



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

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February 9

Annual Congregation
Meeting
Souper Bowl Sunday
Rejoicing Spirits

February 12

Bible Study

February 15

Staff/Council Retreat

February 17

Church Office Closed

February 23

Youth Sunday

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, February 9, 2025

***8:30 am Worship**

9:45 am Family Worship

Coffee, Tea, Connect (Gerrymandering)

CAT Class, High School Connect

10:15 am Sunday School

Gospel Reading/Sermon Replay

***10:45 am Worship**

Noon – Annual Congregation Meeting

(In person & on Zoom)

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits

**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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 2, 2025	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	124	16
9:45 am	101	N/A
10:45 am	91	21

February 9 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Eric Kahler		Deb Smith
Communion Assistants	Sue Smith Rob Smith	Jennifer Wetzal Jen Day Volunteer Needed	Jackie Leipter Robert Neitz
Readers	Beth Fatzinger	Maddy H.	Anne Osenbach
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski	Amy Pirrotta	Kitti Berkheimer
Ushers	Michael Yablonski	Amy Pirrotta	Mike Berkheimer
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt Volunteer Needed	Bill Keane Jeff Gross	Bill Keane Ev Reggie Volunteer Needed

Annual *meeting*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 9th at 12:00 PM

Please 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 10:45 worship service prior to the meeting. Nursery care will be available during the meeting.



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT Fellowship Center

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 it affects our elections, and the efforts to stop it here in Pennsylvania.

February 16 – Join with other church members to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship.



Bring your cash for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 9, 2025. The Youth will be collecting at all three services and voted to support The Angel Network and Kindness Project this year. They will also be collecting canned goods as well as dollar donations.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

The February Rejoicing Spirits service is on Sunday, February 9th, at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The special message is, “All We Need Is Love.” Please bring your family and friends and join us for worship as well as the reception in the Fellowship Center following the service. Feel free to dress in your valentine best or wear your favorite valentine colors – red, white, pink, purple. We hope to see you there!

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 20 – 10:00 am – BOOK GROUP. We will be discussing the book, “The Magnolia Palace”, by Fiona Davis.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

We will begin collecting Play-Doh in February for Reilly Children's Hospital.

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

GUEST READERS FOR JESUS AND JAMMIES

Guest readers are needed for our Jesus and Jammies event on Sunday, February 16th during our Faith Formation time (10:15 - 10:40.) Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and younger elementary classes. A faith related book will be provided. If you are interested in reading, please see Karin Kahler



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.

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 16th.

2025 Session Dates

Session 1: June 15-20

Session 5: July 13-18

Session 2: June 22-27

Session 6: July 20-25

Session 3: June 29-July 4

Session 7: July 27-August 1

Session 4: July 6-11

Session 8: August 3-8



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

“Things Will Get Better – Just Hold On.”

You appreciate your friends' concern. But until things do get better, you need extra support. A Stephen Minister would like to provide that caring concern by being there to listen. 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 610-967-222

(ext.122)



BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family **Upcoming delivery dates are February 22 and March 22.** Ways you

can help: donations either monetary or branches, small pinecones and evergreens. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery. 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.



Dear Bloomin' Faith,

I want to thank you for the lovely surprise of a beautiful bouquet on one Sunday morning. The flowers lasted almost three weeks. I also want to thank Pastor Shari for visiting me in the hospitals and the following phone calls. This illness has been a very huge change in my life since my health has been outstanding! We've always been the ones helping others. But then – this is the reason we feel so blessed to be a part of Holy Spirit!

~ Charles Whirl



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



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event that in-person Sunday worship services are cancelled 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.

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), the Centers for Disease Control (cdc.gov), and the National Institutes of Health (nih.gov), along with our local health networks (lvhn.org and slhn.org). As always, reach out to your healthcare team for any questions or guidance.

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.



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 31st 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.



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

Our homebound members: Ray, Dale, Helen, 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: Al, Tom, Joe, Faye, Sally, Scott, Glenn, Jameson, Lester, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Jan, Jayne, Angie, Greg, Carl, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Terry, Sherri, Wade, Margie, Don, Jimmy Lee, Carole, and Judith.

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.

MARK
YOUR **CALENDARS!**



Holy Spirit Nursery School will be celebrating 50 years on Sunday, May 4th, 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.



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. 2/9	Souper Bowl Sunday
	Noon Annual Congregation Meeting
	1:50 pm Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits
Mon. 2/10	9:30 am Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am Counters (116)
	11:00 am Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 2/11	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:00 pm Property Committee (116)
	7:00 pm RIC Task Force (117/119)
Weds. 2/12	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC)
	2:00 pm Bible Study (110/112)
	5:00pm Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 2/13	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 2/15	9:00 am Staff/Council Retreat (SC)
Sun. 2/16	11:45 am Rejoicing Spirits Team (117/119)
Mon. 2/17	Church Office Closed
Tues. 2/18	9:00 am Counters (116)
	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm Strategic Planning Mtg. (116)
	7:00 pm Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 2/19	9:15 am NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am M&M's Too (117/119)
	2:00 pm Bible Study (110/112)
	5:00 pm Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 2/20	10:00 am Prime Timer's Book Club (117/119)
	6:00 pm Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm Jr. Choir (WC)
	7:15 pm Adult Choir (Music Room/WC)
Fri. 2/21	10:00 am Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 2/22	9:30 am Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)