



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

February 8, 2026

Souper Bowl of Caring
Annual Congregational
Meeting
Rejoicing Spirits

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Jesus and Jammies!

June 15 - 19

Vacation Bible School

August 1

Iron Pigs Game

Sunday, February 1, 2026

***8:30 am Worship and Praise**

**9:30 am Adult Faith Formation,
Cat Class, HS Connect**

9:45 am Family Worship

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

***10:45 am Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all
morning services in Room 113.**

***Worship service will be 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

January 25, 2026

10:00 am

N/A

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WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Dean Black	Maddie H.	Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Jennifer Wetzel Leigh-Anne Wimmer Sheila Huff	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Charlotte Gross	Camille B.	Deb Smith
Children's Message		Pr. Tami	
Greeters	Sue Smith	Malkovsky Family	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Rob Smith	Malkovsky Family	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Eric Kahler Kristen Newill Bill Newill	Eric Kahler Volunteer Needed	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach

Adult Faith Formation – 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center Sunday, Feb. 1st – Spiritual Practice

Using Hymn Texts as a Spiritual Practice -- Deacon Reylene

We all love to sing hymns as part of worship. But do we take the time to really read and think about the words we are singing? Reading hymn texts can be a rich, gentle way to pray. Hymns are scripture and/or theology set to poetry, shaped for communal faith, but they also invite slow, personal listening. We will discuss and experience several ways to approach hymn texts devotionally, from simple to more submersive.

LAST CHANCE - TANZANIAN CRAFT FAIR FEBRUARY 1ST

This Sunday morning, Global Missions is offering a last-chance craft fair for articles and pictures from Tanzania. The fair will be "open" all morning in the narthex. Stop by and see (and buy) colorful crafts and great pictures, to help support womens' ministries in Tanzania.

HELP OUR SISTERS DEFINE AND PURSUE THEIR DREAMS – Through this Sunday (February 1st), Holy Spirit continues its campaign to Support Our Sisters in Tanzania. In a country where the historical culture saw women in very limited homemaking roles, a few organizations now help women by protecting their safety, providing them education, and giving them life and leadership skills. Among those are the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Empowered Girls, Eripoto, and the ALMC Medical Training Center (formerly the ALMC Nursing School).

Please consider donating in one of three ways: online via Holy Spirit's website, by Venmo or by check made out to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and mailed to the church office – please be sure to designate that the donation is for Support Our Sisters.

We invite you to take an ornament from one of the Global Missions trees (narthex and Fellowship Center lobby) to help you, or someone to whom you give the ornament, think about how your blessings can be used to address the needs of others.



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CANCELLED

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

We will not be meeting on February 2nd so mark your calendars for Monday, March 2nd from 12:00 to 1:00. Bring your lunch and join us.



BIBLE STUDY – Lectionary Readings

Join us for Bible study Wed. Feb. 4 and 11th at 2 pm in room 117/119. Join Pastor Shari as we look at the scripture we will be exploring at Sunday Worship. There will be lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Letters and the Gospel. After spending some time with each one separately, we will be looking to see what common themes emerge from the assigned texts for the week.

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES Today we are excited to introduce the ELCA missionaries we are now supporting in Tanzania: Daudi and Kellen Msseemmaa. Actually, the area they cover is East Africa, home to 21 million Lutherans and also includes Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia and South Sudan. In this huge territory Daudi and Kellen serve as ELCA Regional Representatives. For Daudi, the core of his job is to support partnerships between ELCA constituents and their East African companions, For Kellen, this means she is engaged with the ELCA's gender justice work in the region, supporting national churches in developing and implementing gender justice strategies. You may remember her name as the founder of Empowered Girls, one of the programs in our Support Our Sisters campaign. The Holy Spirit team which traveled to Tanzania last spring met this remarkable couple and some of their 5 children. We were so thankful for their assistance and so impressed, not only by the amazing work they are doing, but also by the way they encourage and engage with people; the focus, energy, dedication and enthusiasm they bring to their work; and, most of all, by their strong yet humble faith, that when we returned we told the congregation: "These, these are the people we want to support." Kellen was born and raised in Uganda. Daudi was born and raised in Illinois. The family includes 5 children. More to come.

