



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

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Upcoming Events

March 5

Ash Wednesday Worship
Noon & 7:00 pm

March 9

Daylight Savings Time
Rejoicing Spirits

March 12

Noon – Lenten Discussions
6:00 pm Meal, followed
by Holden Evening Prayer

March 16

Bear Creek Camp Sunday

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 2, 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 23, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	116	22
9:45 am	89	N/A
10:45 am	120	19

March 2 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow		Lorie Stout Sherman
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Melanie Werley	Karin Kahler Deb Stevens	Deb Smith Jackie Leipert
Readers	Jeff Gross	XJ H.	Bennett S.
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Adam Fermier	John Slaby	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Chuck Whirl	Josh S.	Victor Schmidt
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Volunteer Needed

COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

Fellowship Center



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.



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 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 7th.

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.



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.



Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to these upcoming Rejoicing Spirits services:

March 9th - Service at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The Special Message is, **“God Loves Everyone.”**

April 13th – Easter Pageant

May 11th – Recognition of Mother’s Day

June 8th – In celebration of 17 years of ministry, Rejoicing Spirits will have its monthly service at 10:45 am in the Worship Center. All Are Welcome!



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. **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.

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 20th

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**

COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

March 9 - Children's Needs in LV Foster Care

Maria Samaritano will be speaking at Coffee, Tea & Connect on Sunday, March 9th. 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 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.



Slam the Scam Day is on March 6. This is an initiative by the Social Security Administration to raise awareness and give you information to recognize scams and to stop scammers from getting your money and personal information. Scammers pretend to

be from an agency or organization you know, say there is a problem or offer a prize. The pressure is put on to act now. Be aware of odd ways of paying, for example, gift cards or cryptocurrency. Scammers can be very persuasive and may use aggressive tactics to convince you that their call is legitimate. If you receive a suspicious call, remember to stay calm and HANG UP immediately. Do not engage with the caller or provide any personal information.

For more information logon to ssa.gov/slam.

Don't fall for their ways of manipulation.

Stay vigilant and safe! ~ Dean Black Faith Community Nurse



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.



Nancy, her sister Margie and our entire family would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all of your prayers for Margie. She recently became aware that she had stage IV Pancreatic cancer and we immediately asked for prayers. Her initial cancer marker test was over 52,000, the upper limit for the test is only 35. A long way to go. However, after each chemo treatment her #s dropped 50%, almost exactly. Her last test reported 598. Her Oncologist said he has never seen the numbers drop so quickly. She still has a ways to go but we are all grateful and hopeful that as I have said, the prayers continue to work and the chemo helps too. Thank you LCHS!
~ Michael Yablonski

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.



~ What a great way to start a sunny Saturday! Bloomin' Faith flowers were delivered to me. Blessings to those who donate, create, and deliver these wonderful surprises.

~ Don Walrod

~ Thank you to the Bloomin' Faith folks for the beautiful birthday flowers delivered to me. The flowers brought a touch of Spring into our house. Thank you all for wonderful ministry. ~ Marlene Feulner

~ Thank you for the lovely cards sent from the Holy Spirit Nursery children and church members. They were much appreciated. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers sent from the Bloomin' Faith Ministry, they all made my day so much brighter, as I mourn the death of my brother, Robert Jay DeMartyn, Jr. Thank you again. In love and peace, Susann DeMartyn Madara



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 2nd so that we can adequately plan for supplies. Feel free to invite a friend! <https://forms.gle/UzqxhvLaB8ahBSK9A>



LCHS BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting on **Monday, March 24 at 11AM in Room 117/119** at LCHS. Since we were unable to meet in January, we will be discussing “**The Silent Patient**” by Alex Michaelides. Everyone is

invited to bring their lunch to enjoy together after the meeting.

Book Group Coming Attractions:

April 28: “**The Frozen River**” by Ariel Lawhon



BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH!

On April 6, at all Worship services (8:30, 9:45, and 10:45), we’re encouraging everyone to bring a friend (or two!) to experience the welcoming atmosphere of our church community. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and help us make this a meaningful day! We will even have a special small gift for all friends attending.

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.

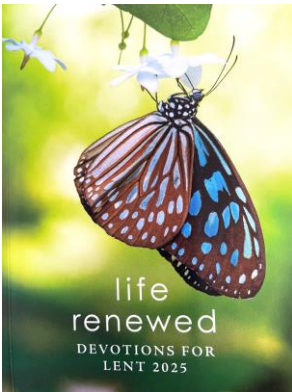
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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.



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals are now available.
Pick yours up in the narthex.



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.



**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, Pattie, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Faye, Rod, Sally, Tom, Scott, Glenn, Judith, Jeanne, Robert, Jameson, Lester, Steve, Marcus, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Jayne, Angie, Greg, Peg, Carl, Nancy, Laura, Diana, Wilma, Terry, Sherri, Margie, Don, Carole, and Judith.

In times of joy for those celebrating their first holy communion: James Thomas, MaggieLyn, Xavier James, and Leah Margaret.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Richard Micheletti.

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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Mission Trip to York, PA April 6th – April 10th. We will be providing home repair work to families. All skill levels welcome, carpools can be made available if you can't be with us the whole time. We will be staying at Camp Friendly Acres, run by Advent Lutheran Church. Contact Bob Mueller (610-442-7892) with questions.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

During Lent, we will be supporting the ELCA World Hunger effort which provides valuable assistance around the globe, not only with good, but by establishing health clinics, micro loans, building water wells, advocacy to country and local governments and establishing animal husbandry programs. If you wish to donate, please note World Hunger on your donation.

EHS Angel Network Spring Food Basket Collection is underway. Thanks to your continued support and generosity, we are only collecting cans of corn and laundry detergent (pods, sheets, bottles) through the end of March. Please place your donations in the bins in the Fellowship Center Lobby. Thank you.

Sunday School Collection for God's Global Barnyard will be a noisy collection which starts on March 9th and runs through April 13th. God's Global Barnyard is an ELCA World Hunger initiative.

You can download the ELCA **World Hunger Lent Calendar** by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the ELCA Website.



Mark your calendars and come listen to some 20th Century music 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 4th in the Worship Center. More information to follow.



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

**Sunday
October 5**

**God's work.
Our hands.**



CAT CAMP

Those attending Catechesis classes should mark their calendars and plan on coming to CAT Camp October 10 – 12.

Fall Fest / Trunk-or-Treat
Saturday, October 18
(Rain date October 19)



CALENDAR

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)
	7:45 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 3/6	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	Jr. Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Zoom)
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 3/8	Noon	RIC Task Force (FC)
Sun. 3/9	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
Mon. 3/10	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 3/11	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 3/12	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:45 am	Staff Worship Planning (117/119)
	Noon	Lenten Conversations (FC)
	6:00 pm	Meal (FC)
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer (WC)
	7:45 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 3/13	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	Jr. Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Pr Tami (ASR)
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room/WC)



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

DUE TO OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30th.

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ TULIPS \$11.00 EACH PLANT

_____ DAFFODILS \$11.00 EACH PLANT

_____ MUMS \$11.00 EACH PLANT

_____ LILIES \$11.00 EACH PLANT

_____ HYDRANGEAS \$25.00 EACH PLANT

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT



Flowers can be picked up after the last Easter Service.