



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

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Upcoming Events

April 21

Church Office Closed

April 27

New Member
Information Session

May 3

Spring Grounds Clean-Up

May 4

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

May 11

Installation of
Deacon Reylene Starego

HOLY HAPPENINGS

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION! Sunday, April 20, 2025

***8:30 am Resurrection Celebration**

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

Coffee, Tea, Fellowship

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

***11:00 am Resurrection Celebration**

**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 13, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	144	15
9:45 am	88	N/A
10:45 am	149	10
2:30 pm	70	N/A

April 20 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Ministers	Eric Kahler		Marian Snyder
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Melanie Werley Jennifer Wetzal	Vi Ballard Volunteer Needed
Readers	Lorie Stout Sherman	Jimmy G.	Bob Mueller
Children's Message		Pastor Tami	
Greeters	Sue Smith	Barb Roba	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Rob Smith	Ricki Stringfellow	Volunteer Needed
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Volunteer Needed	Jimmy Lee Werley Alexis H.	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - Fellowship Center - 9:45 am

April 27 - Global Refugee, formerly known as Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Service, has continued its work by assisting all newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American Dream. **We will have a staff member of Global Refugee 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.

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.

Check out our bulletin board in the hallway and pick up a monthly calendar of events. All Are Welcome!



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.

MOVED? HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?



**UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFO**

Did you move? Change your telephone number, gotten rid of your landline or change your email address? If so, please let Nikki in the church office know so we can stay in touch (610-967-2220 ext. 101). Thank you.



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.



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 Pocket Prayer Crosses on Easter Sunday to members and friends of Holy Spirit. The crosses will be available in baskets in the narthex.



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.



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.

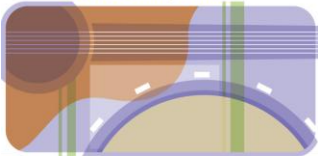
Please drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am on the Friday before the delivery day.

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.

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.



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.



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.



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.

LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania)

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!](#)

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.



THANK
you.

Thank you so much for the children's cards and the beautiful flowers for my 85th birthday. They lasted for 2 weeks. All these gifts mean so much and are really appreciated. ~
Peace, Judith Hausman

SACRED SPACE WORSHIP will take place in the All Saints Room at 12:30 pm on April 27th. Sacred Space is meeting worshippers' needs of a less busy and a more quiet space to worship. This time of gathering will include scriptures, homily, prayers, and holy communion. Join us at 12:30 in the All Saints Room on April 27, July 27, Oct. 26.



Beatitudes Bible Study For three weeks (**May 14,21,28**), on Wednesdays at 2 PM in room 116, join us to look more closely at the words from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus was showing a new way by turning the world upside down with these words. Through this understanding, how might we engage in living out these words today.



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT
Sundays in the Fellowship Center - 9:45 am

May 4th - Join us in celebrating the 50th year of ministry provided to the community through The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Nursery School. Light Refreshments will be served.

May 11th - Growing Young explores 6 Core Characteristics of Jesus-centered communities that are actively involving 12-29-year-olds in the church. The Strategic Planning Work Group has spent some months working through this book. We invite you to join in the learning and discussion this day with members of Cat Class and High School Youth Group. All ages are encouraged to participate in this important work.

May 18th - Breakfast Reception and New Member Welcome hosted by Church Growth Mission Team

