



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, September 28, 2025

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 am

**Adult Faith Formation, HS Connect,
CAT Class**

9:45 am Family Service

**10:15 am Sunday School,
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

September 30

Grief Support Group

October 1

Bible Stories

October 5

God's Work. Our Hands
Blessing of the Animals

October 6

Lunch w/ Pr Shari

October 10 - 12

CAT Camp

October 18

Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person Zoom

September 21, 2025

8:30 am	126	7
9:45 am	92	N/A
10:45 am	55	17

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Lorie Stout Sherman		Renee Stitt
Communion Assistants	Rob Smith Sue Smith	Jennifer Wetzel Leigh-Anne Wimmer Sheila Huff	Michael Epperly Vi Ballard
Readers	Max H.	Ben H.	Rick Doty
Children's Message		Deb Smith	
Greeters	Adam Fermier	George Family	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Chuck Whirl	George Family	Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Heather Hetrick	Bill Keane Craig Kauffman	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join with others in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 AM as Council Member, Kristin Ervin, leads us in expanding upon our Value of Inclusion. *Foundational to LCHS' ministry is our call to be good stewards of all God's gracious gifts*

- Respecting all individuals and meeting people where they are

DEFINITION: Being rooted in accessibility and inclusivity, and committing to honoring each person's unique experiences, beliefs, and circumstances, recognizing that everyone is at a different point in their personal growth or spiritual path. Showing empathy, understanding, and unconditional support to all individuals so everyone experiences a sense of belonging and feeling welcomed. Offering respect without judgment, providing encouragement to continue one's journey at their own pace.



In celebration and gratitude

Please join us in honoring Faith Community Nurse Dean Black for his many years of compassionate care, support, and commitment to our congregation and the broader LCHS community. Dean's last day in this role will be Sept 30, 2025. Dean has been a dedicated source of strength and kindness, serving not only as a medical resource but also providing spiritual encouragement to individuals and families within our congregation. Let's come together to celebrate Dean's service and show our gratitude! Join us for cake and fellowship in Room 117/119 between the 8:30am and 10:45am services on Sunday September 28th.



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. The group will be limited in number and registration is necessary. For a registration form, please contact the church office, Sue Block at 208-569-1976, Rob Smith 484-547-9260 or Pastor Tami.



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. During our studies, we will be focusing on favorite stories.

Planning Ahead:

Oct. 1 - Ruth Doty: Esther

Oct. 8 - Pastor Shari: Joseph

Oct. 15 - Vi Ballard: Adam & Eve

Oct. 22 - Lisa Bradley: Fiery Furnace

Oct. 29 - Deb Smith - Deborah

Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Moessner: Joshua

Nov. 12 - Tom Bradley: Gideon



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS **OCTOBER 5th**

We continue to collect and need the following for each care bag:

200 toothpaste	100 toothbrushes
300 Shampoo	200 Chapstick
250 Wide Tooth Combs	250 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 Truhe.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE AS WE CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH

We will be combining worship into two service times. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to worship together during either of our 40-minute blended worship offerings.

Our service project will be held during our Faith Formation time between the two worship services so all may participate together in card making and preparing personal care kits to distribute to local agencies.

GWOH Sunday Schedule **8:45: GWOH Blended Worship** **9:35: Service Project** **10:30: GWOH Blended Worship**

We encourage you to be present for these times that we will experience together as the church in this place. Get in the spirit of the day and wear GOLD as our hands are blessed to serve God in the world!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025**

All people and pets are welcome to our Blessing of the Animals service at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 5th.
(Raindate: Sunday, October 12)

Monetary donations will be received to benefit ***Last Chance Ranch***, an organization that saves lives—giving abandoned, abused, and neglected animals a second chance through rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption. But their mission doesn't stop there. Through hands-on education and community programs, they empower people of all ages to make a difference for animals in need. So, bring your family, your friends, your pets and a chair and join us outside on the parking lot as we bless and celebrate God's critters and the important part they play in our lives.



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 on **October 6th** in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together. If you can't make it this month, our next gathering will be on November 3rd.



It's that time of year! Holy Spirit's **Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat** will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 1:00-2:30 PM. (**Rain date is Sunday, October 19th**)

This intergenerational event is a fun way for LCHS children, their families, and the community to safely enjoy this time of year. It is also a great opportunity to introduce families to our church.

In addition to Trunk or Treat, the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and beverages. Our entire church family is invited to decorate car trunks and offer wrapped candies or items such as pencils and stickers to the children of Holy Spirit and our church neighborhood children.

If you are interested in sponsoring a trunk, the vehicle participation sign-up can be found [here](#). You can also sign-up using the QR Code below. The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is **Monday, October 6**.