WE ARE WRAPPING UP OUR COAT DRIVE for Lehigh Conference of Churches: We are collecting new and gently used **ADULT** coats for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Please ensure any used coats are gently used and freshly washed. Collection box is outside the Fellowship Center. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact [Brenda Truhe](#).



Our next Rejoicing Spirits service will be on Sunday, February 8th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow the service. Our special message is, "**All We Need Is Love.**" Invite your family friends, and neighbors to join us. All are welcome!

Sunday, February 8, 2026
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

8:30 am – Worship & Praise
9:30 am Adult Faith Formation,
Cat Class, HS Connect
9:45 am – Family Worship
10:15 am – Sunday School, Sermon/Gospel Replay
10:45 am – Worship
11:45 – 12:15 – Light Lunch
12:15 pm – **Annual Meeting**
(In person and on Zoom)
(Childcare will be available)

2:30 pm - Rejoicing Spirits

**Be sure to bring your spare change and cash
for the Souper Bowl of Caring noisy offering
at all three services.**



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

In the event that we need to cancel **in-person Sunday worship** due to weather, power outage, etc., we will hold **one on-line worship service at 10:00 am via Zoom**. Please check the church's website, Facebook and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Information will also appear on WFMZ. Please remember the church office follows the same schedule as the East Penn School District meaning if schools are closed, the office is closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.



2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for current students, their siblings and church members has begun. [Click here to register.](#)

Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School has proudly been serving the children of our church and community for 50 years. Classes are provided for children age 3, 4 and 5 years old. If interested in learning more or registering, you can also contact [Karin Kahler.](#)

CHILDREN TAKING COMMUNION AT HOLY SPIRIT

Believing that the sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift, and that all are welcome at the table, we offer First Communion instruction for third graders during Sunday school on the four Sundays in February. Parents may also contact the church office or speak with a pastor at any time to indicate that their child is ready to receive First Communion prior to third grade.

All faith formation classes—from preschool through adults—will receive age-appropriate instruction about Holy Communion. For third graders, this instruction will be in addition to the four-week preparation offered in February.

First Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday in March for the third-grade class, as well as for any children who began receiving Communion during the past year.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

It is time to sign up to attend the Youth Summer Trip to Washington DC on July 20 – 24. Join Pastor Shari in exploring the sites, while learning and serving in the heart of DC. Our home base will be the Steinbruck Hostel at Luther Place Lutheran Church. This trip is for those in High School – grades 9-12 this school year. Registration and first \$100 of \$300 is due on Jan. 30th. Monthly Trip Meetings will take place starting in Feb. to help form our trip and plan for our time together. Friends are welcome and adult guide opportunities are available. Pastor Shari would love to answer any questions.

PRIME TIMER'S

Thursday, February 19th- **Book Club at 10:00 room 117-119.** Please read **"Children's Blizzard"**. Other members really enjoyed it. You can find pictures from the real 1888 blizzard on the Internet...Try to bring a friend to our book club. Please note that we will be discussing both books this time. **"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post"** by Allison Pataki.

Tuesday, February 24th- **Movie in the All Saints room.** Dave will be running the DVD. He's looking for a good movie. Couldn't find the one he wanted. I found a good one. "Baby Boom" starring Diane Keaton. Comedy drama. You'll really laugh. Followed by lunch for those who want to eat out.



JESUS AND JAMMIES Guest readers are needed for Jesus and Jammies, which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 22nd** during our Sunday School time. Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and early elementary classes. A faith related book will be provided. If you are interested in reading, please contact [Karin Kahler](#).



BLOOMIN' FAITH

Bloomin' Faith will resume at the end of February with deliveries on Saturday Feb 28. If interested in helping, please sign up here: [Bloomin' Faith February and March 2026](#)

EMAIL SCAM REMINDER: currently emails are being hacked and personal emails are being used to try to scam you out of your personal information like passwords or asking you to purchase gift cards or give out your credit card or banking information. We urge you to not respond, click any links, and do not do anything online. For your own protection, never purchase gift cards or give out credit card or banking details via email without verifying that it is a legitimate request from the sender. We encourage you to be in touch with them directly either by phone or in person.

FAMILY WORSHIP COLLECTION

Through February 22 we will be collecting the below listed items for Peaceable Kingdom. Flyers are available on the information table in the narthex.



