



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

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Upcoming Events

April 13

Rejoicing Spirits

April 16

Intergenerational Meal
and Activity

April 21

Church Office Closed

April 27

New Member
Information Session

May 4

Nursery School 50th
Anniversary Celebration
Concert –
20th Century Music

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 13, 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**

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
Sunday service" button.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 6, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	120	21
9:45 am	84	N/A
10:45 am	89	19

April 13 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Renee Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzal Dianna Olszewski Melanie Werley	Vi Ballard Deb Smith
Readers	Dianna Olszewski	Landon S.	Laura Rothe
Children's Message		Deb Smith	
Greeters	Irv Keister	John McClain	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach	John McClain	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Eric Kahler Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - Fellowship Center - 9:45 am April 13 - 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.

Rejoicing Spirits will celebrate Easter at its service on Sunday, April 13th. The Rejoicing Ringers will present their annual Easter Pageant and the Rejoicing Ringers will accompany several Easter Songs. Bring your family and friends and join us on April 13th in the Worship Center. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Center following the service. All are welcome!



EASTER CANDY SALE!! The youth will be selling homemade dark chocolate bunny bark on April 13th before and after each church service ***while supplies last!*** The cost is \$5. 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-emmas.org.



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.

Ushers/Greeters needed for Holy Week Services.

Sign up by [clicking here](#). Or call the church office to sign up.

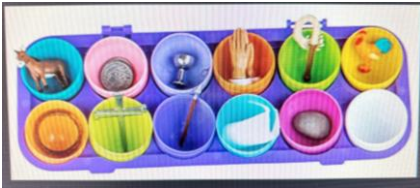
The anatomy of **GRACE**

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.

Bring your lunch and join us for our Lenten Conversation on Mysterious Grace at noon on Wednesday, April 16 in Room 117/119. 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 11:00 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

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!



Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 16 ~

Noon ~ Lenten Conversation

6:00 pm Meal and Intergenerational

Holy Week Activity ([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

PRIME TIMERS APRIL EVENTS

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.



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.

INFORMATION SESSION for POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

April 27th 9:30 - 10:30 am - Room 117/119

*** Open Session.... stop in anytime throughout the hour ***

Have questions about The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit?
The Lutheran faith? How to become a member?

Join Pr. Tami and members of the Church Growth Team to hear about our church community and discuss your questions.

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.





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:

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.

CARDS WITH FRIENDS

- Last Sunday of every month
- After the 10:45am service
- Bring a lunch and your favorite card game
- Meet in the Fellowship Center.



Would you like to help at church, but don't have a lot of time?

Preparing the altar for services is the perfect choice! 15 minutes before and after the service you attend is all that is needed. We will train and support you until you are comfortable. Join alone or with a partner! Contact Carol Osenbach or Nikki in the church office.



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.



CANCELLED

MAY LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Our next gathering will be on June 2nd.

NURSERY SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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.



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.

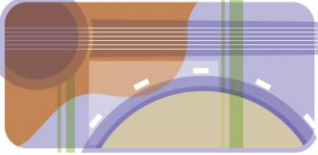
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND CELEBRATED!



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.

Concert

20th Century Music



Music of the 20th Century

Join us for an afternoon celebrating the many musical genres of the 20th Century:

Jazz, Classical, Broadway, Pop, and more;
featuring musicians of

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, May 4th at 4:00 pm
in the Worship Center.

Refreshments to follow.

A free will offering will be taken to
benefit the music program at LCHS.



Bloomin'
Faith Ministry

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 Saturday April 26, May 31, and June 28. Ways you can help:

Donations: flowers from your garden are always welcomed.

Please drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am on the Friday before the delivery day.

Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen.

Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-3 bouquets. Please let us know if you are able to help on the sign up genius by [clicking here](#) or call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.



