



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

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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, May 5, 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 28, 2024

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

In-person

110

89

75

Zoom

10

N/A

14

<b>May 5 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Liz Moessner
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Fran Derhammer	Bonnie Shive Jennifer Wetzel	Jackie Leipert Theresa Schinkowitch
Readers	Becky Keane	Ben H.	Anne Osenbach
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Christine Bolen	Christine Bolen	Linda Letts
Ushers	Bob Bolen	Bob Bolen	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Diana Sorrentino Eric Kahler	Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Carol Osenbach

## **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](#)

**COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT – 9:30 am**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>**, Join us in welcoming Diane McAloon, Special Projects Coordinator for The Kindness Project, another of the community organizations we support here at Holy Spirit. The Kindness Project supports foster families and kids and teens in foster care. They offer tangible goods, free tutoring, in-kind support for extra-curricular activities, as well as educational and social family events and support, which allow youth in foster care to have the same opportunities as their peers who are not in foster care.



**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>



**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-emmaus.org](mailto:clearances@holyspirit-emmaus.org) to inquire about the process.
4. **VBS DECORATING SESSION:** Our next decorating session is **May 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of VBS!





## 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](mailto:black@holyspirit-emmaus.org) (484-649-9784) or John Mosovsky at [vistafarm@ptd.net](mailto: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/>

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*

## Rejoicing Spirits

“A Mother’s Love is a Reflection of God’s Love” is the special message for the Rejoicing Spirits service on **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** in the Worship Center. Please plan to attend this recognition of Mother’s Day service followed by a reception in the Fellowship Center. Masks are optional.

Don't forget: The 10:30 am service on **\*June 9<sup>th</sup>** will be a celebration of 16 years of Rejoicing Spirits ministry at LCHS. Please join us!

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

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

will be served between 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center.

Any free will offerings



are 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.***

**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**

**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 20<sup>th</sup>!** You can send everything to my email: [obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



## **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.



### **Church Community Garden**

Our spring garden has expanded and is growing garlic, onions, radishes, salad mix, cabbage, kale, and more for our local food bank. As the weather warms and the danger of frost subsides more veggies will be planted. We have approximately 8 volunteers interested in helping with the garden but more folks are always welcome. If you'd like to help, please contact Jeff Gross at [jeffgross1@aol.com](mailto:jeffgross1@aol.com)



Our next meeting is: **Monday, May 20 at 11 AM** 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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH COLLECTION

During the month of May,  
the Sunday School classes will collect  
donations for the Animal Food Bank  
of the Lehigh Valley.

### **Items needed:**

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

### **PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR MAY**

May 14 – **Movie Group** will meet at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room to watch, "I'll See You In My Dreams".

May 16 – **Book Group** meets at 10:00 am in Room 117/119 and we will be discussing, "Serpentine" by Jonathan Kellerman (June's book is, "An Hour Before Daylight" by Jimmy Carter.

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.





## **THROUGH OUR 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 ([pennfoundation.org](http://pennfoundation.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.



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, Dick, Linda, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

**Pray for God's healing for:** Al, Norma, John, Joe, Cindy, Jeff, Tom, Scott, Bill, Glenn, Jane, Dan, Irene, Jim, Lester, Nancy, Grayson, Lee, Bob, Bob, Sharon, Robbie, Nancy, Jean, Wilma, Ricki, Chuck, Sherri, and Robert.

**In thanksgiving and celebration** for Vi and Chuck's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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.



Bloomin' Faith,

Thank you for the beautiful vase of flowers during my recovery from knee surgery. It really brightened my day and it's nice to know my family in faith is praying for me during my recovery.

~ Sincerely, Pat Peters

Bloomin' Faith,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I am enjoying them at my window. I will think of you all when I see them!

~ Jean Stauffer

Bloomin' Faith,

I would like to thank the congregation as a whole and the folks involved with the Bloomin' Faith ministry, particularly, for the wonderful and beautiful flower arrangement that I received to help me celebrate my 80th birthday. It brightened the day and gives me joy each time I look at it. Thank you again. ~ Rich Feulner

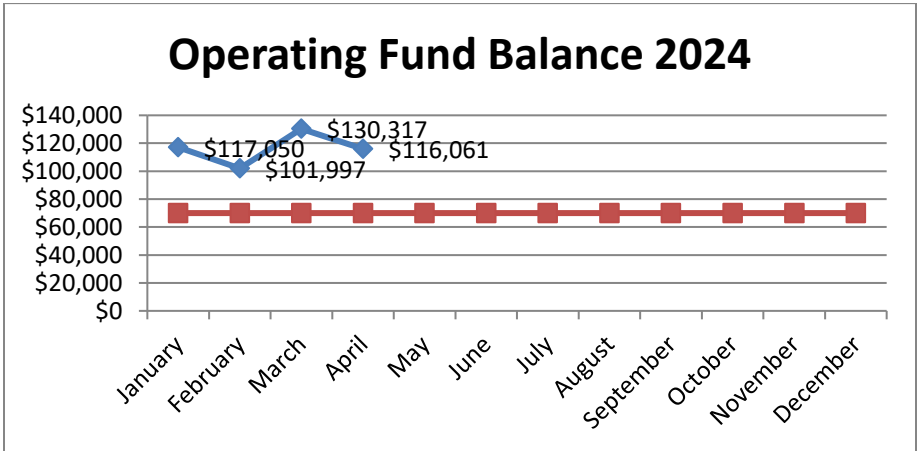


Room 113 has been transformed!  
Our thanks to Bob Rohrbach, Mike Epperly, Mike Quinn, Eric Kahler, Glenn and Terri Hinderliter, Kelly Dean and Rick Slimmer for the variety of help in getting the room painted, the furniture moved, and the old carpet ripped up (including sticking to the adhesive while doing it)! A very special thank you to Terry Bastian and his crew for prepping and laying the new flooring. Feel free to stop in - the room looks fantastic!

## 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.



## **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 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*

## CALENDAR

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)
	6:15 pm	Spirit 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)
Mon. 5/13	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
Tues. 5/14	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (117/119)
Weds. 5/15	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	6:15 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/16	Nursery School Just Chill Fundraiser	
	9:30 am	NS Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 5/19	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Meeting (114)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #689 (110/112)



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!

**NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** Come out to Just Chill Creamery in Emmaus on Thursday, May 16th from 12:00 – 9:30 to support Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School. Present this flyer and the preschool will receive 15% of the proceeds.

# Here's the Scoop!

Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School  
invite you to join us for a  
Dine to Donate Fundraiser at

**JUST CHILL CREAMERY**  
**1325 CHESTNUT ST**  
**EMMAUS, PA 18049**

**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 16th**

**12PM - 9PM**



Show this flyer and 15% of  
your sales will be generously  
donated to the Nursery  
School!