WISHLIST

CATS:

- ☐ Purina One Kitten Dry Food
- ☐ Canned Food (No Seafood)
- ☐ Royal Canin Mother and Baby Dry and Wet Food
- ☐ KMR Kitten Formula (Powder)
- ☐ Miracle Nipples (Mini)
- ☐ Dry Cat Food - Purina One or Purina Naturals
- ☐ Jars of Chicken, Turkey, Beef Baby Food

DOGS:

- ☐ Purina One Small Bites Beef
- ☐ Canned Dog Food (Any)
- ☐ Poop Bags
- ☐ Greenies Pill Pockets
- ☐ Kongs
- ☐ Nyla or Benebones
- ☐ New Leashes (6ft)
- ☐ Ceramic Water Bowls

RABBITS/GUINEAS:

- ☐ Timothy Hay
- ☐ Orchard Grass Hay
- ☐ Oxbow Adult and Young Rabbit Food
- ☐ Oxbow Adult and Young Guinea Pig Food
- ☐ Willow Balls and Baskets
- ☐ Timothy Chew Toys

SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Bleach (Not Splashless)
- ☐ Trash Bags (13 & 30 Gal)
- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Windex
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Copy Paper

www.lvpeaceablekingdom.info

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas, but the Angel Network is busy planning for the spring food basket and clothing/linens give away. We are estimating that we will serve 135 students and their families this spring. We are in good shape for our collection of green beans and corn, and that is because of you Holy Spirit! Green beans are done! And corn is nearly done!



Laundry detergent is our real need for spring. [Click here](#) for an Amazon link for 70 loads of Arm and Hammer laundry sheets for \$7.59! This price is available for a limited time.

We will always accept pods and liquid detergent as well. **130** laundry detergents are needed for the spring boxes.

The collection will begin February 22nd and will run through March 21st.

You can find the collection bins in the fellowship center lobby. Your willingness to step up and help others is a blessing to the EHS students and their families that might find making ends meet a bit of a challenge.

Pictures below are from the Christmas/Holiday giveaway. You can see the generosity our community has demonstrated in all of the donations! Thank you all so much for positively impacting all our EHS families! Grateful doesn't cover how the Angel Network feels about our partnership! Thank you for being a part of our village!

Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network





Tell Me Something Good:
Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Join us for **“Tell Me Something Good: Grounding ourselves in the good news”**, a program series by Sanctified Art that will guide our weekly worship services throughout the season of Lent. What is it about? Central to Jesus’ life and ministry are radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus’ teaching we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace – all of which are meant to be very good news for us all. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be and how we can be “good news” people in a world too often burdened by bad news.

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful – like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

Let us root our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. Let the teaching of Jesus lead us forward and let the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

We gather for worship:

Sunday mornings at 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45

Ash Wednesday (2/18) at Noon and 7 pm

Wednesdays during Lent at Noon and 7 pm
(2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)

Maundy Thursday (4/2) at Noon and 7 pm

Good Friday (4/3) at Noon and 7 pm

Easter Sunday (4/5) at 8:30, 9:45, and 11.

Join us as we root ourselves in the good news.



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

Our homebound members: Tom, Phyllis, Gayle, Joan, Dick, John, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

Pray for God's healing for our members and friends: Al, Janet, Brian, Phyllis, Ollie, Brenda, Joe, Donna, Ron, Rod, Dayton, Ed, Marie, Terry, Ann, Laura, Jim, Marcus, Grace, Mike, Janelle, Ken, Laura, and Don.

This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Emilia and Hadley. We welcome them into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

In joy and celebration for John's 98th birthday and for Christine and Bob's 54th wedding anniversary.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Rita, Pastor Shari's aunt.

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.

CALENDAR

Sun. 2/1	Noon	Rejoicing Spirits Team Meeting (117/119)
	2:00 pm	Mink Estates Meeting (FC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)
Mon. 2/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR/117/119)
Tues. 2/3	9:15 am & 12:45 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Meeting (116)
Wed. 2/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (117/119)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 2/5	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
Sat. 2/7	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sun. 2/8	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC/FC)
Mon. 2/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 2/10	9:15 am & 12:45 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Wed. 2/11	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:30 am	Staff Easter Planning (116)
	2:00 pm	Bible Study (117/119)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 2/12	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)

The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, February 16
in observance of President's Day