



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

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 19**

**Pentecost – Wear RED!**

New Member Welcome  
Breakfast  
Youth Gathering  
Meeting

**May 27**

Church Office Closed

**June 2**

Graduate Recognition

**June 9**

Rejoicing Spirits

**June 17 – 21**

Vacation Bible School

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

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

**9:00 – 10:30 am 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

<u>May 12, 2024</u>	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	117	16
9:30 am	87	N/A
10:30 am	70	13
2:30 pm	42	N/A

<b>May 19 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Becky Leiby
Communion Assistants	Leesa Wimmer Dianna Olszewski	Volunteers Needed	Michael Epperly Vi Ballard
Readers	Mackenzie L.	XJ H.	Tom Bradley
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Rob and Sue Smith	Angie Niland	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Angie Niland	Angie Niland	Bob Neitz
Production/ Technology	Bill Newill Kristen Newill Eric Kaher	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Diana Sorrentino



### **SUNDAY May 19<sup>th</sup> BREAKFAST**

Join the Church Growth Team and other members of the congregation for a time of fellowship and sharing as we offer a warm welcome to Holy Spirit's newest members.



**MAY 19, 2024 is our last Sunday for  
Sunday School, CAT Class,  
High School Connect and the  
Sermon/Gospel replay until the Fall. Our  
worship service times will remain the  
same throughout the summer.**

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

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

**May 19, AND June 9, 2024**



Dear friends, this Sunday **we welcome as new members** Tom Bradley, Lisa Bradley, Brenda Brookover, Carol Campbell, Jessica Hodgskin, Kevin Hodgskin, Jayden, Charlotte, Dominic, John Holland, Zachary Keiser, Courtney Keiser, Kira, Carly, Aimee Kolupanowich, Wyatt, Miriam Ludwig, Stacy

Ludwig, Christian Messler, Jessica Messler, Elizabeth Nolen, Kari Nolen, Laura Rothe, and Michael Rothe into the life and ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to Holy Spirit.

**ATTENTION GRADUATES  
OF HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE!!!**

Your church community would like to recognize you on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>!** 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](mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



**PRIME TIMER'S EVENT**

May 22 – **Coffee Hour** in the Fellowship Center at 10:00 am. Join us for trivia, home baked goodies, conversation, laughs and fellowship! All Are Welcome.



Our next meeting is: **Monday, May 20 at 11AM** in the **Fellowship Center** at LCHS. *Please note our new location.*

We will be discussing: ***Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult***. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy together after our meeting. All are welcome!

### **Coming Attractions:**

June 24 Selection: **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

by Maya Angelou

July 22 Selection: **Remarkably Bright Creatures**

by Shelby Van Pelt

August 26 Selection: **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge

Sept. 23 Selection: **The Women** by Kristin Hannah

Oct. 28 Selection: **Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**

by James McBride



### **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 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>



## **THROUGH THESE HANDS – MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THOSE IN NEED**

In May, we have the chance to send medical and related supplies to those in need around the globe. Priority needs are for the following:

1. supplies for newborn through 3-month-old babies (receiving blankets, undershirt “onesies”, small soaps, or shampoos)
2. wound care supplies (larger bandages, sterile pads, gauze wraps), and toiletries for parents accompanying small children while in the hospital (toothpaste, toothbrushes, small soaps)

Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Center lobby through the month of May. They will be distributed primarily overseas to developing countries using the non-profit Through These Hands, based in Slatington, PA. (larger equipment in good shape may also be donated – e.g., crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs meeting current safety standards.)

MAY IS NATIONAL  
**MENTAL HEALTH**  
AWARENESS MONTH



Since its inception in May 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been addressing the challenges of someone suffering from mental health problems.

Mental health disorders are vast and many. It's time to stop the stigma and get folks the needed treatment. If you or anyone you know has mental health concerns talk to your health care team. Local resources include Lehigh Valley Hospital Network ([lvhn.org](http://lvhn.org)), St Luke's University Hospital Network ([sluhn.org](http://sluhn.org)), Penn Foundation ([penfoundation.org](http://penfoundation.org)), and the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Health ([nami-lv.org](http://nami-lv.org)). Help is there - have the faith to reach out.



**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 worship center 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-emmaus.org](mailto:clearances@holyspirit-emmaus.org) to inquire about the process.
4. **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 13<sup>th</sup>.

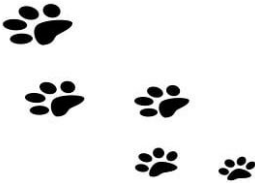
**Thank you for your support of VBS!**



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP THE MEMORIAL GARDEN WEEDED.** If we have 4 volunteers, they would only need to come once a month for a few minutes. Please speak with Mike Epperly if you are willing to help.

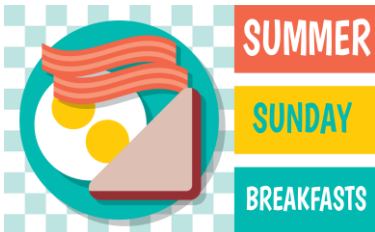
**FAMILY WORSHIP  
OUTREACH COLLECTION**

We are collecting donations for the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley through June 9<sup>th</sup>,



**Items needed:**

dog food (dry and wet)  
cat food (dry and wet)  
and pet food for rabbits,  
gerbils, fish, and birds.



**SUMMER BREAKFASTS** We are excited to announce that we will resume Summer Breakfasts starting June 16<sup>th</sup> and going through Labor Day weekend. Their success will depend on you as each week these will be led by a different group

from the congregation (for example Council, Mission Teams, Committees, Music groups/ Choirs, families/friends and so on). Each group will be responsible for set-up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. [Signup here](#) or use the QR code below. Choose your summer Sunday and provide your group's point of contact. Breakfast will be served 9am-10:30am in the Fellowship Center to accommodate all services. Free will offerings will be graciously accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Devine at 610-703-1471.



