



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, August 24, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Summer Breakfast
by the Tanzania Team**

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.

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

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Upcoming Events

August 24

Blessing of the Backpacks

September 1

Church Office Closed

September 7

Sunday School Begins

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person Zoom

August 14, 2025

6:30 pm 24 N/A

August 17, 2025

8:30 am 101 12

9:45 am 56 N/A

10:45 am 72 13

August 24 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow		Alice Mudge
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Jennifer Wetzel Volunteer Needed	Shiela Huff Volunteer Needed
Readers	Beth Fatzinger	Maddy H.	Joe Burke
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Fran Derhammer	Amy Pirrotta	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Bill Derhammer	Amy Pirrotta	Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt	Jimmy Lee Werley Volunteer Needed	Carol Osenbach Robert Neitz John Osenbach



SUMMER BREAKFAST: Sunday's Breakfast is sponsored by the Tanzania Team and will be served 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center to accommodate all services. This will be our last summer breakfast.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on **Sunday, August 24th** at the 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45 worship service. We invite all (adults, youth, and children) who will

begin a new school year to come forward for a blessing. We encourage our students to bring along their backpacks. Zipper pulls and luggage tags will be distributed.

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. Check out the completed forms as you enter the hallway heading to the Fellowship Center. Add yours to the collection. Thank You!



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS OCTOBER 5th

We are collecting and need the following for each care bag: 300 toothpaste, 400 toothbrushes, 200 bars of soap, 400 shampoo, 300 Chapstick, 200 pocket packs of tissues, 300 wide tooth comb, and 400 deodorants. All items need to be new and sealed for sanitary reasons.

Additionally, we are collecting gently used (or new) backpacks for the Lehigh & Northampton County Foster Care children. While new backpacks are accepted, this is a great opportunity to put your used backpack to good re-use if you are shopping for a new one.

Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe.

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is **Monday, August 25 at 11AM in room 117/119**. We will be discussing: **“Leaving Time”** by Jodi Picoult. Bring your lunch to enjoy afterwards.

Coming Attractions...

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

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR – August 27 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Trivia, homemade baked goods, current events, fun and fellowship. All are welcome to join in.



MUSIC REHEARSALS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER ARE YOU READY TO JOIN IN?

Speak with Reylene if you are interested or would like more information. All Are Welcome!

Spirit Ringers – Wednesdays beginning September 3 at 6:30 pm

Requiem Rehearsals – Thursdays at 7:00 pm followed by Spirit Voices at 8:00 pm beginning Thursday, September 4th

Children's Choir begins Thursday, September 11th at 6:00 pm

Spirit of Praise (band) – Saturdays at 10:00 am beginning September 6



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Our Fall Worship Schedule
begins on September 7, 2025**

8:30 am – Worship

**9:30 am – Adult Faith Formation,
CAT Class, High School Connect**

9:45 am – Family Worship

**10:15 am – Sunday School,
Gospel & Sermon Replay**

10:45 am Worship



Adult Faith Formation

Starting in September, we are asking you to consider joining us from 9:30 to 10:20 each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin the first

two months with the following schedule.

This past year the Strategic Planning Team and Congregational Council have been working on a framework that helps us to live out the Mission Statement, RIC Welcome Statement, and Core Values. The core values have changed a little and now have definitions. Come and learn more!

Sept. 7th - Overview of Adult Faith Formation Year and LCHS Statements, Core Values and Definitions, 2025 Goals

Sept. 14th - Tanzania

Sept. 21st - Core Value #1 - Engaging in meaningful worship

Sept. 28th - Core Value #2 – Respecting all individuals

Oct. 5th - God's Work, Our Hands - Service Project

Oct. 12th - Core Value #3 – Growing together in faith

Oct. 19th - Core Value #4 – Recognizing and responding to needs through giving and service

Oct. 26th - Core Value #5 – Cultivating a generous and caring community

Plan for the following months through May - Connect the Dots:

1st Sunday - Faith Practices - Connect to God

2nd Sunday - Seminary Speaker - Connect to Faith

3rd Sunday - Area Ministries/Services - Connect to Community

4th Sunday - Community Gathering - Connect to One Another

5th Sunday - Intergenerational Gatherings

We look forward to seeing you!



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 a Christmas pageant coordinator. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) to let her know of your interest in serving.



Another Look: Favorite Old Testament Bible Stories

We recall the Children's Bible Stories that we learned when we were young. Might they be worth another look. What was changed or left out that might expand our views of God as an adult. Don't miss the chance to learn on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in Meeting Room 117/119. This will be an 8-week

study focusing on 8 favorite stories. There will be a variety of leaders sharing insights as we learn together. **We start on Sept. 24** and will go through Nov. 12. Our prayers are lifted that you will join us.

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.

