



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 13, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Summer Breakfast
by Staff Support & Adult Faith
Formation**

9:45 am Family Service

10:15 am Sermon/Gospel 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 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.

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

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Upcoming Events

July 13
Rejoicing Spirits

July 19
Iron Pigs Game

July 27
Cards with Friends
Sacred Space Worship

July 30
Blood Drive @ Holy Spirit

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 6, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	122	11
9:45 am	54	N/A
10:45 am	67	15

July 13 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Eric Kahler		Renee Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Sheila Huff	Vi Ballard
Readers	Leesa Wimmer	Kira K.	Mark Stanziola
Children's Message		John & Theo	
Greeters	Mike Epperly	George Family	Ava Killingsworth
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach	George Family	Larry Killingsworth
Production/ Technology	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Carol Osenbach Robert Neitz John Osenbach

SUMMER BREAKFAST: Sunday's Breakfast is sponsored by Staff Support and the Adult Faith Formation Teams and will be served 9:00 am - 10:30am in the Fellowship Center to accommodate all services.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

REJOICING SPIRITS will celebrate July 4th at its service on Sunday, July 13th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The special message is "In God We Trust." Please join us for the service and the reception in the Fellowship Center following the service. ALL are welcome. Remember to wear your red, white, and blue!

FAMILY WORSHIP COLLECTION

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for foster families served by Lehigh County Children and Youth Services July 13 through July 27.

LCHS STAFF AND ELCA ROSTERED LEADERS' APPRECIATION

Sunday, July 13th from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in Fellowship Center
You are invited to attend Summer Breakfast provided by the Staff Support and Stewardship Mission Teams on this day and enjoy some cake. Around 10:15 AM we will introduce the LCHS staff and celebrate Milestone Anniversaries for the following:

LCHS Staff:

15 Year

Karin Kahler

10 Year

Deb Stevens

John Letts

5 Year

Joanne Volkert

Debe Brown

Pastor Tami Reichley

Nikki Clark

Terri Hinderliter

ELCA Rostered Leaders:

45 Year

Pastor Val Reinhold – June 1, 1980

Pastor Mark Wimmer – June 1, 1980

30 Year

Pastor Cindy Camp – July 16, 1995

Pastor Shari Duminy – September 30, 1995

10 Year

Pastor Ruth Doty – August 15, 2015

5 Year

Pastor Tami Reichley – February 16, 2020

Ordination Rite for Deacons in NEPA Synod:

Deacon Reylene Starego

Deacon Melanie Werley



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.

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR JULY

MOVIE GROUP – We will meet on July 22nd at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room to watch, “3 Men and a Baby”

BOOK GROUP – July 24th at 10:00 am Rooms 117/119. August's book is “Martyr” by Kaveh Akbar.

CARDS WITH FRIENDS – July 27th



- ♣ **Fourth Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Center after the 10:45am service**
- ♣ **Bring a lunch and your favorite card game!!!**



SACRED SPACE WORSHIP will take place in the All Saints Room at 12:30 pm on **July 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.

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is **Monday, July 28 at 11AM in room 117/119**. We will be discussing: “**BEACH READ**” by Emily Henry. Bring your lunch to enjoy afterwards.

Coming Attractions...

August 25: “**Leaving Time**” by Jodi Picoult

September 22: “**Her Hidden Genius**” by Marie Benedict

ALL SAINTS REQUIEM REHEARSALS The Spirit Voices are beginning preparation for the annual Requiem to be presented on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd. This year's Requiem will be by Heather Sorenson. Rehearsals are being held through the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning July 9th. All are invited to join us. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the music, please speak to Reylene.

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.





CATECHISM CLASS MEETINGS

If your youth is currently enrolled in, or starting our Catechism program, we are asking for you and your youth to attend one private 15 minute meeting where we can answer any questions you might have and hear your thoughts and ideas.

You and your youth are the core of this program and we want to take the time to meet in person. If you have more than one youth in our Catechism program, you are welcome to sign up for two time slots back to back. If none of the dates on the sign up work for you, please contact [Amber O'Brien](#) and we'll be happy to work with you to find a better time. I understand we are all busy in the summer but it's important to meet up before our program begins! We appreciate your dedication to our youth. Click [this link](#) to sign up!