## **ARUSHA, TANZANIA NICU TO VISIT HOLY SPIRIT!**

OK, the headline may be a little misleading, but **Dr. Steve Swanson and his wife Jodi are indeed visiting Holy Spirit on Wednesday June 5th.** The Swansons have been serving as ELCA missionaries since 2013. Dr. Steve heads up the NICUs at the Arusha and Selian hospitals in Tanzania, and Jodi works there on the healthcare team. Hear Steve and Jodi talk about how they use low-cost, low-tech care to treat the most vulnerable of God's children, and how they are building a sustainable, thriving future for pediatrics in Tanzania. What can our role be in creating that future? Come learn more and join the conversation!

**Please join us Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Fellowship Center.**

**Refreshments and a light dessert provided**



**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Rejoicing Spirits will celebrate **16 years of ministry** at the 10:30 am service. Come and experience all that makes Rejoicing Spirits so special.

**REMINDER: The 10:30 am service on June 9<sup>th</sup> WILL NOT be live streamed on Zoom.**

### **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.





## **WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED**

Are you willing to volunteer at one of our worship services? Training is available if you would like to help on a Sunday morning. Click on a link below to sign up or call the church office. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. Please consider volunteering.

[Communion Assistants](#)

[Technology/Production Team](#)

**BLOOMIN' FAITH** Thank you for your support of our monthly flower ministry Bloomin' Faith, which reaches all members of our church family no matter what their age: those who are grieving, those facing difficulties, those celebrating milestones, and in appreciation of church volunteers. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. Upcoming delivery dates are **Saturday May 25, June 22, and July 27.**



**Ways you can help:** **Donations:** flowers from your garden are always appreciated. Please contact Lisa Walton ([lmwalton@aol.com](mailto:lmwalton@aol.com)) to let her know what you have available. Flowers must be dropped off by 10 am the Friday before deliveries. **Deliver:** with more drivers, we can spread God's joy to more members. If you are able to pick up and deliver 2-3 bouquets on Saturday morning, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8A82FA4F8C16-49237086-bloomin> If you have any questions or comments, please contact Leesa Wimmer or Lisa Walton.

*"God is in all creatures, even the smallest flowers." ~ Martin Luther*



IN OUR



# Thoughts and Prayers

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

**Our homebound members:** Ray, Dale, Judith, Phyllis, Dick, Linda, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

**Pray for God's healing for:** Joe, Cindy, Scott, Glenn, Jane, Brigid, Dan, Nancy, Irene, Jim, Lester, Nancy, Grayson, Bob, Robbie, Nancy, Jean, Cindy, Wilma, Ricki, Sherri, Robert, and Ron.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Sharon and for the family and friends of Bob.

**Prayer Request Reminder:** Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month. The full names of those for whom we are currently praying, including our homebound members, will continue to appear weekly in Holy Happenings.

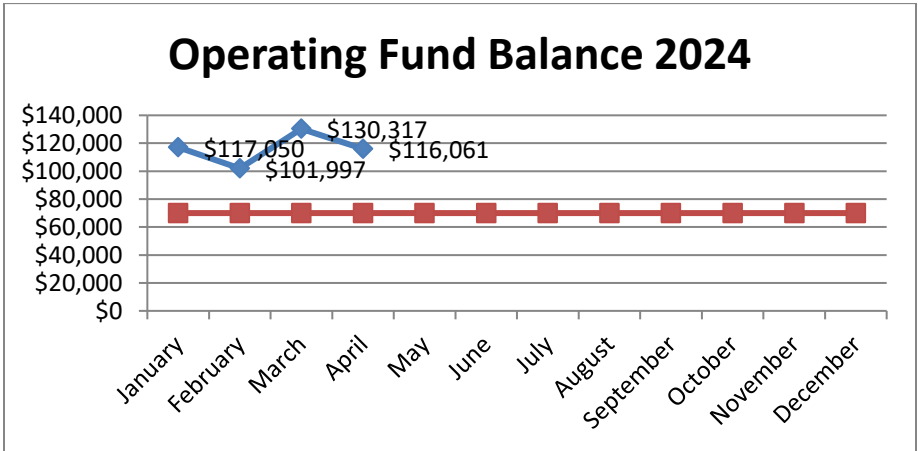
**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency,** you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, call the office at 610- 967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

**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.

## April Financial Results and Discussion

**Operating Performance:** April's income was \$59,361, \$16,189 or 21.43% below budget. Operating expenses were \$73,617, \$873 or 1.17% below budget. We finished April with a \$14,256 deficit, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,060. 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 decreased \$1,682 during the month and has a balance of \$28,602.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of April 30, 2024, is \$375,741.22.

## CALENDAR

Sun. 5/19	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Meeting (114)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #689 (110/112)
Mon. 5/20	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (FC)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 5/21	9:30 am	NS Moving On Rehearsal (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Tanzania Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Council (FC)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 5/22	9:30 am	NS Moving On Rehearsal (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	11:00 am	Outreach (Zoom)
Thurs. 5/23	9:00 am	NS Moving On Ceremony (WC)
Fri. 5/24	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
	10:00 am	Decorating (WC)
Sat. 5/25	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Mon. 5/27	<b>Church Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday</b>	
Tues. 5/28	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 5/29	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting (117/119)
Sun. 6/2	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #689 (110/112)
Mon. 6/3	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 6/4	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 6/5	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	GS Service Unit (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Tanzania Presentation (FC)
	7:00 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (SC)

## NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closing at 1:00 pm on Fridays,  
May 31 through August 30, 2024