



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

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**February 26**

Bible Study

**March 5**

Ash Wednesday Worship  
Noon & 7:00 pm

**March 9**

Daylight Savings Time  
Rejoicing Spirits

**March 12**

Noon – Lenten Discussions  
Meal, followed by  
Holden Evening Prayer

**March 16**

Bear Creek Camp Sunday

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**\*8:30 am Worship**

**9:45 am Family Worship**

**Coffee, Tea, Fellowship**

**CAT Class, High School Connect**

**10:15 am Sunday School**

**Gospel Reading/Sermon Replay**

**\*10:45 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

February 16, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	92	20
9:45 am	88	N/A
10:45 am	70	28

February 23 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Isabella C.		Mackenzie L.
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Jennifer Wetzell Volunteers Needed	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
<b>Readers</b>	Thomas R.	Amelia M.	Evelyn S. Bennett S.
<b>Children's Message</b>		Deb Smith	
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Keane Nancy Yablonski Story B. Asher C.	Shannon Malkovsky	Marian Harrison Evalyn P. Ryan D.
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael Yablonski Lyla B. Weston B.	Shannon Malkovsky	Brenda Truhe Chelsie P.
<b>Production/ Technology</b>	Bill Keane Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Bill Newill Kristen Newill	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Ev Reggie



## COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT Fellowship Center

**February 23** – Join with other church members to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship between 9:45 – 10:30 am on Sunday.

**Holy Spirit Preschool Registration:** Let your friends and family know that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now occurring. Limited openings remain. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) if you are interested in registering or want to schedule a tour.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

We are collecting Play-Doh in February for Reilly Children's Hospital through March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Please note that they only accept new Play-Doh and it must be the Play-Doh brand.**



## LCHS BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting on **Monday, February 24 at 11AM in Room 117/119** at LCHS. Since we were unable to meet in January, we will be discussing **"The Secret Life of Sunflowers** by Marta Molnar.

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

Book Group Coming Attractions:

March 24: **"The Silent Patient"** by Alex Michaelides

April 28: **"The Frozen River"** by Ariel Lawhon

**PRIME TIMER'S EVENT** – All Are Welcome!

**Feb. 26 – 10:00 am – MOVIE GROUP.** We will watch, "King's Speech" in the All Saints Room at church. It is based on a true story.



**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.

## 2025 ELECTED CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kyle David, President  
Kristin Ervin, Vice-President  
Katie Bashus, Secretary  
Bob Mueller, Member-at-Large

Mike Berkheimer  
Bob Bolen  
Tom Bradley  
Pastor Cindy Camp  
Faye Casciano  
Pastor Shari Duminy

Mike Epperly  
Courtney Keiser  
John Osenbach  
Pastor Tami Reichley  
Rob Sandoval  
Hannah S.



### BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family **Upcoming delivery date is March 22**. Please let us know if you are able to help by clicking and [signing up here](#). Or, call the church office to sign up. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.



It was a pleasant surprise to receive the bouquet from Bloomin' Faith. The design was lovely and it was comforting to be thought of. Thank you.  
~ Lee Satrom

Dear Church family and Nursery School.  
Our Valentine's Day was made extra special by the great card from the Nursery School children. Thank you so much. Also thanks to our church family for the many cards, notes, and phone calls. We found them so supportive and helpful on our journey to recovery. Blessings to you all. ~ Marilee and Carl Oplinger

## **COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT**

**March 2 - First Communion Reception** Join us in celebration of those experiencing their first Holy Communion in the Fellowship Center. Light refreshments will be served.

### **March 9 - Children's Needs in LV Foster Care**

Maria Samaritano will be speaking at Coffee, Tea & Connect on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Come to hear more about the amazing work Maria is doing in Lehigh & Northampton Counties to help foster families as well as families at risk of losing their children to foster care. Do you know what the primary reason children end up in foster care? It's not abuse. It's poverty. Poverty creates a situation where parents cannot adequately provide necessities for their children. Maria generously gives of her time to coordinate with the county case workers and various individuals and organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley to collect items (new and gently used) to help families. She issues a detailed newsletter each week, typically on Thursdays, identifying the needs. You can sign-up to donate via a link to Signup Genius in the outreach newsletter. Maria coordinates with those donating to collect the items and deliver to the case workers.

