



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

September 7

Sunday School Begins

September 14

Tanzania Craft Fair

September 24

Bible Study

September 30

Grief Support Group

Sunday, September 7, 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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person Zoom

August 31, 2025

8:30 am	108	11
9:45 am	52	N/A
10:45 am	63	12

Sept. 7 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Eric Kahler		Becky Leiby
Communion Assistants	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Jennifer Wetzel Dianna Olszewski Sheila Huff	Robert Nietz Vi Ballard
Readers	Diane Evans	Camille B.	Bob Mueller
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Irv Keister	Lorie Stout Sherman	Kitti Berkheimer
Ushers	Gerry Masteller	Lorie Stout Sherman	Mike Berkheimer
Production/ Technology	Bill Newill Kristen Newill Bill Keane	Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach



**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 September 7th, we are asking you to consider joining us from 9:30 to 10:20 each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

We will begin the first two months with the following schedule.

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!



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

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

300 toothpaste	200 toothbrushes,
400 Shampoo	300 Chapstick
300 Wide Tooth Combs	300 deodorant
50 bars of soap	50 pocket packs of tissues

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.

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.



**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!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to these upcoming Rejoicing Spirits services:

September 14th Worship at 2:30 pm followed by the annual picnic

October 12th – Special Message: “For Everything There is a Season”

November 9th – Thanksgiving Service

December 14th – Christmas Pageant

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. We meet in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am.



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 11AM** 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.



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.



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.

LCHS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to those who have contributed produce from their home gardens! The season is winding down but if you have extra produce from your home garden to contribute, please bring it to the church kitchen by 9am Wednesday mornings.

If you would like to help with the church's gardening effort which supports the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com or 610-390-1074. No green thumb required!

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](#)

SCAN BELOW FOR
CATECHISM UPDATES: **HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES:**





The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Trunk  or Treat

Fall Fest

FUN
games
food crafts
treats!



OCT 18

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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Rain date is Sunday, October 19, 2025

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR
FALL FEST / TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT
COMING NEXT WEEK!!!!**



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, Dean, Tom, Joe, Donna, Ron, Bill, Rod, Tom, Scott, Dayton, Lisa, Gayle, Brad, Marian, Cheryl, Jameson, Diane, Laura, Chris, Pastor Bruce, Marcus, Sue, Nancy, Louise, Helen, Mike, Larry, Laura, Norine, Rita, Bill, Margie, Don, Melanie, and Zoey.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Jacob Stout, grandson 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. 9/8	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:15 & 11:30 am	NS Parents Meeting (WC)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	Noon	Lunch with Pr Shari (117/119)
	12:45 pm	NS Parents Meeting (WC)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (117)
Tues. 9/9	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	10:15 am	NS Parents Meeting (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 9/10	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board (117/119)
	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)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Tues. 9/16	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
Weds. 9/17	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
Thurs. 9/18	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)
	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sat. 9/20	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sun. 9/21	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (FC)

Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation September 8 through 12. The church office will be lightly staffed between 9am and 1pm and will be closed on Friday.