We are collecting wrapped candy (**peanut free**), gluten free treats, and items such as pencils and stickers to distribute at the event. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Fellowship Center.

For additional information or questions about Trunk sign-up, please contact Karin Kahler at kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org; Lorie Stout Sherman at stouts2@ptd.net or Nikki Clark at clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to our Rejoicing Spirits service on October 12th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The Special Message for October is “For Everything There is a Season.”

M&M'S

M&M's is an inspirational time for women to talk, pray and connect. Our topic for October 15th will be Bee Keeping presented by a friend of Vi Ballard's. We meet in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am.



INFORMATION SESSION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

**October 19 9:30 - 10:30 am
Room 117/119**

*** Open Session.... stop in anytime throughout the hour ***

Have questions about The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit?
The Lutheran faith? How to become a member?

Join Pr. Tami and members of the Church Growth Team to hear about our church community and discuss your questions.

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

October 21 – **Movie Group** – We will meet in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am to watch, “The Good Nurse.” *The Good Nurse* is an American thriller film starring Jessica Chastain and Eddie Redmayne, about the serial killer Charles Cullen and the fellow nurse who suspects him. The film is based on the 2013 true-crime book of the same name by Charles Graeber.

October 23 - **Book Group** – 10:00 am in Room 117/119. We will be discussing “*Remarkably Bright Creatures*” by Shelly Van Felt.

October 29 – **Coffee Hour** – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Come for good conversation, trivia, homemade baked goods and laughter! We have a lot of fun. We would love to have you!



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

Our homebound members:

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, Dayton, Lisa, Teresa, Gayle, Brad, Jameson, Diane, Laura, Lorraine, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Nancy, Helen, Mike, Larry, Laura, Nancy, Margie, Don, Deacon Mel, and Zoey.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Cheryl Hausman, a friend of Liz Moessner's.

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.

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

Hello Holy Spirit! Who has started thinking about Christmas???



The EHS Angel Network has, and they have begun planning for the Christmas food baskets! As part of that, our Holy Spirit collection will take place in the month of October. Our event will be held December 7th – December 10th, and we are expecting to serve approximately 165 families. The baskets contain approximately \$145 worth of food and hygiene products. It is a big project, and your generosity plays a huge part in making the food baskets meaningful to families.

We are going to combine the Christmas and Spring collections again this year, so our goals are as follows:

- 300 laundry detergent (bottles, sheets, or pods)
- 300 cans of corn

The canned green beans have already been donated. Thank you to the Stevens!

With that being said, we are going to add adult mens and womens socks, to be distributed to the community friends who attend the Sunday morning breakfasts at Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. You will find the labeled bins outside the Fellowship Center. Please bring your donations starting October 1st.

As always, the EHS Angel Network looks forward to this give-away and we are most grateful for the many years of collaboration with Holy Spirit that help to make it a success. You are THE BEST!! If anyone would like to help on Monday December 8th with inventory, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

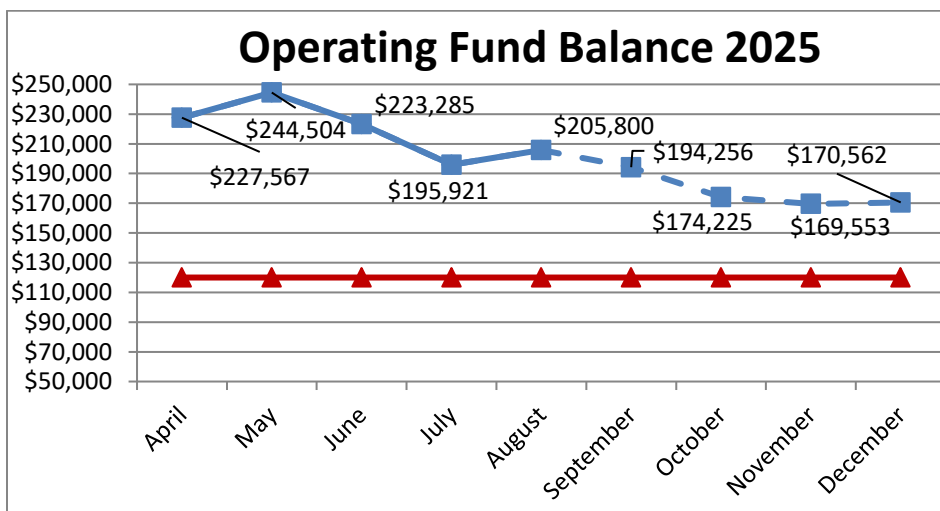
With much gratitude, Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network

Financial Results and Discussion – August 2025

Operating Performance: August income was \$80,025, \$1,604 or 2.00% above budget. Operating expenses were \$70,145, \$9,410 or 11.80% below budget. We finished August with a \$9,879 surplus, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1,135. 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 \$555.00 during the month and has a balance of \$8,082.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of August 31, 2025, is \$349,602.90.