Maria will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you would like to receive her weekly newsletter. If you cannot attend, and would like to receive the newsletter, simply notify Brenda Truhe at [bltruhe@hotmail.com](mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com) or 484-725-2488.

**March 16 – Fellowship** Join with other members to share in coffee, tea, and conversation.

### **March 23 - Growing Young**

Join with ones from our Strategic Planning Group to hear about the challenging strategies that have come from three researchers from the Fuller Youth Institute. You are encouraged to read the book: Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church by Powell, Mulder and Griffin.

### **March 30 - LGBTQIA+**

Information to bring understanding of gender diversity and transgender identities. Dispelling the myths, hyperbole, and pathological assumptions. Presented by Dr. Diana Sorrentino, Ph.D., Social Psychologist, who is an affirmed woman.

## **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. **Scholarships are available.** For more information, [click here](#) or you can ask questions as representatives from Bear

Creek will be with us at all three services on March 16<sup>th</sup>.



### **Calling all Young Adults ages 18-35! What is GATHER LEHIGH VALLEY?**

This ministry creates space for young adults to join in fellowship, worship, community, and conversation. Gather Lehigh Valley is a young adult (18-35) space created by, of, for, and with young adults. Gather Lehigh Valley is welcome to ALL young adults in the Lehigh

Valley and the greater NEPA synod-across race, ability, faith background, gender, sexuality, and perspective to feel welcome to meet, to be, to gather. The next Gather Lehigh Valley event is waiting for you! Contact co-convenors Ashley Procanyn or Quentin Bernhard to let them know you are interested in an upcoming event. You can do this by emailing [gatherlehighvalley@nepsynod.org](mailto:gatherlehighvalley@nepsynod.org) or by [clicking here](#) to find out more.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#) or volunteer to be on the **Production/Technology Team** by [clicking here](#).

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



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

**“Pull Yourself Together.”**

You’ve heard it a million times. But, things just aren’t coming together. You’re still hurting. You need someone to listen and to care, without judging or pushing you to get better. A Stephen Minister can be this person 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)

February is American Heart Month



American  
Heart  
Association.

February marks American Heart Month, which is dedicated to highlighting cardiovascular fitness. Heart disease remains the top cause of death worldwide and in the USA. Evaluating cardiac health involves looking at factors like heart function,

family medical history, diet, and lifestyle. Numerous resources can be found through the American Heart Association ([heart.org](http://heart.org)), the Centers for Disease Control ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)), and the National Institutes of Health ([nih.gov](http://nih.gov)), along with our local health networks ([lvhn.org](http://lvhn.org) and [slhn.org](http://slhn.org)). As always, reach out to your healthcare team for any questions or guidance.



**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 1pm on March 3 in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together. If you can’t make it this month, our next gathering will be on April 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent client you may be able to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. To qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars, you must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Have \$750 or more in annual billed premiums of qualifying life or health insurance products.
2. Have \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying life insurance or annuity products.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are earned every calendar year and can be directed to the organization of your choice by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. You have until March 31, 2025 to designate the direction of your 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can designate your choice of organizations on the Thrivent website. If you have questions, please review the program on the website or contact your Thrivent Advisor. Please consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church.

**FRAUDULENT EMAILS** Just a reminder about scam emails falsely claiming to be from a pastor or other staff member from Holy Spirit. **If you receive an unexpected message asking for money, gift cards, or personal information, do not respond.** Instead, report it as phishing to your email provider and then delete it. Always double check the sender's email address. Official emails from Holy Spirit will come from the @holyspirit-emmaus.org domain. However, be aware that scammers can sometimes spoof legitimate addresses. If an email seems suspicious, do not click on links or download attachments. If in doubt, please contact the church office for clarification or to report any future scam attempts.

