



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

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Upcoming Events

May 11

Installation of
Deacon Reylene Starego
followed by a luncheon
reception

MAY 12

VBS Decorating

May 14, 21, 28

Bible Study

May 18

New Member Welcome

June 1

Graduate Recognition

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 11, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:45 am Family Service

**Coffee, Tea, Connect,
High School Connect**

**10:15 am Sunday School
(pre-school - Grade 5)**

**Sermon/Gospel Reading
Replay (All Saints Room)**

***10:45 am Spirit 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

May 4, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	113	17
9:45 am	101	N/A
10:45 am	72	19

May 11 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Diane Evans		Elizabeth Moessner
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Fran Derhammer	Volunteers Needed	Terri Hinderliter Glenn Hinderliter
Readers	Ricki Stringfellow	Maddy H.	Julie Timmcke
Children's Message		Melanie Werley	
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski	Malkovsky Family	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Michael Yablonski	Malkovsky Family	Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Volunteer Needed



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - Fellowship Center

9:45 am 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.

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 **luncheon reception in the Fellowship Center**. Bishop Christopher deForest will be preaching at the 8:30 and 10:45 am services that morning.

VBS DECORATING SESSION: 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. No artistic skills are required. Please enter at the church office entrance as we will meet in the Fellowship Center on **Monday, May 12 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.**



BEATITUDES BIBLE STUDY (May 14,21,28)

Join us on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in room 116 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.

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR MAY

May 13th – Come and watch the movie, “*Dream Horse*” a true story about an unlikely racehorse bred by a bartender. 10:00 am in the All Saints Room.

May 22nd – Book Group. We will be discussing, “*The Ministry of Time*” by Kaliane Bradley. 10:00 am in Room 117/119.

May 28th – Coffee Hour – Bring a friend (or two) to Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Center. Coffee's on at 10:00am. Along with coffee or tea, we will have fresh baked goods, trivia and lots of laughs!

Check out our bulletin board in the hallway to find out what other adventures we go on and join us! All are welcome.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES !! Please notify Amber O'Brien (obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org) if you are graduating from high school or college this spring so we can inform the congregation of your accomplishments! Please include your name, school graduating from and date, any activities, your picture, and your future plans. **Submission deadline is May 18th!**



Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 1st!
We welcome all graduates to come worship and receive a special gift to honor their achievements!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME BREAKFAST!

Join the Church Growth Team and other members of the congregation for a time of fellowship and sharing as we offer a warm welcome to Holy Spirit's new members. Stop in for breakfast in the Fellowship Center on **Sunday, May 18th anytime from 9 – 10:30am** for fellowship and sharing. Get acquainted with our new members, re-acquaint with others, and enjoy conversation over a light brunch.



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

Sundays in the Fellowship Center - 9:45 am

May 18th - Breakfast Reception and New Member Welcome sponsored by the fourth row at the 8:30 service.

May 25th - Memorial Day Weekend

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

MAY M&Ms GATHERING

All women and their friends are invited to the third Wednesday of the month gathering of M&Ms on **May 21** at 9:30am in rooms 117/119. This month Reylene Starego will do a presentation about hand bells.

CARDS WITH FRIENDS CANCELLED FOR MAY 27TH



- Our next get together is June 29
- After the 10:45am service
- Bring a lunch and your favorite card game
- We will meet in the Fellowship Center



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.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Road Trip: On the Go with God

June 16 – 20, 2025

9:15 am – 11:45 am



VBS SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED: We are collecting donations of individually wrapped items for use at VBS. Please review the list of items needed and sign up using the sign up genius link by [clicking here](#). Please note brand names of items being requested. Snacks should be dropped off at the church office by Thursday, June 12th. Thank you for your support.

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: VBS provides as 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. There are two **Volunteer meetings** scheduled, please mark your calendars **and plan to attend one**. Both are in the Fellowship Center. You can attend either June 4th at 6:00 pm or June 5th at 7:00 pm.



BLOOMIN' FAITH Thank you for your continued 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 **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.

**SUMMER BREAKFASTS
STARTING ON JUNE 8TH**



We are excited to announce that we will resume Summer Breakfasts starting June 8th through August 24th. Each week breakfast will be prepared by a different group from the congregation (for example Council, Mission Teams, Committees, Music groups/Choirs, families/friends and so on). Each group will be responsible for set-up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Breakfast will be served 9:00 am -10:30am in the Fellowship Center to accommodate all services. Sign up by [clicking here](#) to choose your summer Sunday and provide your group's contact. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Devine at 610-703-1471.



THANK YOU TO ALL who came out to support the Nursery School's fundraiser at Raising Cane's last week. We raised \$200.00.

Sunday, June 8th is the next Rejoicing Spirited service, and it is a special one. We will be celebrating our 17th

anniversary during the **10:45am service**. It will be a full Rejoicing Spirited service (Processional, Rejoicers doing readings, Rejoicing Ringers will play, etc.) during a regular worship service with communion. ***This service will not be live streamed.***

There will be a luncheon right after the service for our Rejoicing Spirited community. We hope to see you there!