SIGN UP FOR CAT CAMP THIS FALL

We are preparing for Catechism Camp this fall. CAT Classes available for those entering 6th through 9th grade. Please save the dates of October 10th -12th in your calendar and sign up using this link so we know how many kids to expect! We would love to have parents as volunteer chaperones as well. This is such a fun experience for our kids! We love going in October because of the beautiful fall weather! Please indicate your interest by signing up now so we can plan appropriately! [CAT CAMP SIGN UP](#)

JOIN OUR YOUTH PLANNING TEAM! We are looking to put together a team of CAT Class youth as well as their parent(s) to help plan out the calendar year with events. If you and/or your youth is interested, please indicate your availability using this google form! [FORM FOR PLANNING TEAM](#). If you have any questions, please email Amber at: obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

A DAY AT KALAHARI !

Want an escape from the heat? Join us at Kalahari on Friday, August 8th for a day of water park fun! Any youth entering grades 6th and up are welcome to join as well as any adults who would like to attend as chaperones. The cost is \$40 per youth and free for adults! We are looking for drivers. Use [this sign up link](#) so we know how many tickets to get. Hope you'll join us for some summer fun!



Dear friends at Holy Spirit, I can't tell you how thankful I am to receive the prayers, flowers, and prayer shawl. As I journey toward health, you all have picked me up and made me smile. I am so lucky to be a part of such a caring congregation! ~ Nancy Shoemaker

LCHS MEMORIAL FUND AND ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

Gifting in memory of a loved one or yourself is a way to invite others into the life and love of Jesus, and a way for you to be a part of the Story of God to come. Please pick up a booklet explaining our program on the information table in the narthex, call the church office for a copy or [click here](#).

TRAVELLING? CONNECT THE DOTS



As we grow in our connection with; God, faith, each other, and the wider community, may we ponder where travels have taken us this summer. We would love to hear where you have been and what you have experienced. Forms are available on the info table as well as outside the Fellowship Center. You can even attach a favorite photo of the trip. May we join in stewarding an appreciation for what God is up to in the many places we encounter and then share our insights with others. When your form is completed, you may leave it where you picked it up. 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 1pm. We will meet on **Monday, August 4th** in Room 117/119. Prayer will conclude our time together.

Handbells look like fun – but I can't do that! OH, YES, YOU CAN!!!

If you can count to 4 (OK, sometimes 12) and can see the little circles on the page (and we can blow them up, if needed!), then you can ring handbells! No previous experience or music-reading necessary! (Yes, it helps, but not necessary.) The Spirit Ringers are in need of at least 2 additional handbell ringers for the upcoming season, and we'd like to have you join us! If you are interested or maybe just want to try them out with Reylene, one-on-one, please speak to Reylene ASAP. You'll see how much fun it can be!

HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP EXPLORATION

Sunday, August 3rd at 9:35 AM in Room 117/119



Might we explore together an offering of a church trip in the Summer of 2026? This is a great trip for ones who love to hike, learn new skills like pottery and weaving, enjoy listening to engaging speakers on a wide range of topics, Holden Evening Prayer and similar worship services, meeting new people and engaging in great conversations, and ice cream!

Located in the heart of Washington's North Cascades Mountains, Holden Village is an iconic retreat center that offers visitors a unique opportunity to step into the wilderness to form and renew their relationship with God, the earth, and each other.

Over the course of more than 60 years, Holden Village has been transformed from a copper mining town to a vibrant place of education, programming, and worship where everyone is welcome and embraced.



Global Refuge reacts to troubling Supreme Court decision

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Global Refuge program has proudly helped over 800,000 refugees and immigrants build new lives in the United States since 1939.

On June 27, the Supreme Court made a decision which restricts the ability of lower federal courts to issue nationwide injunctions, effectively narrowing protections against an executive order that seeks to curtail birthright citizenships.

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, President and CEO of Global Refuge, reacted immediately. She said, "Today's ruling opens the door to a dangerous patchwork of rights in this country, where a child's citizenship may now depend on the judicial district in which they're born.

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This is a deeply troubling moment not only for immigrant families, but for the legal uniformity that underpins our Constitution.”

The decision stems from the Trump administration’s Executive Order 14160, which attempts to restrict automatic U.S. citizenship for children born on American soil to certain immigrant parents.

While multiple lower courts had issued injunctions blocking the order from being enforced nationwide, the Supreme Court’s ruling limits those injunctions to apply only to the named plaintiffs in each case, potentially leaving countless families exposed to legal uncertainty and statelessness. Importantly, the ruling does not decide whether President Trump’s executive order itself is constitutional – a question that remains before the lower courts.

“Birthright citizenship has been settled constitutional law for more than a century,” Vignarajah continued. “By denying lower courts the ability to enforce that right uniformly, the Court has invited chaos, inequality, and fear. This doesn’t just disrupt lives. It undermines the very idea that the law should apply equally to all.”

