



**We are an ELCA,
Reconciling in Christ,
and Rejoicing Spirits,
congregation.**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**

8:30 AM - WORSHIP

9:45 AM - FAMILY
WORSHIP

9:45 AM – COFFEE, TEA,
CONNECT, CAT CLASS,
HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT

10:15 AM
GOSPEL/SERMON REPLAY
(ALL SAINTS ROOM)

10:45 AM - WORSHIP

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, January 19, 2025

***8:30 am Worship**

9:30 am Family Worship

Coffee, Tea, Fellowship

CAT Class, High School Connect

10:00 am Sunday School

Gospel Reading/Sermon Replay

***10:30 am Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all
morning services in Room 113.**

***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

January 12, 2025	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	108	14
9:30 am	59	N/A
10:30 am	83	23
2:30 pm	46	

January 19 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Alice Mudge
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzal Bonnie Shive	Terri Hinderliter Glenn Hinderliter
Readers	Leesa Wimmer	Amelia P.	Alice Mudge
Children's Message		Baptism	
Greeters	John Holland	John Slaby	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach		Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Chris Pirrotta Heather Hetrick Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie Robert Neitz

SUNDAY CAT CLUB TEACHERS NEEDED During the month of February, our elementary Sunday School classes participate in CAT Club. Each class studies a portion of Luther's Small Catechism. An opportunity exists for two adults to lead each class. Materials are provided. Please [contact Karin Kahler](#) if you are interested in serving in this role.

REVEAL YOUR LOVE TO THE WORLD In the Epiphany season God and God's love is revealed to the world. One way to think about revealing your love for God's people is by contributing to the [Support Our Sisters](#) campaign, running through January 26th. Help the girls and young women of Tanzania find safe places, education, and opportunities to show their worth to their country. Please make a donation online, by Venmo, or by check to Holy Spirit, noting that the donation is to **Support Our Sisters**. Take an ornament off one of the Giving Trees if you wish to donate in memory or honor of someone who revealed God's love to you.



CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES

STARTING FEBRUARY 2ND

The staff has been busy reviewing and making recommendations to the Council from the Worship Survey that was conducted in the middle of 2024. We heard and took seriously what you expressed about your worship experience here at Holy Spirit.

At the December Council meeting, a motion was made and passed to act on the following recommendations. We have included what we hope to accomplish with these changes.

Worship times will change to the following
on Sunday, February 2nd

8:30 Worship, 9:45 Family Worship, 10:45 Worship

What we hope to provide with the 15-minute change for our 2nd and 3rd Sunday morning worships: 8:30 worship to not feel rushed. Following 8:30 worship, plenty of time for pastor/member/visitor conversations. Allowing Altar Care and Production team time to prepare for the next worship. And adequate time for checking in with family worship leadership for the day.

Please note that starting on February 2nd, Faith Formation will begin at 9:45 for **Cat Class, Youth and Coffee-Tea-Connect**. The **Sunday School** time will follow the Family Worship, as is presently happening.

Along with this change we will also be moving the **Gospel/Sermon replay** into the All Saints Room. Through this change, we will be able to provide this opportunity every Sunday. This will free the worship space for any worship, music and program rehearsals that need to take place throughout the year.

May God continue to guide us,

Pastor Shari Duminy
Senior Pastor

Mike Berkheimer
Council President

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Prayer and Service: Jan. 20th

Co-sponsored by the Synod [Racial Justice Team](#), the Synod [LGBTQ Task Force](#), and the [Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley](#), this event will bring people together to honor the legacy of the great civil rights leader. We will begin at 10:00am at The Lutheran Center in the sanctuary for worship. This will be followed by opportunities to participate in various service projects and conclude with lunch together. You can find out more on the [NEPA Synod Website](#).

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Movie Group will meet at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room on Tuesday, January 21. We will be watching "You've Got Mail" and then go and enjoy lunch together afterwards.

Book Group will be reviewing the book, "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 23. Read "The Magnolia Castle" by Fiona Davis for our February meeting.

Coffee Hour Join us for fun, trivia, health tips, Elsie's fresh baked goods and coffee on Wednesday, January 29th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. All Are Welcome!

See our bulletin board in the hallway for more information on our trips and events.



BIBLE STUDY Starting on Jan. 22nd for 6 weeks we will gather Wednesdays at 2:00pm in Rooms 110/112 to explore *Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a world on Fire*. This curriculum was put together for LAMPA by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale. LCHS Member leaders will lead participants in grappling with the world's deep

divisions, asking the questions about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ in the midst of the divides. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and writings give us great insight to the struggle of figuring out what is the next most faithful step in a broken world with imperfect systems. The Participants Guide is available to pick up on the Information Table in the Narthex.