CONNECTING WITH THE WIDER CHURCH IS EASY

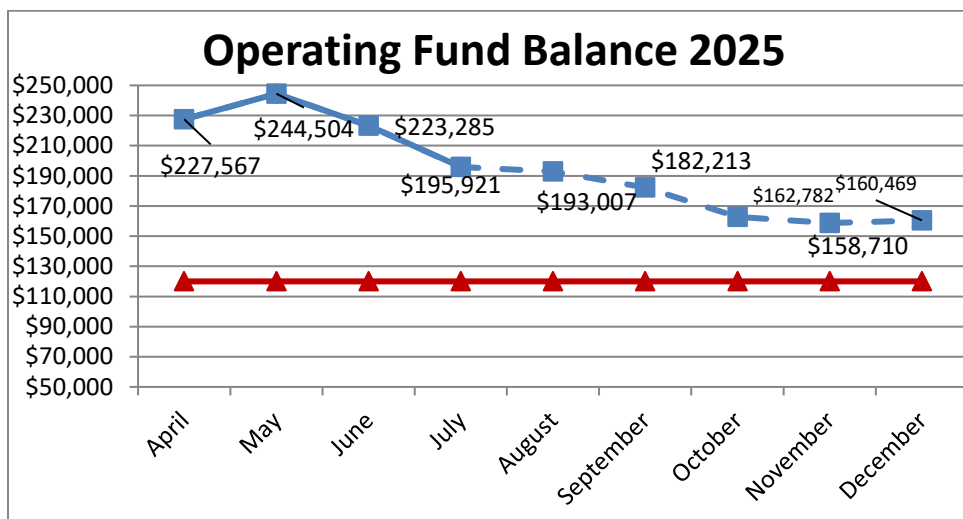
To connect with the wider church and hear about happenings near and far, we encourage you to check out ELCA Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod at: <https://nepasynod.org> and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA Churchwide located in Chicago) at: elca.org

Financial Results and Discussion – July 2025

Operating Performance: July income was \$67,438, \$2,938 or 4.55% above budget. Operating expenses were \$94,802, \$7,132 or 7.00% below budget. We finished July with a \$27,364 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$37,434. 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 \$465.00 during the month and has a balance of \$7,527.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of July 31, 2025, is \$350,636.92.



TANZANIAN CRAFT FAIR – SEPTEMBER 14th

(8AM-Noon)

Join us in the narthex on Sunday September 14th to admire and purchase creative, colorful, and practical crafts designed by the women of Widow's Might in Tanzania. The widows have developed skills in art and design to enable them to support their families and learn to manage a small business. Take home a great gift and help support a widow and her family!

GATHERING AT THE GATE Planned for September 16-17, 2025 in Washington, DC.

This is a grassroots movement, and we pray only a starting point. We are working to create the capacity for leaders to show up, listen deeply, and speak clearly. We gather to root ourselves in faith, amplify marginalized voices, and build trust that can carry lasting work forward. We gather as Lutherans, friends, and neighbors with and for the whole church and world.

More information can be found [HERE](#)

Registration information can be found [HERE](#)

If you were not able to attend the Zoom information

session, you can access it [HERE](#) and use passcode: 8QdQ6i=D



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief demands the support and compassion of fellow human beings. Grief support groups provide an opportunity for this kind of help. A 10-week Grief Support Group for those who have lost a loved one will

begin on September 30th, Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:00pm and offered by The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. The group will be limited in number and registration is necessary. For information please contact: Sue Block at 208-569-1976, Rob Smith 484-547-9260 or Pastor Tami.



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](#).



Bloomin'
Faith Ministry

Thank you for your continued support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry which reaches all members of our church family. If you have a recipient in mind, please let Pr. Tami know. Our next delivery date is **Saturday 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.



Holy Spirit – Thank you so much for being with us and supporting us with a Friday meal! It was a special treat to have live music and flowers! Thank you for your patience as we cleaned and for cleaning up after the meal! We appreciate you all!

~ Bear Creek Camp Summer Staff



NOW'S THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CAT CAMP!

We are preparing for Catechism Camp this fall. CAT Classes are available for those entering 6th through 9th grade. Please save the dates of October 10th -12th in your calendar and 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. Please indicate your interest by signing up now so we can plan appropriately! [CAT CAMP SIGN UP](#)

ALL CATECHISM UPDATES CAN BE FOUND BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW



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.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES CAN BE FOUND BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW





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, Ben, Phyllis, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Scott, Lisa, Gayle, Brad, Marian, Cheryl, Jameson, Diane, Laura, Chris, Marcus, Sue, Nancy, Jan, Louise, Laura, Norine, Betty, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Melanie.

In times of thanksgiving and celebration for Don and Carol's 56th wedding anniversary.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Fred Schlerf, the family and friends of Karen Leeman, close friend of Bob Mueller and for the family and friends of Jerolee Stout, sister-in-law of Lorie Stout Sherman.

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.

CALENDAR

Mon. 8/25	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
Tues. 8/26	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (116)
	2:00 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Weds. 8/27	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
Sat. 8/30	10:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Mon. 9/1	Church Office Closed	
Tues. 9/2	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Zoom)
Weds. 9/3	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
Thurs. 9/4	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 9/6	10:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Mon. 9/8	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (117)
Tues. 9/9	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board (117/119)
Weds. 9/10	1:30 pm	Staff Worship Planning (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 9/11	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 9/13	10:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closing at 1:00 pm on Fridays through the end of August.