



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11

Rejoicing Spirits

August 16 – 19

Youth Bible at the Beach

August 25

Blessing of Backpacks

August 28

Prime Timer's Coffee Hour

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, August 11, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:00 – 10:30 Summer Breakfast

9:30 am Family Service

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits

**Nursery Care is available at all
morning services.**

***Our 8:30 and 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

August 4, 2024

	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	132	13
9:30 am	51	N/A
10:30 am	88	21

August 11 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Elizabeth Moessner
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine Lorie Stout Sherman	Jennifer Wetzel Lorie Stout Sherman Bonnie Shive	Vi Ballard Volunteer Needed
Readers	Deb Stevens	Kira K.	Renee Wetherhold
Children's Message		Baptism	
Greeters	Jayne Moxey	Angie Niland	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Angie Niland	Angie Niland	Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Paige Mathieu Al Bauernschmidt Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Jeff Gross	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Volunteer Needed

AUGUST 11 SUMMER BREAKFAST Enjoy breakfast and fellowship with other members of our congregation in the Fellowship Center between 9:00 – 10:30am. This week's breakfast is sponsored by our Youth Gathering participants.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing  Spirits

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Rejoicing

Spirits service on August 11th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The service will focus on the special message of "Let Your Light Shine" and its connection to "salt and light" from the gospel story. A reception will follow the service. ALL are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES: Our youth who went to New Orleans had a wonderful time! We had gorgeous weather, saw some alligators, listened to live jazz, and had a lot of fun together! Our Youth Gathering participants will be **hosting breakfast on August 11th**, so don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the Youth Gathering! In addition, we have more opportunities for youth coming up this summer and fall that I want to make sure you know about!

Beach trip to Ocean City New Jersey August 16-19th and we also have our **Catechism Camp Retreat** at Bear Creek Camp from September 20-22nd. The cost of these trips is determined by how many attend so the more the merrier!

If your youth is planning on getting Confirmed this fall, Catechism Camp is a Confirmation requirement. Many of our youth enjoy going to Cat Camp as often as they can and come after they get confirmed as youth mentors. We are looking for youth mentors AND adult chaperones to come with us this year!

Registration for Cat Camp will close on August 25th. [SIGN UP FOR CAT CAMP HERE!](#)

or use this QR code:



If you'd like to chaperone either of these or both of these trips, please let me know! We have time to get you clearances if you don't already have them and the church will cover all expenses related to clearances.

Please let me know if you have ANY questions!
Blessings, Amber O'Brien

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS - All Are Welcome to join us.

BOOK GROUP August 22 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing the writer, Michael Connelly and sharing our books by him.

COFFEE HOUR August 28 at 10:00 am. We meet for fellowship, baked goodies, trivia fun and laughter.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on Sunday, August 25th at the 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 worship service as we mark the start of another school year. We invite all (adults, youth, and children) who will be beginning a new school year to come forward for a blessing. We encourage our students to bring along their backpacks (or whatever they use to carry their books) to be blessed. Zipper pulls and luggage tags will be distributed.



Family Worship collection for Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital Activity Bags.

We are collecting through September 1st.

- Some suggestions: Crayola crayons
~ Travel size games
~ Deck of cards ~ Small Craft Kits
~ Action Figures and Figurines
~ Hot Wheel Cars



Items must be new, fit in a gallon Ziploc bag, and be geared to ages 5-8.



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND CELEBRATED!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the worship center lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS for 2024-2025: We are looking for individuals interested in being teachers and/or teaching assistants for fourth and fifth grade. Materials are provided. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) to get involved with our **Sunday School** program this fall.



