
- *Thank you and this is appreciated!*
- *Food, water, rice anything helps*
- *Just to thank you so dearly for your support*
- *Thank you for your continued help for needy families. I and my family truly appreciate 🙏 God bless you'll*
- *We appreciate everything! ❤️*
- *We have a great deal of medical expenses so any assistance is appreciated. Thank you for everything that you do.*
- *We are grateful for your support God bless*
- *I truly appreciate these baskets. It is wonderful what your organization does for the students and families.*
- *Thank you for providing this help. Very much appreciated.*





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

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

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

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

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

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

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