



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

February 22

Jesus and Jammies!

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

February 25,
March 4, 11, 18, 25

March 1

First Holy Communion

March 8

Rejoicing Spirits

March 29

Palm Sunday

Sunday, February 22, 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 15, 2026

8:30 am	148	19
9:45 am	72	N/A
10:45 am	65	16
February 18, 2026		
12:00 pm	66	N/A
7:00 pm	79	22

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Diane Evans		Renee Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Leesa Wimmer	Jennifer Wetzel Leigh-Anne Wimmer Dianna Olszewski	Sheila Huff Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Linda Devine	Landon S.	Laura Rothe
Children's Message		Karin Kahler	
Greeters	Fran Derhammer	Keiser Family	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Bill Derhammer	Keiser Family	Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt Glenn Hinderliter Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Glenn Hinderliter	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

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.



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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AT 9:30 AM

Being opened by a Multifaceted Faith Practice: Body-Heart-Mind.

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 in itself, 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.



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.

We gather for worship:

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

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

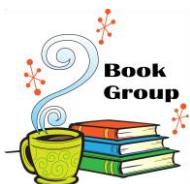
(Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am)

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](#).



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

PRIME TIMER'S

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.

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!

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.



THANK YOU BLOOMIN' FAITH TEAM!!

Our Bloomin' Faith flower ministry is celebrating their 5-year anniversary of sharing God's love! Bloomin' Faith began as a way to stay connected with members during the Covid pandemic and has blossomed and flourished into a ministry that continues to deliver God's light and love faithfully through flowers.

Each month the Bloomin' Faith team makes floral arrangements and delivers 12-15 bouquets to our church members experiencing difficult times and/or celebrating times of joy. We give thanks for the team members who assemble the flowers, provide floral materials, coordinate the delivery schedule, and the volunteers who deliver each bouquet personally.



If you are interested in participating in this caring ministry, please contact Lisa Walton...we could always use extra hands spreading the sunshine!



BLOOMIN' FAITH

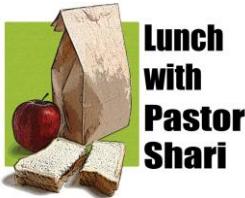
Bloomin' Faith will resume at the end of February with deliveries on **Saturday Feb 28**. If interested in helping, please sign up here: [Bloomin' Faith February and March 2026](#).



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

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Our next Sunday breakfast at Neighborhood House will be on March 1st. We are collecting **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. 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.



Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!

**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.



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



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

Our homebound members:

Tom, 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, Lisa, Charles, Terry, Laura, Mark, Jim, Joan, Grace, Sophia, Ken, Laura, Mary, Rich, Don, Ron, and Philip.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Phyllis Fenstamacher.

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](#).



First Black Lutheran Deaconess in North America

Deaconess Emma Francis (1875-1945) was born in St. Kitts, Virgin Islands and became the first Lutheran Deaconess of African descent in North America and the West Indies. After teacher training in Antigua, she went to Germany to pursue deaconess work. She then began serving at an orphanage in Fredericksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

CALENDAR

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)
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)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
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)
	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry/Pr Tami (ASR)
	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)
Mon. 3/2	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Pr Shari (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR/117/119)
Tues. 3/3	9:15 am &	12:45 pm NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 3/4	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Thurs. 3/5	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)