National Immunization Awareness Month

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH (NIAM) is celebrated in August. An Initiative from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), designed to raise awareness of the benefits of vaccinations for all ages. Vaccines prepare your body to be ready when you are exposed to an infectious disease. Strengthening the body’s immune system to combat diseases is like investing in a retirement plan. Vaccination is a strategy for a healthier and safer future. Discuss your options and choices with your healthcare team. Online resources are at [CDC.gov](#) or Google search NIAM and follow the link to an abundance of information and guidance. ~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



TRUNK OR TREAT / FALL FEST

Calling all volunteers! Want to be a part of planning our spook-tacular Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival? We need

your creativity and enthusiasm! Join us in making this year's event unforgettable. Please contact Victor Schmidt (vschmidt@ptd.net / 484-747-1476) or the church office if you are willing to serve on this year’s steering committee. Our Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.



WAYS  SERVE



Sign up to be a [Communion Assistant](#)

Sign up to be on the [Production/Technology Team](#).

Sign up to be a worship [Song Leader](#).

Training will be provided, and volunteers can choose how often they would like to serve!

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Preschool Registration: The start of the 24-25 school year is just around the corner. Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School offers classes for children age 3, 4, and 5 years old. Limited openings remain and spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration can be completed online or by contacting Karin Kahler. [Click here to register.](#)



SUMMER TRAVEL REMINDER: Planning to travel this summer and may miss some Sundays? Remember that Holy Spirit has multiple electronic giving options detailed on the congregation's website at [Holy Spirit Giving Options](#)

For additional questions on electronic giving, please contact our Financial Secretary at

finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org .

We appreciate your efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year!! ~ Stewardship Mission Team

HELP SUPPORT OUR TANZANIAN MINISTRIES

We are asking for donations throughout the summer for the Tanzanian Ministries Supported by Our Congregation. This week's featured ministry is **the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre**, which provides a full range of advanced newborn support and has a survival rate considerably higher than any other hospital in Africa.



Here are the ways you can contribute:

- In Person: Place your donation in an envelope (decorated by our Sunday school) located in the nave.
- Online: Visit our website, click on "Give/Donate," choose "other," and designate your gift for "Tanzanian ministries."
- By Mail: Send a check to the church office, indicating that your donation is for the Tanzanian ministries.

As we look forward to the upcoming visit of our 12-member mission team to Tanzania in May 2025, we are reminded of the profound impact your generosity has had on the lives of many.



BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your continued 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 August 24, September 28 and October 26.

Ways you can help:

Donations: flowers from your garden are always appreciated. Please contact [Lisa Walton](#) to let her know what you have available. Flowers must be dropped off to the church kitchen 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 a Saturday morning, [please sign up here](#).

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

We will be installing our Sunday School Teachers on Sunday, September 8th at the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 am services.

CAT CLASS AND HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT at 9:30 am Sept. 8th
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:00 am Sept. 8th

More details coming soon!



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

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

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

Pray for God's healing for: Joe, Greg, Nelson, Gale, Scott, Glenn, Beth, Charles, Irene, Lester, Nancy, Royal, Kathy, Nancy, Wilma, Sherri, Margaret, and Nancy.

This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Landon and Maisie.

We welcome them into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

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.

USED CRAYON DONATIONS: As part of our celebration of God's Work Our Hands, we will be collecting used crayons. These crayons will be recycled by The Crayon Initiative and remanufactured into new crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Donations should be placed in the labeled box outside the Fellowship Center. Donations will be accepted through September 29th.



CRAYONS

Millions of pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. With your help, we can recycle and remanufacture them into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the United States.

Learn how you can pitch in at thecrayoninitiative.org



-  @thecrayoninitiative
-  The Crayon Initiative
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-  @ShareYourColors



Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, is looking for volunteers to cover the office from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Monday, August 26, Wednesday, August 28, Thursday August 29 OR Tuesday, September 2.

Volunteers will answer the phone and greet visitors. Please call Nikki to let her know if you are willing to help cover one of those days. 610-967-2220 ext. 101. Thank you!

