



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

September 1

Church Office Closed

September 7

Sunday School Begins

September 14

Tanzania Craft Fair

September 24

Bible Study

September 30

Grief Support Group

Sunday, August 31, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:00 – 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

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

In Person

Zoom

August 24, 2025

8:30 am

147

12

9:45 am

102

N/A

10:45 am

60

14

August 31 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Deb Smith
Communion Assistants	Lorie Stout Sherman Mark Wimmer	Jennifer Wetzell	Robert Neitz Vi Ballard
Readers	Rich Feulner	Gabriella C.	Mark Stanziola
Children's Message		Video	
Greeters	Becky Keane	Malkovsky Family	Ava Killingsworth
Ushers	Dee Bauernschmidt Nancy Shoemaker	Malkovsky Family	Larry Killingsworth
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman

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**

God's Work Our Hands – October 5th, 2025: During August, **we are collecting and need the following** for each care bag: 300 toothpaste, 200 toothbrushes, 100 bars of soap, 400 shampoo, 300 Chapstick, 100 pocket packs of tissues, 300 wide tooth comb, and 300 deodorant. All items need to be new and individually 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.



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 9:00 am beginning September 6

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#). Volunteers choose what days they would like to serve, and training is available. You can also **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.



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



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.



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.



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:

Members of the team that traveled to east Africa this spring will share with you their experiences in visiting organizations educating students in Tanzania. Learn about the challenges met and successes achieved by program innovators making fabulous use of their innate resources and those contributed from Holy Spirit and other supporters.



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!



**Lunch
with
Pastor
Shari**

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI
with Pastor Shari from Noon to 1pm on
Monday, September 8th in Room 117/119.
Prayer will conclude our time together.



We'd Like to have YOU in CHOIR!!

(YES, THAT MEANS YOU!!!)

Do you like to sing??

Do you like to play instruments??

Do you like to have fun??

Then join us for the **Children's Choir!!**

A fun music group for age 3 thru 1st grade!! We will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning September 11th!



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!

PRIME TIMERS EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 9th – **Movie** – “*The Duke*” will be shown in the All Saints Room starting at 10:00 am.

September 18th at 10:00 am – **Book Group** - We will be discussing “*The Martyr*” if you had a chance to read it and “*The Sins of the Wolf*” by Anne Perry. October’s book will be “*Remarkably Bright Creatures*” by Shelly Van Felt.

September 24th at 10:00 am - **Coffee Hour** in the Fellowship Center. Join us for trivia, fresh baked goodies, stimulating conversation, mental challenges and fellowship. Bring a friend!

M&M'S M&M's is an inspirational time for women to talk, pray and connect. Our topic for September 17 is Fall, Faith and Friends presented by Ava Killingsworth. For October 15, the topic will be Bee Keeping presented by a friend of Vi Ballard's.



FAREWELL TO SUMMER FESTIVAL

Representatives from LCHS Church Growth, Council and Staff will be participating in the "Farewell to Summer Fest 2025" community event in the Emmaus Triangle on Saturday September 20th from 11a-3p. Please come and stop by our tent/booth as well as learn more about what else is happening in our Emmaus Community!

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is **September 22 at 11 AM** in room 117/119. We will be discussing, "*Her Hidden Genius*" by Marie Benedict. Bring your lunch to enjoy afterward. We will be discussing "*The Thursday Murder Club*" by Richard Osman on October 27th. All are welcome to join us.



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.



BLOOMIN' FAITH

Thank you for your continued support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry which reaches all members of our church family. 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.



Thanks to Deb and Carol for their visit and the beautiful flowers that they brought. It meant so much. We appreciate all the cards, thoughts and prayers. ~ Nancy and John McClain

Dear Bloomin' Faith,

We thank you for celebrating our anniversary with a gift of flowers. They are gorgeous, and their delivery made them extra special! ~ Peace and love, Carol and Don Walrod

Dear Friends,

Since we have birthdays three weeks apart, Frank and I have been doubly blessed with 2 bouquets of flowers! They are beautiful and much appreciated. Thank you all. ~ Pat and Frank Mattes



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.

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



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



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

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

Tues. 9/2	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Tanzania Group (110/112)
	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	9:00 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)
	Noon	Lunch with Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (117)
Tues. 9/9	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	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)
	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Group (FC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
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	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sun. 9/14	Noon	Youth Planning Meeting (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 9/15	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 9/16	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 9/17	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 9/18	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)