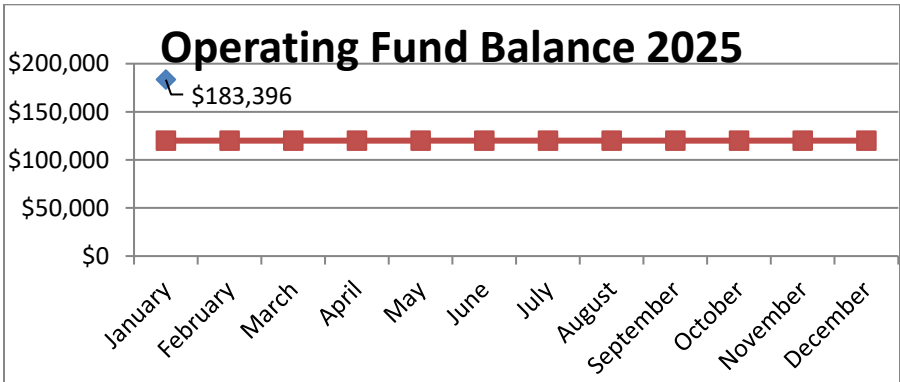


## Financial Results and Discussion January 2025

**Operating Performance:** January's income was \$115,113, \$13,229 or 12.98% above budget. Operating expenses were \$108,110, \$3,025 or 2.72% below budget. We finished January with a \$7,003 surplus, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$9,251. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement January - December.

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

- **Straight Line at \$120,000:** Represents our 6-week 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 increased \$685.00 during the month and has a balance of \$2,566.44.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of January 31, 2025, is \$365,923.75.



## MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

The **Spirit Ringers** are in full swing again and are looking for at least one more ringer to fill out the choir completely. There is no experience necessary and only a minimum ability to read music is needed. The bell choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm or following the Wednesday evening worship service during Lent. If you think you are interested (or maybe would like to come out and try it sometime!), please speak to Reylene.

The **Adult Vocal Choir** is also looking for voices to join us. You don't need to be a solo voice to be a great addition to the choir. Easter is right around the corner and we'd love to have you join us for the Lenten/Easter season (or more!!). The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm. Give us a try!!

We are also looking to start a **praise band** in time for Easter and are looking for some people who would like to sing with the band at the 8:30 services. If you are interested, please speak to Reylene after a Sunday service or at 610-967-2220 ext. 109.



**Holy Spirit Nursery School will be celebrating 50 years on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025! A reception will be held in the Fellowship Center. If you have any old pictures or stories you would like to share on that day, please send them to the church office for copying and inclusion in the day's events.**

**Group Outing to  
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs**  
July 19 – 6:35 pm  
Tickets will be available soon!





## **Vacation Bible School 2025**

Road Trip: On the Go with God

June 16 – 20, 2025

9:15 am – 11:45 am

### **VBS DECORATING SESSIONS:**

Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we create the decorations that will be used for Vacation Bible School. It's a wonderful fellowship opportunity. We will again partner with St. John's Lutheran in Emmaus. No artistic skills are required, and you need not attend all of the decorating sessions. Middle school youth are welcome to attend with an adult. Please enter at the church office entrance as we will meet in the Fellowship Center on the following dates:

Monday, March 17 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 27 – 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, April 1 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 30 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Monday, May 12 – 1:00 – 2:30 pm

### **VBS VOLUNTEERS:**

VBS provides an opportunity for teens and adults to serve in a variety of ways. Please use the link below to complete the Volunteer Interest Form.

<https://forms.gle/MtLd64Ch7U2CuYpo6>

Our Protection of Minors Policy and the PA Child Protective Services Law requires VBS volunteers to have current background clearances. Please contact Nikki Clark in the office to inquire about the process.

### **VBS REGISTRATION:**

Children age 3 ½ - entering grade 5 are welcome to join us for a cool VBS Road Trip. Please click on the link below for the Participant Registration Form. We ask that you return the form by June 2<sup>nd</sup> so that we can adequately plan for supplies. Feel free to invite a friend! <https://forms.gle/UzqxhvLaB8ahBSK9A>



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

**Our homebound members:**

Ray, Dale, Judith, Fern, Phyllis, Gayle, Joan, Dick,  
Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Lee, Darla, Larry,  
Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, and Bob.

**Pray for God's healing for our members and friends:**

Alex, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Faye, Sally, Tom, Scott, Glenn, Judith,  
Jeanne, Robert, Jameson, Lester, Steve, Marcus, Nancy, Nancy,  
Donna, Jan, Jayne, Angie, Greg, Peg, Carl, Nancy, Laura, Wilma,  
Terry, Sherri, Margie, Don, Jimmy Lee, Carole, and Judith.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Helen Breter.

