



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

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Upcoming Events

April 1

VBS Decorating Session

April 2

Noon – Lenten Discussions
6:00 pm Meal
7:00 pm Holden Evening
Prayer

April 6

Bring a Friend to Church
Spring Mission Trip

April 7

Lunch Bunch w/ Pr Shari

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 30, 2025

***8:30 am Worship**

9:45 am Family Worship

Coffee, Tea, Connect

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

March 23, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	105	20
9:45 am	95	N/A
10:45 am	88	11

March 30 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Vi Ballard		Victor Schmidt
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu JoEllen Rooney	Jennifer Wetzell Melanie Werley	Dianna Olszewski Jackie Leipter
Readers	John Metka	Charles M.	
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Ricki Stringfellow	Sarah Smith	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Barb Roba		Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

Fellowship Center

9:45 am



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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS
ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN MARCH 30TH.
PICK UP A FORM IN THE NARTHEX
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

You have until March 31, 2025 to designate the direction of your 2024 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 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.

HOLY SPIRIT NURSERY SCHOOL 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.



EHS Angel Network Spring Food Basket Collection is underway.

We are 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.



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 April 7 in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together. If you can't make it this month, our next gathering will be on May 5th.

EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 am. We are asking for donations of items to fill the plastic eggs. Stickers, small toys, tattoos, bouncy balls, and **nut free** candy make great fillers. Donations can be placed in the marked donation bin the Fellowship Center lobby by **Sunday, March 30th**. Thank you!

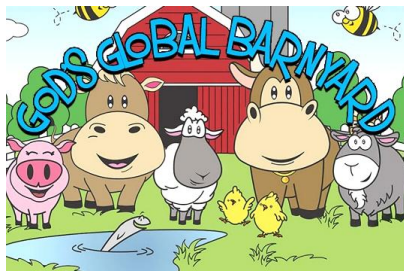


COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - Fellowship Center

April 13 at 9:45 am Join Dr. Hena Cebeci, a palliative and hospice care specialist from St. Luke's University Hospital Network, alongside Helen Post, MS, RN, CNL, Community Outreach Manager at St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice, to explore the

differences between palliative care and hospice care at our April 13th Coffee, Tea, and Connect session in the Fellowship Center.

Frequently, these terms are used interchangeably, but they are not the same. Come and learn the difference.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

for God's Global Barnyard is on-going through April 13th. God's Global Barnyard is an ELCA World Hunger initiative.



EASTER CANDY SALE !!

The youth will be selling homemade Easter candy starting April 6th before and after each church service! We are selling Bunny Bark baggies for \$5 and chocolate covered pretzels for \$3. There are both dark and milk chocolate options. Get yourself a sweet treat to

celebrate the Easter season! All proceeds go to our youth activities fund! If you have any questions, please contact Amber O'Brien at obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

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 are supporting the ELCA World Hunger effort which provides valuable assistance around the globe 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.

EGG CARTON DONATIONS Thank you all for your donations of egg cartons. We now have more than enough for our craft project and ***will not be collecting*** any more.



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 or two! and help us make this a meaningful day! We will even have a special small gift for all friends attending.



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

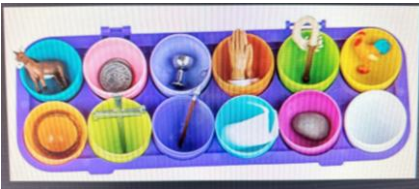
April 13th – Easter Pageant

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!

INTERGENERATIONAL HOLY WEEK EVENT



Join us on Wednesday, April 16th in the Fellowship Center for a meal at 6:00 pm and then hear again the events that Jesus experienced on the way to the cross.

Resurrection eggs will be prepared so that the story can be retold at home. [Click here](#) to sign up and let us know how many will be attending so we can plan for food and supplies. Or call the church office and let Nikki know. You can also sign up on the sheet in the Worship Center Lobby. Thank you!

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.

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:

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

Wednesdays in Lent

April 2, 9

Noon Lenten Discussions

6:00 pm Meal (Room 117/119)

**7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer
(In person and on Zoom)**



Holy Week Schedule

April 13 - Palm Sunday Worship

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

Wednesday, April 16 - Meal and Intergenerational
Holy Week Activity at 6:00 pm ([Click here](#) to sign up)

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

Childcare is available at all Easter morning services.

*In person and on Zoom



Your Blood. Their Hope.®
MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS?

Join LCHS and Miller-Keystone Blood Center in donating your blood to save lives. Holy Spirit is looking to host a blood drive sometime hopefully in July. Before securing a firm date, Miller-Keystone requests that we, as a congregation, show that there is enough interest in an onsite blood drive. Miller-Keystone Blood Center requires an interest list of 25 people to get started. This list requests your name, phone number, and email address. If there is sufficient interest, a date for the drive will be scheduled. Please know that your “signing up” as interested in donating does not mean you are firmly committed – it is simply a requirement of the blood center now to show enough interest for them to provide the resources of an onsite bloodmobile. If you are comfortable signing up, see the interest sheet on the information table in the narthex.