May 25th - Memorial Day Weekend

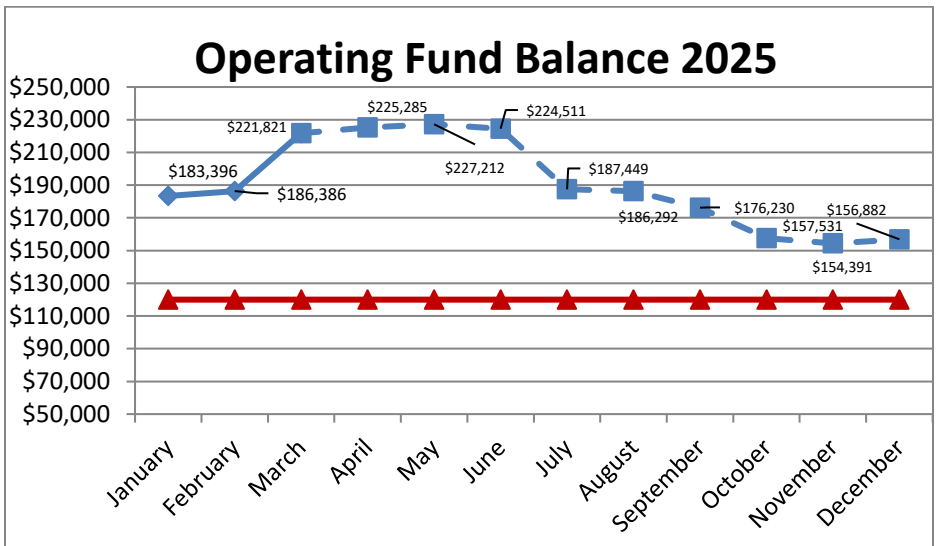
June 1st - "Red"ying for Pentecost. An Intergenerational gathering of learning and preparation for Pentecost Sunday on June 8th.

Financial Results and Discussion – March 2025

Operating Performance: March income was \$119,453, \$11,383 or 10.53% above budget. Operating expenses were \$84,021, \$2,115 or 2.46% below budget. We finished March with a \$35,433 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$21,935. 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.
- **Upper Dotted Line:** Represents our **projected** operating cash balance through year end.



Building Fund: The building fund increased \$1,496.00 during the month and has a balance of \$4,737.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of March 31, 2025, is \$354,823.39.

First Quarter Ending March 2025

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT		
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE		
March 2025		
	YTD	
INCOME	Current	Current
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	298,563	283,814
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3,065	9,791
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	7,914	7,928
INTEREST	945	900
TOTAL INCOME	310,487	302,433
EXPENSE		
PEOPLE	184,570	191,463
STAFF RELATIONS	507	600
RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY	58,604	64,361
WORSHIP	2,456	2,405
FAITH FORMATION - ADULT	712	400
FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN	1,510	1,800
FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH	1,122	1,400
HOSPITALITY	72	288
CHURCH GROWTH	564	934
MEMBER CARE	(200)	122
BUDGETED BENEVOLENCE	8,580	8,580
MISCELLANEOUS	6,564	6,564
TOTAL EXPENSE	265,061	278,917
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	45,426	23,516

Income: Income for the 1st quarter is about 3% above budget. We continue to have several members fulfill their annual estimate of giving at the beginning of the year, which is a great help to cash flow.

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Expenses: Expenses for the 1st quarter were 5% lower than budget. People expenses were lower due to not having a full-time sexton. The Resources for Ministry expense line includes all our service contracts, building maintenance, and technology expenses. Lower expenses than projected during Q1 were driven in part by less building repairs, technology needs and the timing of some annual service contract payments being different than budgeted.

Summary

We finished the 1st quarter with a \$45,426 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$23,516. While this is positive news, we expect that our operating reserve will decrease later in the year as the impact of the fulfilled annual estimates of giving is spread over time and expenses normalize to budgeted levels.

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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 11th 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! To learn more and inquire about camperships, please [click here](http://bearcreekcamp.org) or go to their website: bearcreekcamp.org.



**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, Jameson, Lester, Jim, Marcus, Sue, Nancy, Megan, Jayne, Angie, Carl, Michael, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Robert Hermley, Dianna Olszewski's father.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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)
Mon. 4/28	12:30 pm	Sacred Space Worship (ASR)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Stewardship (116)
	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning (117/119)
Tues. 4/29	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (117/110)
Weds. 4/30	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	11:00 am	Staff/First Communion Planning (117)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 5/1	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (Music Room/WC)
Sat. 5/3	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-up
	10:00 am	Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 5/4	Nursery School	50 th Anniversary Celebration
	4:00 pm	Concert – Music of the 20 th Century (WC)

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

**Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:**

Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School

DATE & TIME:

April 30, 2025 4pm-8pm

LOCATION:

**6240 Hamilton Blvd Allentown, PA 18106
(267) 742 - 3686**



