

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 <u>HAPPENINGS</u>

Sunday, January 26, 2025

*8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Family Worship
Coffee, Tea, Connect (Council Forum)
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 <u>website</u> 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 19, 2025	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	95	27
9:30 am	82	N/A
10:30 am	61	24

January 26 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Craig Scott
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Leesa Wimmer	Jennifer Wetzel Bonnie Shive Volunteer Needed	Robert Neitz Vi Ballard
Readers	Global Missions	Jimmy G.	Global Missions
Children's Message		Global Missions Victor Schmidt	
Greeters	Pattie Bisbing	Emily George	Nina McNally
Ushers	Mike Epperly		Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Paige Mathieu Al Bauernschmidt Eric Kahler	Eric Kahler Volunteer Needed	Carol Osenbach Robert Neitz John Osenbach

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 in the Fellowship Center 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 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.



CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES STARTING FEBRUARY 2ND

Worship times will change to the following on Sunday, February 2nd
8:30 Worship
9:45 Family Worship
10:45 Worship

Please note that starting on February 2nd, Faith Formation will begin at **9:45** for **Cat Class**, **Youth and Coffee-Tea-Connect**. **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.

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.



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).



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 <u>Linda Devine</u> or the church office. Thank you.



A Prayer for Those in the Path of Fire

Almighty God, who is our strength and our refuge; be with those who are besieged by fire, guide those who evacuate so that they may find care and comfort in a safe place; protect their homes and their pets, their neighbors and their friends, so that they may return home to a loving community. We ask this in the name of Jesus your son, who abides with you and with the Holy Spirit. Amen

GIVE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.



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



BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 2:00pm in Rooms 110/112 through February 26. Join us as we 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.

PRIME TIMER'S COFFEE HOUR Join us for fun, trivia, health tips, 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

We are wrapping up our collection of "child friendly" Band-Aids for local children's hospitals this week and will begin collecting Play-Doh in February for Reilly Children's Hospital. Please note that they only accept the Play-Doh brand.



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT Fellowship Center

February 2 - join us for Coffee-Tea-Connect at 9:45 am. We will be hearing about Victory House of the Lehigh Valley. This program offers a new beginning for men who are unhoused. For forty years, this outreach in the community has provided

opportunities to veterans without housing to transition to being independent and living in affordable housing. Being able to begin again has been the mission while surrounding others with hope, compassion, dignity and respect.

February 9 – join us for Coffee-Tea-Connect at 9:45 am. Terry Schettini from Fair Districts PA will be with us to help us understand more about *gerrymandering*, how if affects our elections, and the efforts to stop it here in Pennsylvania.

February 16 - Join with others to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship.

"Let Me Care for You."

Those words can bring a sigh of relief to people going through difficult times in life. A Stephen Minister is willing and able to care for you by listening and being there while you work through this tough time. If this is the kind of care for you, please call a Stephen Leader or the Pastor to learn more:



Kitti Berkheimer 610-509-1674 Mike Berkheimer 610-509-1673 Lynn Snyder 484-431-3958 Pastor Tami Reichley 610-967-2220 (ext.122)

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a <u>Communion Assistant here.</u>
Volunteer to be on the <u>Production/Technology team here.</u>

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.



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 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 <u>signing up here.</u>
If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa
Wimmer.



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.



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.

2025 Session Dates

Session 1: June 15-20*
Session 2: June 22-27*
Session 3: June 29-July 4+
Session 4: July 6-11*#
Session 5: July 13-18#
Session 6: July 20-25#
Session 7: July 27-August 1#
Session 8: August 3-8*
*Try camp is available
+Family Camp, Artist's Retreat

#Rafting trip option available



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.



Dear Bloomin' Faith, Thank you so much for the flowers for my 80th birthday. They were very much appreciated.

~ Gerry Masteller



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

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

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

In times of joy and celebration for John Guignet's 97th birthday.

<u>Prayer Request Reminder:</u> 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.

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.





Lunch with Pastor Shari

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Bring your lunch and join with Pastor Shari in conversation from Noon to 1 pm. We will be pondering God's love on **Monday, February 3** in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together. If you can't make this month, our next gathering will be on March 3rd.



Vacation Bible School

Road Trip: On the Go With God June 16 – 20 9:15 am – 11:45 am Registration Information will be available soon.

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



CALENDAR		
Sun. 1/26	11:30 am	Soup and Games (FC)
3011. 1/20	12:00 pm	Sacred Space Worship (ASR)
Mon. 1/27	10:00 pm	Counters (116)
7110111 1 / 27	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	12:30 pm	Memorial Garden Mtg. (116)
	5:30 pm	Jasper Ridge (WC)
	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)
Thurs. $1/30$	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room/WC)
Sun. $2/2$	*SEE WORSHIP TIME CHANGES ON NEXT PAGE	
	1:00 pm	Mink Estates Mtg. (WC)
Mon. $2/3$	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch w/Pastor Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR/117/119)
Tues. 2/4	9:15 am	Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 2/5	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs 2/4	7:00 PM	Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (SC)
Thurs. 2/6	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room/WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)



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