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

(snow date, Saturday, February 1, 2025) **Theme: “What does it mean to be a Christian in a culture that challenges our faith?”** The day includes panel discussion with several different area professionals and those who attend can choose from several different Workshops being offered. **Location: Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield ~ Cost \$35.00. Registration Deadline is January 13. Find out more by visiting NE PA Synod website or by clicking [here](#).**



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. **Upcoming delivery dates are January 25, February 22 and March 22.** Ways you can help: Donations: branches, small pinecones and evergreen are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen. Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-4 bouquets

Please let us know if you are able to help by [signing up here](#). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.

COUNCIL FORUM 2025 Budget Overview - January 26th

Please plan to join members of Congregation Council and the Finance Team on Sunday, January 26th from 9:30-10:15 for an overview of the proposed 2025 revenue and expense budgets. A copy of the 2024 Annual Report including the proposed 2025 budget will be emailed to members of the congregation during the second half of January prior to this forum. We will also provide a summary of 2024 financial results as part of this discussion. The proposed 2025 budget will be voted on by the congregation at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9th (12:00pm start time).



INTERGENERATIONAL GAME DAY

Join us for food, community and fun on Sunday, January 26th following the 10:30 Worship. Soup will be on. Bring your favorite new board and card games. We will share in laughter and conversation as we learn and play together. All ages welcome!

SACRED SPACE (a new worship opportunity)

On Sunday, January 26th a new worship that will be happening quarterly, will take place in the All Saints Room at Noon. Meeting the needs of a less busy and more quiet space, this time of gathering will include scriptures, homily, prayers, and holy communion. Following this worship, please consider joining the meal and community time for conversation and games.



LCHS BOOK GROUP

Our first meeting date of the new year is: **Monday, January 27 at 11AM in Room 117/119** at LCHS. We will be discussing “**The Secret Life of Sunflowers**”, by Marta Molnar. Everyone is also

invited to bring their lunch to enjoy together after the meeting. Please join us!

Book Group Coming Attractions:

Feb. 24: **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides;

March 24: **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon

BEAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP

Bear Creek Camp’s overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group’s spiritual, social, and developmental needs. For more information, [click here](#).





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 or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

QUITTERS DAY The start of the new year is exciting and fresh, and many people set resolutions for the coming year. This enthusiasm can fade quickly and turn into what is often referred to as Quitters Day, which falls on the second Friday of January. However, this doesn't have to be seen as quitting or failing. Reflect on why you might be considering giving up. Were your goals made without a plan? Are they too ambitious or unclear? Perhaps you set too many goals? A sincere assessment of what you want to achieve and how to reach it is vital for success. If you need assistance, especially regarding health changes like weight loss, changing dietary habits, or starting an exercise program, consult your healthcare team for support. Making lifestyle changes can be challenging, so begin with smaller adjustments and take it one step and one day at a time. You can build on your progress as you achieve smaller goals. Good luck and keep pushing forward. Have a healthy, happy, and blessed New Year. ~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse

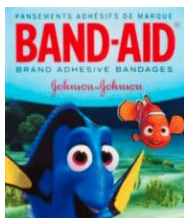
WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a [Communion Assistant here](#).

Volunteer to be on the [Production/Technology team here](#).

Volunteer to be a Song Leader at 8:30 or 9:30 [here](#).

Volunteers choose what days they would like to serve. Training is available. You can also **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

We will be collecting "child friendly" Band-Aids for local children's hospitals during the month of January.

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

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

Pray for God's healing for: Our members and friends: Al, Joe, Faye, Fern, Bob, Scott, Glenn, David, Joan, Judith, Jameson, Lester, Edward, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Jan, Jayne, Greg, Carl, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Sherri, Wade, Margie, Don, Jimmy Lee, Carole, Charles, and Judith.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Charles Toal, Lee Satrom's brother.

On Sunday we **celebrate the baptism** of Jane Margaret, daughter of James and Ashley, and Victor Joseph, son of Philip and Shannon. We welcome Jane and Victor into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

We are grateful for and acknowledge our Stephen Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers who are being affirmed this Sunday: our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Lynn Snyder, Kitti Berkheimer, Mike Berkheimer; our Stephen Ministers: Rob Smith, Dianna Olszewski, Kathy Soska, Lorie Stout, Bill Newill, Brenda Truhe, Kristen Newill, Carole Wetherhold, Leesa Wimmer, Irv Keister, and Al Setzer; our Eucharistic Ministers: Marlene Feulner, Louise Metka, Sheila Huff, Susan Reiss, Barb Roba, Marilee Oplinger, and Dean Black.

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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event that in-person Sunday worship services are cancelled due to weather, power outage, etc., we will continue to hold worship that day with one online service at 10:00am via Zoom. Please check the church's website,

Facebook and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Information will also appear on WFMZ. Please remember the church office will follow the same schedule as the East Penn School District so if schools are closed, the office is closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.