***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.



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. It doesn't take much of your time to serve a few Sunday's. You can **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.



**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.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

There are hundreds of mental disorders. The most common include Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, Bipolar Disorder, Personality Disorders, and Obsessive-Compulsive

Disorder, to name a few, but the list of diagnosed disorders goes on and on. Fortunately, resources and help are available. Recognizing mental health issues and finding the courage to ask for help can be challenging. Lehigh County operates a Warm Line 24/7, which provides support and information about available services. The number is 1-833-899-1331. The Hot Line is for individuals in crisis who may pose a danger to themselves. Call 911 or the Lehigh County Crisis Intervention service at 610-782-3127; in Northampton County, call 610-252-9060, or to reach the national suicide hotline, call 988. Other local resources include the National Alliance on Mental Health (nami-lv.org), located at 802 West Broad St, Bethlehem, PA. 18018. Phone 610-882-2102. Both hospital networks, Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Network, offer behavioral health services. Additionally, there are numerous private counseling services throughout the Lehigh Valley.

If you believe you may have a mental illness, there is no need to endure the suffering and pain alone. If you suspect that someone you know is struggling with a mental illness, the best approach is to be patient, empathetic, and understanding while providing support and reassurance. Engage in an open, non-judgmental, gentle conversation with them. Such a discussion should come from the love and concern you have for this individual.





**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, Nancy, Tom, Joe, Rod, Tom, Scott, David, Glenn, Brad, Gordon, Jameson, Margaret, Lester, Eleanor, Jim, Marcus, Sue, Nancy, Megan, Jayne, Angie, Jeff, Carl, Mariah, Beth, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Michael Rosazza, Gary and Candi's son.

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.

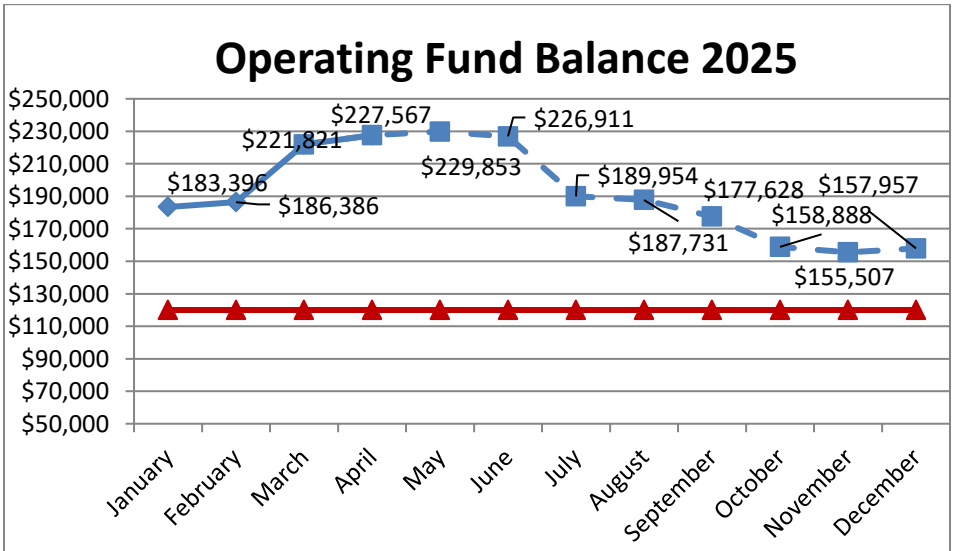
If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

Financial Results and Discussion – April 2025

Operating Performance: April income was \$81,474, \$5,872 or 6.72% below budget. Operating expenses were \$75,728, \$8,240 or 9.81% below budget. We finished April with a \$5,746 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3,378. 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 \$515.00 during the month and has a balance of \$5,252.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of April 30, 2025 is \$353,792.42.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. 5/12	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)	
	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)	
	1:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)	
Tues. 5/13	9:15 am	NS Song Fest Rehearsal (WC)	
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)	
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)	
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)	
Weds. 5/14	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board (117/119)	
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (116)	
	6:30 pm	NS Open House	
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)	
Thurs. 5/15	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)	
	9:15 am	NS Song Fest Rehearsal (WC)	
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)	
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)	
Sat. 5/17	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (Music Room/WC)	
	10:00 am	Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)	
Mon. 5/19	10:00 am	Counters (116)	
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)	
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)	
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)	
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)	
	Tues. 5/20	9:15 am	NS Song Fest Rehearsal (WC)
		10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
		2:00 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
		6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	Weds. 5/21	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
9:15 am		NS Song Fest Rehearsal (WC)	
9:30 am		M&M's Too (117/119)	
2:00 pm		Bible Study (116)	
Thurs. 5/22	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)	
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)	
	10:00 am	NS Moving On Ceremony (WC)	
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117)	
Sat. 5/24	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)	
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (Music Room/WC)	
	10:00 am	Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)	



FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST

**ORDERS ARE DUE
TO THE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN MAY 26th**

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ GERANIUMS \$16.00 EACH PLANT

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

Flowers can be picked up after the last Service.