To learn more about ways to be active in witnessing to faith in public life, please

[click here](#) for the LAMPa newsletter. Several items of interest are as follows:

COMMENT ON DRAFT MESSAGE ON PROTECTION OF

CHILDREN: Jesus' call of welcome points to the church's responsibilities toward children. Yet too many today experience traumatic abuse and neglect. The ELCA's draft social message on child protection addresses this crisis and outlines the church's sacred responsibility to protect and nurture children. [Read the draft](#) and share your comments and suggestions, until June 30.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL

May 13 is a legislative session day, and we are expecting another great turnout. [Sign up now](#) so that LAMPa staff can secure your meetings with lawmakers. When the world feels unstable, and the task of justice seems impossible, our faith calls us to turn to the words of the prophets and the promise of Christ that reminds us God is always doing a new thing. [Register today!](#)

INSTALLATION OF DEACON REYLENE STAREGO

We invite you to a service of installation for Deacon Reylene Starego, our Director of Music, which will be held at the 10:45 am service on Sunday, May 11, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Center. Bishop Christopher deForest will be preaching at the 8:30 and 10:45 am services that morning.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Summer Camp registrations are flowing in and some sessions and age groups are nearing capacity, so reserve your spot soon! For more information, [click here](#) or visit their website at bearcreekcamp.org. Camperships are available through Bear Creek Camp.



**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, Lee, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

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

This weekend we **celebrate the baptism** of James Sean, son of Patrick and Amber. We welcome James into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

In times of joy for the birth of James to parents Mason and Rebecca.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Donna Evan, Sue Block's sister and the family and friends of Christie "Cat" Tito, past co-worker of Linda Devine.

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.



Global Refuge

Global Refuge remains open for business

Global Refuge, formerly known as Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Service (LIRS), has continued its work by assisting all newcomers from the past years seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. Refugee admissions were halted in January by the current administration. Persecuted people who have waited patiently all over the world for their chance at protection are now languishing in legal limbo.

In early February, our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was falsely accused of money-laundering and called a snake oil salesman by Mike Flynn and Elon Musk. A Stop Work Order cut the funds Global Refuge was using to assist 6,000 clients living legally in our nation.

This funding often follows 2 months after the work has already been done leaving a large expense to cover.

There is some good news however! Global Refuge's well-established programs in Guatemala and Mexico, both funded completely by private contributions, continue to thrive as refugees receive employment assistance including job training, educational empowerment and other forms of support.

Under Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's leadership, Global Refuge and other interfaith organizations with similar missions, are meeting weekly to discuss a variety of issues – everything from fighting for federal government reimbursement for services already delivered to legal immigrants to combating fear-mongering.

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During an online town hall meeting for Global Refuge ambassadors on March 27, CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, clearly stated, "We are open for business. Global Refuge is not going anywhere! Our mission has never been about politics; it's about people."

For 85 years, Global Refuge has welcomed those seeking refuge, upholding a legacy of compassion and grace for people in crisis. For more information, check out www.globalrefuge.org.

We will have a staff member of Global Refuge with us via Zoom for Coffee-Tea-Connect at 9:45 am on April 27th.

All are welcome to attend this learning event and ask questions that are important to you.

(article written by member Tom Bradley)



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.



The Knitting In Faith Group will be offering handmade Pocket Prayer Crosses on Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil, and Easter Sunday to members and friends of Holy Spirit. The crosses will be available in baskets in the narthex.

LDR MSSION TRIP – YORK, PA

It was a cold and rainy start but our dedicated crew got a lot accomplished.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun. 4/13	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 4/14	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee (116)
Tues. 4/15	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 4/16	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	Noon	Lenten Conversation (117/119)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Meal/Intergenerational Activity (FC)
	7:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 4/17	Noon & 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Fri. 4/18	Noon & 7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
	Noon	Church Office Closing
Sat. 4/19	10:00 am	Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sun. 4/20	8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am	Resurrection Celebration
	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon. 4/21		Church Office Closed
Tues. 4/22	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	Property Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Council (117/119)
Weds. 4/23	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	NS Movies (SC)
	9:45 am	Staff Pentecost Planning (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 4/24	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	2:00 pm	Outreach (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Tanzania Meeting (Zoom)
Fri. 4/25	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 4/26	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-Up
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 4/27	9:30 am	New Member Information Session (117/119)
	Noon	Cards with Friends (FC)