The immigrant and refugee families served by Global Refuge will now face differing legal realities depending on geography.

“We have already heard concern from families who are unsure whether their U.S.-born children will be recognized as citizens and who fear what might come next,” said Vignarajah. “This fractured approach is unworkable, unjust, and out of step with our values as a nation.”

Global Refuge will continue to monitor the legal and policy landscape, advocate for federal protections that apply equally to all, and support the rights and dignity of every child born in the United States.

This article was written by Tom Bradley, a member of Holy Spirit’s Congregational Council. Tom and his wife, Lisa, represented Global Refuge at the recent Northeast PA Synod Assembly.



**Please remember these members and friends
of Holy Spirit in your prayers**

Our homebound members: Ray, Dale, Judith, Fern, Phyllis, Joan, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Lee, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

Pray for God's healing for our members and friends: Alex, Ben, Phyllis, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Rod, Ruth, Scott, Allison, David, Glenn, Lisa, Gayle, Brad, Cheryl, Isabelle, Jameson, Laura, Marcus, Nancy, Jan, Helen, Beth, Fred, Laura, Betty, Sherri, Margie, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Richard "Moose" Ryan and the family and friends of Sue McLaren, Carolyn Epperly's sister.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency If you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, please call the church 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.

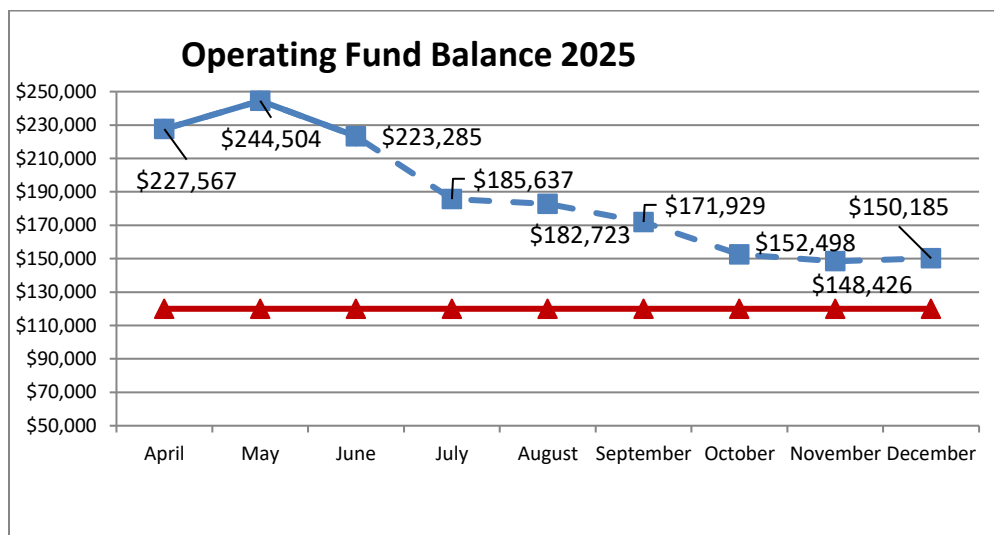
Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month.

Financial Results and Discussion – June 2025

Operating Performance: June income was \$58,594, \$13,067 or 18.23% below budget. Operating expenses were \$79,812, \$6,298 or 8.57% above budget. We finished June with a \$21,218 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1,853. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **April - 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 \$785.00 during the month and has a balance of \$7,062.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of June 30, 2025, is \$351,704.66.

CALENDAR

Sun. 7/13	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 7/14	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	1:00 pm	Cat Class Mini Mtg. (Youth Room)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Cat Class Mini Mtg. (Youth Room)
Tues. 7/15	8:00 am	Cat Class Mini Mtg. (Youth Room)
	9:00 am	Google Training (FC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Safety Committee (FC)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 7/16	9:00 am	Staff Worship Planning (116)
	6:30 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 7/19	6:35 pm	Iron Pigs Game
Mon. 7/21	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 7/22	9:00 am	Google Training (FC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (117)
Weds. 7/23	6:30 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
Thurs. 7/24	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Club (117/119)
	2:00 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Sun. 7/27	11:45 am	Cards With Friends (FC)
	12:30 pm	Sacred Space Worship (ASR)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closing at 1:00 pm on Fridays
through August 29.

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NEWSLETTER BY [CLICKING HERE](#).

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CHURCH IN AMERICA) GO TO ELCA.ORG. THEY HAVE A LOT OF
RESOURCES AND INFORMATION YOU MIGHT FIND HELPFUL.



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