



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

February 16
Church Office Closed

February 18
Ash Wednesday

February 22
Jesus and Jammies!

**Mid-Week Lenten
Worship**
February 25,
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Sunday, February 15, 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

February 8, 2026

8:30 am	100	23
9:45 am	92	N/A
10:45 am	78	32
2:30 pm	47	N/A

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	JoEllen Rooney		Bob Mueller
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Fran Derhammer	Jennifer Wetzel Leigh-Anne Wimmer	Vi Ballard Jackie Leipert
Readers	Fran Derhammer	Carly K.	Chris Pirrotta
Children's Message		Deb Smith	
Greeters	John Holland	Pirrotta Family	Nancy Anderson
Ushers	Rich Feulner	Pirrotta Family	Tom Eichelberger
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Max H. XJ H.	Jeff Gross Jimmy Lee Werley	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

February 15- Sandra Bieber of Community Action of the Lehigh Valley will be with us to share their mission to improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas by building communities in which all people have access to economic opportunity, the ability to pursue that opportunity, and a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. We will learn about the programs and services in: Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.

February 22 - During Fellowship time at 9:30 AM, we will be joined by CAT Class students for Adult Faith Formation. We invite you to participate in important conversations about what faith means to us and how we live it out in the world. Your time and openness are greatly appreciated.

Dear Members of the Congregation,
Thank you to all who participated in our Annual Congregational meeting February 8th. Your presence, questions, and votes are an important part of our shared life and governance as a congregation. Below are the official results of the votes taken at the meeting and through permitted online voting.

Vote on Bylaw Amendment

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Staff

The congregation voted on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws adding Section BL12.05.01, requiring that the annual operating budget include a mandatory Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all paid staff.

Under our Constitution, amendments to the Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of voting members present and voting at a legally called congregational meeting
(Constitution §C17.02; §C5.02–C5.03).

Vote Results: Yes: 70 No: 21

The required threshold was met, and the amendment is adopted. In keeping with ELCA governance practice, the Synod will be notified of the adoption of this bylaw amendment and provided a copy for its records.

Vote on the 2026 Operating Budget

In accordance with the Constitution, the annual operating budget must be approved by the congregation, with the Congregation Council responsible for its preparation and recommendation. (Constitution §C5.03; §C12.05).

Vote Results: Yes: 88 No: 2 Abstentions: 1

The motion carries, and the 2026 Operating Budget is approved.

A Word of Thanks - As a council, we are grateful for the thoughtful engagement of the congregation—both in person and online—and for the respectful discernment shown throughout the meeting. These decisions reflect our shared commitment to faithful stewardship, transparency, and care for the mission and people of this church. If you have any questions about the votes or their implementation, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Congregation Council or to our pastoral staff.

In Christ,
Kyle H. David President, Congregation Council



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 am

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 am

(Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am)

Join us as we root ourselves in the good news.



2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026 – 2027 school year 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 ages 3, 4 and 5 years old. If interested in learning more or registering, please contact [Karin Kahler](#).

PRIME TIMER'S

Thursday, February 19th- **Book Club at 10:00 room 117-119.** Please read "**Children's Blizzard.**" Bring a friend to our book club. We will also be discussing, "**The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post**" by Allison Pataki.

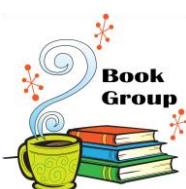
Tuesday, February 24th- **Movie in the All Saints room.** Dave will be running the DVD. He's looking for a good movie. Couldn't find the one he wanted. I found a good one. "**Baby Boom**" starring Diane Keaton. Comedy drama. You'll really laugh. Followed by lunch for those who want to eat out.



JESUS AND JAMMIES

Family service attendees are invited to wear their jammies on **Sunday, February 22nd.**

Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and early elementary classes during our Sunday School time.



LCHS BOOK GROUP Our next meeting is Monday, February 23 at 11AM. We will be meeting in room 117/119. **Greenlight** by Matthew McConaughey and **James** by Percival Everett .

Coming Attraction: March 26:
Finding Margaret Fuller by Allison Pataki

HOLY SPIRIT PRESCHOOL

Our preschool students have enjoyed some special visitors from the church recently. Deacon Mel visited our three-year-old classes to share a story about knitting and to allow each student to pick a winter hat she made for them to take home. Deacon Reylene spent time with our five-year-old class. She taught them to ring “Jesus Loves Me” on the bells.

Thank you for spending time with our preschool students.



Lenten ELCA World Hunger Appeal

During this coming Lenten Season, we will be supporting the ELCA World Hunger effort. Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

Here are the various ways you can donate:

- Click here to go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form (on the church's website) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering "World Hunger" and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.
- Use our Venmo app noting World Hunger on the memo line.



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EHS ANGEL NETWORK

The Angel Network is busy planning for the spring food boxes. 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.





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](#).



EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 am. We are asking for donations of items to fill the plastic eggs. Stickers, small toys, tattoos, bouncy balls, and **NUT FREE** candy make great fillers. Donations can be placed in the marked donation bin in the Fellowship Center lobby by Sunday, March 15th. Thank you!



A SAFE AND SECURE PLACE OF WELCOME FOR
OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS TO REFRESH,
RESTORE, AND SETTLE ON SUNDAY MORNING.

water and hot hands until then and will be requesting the same type of food donations (breakfast casseroles, fruit, etc.). Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex coming soon. If one of our youth wishes to volunteer, they must be accompanied by a parent. If any questions, please contact Deb Smith by email at dsfotog@outlook.com or text at 610-972-6176.