**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.

**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.

## CALENDAR

Mon. 2/24	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	1:00 pm	Memorial Garden Team (Zoom)
Tues. 2/25	8:45 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Worship Team (117/119)
Weds. 2/26	8:45 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Movie Group (ASR)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Bells (WC)
Thurs. 2/27	5:30 pm	Tanzania Mtg. (117/119)
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 3/1	9:00 am	Church Audit (Office)
	11:00 am	Niland Party (FC)
Mon. 3/3	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Levene Interment (Memorial Garden)
	Noon	Lunch Bunch w/Pr Shari (FC)
	2:30 pm	Mosaic/Rejoicing Spirits (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 3/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (WC)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Children (117/119)
Weds. 3/5	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
Ash Wednesday	Noon	Worship (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
Thurs. 3/6	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	Jr. Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 3/8	Noon	RIC Task Force (FC)

## **Lent 2025: The Anatomy of Grace**

Grace can be viewed through a variety of lens, is the focus of a book by Pastor Peter W. Marty. During Lent this year, we invite you to come and join us to grow in the understanding of God's grace for our lives.

We begin on Ash Wednesday looking at Mysterious Grace through our Noon and 7 PM worship time.

Wednesdays in Lent you can join us for Lenten Discussions at Noon and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. Bring your lunch at noon and spend time diving into the Grace scriptures of the bible, paired with written stories from Pastor Marty to bring home the point. The 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Worship will include a Grace scripture reading and story with a reflection time to follow.

Each week we will explore the following themes.

March 12 – Serendipitous Grace

March 19 – Unobtrusive Grace

March 26 – Ordinary Grace

April 2 – Surprising Grace

April 9 – Weightless Grace

During Holy Week we will return to Mysterious Grace on Maundy Thursday. Hear of God's Ultimate Grace on Good Friday. Worship on these days taking place at Noon and 7:00 PM. Anticipating that God has done a new thing, grace is no longer defined, but now defines. Our 8:00 PM Easter Vigil will be Grace In-Waiting, with Easter Sunday worships at 8:30, 9:45, and 11 AM focusing on Grace Transends.

May this incredible gift by God, grow in our hearts and minds through our Lenten Journey this year.

~ Pastor Shari

**The anatomy of**  
**GRACE**

**March 5 - Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**Noon & \*7:00 pm**

**Wednesdays in Lent**

**March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9**

**Noon Lenten Discussions**

**6:00 pm Meal**

**\*7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer**

**Holy Week**

**April 13 - Palm Sunday Worship**

**\*8:30, 9:45, \*10:45am**

**Wednesday, April 16 - Meal and Intergenerational**

**Holy Week Activity at 6:00 pm**

**April 17 - Maundy Thursday Worship**

**Noon and \*7:00 pm**

**April 18 - Good Friday Worship**

**Noon and \*7:00 pm**

**April 19 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Resurrection Celebration - \*8:30 and \*11:00 am**

**Resurrection Celebration for families - 9:45 am**

**Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30 am**

**\*In person and on Zoom**



# We'd Like to have YOU in **CHOIR!!**

(YES, THAT MEANS YOU!!!)

Do you like to sing??

Do you like to play instruments??

Do you like to have fun??

Then join us for the  
**Junior Choir!!**

A fun music group for grades 2-5!!

We will be meeting on Thursday  
evenings at 6:30 PM  
beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>!

**WE WANT TO**  
**SEE YOU!!**





Please respond to Reylene at [deaconstarego@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:deaconstarego@holyspirit-emmaus.org) or return to the church on Sunday!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES!! I want to be in the  
Junior Choir at LCHS!!

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to be in the  
**Junior Choir** but can't do  
Thursday nights.

*If not, what nights work best for you?* \_\_\_\_\_



# We'd Like to have YOU in CHOIR!!

(YES, THAT MEANS YOU!!!)

Do you like to sing??

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Do you like to have fun??

Then join us for the

**Children's Choir!!**

A fun music group for ages

3 thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade!!

We will be meeting on Thursday

evenings at 6:00 PM

beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>!

**WE WANT TO**  
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