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **April 26 and May 3** with a rain date of May 10th. Your help is needed from 9:00 am – Noon to weed, rake leaves out of beds, prepare areas for mulch, spread mulch, etc. Please bring your own

rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, pitch forks, work gloves and any other items you think might be needed. Please come at 9:00 am if you are willing to help. Trash bags, cans and water will be available.



LCHS BOOK GROUP We will be meeting on **Monday, April 28 at 11AM in Room 117/119** at LCHS. We will be discussing **“The Frozen River”** by Ariel Lawhon. Everyone is invited to bring their lunch to enjoy together after the meeting.



PLANS FINALIZED FOR A DIGITAL SIGN

Over the last few years, more than a few members have mentioned that the message board in our front yard is outdated and showing the wear of its many years in service. On this basis, several months ago the Property Committee started investigating what it would

take to replace this sign with an Electronic Message Center (EMC) that is brighter, more welcoming, and more befitting of our vibrant congregation.

After reviewing several proposals from local vendors, the Property Committee, with Council's approval, will be overseeing the installation of a new EMC by WilliamSIGNS this spring! Although some of the details are still being worked out, the EMC will look something like the picture above. It will allow us to display important information about the church and our mission in a new and exciting way. The project will be funded by several anonymous donations and the use of memorial funds, with no impact on the operating budget. If anyone has any questions about this project, please feel free to contact Glenn Hinderliter at 484-201-3951.



IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME

Saturday, July 19 at 6:35 pm.
Gates open at 5:15 pm. Youth Hawaiian jersey giveaway to the first 1,500 fans 17 and under and fireworks after the game.

Tickets are \$11/person (third base side) and include \$2 to spend at concessions. Only 70 tickets are available. Sign up using the google form link: <https://forms.gle/3Hn8m8RsjgUEVFC6A> or by contacting the church office. Payment is due by Sunday, June 8th and can be made via cash, check (payable to LCHS), or online. Please be sure to **mark Iron Pigs** on the payment.



MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES The **Spirit Ringers** are looking for at least one more ringer. 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.

Spirit Voices (Adult/Teen Vocal Choir) are looking for voices to join us. You don't need to be a solo voice to be a great addition to the choir! We'd love to have you join us!! We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm. Give us a try!!

Our praise band is looking for some people who would like to sing with the band at the 8:30 services. If you are interested in joining any of these, please speak to Reylene after a Sunday service or call her at 610-967-2220 ext. 109.

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.

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](#).



Ushers/Greeters needed for Holy Week Services.
Sign up by [clicking here](#).

Readers for Good Friday are needed.
Sign up by [clicking here](#).

You can also **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.



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:

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 [click here](#) to complete the Volunteer Interest Form.

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 here](#) 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! **Paper registration forms** are available on the information table in the narthex.



**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, Bob, and Linda.

Pray for God's healing for our members and friends: Alex, Tom, Joe, Caleb, Faye, Rod, Tom, Scott, Glenn, Geoffrey, Jeanne, Robert, Jameson, Lester, Marcus, Nancy, Nancy, Megan, Jayne, Deb, Brian, Angie, Carl, Nancy, Laura, Diana, Wilma, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Trevor Tormann.

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.

PRIME TIMERS' EVENTS FOR APRIL

Movie Group – Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00 am. We will be watching, “*The First Man*” in the All Saints Room.

Book Group – Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 am. We will be reviewing different biographies on Satchel Paige, a famous African American baseball player.

Coffee Hour – Wednesday, April 30 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Invite a friend, come for the fun, fellowship, laughs, trivia and homemade baked goodies.

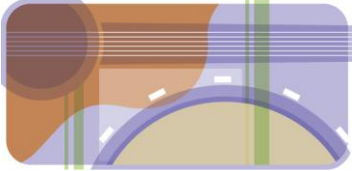


We are beyond grateful for the Pastor's visits, the beautiful flowers from Bloomin' Faith, the cards, the thoughts and prayers of members and friends during my recent hospitalization. Thank you all so much. Holy Spirit is so special to us. ~ Nancy and John McClain

COMING EVENTS

Concert

20th Century Music



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

Join us on Sunday, October 5 to participate in several service projects to help those in need.

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



CAT CAMP

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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)



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun. 3/30	10:15 am	Egg Filling (117/119)
	Noon	Pinochle Party (FC)
Mon. 3/31	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 4/1	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating Session (FC)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Zoom)
Weds. 4/2	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	Noon	Lenten Conversation (FC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Meal (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
	7:30 pm	Bells (WC)
Thurs. 4/3	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 4/5	10:00 am	Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 4/6	10:15 am	Easter Egg Filling (117/119)
	3:30 pm	Angel Network (FC)
Mon. 4/7	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch Bunch w/ Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 4/8	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	RIC (Zoom)
Weds. 4/9	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	Noon	Lenten Conversation (FC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Meal (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer (WC)
	7:30 pm	Bells (WC)
Thurs. 4/10	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 4/12	10:00 am	Calling Hour for Helen Breter (WC)
	Noon	Altar Care/Palms (SC)