Generous Heart - Generous Care
Christian-Based Financial Workshops in September and
October

Acknowledging God's generosity in our lives, may we continue to be filled in ways that grow our generous hearts toward all. Stewarding our resources well is a spiritual practice that we can be intentional about in life. Learning more about some of these practices can help us live out faithful ways of responding to God's gracious care for us.

Join us during September and October, as the Stewardship Team hosts a series of four (4) Financial Workshops. In partnership with Thrivent, a holistic financial services organization driven by a higher purpose, helping make the most of all you've been given. The workshops will be presented by one of the Thrivent representatives.

All sessions will be held on the following Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary:

- Tuesday, September 10th -- What Does It Mean to Live Generously?
- Tuesday, September 24th -- Financial Foundations - Your Blueprint to Thrive
- Tuesday, October 1st -- 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly
- Tuesday, October 8th -- Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity

There is no charge to attend any or all of the workshops.

Childcare will be provided for parents with young children.

Please mark your calendars for the workshops that interest you and watch for additional details later this month!

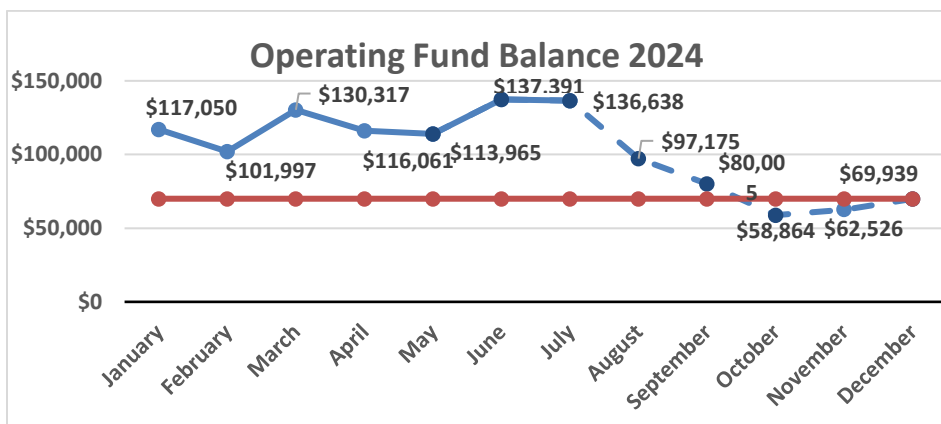
LCHS Stewardship Team

Financial Results and Discussion – July 2024

Operating Performance: July's income was \$66,756, \$11,906 or 21.71% above budget. Operating expenses were \$67,508, \$1,263 or 1.91% above budget. We finished July with a \$752 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$11,396. 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 Straight Line: This represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.
- Upper Dotted Line: This represents our **projected** operating cash balance at the end of the remaining months of the year.

NOTE: While we have ended the first half of the calendar year with a strong operating fund balance (also known as operating reserve), we expect this to deteriorate in the coming months as indicated by the dashed line from August through December. Later this month we will be communicating additional details to the congregation explaining our projected revenues and expenses for the balance of 2024, as well as actions that can be taken to mitigate the projected deterioration of the operating fund balance.



Building Fund: The building fund increased \$485 during the month and has a balance of \$26,605.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of July 31, 2024, is \$372,797.68.

CALENDAR

Sun. 8/11	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 8/12	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Coffee, Tea, Connect Mtg. (Zoom)
Tues. 8/13	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:00 pm	Staff Planning Mtg. (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Property Committee (FC)
Weds. 8/14	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team (ASR)
Mon. 8/19	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 8/20	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 8/21	1:00 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning Meeting (117/119)
Thurs. 8/22	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)
Fri. 8/23	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 8/24	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Mon. 8/26	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship (117/119)
Tues. 8/27	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 8/28	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
Thurs. 8/29	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 8/30		Church Office Closed
Mon. 9/2		Church Office Closed

Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation August 26 – September 3. The Church Office will be lightly staffed between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please phone before coming over. Thank you.