



# HOLY HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, March 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.

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

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **March 1**

First Holy Communion

### **Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

March 4, 11, 18, 25

### **March 8**

**Daylight Savings Time**  
Rejoicing Spirits

### **March 15**

Bear Creek Camp Visit

### **March 29**

Palm Sunday

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**In Person      Zoom**

**February 22, 2026  
10:00 am**

**N/A                      242**

<b>WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Jimmy Lee Werley		Rick Doty
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Sheila Huff, Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel	Dianna Olszewski Jackie Leipert
<b>Readers</b>	Rich Feulner	Connor K.	Hannah S.
<b>Children's Message</b>		Melanie Werley	
<b>Greeters</b>	Lorie Stout Sherman Carolyn Rice	Lorie Stout Sherman	Fern Schlegel
<b>Ushers</b>	Nancy Shoemaker		Ken Schlegel
<b>Production/ Technology</b>	Bill Keane XJ H. Alexis H.	Bill Keane Jeff Gross	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM**

**March 1 Connect to God - Being opened by a Multifaceted Faith Practice: Body-Heart-Mind – Room 110/112**

Through a daily devotion time in which Pastor Jimmy Lee Werley uses one or more of yoga, meditation, enneagram exploration, scripture reading, journaling, core purpose remembrance, and prayer, God speaks through body, mind, and heart to accompany and partner with me in life. Each of these practices is adequate, but it is in combination that God's effect on life is often greatly multiplied. We will talk about each of these so that you might consider what is most helpful to the Lord and to you.

**FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION** will be immediately following 9:45 Family Worship in the Fellowship Center. Please join us. All Are Welcome!

**Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to Faith – 2nd Sunday Seminary: To Speak in Parables**

The parables of Jesus are among the best-known memories of Jesus. The parables of Jesus are also among the most controversial aspects of our understanding of Jesus' message. After a brief overview of the characteristics of Jesus' parables, we will look more closely at the parable of the mustard seed. It probably does not mean what you think it does! Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, will be leading a study to answer these questions and more.

**Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to Community – CIVICS 101: Toward a better understanding of the U.S. Constitution**

- When we pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we are reminded that God is at work in caring for creation, and we are called to strive to understand and join in that work." In his small catechism, Luther reminds us that our prayer for "daily bread" includes a prayer for good government. Join Kyle David and members of the Faith and Civic Life team, as we consider how and why the U.S. Constitution was written, ways it is read, and some of the paradoxes it presents. A Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All; ELCA, 2025.

**Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect with One Another** – Time with the CAT Class students on faith  
During Fellowship, 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.

**Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to the Generations** – Palm Sunday/Holy Week  
Intergenerational Event - We will learn together through hands-on activities about this important time for the church. It is through growing in our understanding of what Jesus imparted through words and actions that led to death on the cross that we approach the Resurrection on Easter with full and grateful hearts. Please set aside time not only to learn, but to be in conversation with all members throughout our worship experiences. This is a come-and-go event where you can stay for as long as you want. Try something new and check it out!



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.

**We gather for worship:**

Sunday Mornings at 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45  
Wednesday during Lent at Noon and 7 PM

This week’s theme:

*The good news is... great love for God and neighbor*

**Holy Week 2026:**

**Palm Sunday - March 29th**

*The good news is... inspiring us to act*  
Worship at 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45

Intergenerational Faith Formation - 9:30 to 10:45

**Maundy Thursday - April 2nd**

*The good news is... even Judas gets his feet washed*  
Worship at Noon and 7 PM

**Good Friday - April 3rd**

*The good news is... revealed through nonviolence*  
Worship at Noon and 7 PM

**Easter Sunday - April 5th**

*The good news is... alive in the world*  
Worship at 8:30, 9:45, 11 AM  
(Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM)

**JOIN US AS WE ROOT OURSELVES IN THE GOOD NEWS!**



**Lunch  
with  
Pastor  
Shari**

**FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
LUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI**

Join in conversation and prayer with Pr Shari on Monday, March 2nd. We will meet from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Room 117/119.

**2026 COUNCIL**

The following persons have been called to serve as members of the Congregation Council for The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and will be installed during worship on March 8, 2026:

Kyle David, President  
Tom Bradley, Vice-President  
Katie Bashus, Secretary  
Bob Mueller, Member-At-Large  
Mike Berkheimer  
Mark Binkley  
Mike Epperly  
Adam Fermier  
Courtney Keiser  
John Osenbach  
Rob Sandoval  
Hannah S., Youth Representative  
Brenda Truhe



Mark your calendar and join us for our next Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. The special message is, "God's Love throughout the World." Please bring your family and friends. All are welcome!



### **EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!



### **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](#).



### **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.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION**

for God's Global Barnyard will be a noisy offering! We invite you to bring your spare change (and dollars!) through March 29<sup>th</sup>. God's Global Barnyard is an ELCA World Hunger initiative.

## LENTEN ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

During this Lenten Season, we are 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 our 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.
- 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.



