



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

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Upcoming Events

May 26

Church Office Closed

May 28

Bible Study

June 1

Graduate Recognition

June 8

Summer Breakfast

June 16 - 25

Vacation Bible School

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 25, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:45 am Family Service,

CAT Class, High School Connect,

Coffee, Tea, Fellowship

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 18, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	95	16
9:45 am	70	N/A
10:45 am	87	13

May 25 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow		Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Leigh-Anne Wimmer Deb Stevens Jennifer Wetzel	Deb Stevens Sheila Huff
Readers	Melanie Werley	Camile B.	Anne Osenbach
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Fran Derhammer		Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Bill Derhammer		Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt	Craig Kauffman	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie



FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST

Pick up an order form in the Worship Center Lobby. Geraniums in honor or memory of someone are \$16.00 per plant and orders are due to the office no later than May 26th.



COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT

Sundays in the Fellowship Center - 9:45 am

June 1st - "Red"ying for Pentecost.

An Intergenerational gathering of learning and preparation for Pentecost Sunday on June 8th.



BEATITUDES BIBLE STUDY (May 28)

Join us on Wednesday 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 EVENT

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.



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults are concerned about falling or have experienced falls, which leads to more restricted activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an eight-week evidence-based national program designed to reduce falls and increase activity levels. This free program is offered by the SLUHN Trauma Outreach Program and will take place at Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Main Street, Hellertown, on Mondays from June 2nd to

July 21st, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Space is limited to a small group. Call Enid Rank, RN, Faith Community Nurse at 610-349-2970 by May 28 to register.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES !!

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





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** of flowers or a monetary donation welcome. Help **arrange flowers** the Friday before delivery date. **Delivery of 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.



**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 1pm on Monday, June 2nd in Room 117/119. Prayer will conclude our time together.



**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 clean-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.

Sunday, June 8th is the next Rejoicing Spirits 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 Spirits 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 Spirits community. We hope to see you there!

DON'T MISS OUT - GET YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!!



for the Saturday, July 19 game starting 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/3Hn8m8RsjqUEVFC6A> 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
8 ounce water bottles and granola bars.

Items 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 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. 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.



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.



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.

CARDS WITH FRIENDS JUNE 22nd



- Our next get together is June 22
- After the 10:45am service
- Bring a lunch and your favorite card game
- We will meet in the Fellowship Center for some fun and fellowship!



Dear Bloomin' Faith Members,
Thank you very much for the lovely floral bouquet I received at Luther Crest during a time of great sadness. I had been hospitalized and released a couple of days before my husband, Grayson, passed away. The flowers were not

only beautiful, they were a reminder to me that even amidst darkness, color and light prevail. More importantly, I know that the flowers were arranged and delivered to me by loving, caring people. Thanks also to all who sent cards and condolences to my family and me. ~ Sincerely, Jan McNair

HELP US MAKE TRUNK OR TREAT A SUCCESS!



We're looking for someone to help co-chair this year's Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Planning kicks off in August, and you'll be teaming up with another volunteer who's already on board. If you're organized, like working with others, and want to help create a fun event for

our church and community, we'd love for you to join us! If you're interested or want to learn more, please contact Victor Schmidt, Lorie Stout Sherman or Pastor Tami.



WANTED: Do you play an instrument or have some other musical talent that you would be willing to share with the church? We are looking for people who

are willing to share a solo or ensemble piece with us on a Sunday morning during the summer. There are sign-up sheets in the music room or speak to Reylene. We'd love to hear from you this summer!



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, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Rod, Tom, Scott, David, Glenn, Brad, Gordon, Cheryl, Jeanne, Peter, Jameson, Margaret, Laura, Lester, Eleanor, Marcus, Scott, Sue, Nancy, Megan, Jayne, Angie, Jeff, Carl, Beth, Nancy, Fred, Laura, Wilma, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Tristan David. We welcome Tristan into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

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.

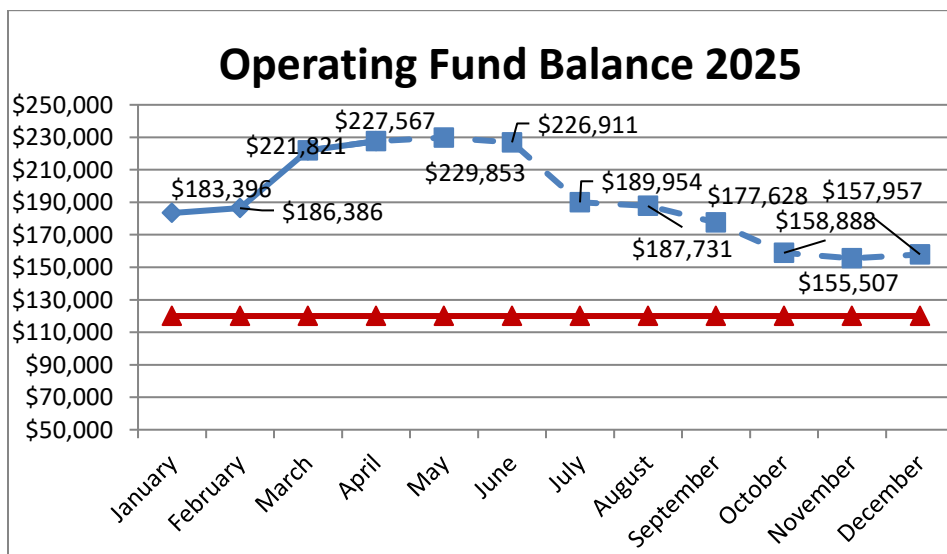
If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

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.

Global Refuge perseveres despite numerous challenges

You may have read that it's been **50 years since the fall of Saigon** during the Vietnam War which brought hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees to the United States. This crisis marked a turning point for **Global Refuge** (previously known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), **transforming the organization from a four-person team into a 100-member crisis-response organization.**

By the end of 1975, LIRS had overseen the resettlement of more than 15,000 Vietnamese refugees. That call helped to lay the foundation for the work Global Refuge continues today, offering welcome and refuge in the face of profound upheaval and chaos.

Refugees like those who arrived in the '70s from Vietnam are now friends, grandparents, neighbors, advocates, and integral members of their communities—and, in some cases, are paying it forward to support other refugee communities.

In those days, the federal government compassionately served as an integral partner in this humanitarian effort. Such is not the case in 2025.

During an online town hall meeting on April 30, CEO and president Krish O'Mara Vignarajah and other Global Refuge staff members detailed the many challenges the organization has faced since January 20.

Entitled "The First 100 Days: Our Work of Welcome Continues," the presentation identified the stark reality of the pause in refugee resettlement and the stop work order which has made it increasingly difficult to provide much-needed help for refugees Global Refuge was already serving.

President Vignarajah talked about the chilling lack of due process and the importance of finding ways to connect clients with state and local resources, including churches, as well as attracting grants from privately-funded programs and individual donors.

"We are NOT going anywhere," Krish stated. "We are not giving up. America is still the shining city on a hill and we intend to keep it that way."

You can help families, whose lives are hanging in the balance, access critical programs like legal assistance by remitting an urgent gift at: globalrefuge.org/Solidarity.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. 5/26	Church Office Closed – Memorial Day	
Tues. 5/27	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 5/28	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (116)
	2:15 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 5/30	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 5/31	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Mon. 6/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch with Pr Shari (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 6/3	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team Meeting (Zoom)
Weds. 6/4	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (FC)
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 6/5	7:00 pm	Staff Support Meeting (116)
	7:00 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (FC)
Sat. 6/7	12:00 pm	Tobey Event (FC)
Sun. 6/8	9:00 – 10:15	Summer Breakfast (FC)
	10:45 am	Rejoicing Spirits Worship
Mon. 6/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 6/10	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Worship Mission Team (117/119)
Weds. 6/11	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning (116)
	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 6/12	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating