



**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

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

## **Sunday, July 27, 2025**

**\*8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Summer Breakfast  
by the LCHS Choirs**

**9:45 am Family Service**

**10:15 am Sermon/Gospel Replay**

**\*10:45 am Worship**

**12:30 pm Sacred Space 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 20, 2025

8:30 am

9:45 am

10:45 am

In Person

132

46

83

Zoom

18

N/A

13

July 27 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Craig Scott
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine Lorie Stout Sherman	Jennifer Wetzel	Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed
Readers	Rebecca Cachiguango	Charles M.	Deb Stevens
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Irv Keister	Slaby Family	Linda Letts
Ushers	Don Walrod	Slaby Family	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Al Bauernschmidt Glenn Hinderliter Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed	Carol Osenbach Paul Moessner John Osenbach

**SUMMER BREAKFAST:** Sunday's Breakfast is sponsored by the LCHS Choirs 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.



## **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 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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



**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 1 pm. We will meet on **Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** in Room 117/119. Prayer will conclude our time together.



## **HOLY SPIRIT NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

The start of another preschool year is approaching! You don't want to miss out on the fun! We only have a very limited number of spots in our class offerings

for September. Information regarding preschool and registration can be found at <https://lchsemmaus.org/nursery-school/> or by contacting Karin Kahler at [kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



## **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING BUT DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHERE YOU MIGHT BE NEEDED?**

Volunteering doesn't require a lot of your time - once every couple of weeks unless you decide you'd like to

volunteer more. Training is provided so please pick up a form on the information table in the Worship Center Lobby. You can return the form in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

**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.

## **HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP EXPLORATION**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## **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. 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. Click [this link](#) to sign up!

## **SIGN UP FOR CAT CAMP THIS FALL – OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>**

We are preparing for Catechism Camp this fall. CAT Class is for those entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please sign up using the link below 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! 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](mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

## **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](http://bearcreekcamp.org). Please speak to Vi Ballard or Liz Moessner if interested.



## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Please stop by Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School's tent at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8:30 p.m. This will be a fun filled family event, where you can meet first responders, see emergency vehicles, play games, visit community organizations, and have dinner. Rain date is

Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Location is around the Emmaus Police Station at 400 Jubilee Street, Emmaus. Hope to see you there!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Opportunities exist to get involved in our faith formation program this fall. We are seeking individuals interested in teaching and assisting our classes as well as Christmas pageant coordinator. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) to let her know of your interest in serving.



**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!

## **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!



A big **thank you** goes to everyone who signed up to donate blood. Through your generosity and caring, the schedule is full with

32 donors. If you were planning to donate but haven't signed up yet, it's not too late! You can visit one of the Miller-Keystone Blood Centers. The closest location is at 1255 South Cedar Crest Blvd. To ensure our church receives credit for your donation, please use our sponsor code: 0743. For more information, you can call the blood bank at 800-223-6667 or visit their website at [giveapint.org](http://giveapint.org).

## **HAVE YOU MOVED? CHANGED YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?**



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.



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

**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.





## 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 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.



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 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) (located in Chicago) at: [elca.org](http://elca.org)

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*

Rejoicing  Spirits

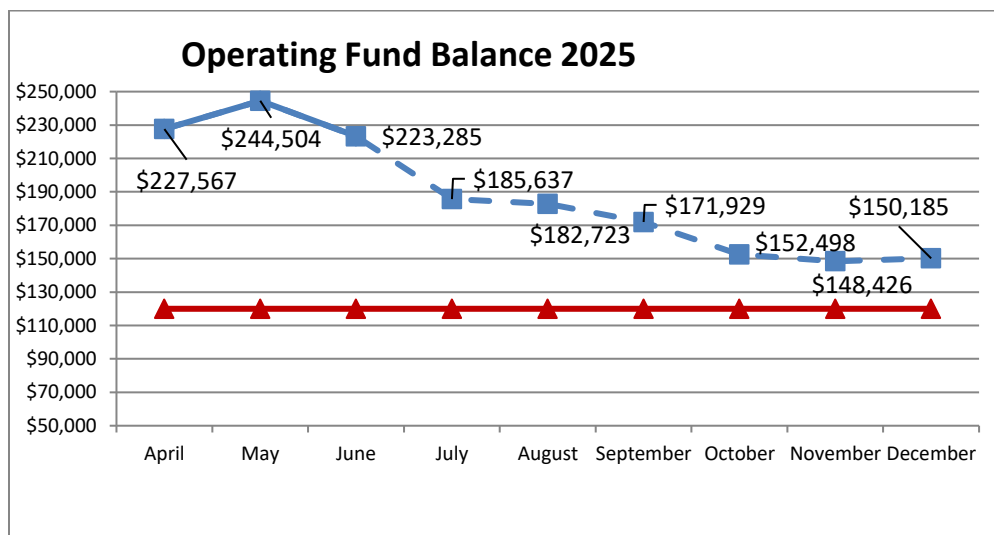
We are looking forward to seeing you at our Rejoicing Spirits service on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

## 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. 7/27	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	LCBS 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)
	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee (117/119)
	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)
Sun. 8/3	9:35 am	Holden Village Discussion (117/119)
Mon. 8/4	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/ Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 8/5	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	National Night Out - Emmaus
	6:30 pm	Stewardship (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Zoom)
Wed. 8/6	9:00 am, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Cat Class Mini Mtg. (Youth Room)
	6:30 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
Thus. 8/7	5:00 pm	Cat Class Mini Mtg. (Youth Room)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)

Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.