Annual *meeting*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING **Sunday, February 9th at 12:00 PM**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Annual Congregation Meeting which will be held in the sanctuary (and on ZOOM) beginning at 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 9th. A light lunch will be available in the Fellowship Center following the 10:30 worship service prior to the meeting. A Council Forum to overview the 2025 revenue and expense budgets has also been scheduled on Sunday, January 26th during Coffee, Tea, Connect (9:30-10:15am).

Annual Meeting LUNCH

HELP NEEDED for the congregational meeting luncheon on February 9th.

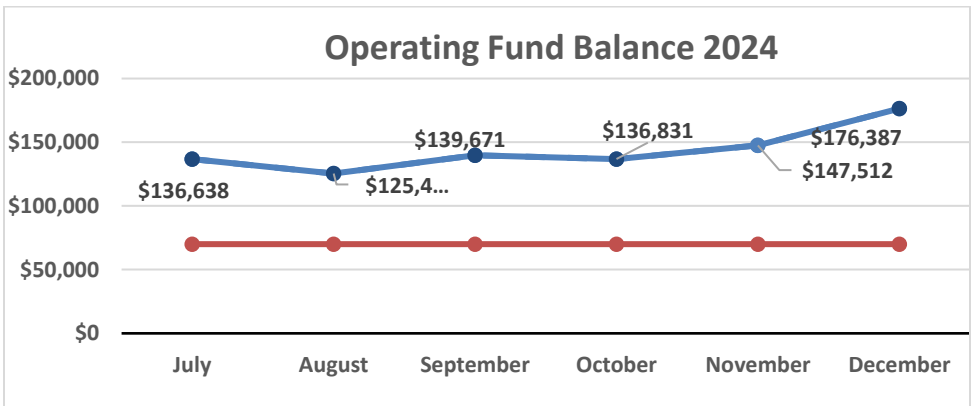
A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. The hospitality team needs people who will be willing to donate an item for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the worship center lobby with the items that are needed. Your items may be brought to the church kitchen the morning of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda Devine](#) or the church office. Thank you.

Financial Results and Discussion – December 2024

Operating Performance: December's income was \$122,403, \$15,726 or 14.74% above budget, which we primarily attribute to members increasing their financial gifts in response to the Stepping Up 2025 stewardship campaign. Operating expenses were \$93,528, \$7,761 or 7.66% below budget. We finished December with a \$28,875 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$5,388. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement July- December.

Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

- **Straight Line at \$70,000:** Represents our monthly cash requirement to operate the church.
- **Upper Straight Line:** Represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.



Building Fund:

The building fund decreased \$2,745.74 during the month and has a balance of \$1,881.44.

Mortgage Update:

The mortgage balance as of December 31, 2024 is \$367,881.5.

THANK
you.

Dear Members of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, thank you so much for your generous donation of \$3,300! As we enter the new year and face challenges regarding getting enough food to our member pantries, it is heartwarming

to know we have partners like you supporting us. We here at Second Harvest Food Bank are deeply grateful for you.

God bless you all, always.

Dear friends of Holy Spirit,

As I reflect back on this milestone 50th anniversary year, I am humbled by the many ways God's love was shown through our Bear Creek Camp Community. Your ongoing collective generosity is a critical backbone of this ministry we do together. As we look forward to 2025, I can't wait to see the ways campers will continue to grow and learn surrounded by God's creation. Thank you for your support! See you at camp soon, Collin Grooms

MARK
your CALENDARS!



Vacation Bible School

Road Trip: On the Go With God

June 16 – 20

9:15 am – 11:45 am

Group Outing to
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
July 19 – 6:35 pm



CALENDAR

Mon. 1/20	Church Office Closed
Tues. 1/21	9:00 am Counters (116) 9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 10:00 am Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR) 10:15 am Staff Meeting (117/119) 7:00 pm Congregation Council (117/119) 7:00 pm Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 1/22	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 2:00 pm Bible Study (110/112) 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 1/23	10:00 am Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Room/WC)
Fri. 1/24	10:00 am Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 1/25	9:30 am Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 1/26	11:30 am Soup and Games (FC) 12:00 pm Sacred Space Worship (ASR)
Mon. 1/27	10:00 am Counters (116) 11:00 am Pastor's Meeting (Office) 11:00 am LCHS Book Group (117/119) 12:30 pm Memorial Garden Committee (116) 5:30 pm Jasper Ridge (FC) 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee (117)
Tues. 1/28	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 10:15 am Staff Meeting (117/119) 1:30 pm Outreach Mission Team (Zoom) 7:00 pm Worship Committee (117/119)
Weds. 1/29	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC) 9:30 am Stitch-n-Chat (113) 10:00 am Prime Timers Coffee Hour (FC) 10:30 am Staff Worship Survey (117/119) 2:00 pm Bible Study (110/112) 2:30 pm Rejoicing Ringers (WC) 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (WC)

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