**Lunch
with
Pastor
Shari**

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 2nd from 12:00 to 1:00. Join Pr Shari and bring your lunch.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent client you may be able to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the Lutheran Church of the

Holy Spirit. To qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars, you must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Have \$750 or more in annual billed premiums of qualifying life or health insurance products.
2. Have \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying life insurance or annuity products.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are earned every calendar year and can be directed to the organization of your choice by March 31st of the following year. You have until March 31, 2026 to designate the direction of your 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can designate your choice of organizations on the Thrivent website. If you have questions, please review the program on the website or contact your Thrivent Advisor. Please consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church.

2026 SPRING MISSION TRIP

Holy Spirit's spring mission trip is again heading to York, PA. We will be working with SERVANTS, INC., to provide home repair work to families in the local community. We will be staying at beautiful Camp Friendly Acres, which is a church camp run by Advent Lutheran church in York. We will be traveling to York on **Sunday April 26th** and returning Thursday afternoon April 30th. We do have opportunities to coordinate carpools with other people if you can only work part of the week. There will be work for all skill levels. Please contact Bob Mueller if you have any questions (610-442-7892).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 – 19
9:15 am – 11:45 am

VBS VOLUNTEERS: VBS provides an opportunity for teens and adults to serve in a variety of ways. Please [click here](#) to complete the Volunteer Interest Form. Our Protection of Minors Policy and the PA Child Protective Services Law requires VBS volunteers to have current background clearances. Please contact Carol Osenbach or Nikki Clark in the office to inquire about the process.

VBS REGISTRATION: Children age 3 1/2 - entering grade 5 are welcome to join us for VBS. Please [click here](#) for the Participant Registration Form. We ask that you **return the form by June 1st** so that we can adequately plan for supplies. Feel free to invite a friend!

Paper forms are also available on the information table in the Worship Center Lobby.

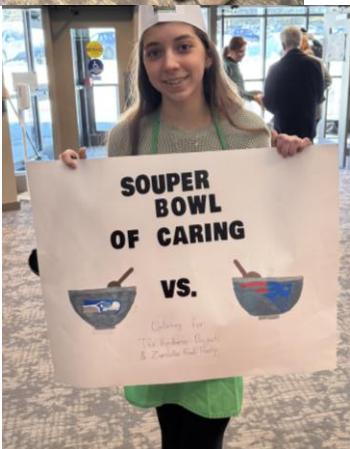
VBS DECORATING SESSIONS:

Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we create the decorations that will be used for Vacation Bible School. It's a wonderful fellowship opportunity. No artistic skills are required, and you need not attend all of the decorating sessions. Middle school youth are welcome to attend with an adult. Please enter at the church office entrance as we will meet in the Fellowship Center on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 11 – 1:30 pm
Tuesday, March 31 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15 – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 22 – 2:00 pm
Monday, May 11 – 6:00 pm

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Souper Bowl of Caring collection! We had 23 youth volunteers and together we raised \$1426.04 and collected 43 nonperishable items for The Zionsville Food Pantry and the Kindness Project! The Patriots team collected the most so they will get donuts during class on 2/15! Most importantly, we are making a difference in battling hunger in our community- which is a big win for us all!





**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, Joe, Donna, Ron, Rod, Linda, Laura, Dayton, Marie, Terry, Laura, Jim, Grace, Mike, Sophia, Ken, Laura, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Ed Katchur.

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.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ushers and Greeters are needed for mid-week Lenten worship and Holy week worship services. Please [click here to volunteer.](#)

Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#)

Volunteer to be on the **Production/Technology Team** 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.



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.



BEAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP

The Bear Creek Camp community consists of campers from 1st-12th grade where we are centered mostly on small group activities with experiences in large group settings as well. All aspects of our program are designed to build an inclusive community, care for creation, promote adventure and fun, share grace-filled faith, cultivate empathy, and develop leaders. **Scholarships are available.** For more information, [click here](#) or you can ask questions as representatives from Bear Creek will be with us at all three services on March 15th.

**Group Outing to
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
August 1 – 6:35 pm
Tickets will be available soon!**



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE EVENT In conjunction with Senator Jarrett Coleman's office, we are hosting their Property Tax / Rent Rebate event at church. If you would like more information, or wish to sign up, please do so through their [sign up link here](#) Pre-registration is required.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Lutherans have been part of the Lutheran story in North America for more than 350 years. This Black History Month, offers an opportunity to learn, reflect, and give thanks for the lives and legacies of Black leaders who helped shape our church and society. More information can be found on the NE PA Synod [website here](#).



Rev. Jehu Jones - First Black Lutheran Pastor in North America - Born in Charleston, SC, to enslaved parents, Jehu Jones, Jr. (1796-1852) became the first Black Lutheran pastor in North America. Encouraged by his pastor, the Rev. John Bachman, he traveled to New York in 1832 to be ordained by the New York Synod.

CALENDAR

		Church Office Closed
Mon. 2/16	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 2/17	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	9:15 am &	12:45 pm NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	5:00 pm	Youth Gathering Reunion (FC)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Wed. 2/18	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's (117/119)
	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Thurs. 2/19	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (FC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 2/21	9:00 am	Staff/Council Retreat
Sun. 2/22	12:00 pm	8:30 Work Group (Sanctuary)
Mon. 2/23	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Tues. 2/24	9:15 am &	12:45 pm NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Move Group - ASR
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Wed. 2/25	9:00 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am	NS Chapel
	9:30 am	Sen. Coleman's Property Tax/Rent Rebate (FC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Thurs. 2/26	9:00 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 2/27	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 2/28	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)