YOUTH UPDATES!

FAITH FORMATION:

Sunday, Sept. 28th:

Cat Class: We will be attending family worship at 9:45 and then Pastor Shari will share about the Holy sacrament of Baptism! We could use parent volunteers to support!



HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT (HSC):

We will be passing out door hangers for Trunk-or-Treat! Everyone will meet in the HSC room, and we will go out into the community together. We're looking for additional support from adults for this!

EVENTS:

For the following events, please sign up using the BAND app or let Amber O'Brien know if you plan to attend.



Sunday, October 5th:

Our First Youth Hang is Halloween themed! Grades 6-8, join us from 6:00-8:00 in the fellowship center! Wear a costume to add to the fun! We will have snacks, games, and faith-based activities to get us in the Halloween spirit!



Friday October 10th-Sunday October 12th:

Catechism Camp is just around the corner! We are so excited to experience God's beautiful fall season together at Bear Creek. [SIGN UP HERE](#) We really need adult support, specifically male chaperones. Please consider giving your time to these incredible young people.

**Friday, October 17th:**

Youth participants are collecting donations at the parking lot again! Join us starting at 5:30 to collect donations for charity!

**Saturday, October 25th:**

We are having our Confirmation banquet at 11:00 am. Youth are encouraged to help serve and support our confirmands!

Sunday, October 26th:

Confirmation Sunday! We are celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism for our Confirmands at the 10:45 worship service!

Sunday, October 26th: (for HSC only) First Brewing Faith! [Check here for more information!](#)

COMING UP:

Sunday, November 16th: Our youth group will be going to Kalahari Resort! We need drivers and chaperones, so please let Amber know if you can help! The more that can come, the cheaper it'll be!



STITCH-N-CHAT

Stitch –n- Chat is a quilt knotting group that started in member's homes and moved to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA in 2004. Its mission is to create quilts, using donated fabrics and give

them to charitable organizations. For 20+ years, they have done just that. When donated fabrics come in, volunteers cut them into squares (11, 9, 6 or 5"). Patchwork designs are created and sewn into the tops by home sewers.

Twice a month, the tops are brought in to the church, matched with a bottom fabric, and a fiberfill bat is put between the layers. Knots are sewn to keep the layers together using a coordinating color cotton crochet thread. Once knotted, other volunteers bind the edges to finish them.

Twice a year the finished quilts are displayed in the sanctuary by laying them over the backs of the pews. It is a beautiful sight. During the service, congregants are asked to lay hands on them as a special blessing is said – blessings for the recipients and thanksgiving for the creators. The quilts are then delivered to helping agencies in the Lehigh Valley and beyond, as well as given to members who need personal support.

Over the years, more than 20 organizations have received quilts and over 20 volunteers per month spent countless hours and have created an average of 150 quilts a year.

Funds are needed to purchase the fiberfill batting. Today, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has donated money for the batting thru a Thrivent Action grant for which we give thanks. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the offering plate, or give online under "Other" by [clicking here](#). Please mark your donation, "Stitch-n-Chat." Thank you.

Installation of the Presiding Bishop

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CDT
Central Lutheran Church | Minneapolis, Minn.



The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected as the next presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz., on July 30, 2025. He will begin this role on Oct. 1, 2025, and be installed on Oct. 4 in Minneapolis. The ELCA will publish a link to the livestream [on the Installation webpage](#). Worship begins at 2:00 pm Central Time.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is hosting a collaboration event on October 15th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center to hear from Lehigh and Northampton County Child & Youth Services caseworkers regarding support to at risk families, foster families, and kinship families. If you have an interest in hearing more about the current situation and how you can help, please contact Brenda Truhe at <mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com>.

CALENDAR

Mon. 9/29	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Fields @ Indian Creek (WC)
Tues. 9/30	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:30 pm	Grief Support Group (ASR)
Weds. 10/1	2:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Global Mission (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/2	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 10/4	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sun. 10/5	8:45 am	Blended Worship
	9:35 am	God's Work. Our Hands
		Service Project (FC)
	10:30 am	Blended Worship
	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals (Parking Lot)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (SC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Group (FC)
Mon. 10/6	9:00 am	NS Photos (WC Lobby)
	10:00 am	Counters(116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch w/ Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 10/7	9:00 am	NS Photos (WC Lobby)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:30 pm	Grief Support Group (ASR)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Tech Team (Zoom)
Weds. 10/8	2:00 pm	Bible Stories (117/119)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 10/9	00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 10/10	CAT Camp	
Sat. 10/11	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
	9:00 am	Allentown Music Club (FC)