



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!

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

February 25,
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Sunday, February 8, 2026 **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

***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**

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits

**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 1, 2026

8:30 am	141	15
9:45 am	101	N/A
10:45 am	77	17

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Deb Smith
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzel Leigh-Anne Wimmer	Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed
Readers	Rebecca Cachiguando	Jimmy G.	Deb Smith
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski	Smith Family	Linda Letts
Ushers	Michael Yablonki	Smith Family	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Glenn Hinderliter Eric Kahler Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed



Please join us on Sunday, February 8 at 2:30pm for the next Rejoicing Spirits service. The special message is “**All we need is love!**”. Come and celebrate God’s love for us. Feel free to dress in your valentine best or wear your favorite valentine colors – red, white, pink, purple - then join us during Connections time to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

Invite your family and friends – **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

February 8 - In a digital conversation, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde reflects on the spiritual and societal moment we are living through, drawing from her experiences as a public faith leader, preacher, and bishop in the Episcopal Church. Known nationally for her prophetic voice during key political moments—especially her bold sermon at the 2025 National Prayer Service—Budde shares insights on what it means to be a brave and grounded leader in an age marked by cruelty, polarization, and decline.

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.

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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** (Worship Center)
(In person and on Zoom)

(Childcare will be available)

2:30 pm - Rejoicing Spirits



Please bring your cash and non-perishable food items to church on February 8th for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring!

This time - with a twist!

You can put your donation in the team's pot that you think will win the Super Bowl!

Our youth chose to donate to The Zionsville Food Pantry and The Kindness Project as well as collect for the National Souper Bowl of Caring Organization. Every little bit helps!!

Youth, to sign up to help, [use this link!](#)

BIBLE STUDY – Lectionary Readings

Join us for Bible study Wed. Feb. 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.

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.

Each year, faith formation classes—from preschool through adults—will receive age-appropriate instruction about Holy Communion on the last Sunday in January. 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.



**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.



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 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](#).

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.

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



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 Attractions: Mar. 26: Finding Margaret Fuller by Allison Pataki



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.](#)

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).

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in being a communion assistant, please sign up by [clicking here.](#) Training is provided.

If you would like to help set up or clean up after worship, join the Altar Care Team by [clicking here.](#) Training is provided.



I thank all the wonderful people who work on Saturday mornings at Holy Spirit preparing beautiful flower arrangements and delivering to those who are ill or celebrating a birthday. I am so thankful that Pastor Kuntzleman (1961) came to our home to invite

us to join Holy Spirit Church – What a blessing! Now we are blessed with 3 wonderful pastors and I'm as thankful for them and all their prayers as well as those of the congregation. May God Bless each and every one of you. Peace and Love ~ Jane Cella



**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.



EHS ANGEL NETWORK

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



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

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Our third Sunday breakfast at Neighborhood House will be on March 1st. We are collecting the small bottles of 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION



On Sunday, February 1, members packed 208 snack bags for children in the Allentown School District. The bags will be used to send home with children prior to an inclement weather day, shared with after school tutoring participants, or given to students whose families are experiencing homelessness.

**Thank you all who brought in items for the bags.
Holy Spirit is so blessed!**



**Group Outing to
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
August 1ST – 6:35 pm**

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.



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 the Fellowship Center lobby by Sunday, March 15th. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 – 19

9:15 am – 11:45 am

More information coming soon.



**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, Linda, Dayton, Ed, Marie, Terry, Laura, Jim, Marcus, Grace, Mike, Ken, Laura, and Don.

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

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	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 2/12	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Mon. 2/16		Church Office Closed
	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	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	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 2/21	9:00 am	Staff/Council Retreat
	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise