



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

July 27

Cards with Friends
Sacred Space Worship

July 30

Blood Drive @ Holy Spirit

August 3

Holden Village
Exploration Trip Mtg.

August 5

National Night Out
Emmaus

August 10

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, July 20, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Summer Breakfast
by the Finance & Property Teams**

9:45 am Family Service

10:15 am Sermon/Gospel Replay

***10:45 am 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 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

July 13, 2025	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	127	12
9:45 am	46	N/A
10:45 am	50	16
2:30 pm	56	N/A

July 20 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Lorie Stout Sherman
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Sheila Huff Melanie Werley	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Kitti Berkheimer	Sawyer M.	Ricki Stringfellow
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Marlene Feulner	John McClain	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Rich Feulner	John McClain	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Kristen Newill Bill Newill Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Volunteer Needed

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



FAMILY WORSHIP COLLECTION

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





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



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make this summer matter

DONATE BLOOD

UPCOMING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

3461 S Cedar crest Blvd, Emmaus, PA

Wednesday, July 30th

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

To schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR Code OR

Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2
and mention **Sponsor Code 0743**



APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo &/or Signature

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about our complimentary MKBC
Military Challenge Coin.



Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids & eat within 2-3 hours of donation.

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**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.

BEAR CREEK CAMP WOMEN'S RETREAT

Bear Creek's Fall Women's Retreat (October 3-5, 2025) is designed to provide women with an opportunity to enjoy time both individually and collectively, participate in creative activities, explore outdoors, have time for rest and renewal, and be in the beauty of God's creation in a peaceful setting. **The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit** is trying to get a group together to enjoy the retreat at Bear Creek. You can [click here](#) for more information or go to their website: bearcreekcamp.org.

ALL SAINTS REQUIEM REHEARSALS The Spirit Voices are busy preparing 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. All are invited to join us. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the music, please speak with Reylene.

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](#).

TRAVELING? 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!



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!



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.

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.



THANKS TO OUR VBS AND FAMILY SERVICE FRIENDS

We collected **1,249 books** for the Cops and Kids program! They were very appreciative of our donation.

Thank you to everyone who brought in books. Pictured below is their Reading Room.





**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, Glenn, Lisa, Gayle, Brad, Cheryl, Isabelle, Jameson, Keith, Laura, Marcus, Nancy, Jan, Helen, Beth, Fred, Laura, Betty, Sherri, Margie, and Don.

In times of celebration and joy for Dick Giles 95th birthday this Saturday.

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

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Dave Fretz.

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.

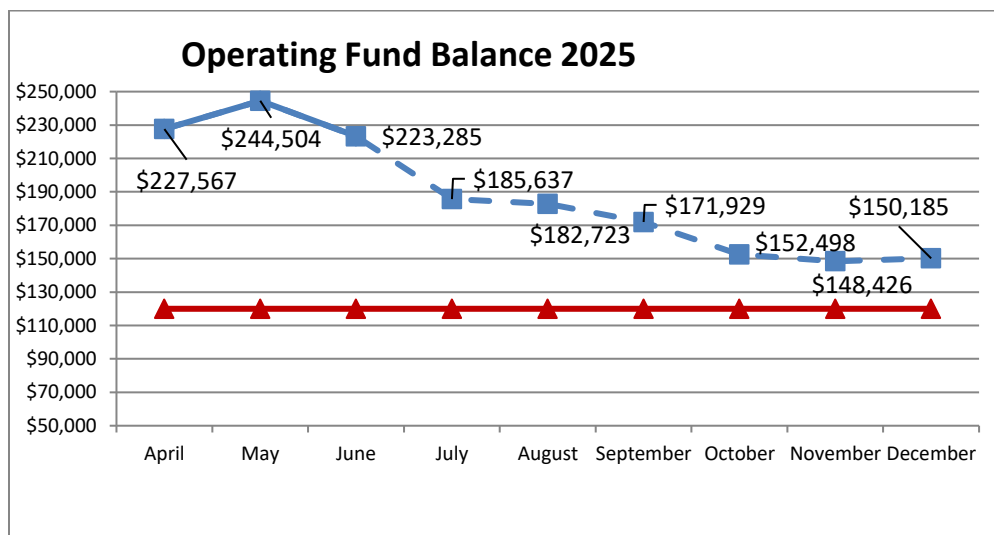
Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered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




Bloomin' Faith Ministry

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 July 26, August 23 and September 27. **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 sign up by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.

CONNECTING WITH THE WIDER CHURCH

To connect with the wider church and hear about happenings near and far, we encourage you to check out ELCA Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod at: <https://nepasynod.org> and

 ELCA ELCA Churchwide (located in Chicago) at: elca.org



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE

Please contact the church office 610-967-2220 if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. Thank you.



Thank you for the nice bouquet of flowers. It surely helped to brighten our day. Also, a special thank you to all who offered prayers and words of encouragement on the passing away of my daughter. It meant so much. It is such a pleasure to have such a group of caring friends. Love and kindness to all.

~ Wilbur Kemp

CALENDAR

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)
	10:30 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)
	6:30 pm	Discussion on national events (117)
Fri. 7/25	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 7/26	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 7/27	11:45 am	Cards With Friends (FC)
	12:30 pm	Sacred Space Worship (ASR)
Mon. 7/28	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Mini-Cat Class Mtg. (Youth Room)
Tues. 7/29	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	3:00 pm	Mini-Cat Class Mtg. (Youth Room)
	7:00 pm	Mini-Cat Class Mtg. (Youth Room)
Weds. 7/30	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	1:00 – 7:00 pm	Blood Drive (Parking Lot)
	6:30 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)

Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation the week of July 28th. The Church Office will be lightly staffed between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please phone before coming over. Thank you.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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