### 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.



## 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.



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>** and returning Thursday afternoon April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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).

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



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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **BEAR CREEK SPRING FAMILY CAMP – March 20 - 22**

During this nature-filled weekend, families will be able to slow down and experience the amazing environment that Bear Creek Camp has to offer. Each day, your family will have the opportunity to learn, observe, and explore by participating in nature-based activities led by BCC staff. Activities include hiking, nature crafts, visiting with live animals, and learning about the local flora and fauna. Families are also welcome to adventure on their own, fellowship in community, and rest and relax surrounded by the beauty of nature. Learn more [here](#).



## **BEAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP**

The Bear Creek Camp community consists of campers from 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 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 15<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 ½ - 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



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

**Our homebound members:**

Gayle, Joan, Dick, John, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

**Pray for God's healing for our members and friends:**

Bill, Al, Janet, Brian, Phyllis, Ollie, Joe, Donna, Ron, Rod, Linda, Laura, Dayton, Lisa, Charles, Terry, Laura, Mark, Jim, Joan, Grace, Sophia, Tom, Ken, Laura, Jack, Mary, Rich, Don, Ron, and Philip.

**We welcome to the Lord's Table on Sunday** Benjamin, Jayden, Connor, Charles, Dominic, Landon, Hadley, Amelia, Gabriella, Madelyn, Kira and Nicholas.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Tom Davis and the family and friends of Annie Bair, Vi Ballard's cousin.

**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.

# A Day in the Capitol as Church Together

**LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITAL** Gather on Monday, April 20, for a day of learning, community building, inspiration, and advocacy. Team with advocates from across the Commonwealth to stay grounded in our faith and be equipped to take collective action on issues that impact everyone's well-being. This event is known as Lutheran Day in the Capital.

Early registration is open until March 20, since we at Holy Spirit already meet the group discount rate, use the discount code CONGREGATION26 when registering. We will need volunteers for carpooling to accommodate everyone attending. So far, there are two cars available, which can carry 8-10 people.

For more information, see the flyers on the information table or contact Dean Black at 484-357-4500 or [dblack3105@gmail.com](mailto:dblack3105@gmail.com), or Tom Bradley at 814-934-2980 or [tmbradley1717@gmail.com](mailto:tmbradley1717@gmail.com). Additional details are available on the LAMPa website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/>. Let your voice and faith be heard.

## **PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Thursday, March 19 **Book Club 10:00am in Room 117-119** We will review opinions on "*Children's Blizzard*" and "*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*"

Tuesday, March 24 **Movie**, "*Little Miss Sunshine*" in the All Saints Room at 10:00am. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, March 25 **Coffee hour** with goodies, fruit, stimulation and lots of fun. 10:00am in Room 110/112. Bring your friends and neighbors and join in the fun.

## Ways scammers try to get your money

Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know, or by pretending to be a friend/relative in need. They say there is a problem, need help or offer a prize. They pressure you to act quickly. Be aware of odd ways of paying, for example, gift cards or cryptocurrency. Scammers can be very persuasive and may use aggressive tactics to convince you that their call, text, email is legitimate. If you receive a suspicious call/text/or email, remember to stay calm. Do not engage with the caller/emailer or return a phone call or suspicious text. Verify with the person claiming to be in need first. Above all, do not provide any personal or banking information and do not go out to a store to purchase gift cards. Remember our pastors and staff would never email or text you asking for gift cards or money.



### How scammers contact you

- Unsolicited calls, texts, or emails
- Social media
- Dating and messaging apps
- Networking sites

### The red flags

- Urgency to act immediately
- Pressure to use crypto ATMs or apps
- Demands for secrecy

### What to do

- Pause before investing or moving money
- Research the company or person
- Never pay for money recovery services



## CALENDAR

Mon. 3/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (117/119)
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR/117/119)
Tues. 3/3	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (116)
Weds. 3/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	12:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
Thurs. 3/5	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
Sat. 3/7	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
	9:00 am	Church Audit Team (Office)
Sun. 3/8	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
	3:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Reception (FC)
Mon. 3/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (113)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 3/10	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (116)
Weds. 3/11	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	12:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
	1:30 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
Thurs. 3/12	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	12:30 pm	NS Conferences (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)



**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS  
ARE DUE TO OFFICE NO LATER THAN  
MARCH 8th.**

**Due to the distributor's deadline,  
late orders cannot be accepted.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**# \_\_\_\_\_ TULIPS \$11.50 EACH PLANT**

**# \_\_\_\_\_ DAFFODILS \$11.50 EACH PLANT**

**# \_\_\_\_\_ MUMS \$11.50 EACH PLANT**

**# \_\_\_\_\_ LILIES \$11.50 EACH PLANT**

**# \_\_\_\_\_ HYDRANGEAS \$23.00 EACH PLANT**



**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

**Flowers can be picked up after the late Easter Service  
or during business hours the following week.**