



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

**Mid-Week Lenten
Worship**
March 25

March 29
Palm Sunday

April 2
Maundy Thursday

April 3
Good Friday

April 5
Easter Celebration

April 18
Spring Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, March 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

March 15, 2026

8:30 am	105	15
9:45 am	85	N/A
10:45 am	91	13

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Liz Moessner
Communion Assistants	Volunteers Needed	Sheila Huff Jennifer Wetzel	Volunteers Needed
Readers	Mike Epperly	Gabriella C.	Bennett S.
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Pattie Bisbing	Slaby Family	Linda Letts
Ushers	Ava Killingsworth	Slaby Family	John Letts
Production/Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

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 9:15 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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

for God's Global Barnyard is a noisy offering! We invite you to bring your spare change (and dollars!) through April 5th. God's Global Barnyard is an ELCA World Hunger initiative.



EASTER CANDY SALES

The youth will be selling homemade Easter candy on March 22nd after each church service! We are selling Bunny Bark baggies for \$6 and chocolate covered pretzels for \$5. There are both dark and milk chocolate options.

Get yourself a sweet treat to celebrate the Easter season! All proceeds go to our youth activities fund! If you have any questions, please contact Amber O'Brien at obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org



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:

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



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... rooted in justice, mercy & faithfulness

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 - 9:15 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!



2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Ready for a year of learning, laughter, and growth? Preschool registration for Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School has begun for the 2026-2027 school year! Classes are provided for children age 2 years 9 months – prekindergarten. [Click here to register](#) or contact [Karin Kahler](#) for more information or to schedule a tour. Openings are limited so don't delay!



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



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

Readers are needed for our Noon Good Friday service. [Please sign up here.](#)

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.

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.

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.



WHAT IS OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA (OBA)?



At least 6 of the programs our Holy Spirit members visited in Tanzania in 2025 receive funds through OBA. So, what is Operation Bootstrap Africa?

Founded by Rev. David Simonson, a Lutheran missionary dedicated to education and empowerment in Africa, OBA has been guided by his vision for over 60 years. Here is how OBA describes that vision:

Rooted in a faith that calls us to serve, we believe that all people are created with inherent dignity and deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our work in education reflects these values, answering the call to love, uplift, and empower others.

In pursuit of that vision, OBA partners with Africans to strengthen their future through education, healthcare, agriculture, and other long-term development projects. More to come....

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR MARCH

MOVIE GROUP - Tuesday, March 24 - We will be watching, "Little Miss Sunshine" in the All-Saints Room at 10:00am. All are welcome to join us.

COFFEE HOUR - Wednesday, March 25 - Join us for goodies, fruit, intellectual stimulation, trivia, and lots of fun. We will meet at 10:00am in **Room 110/112**. Bring a friend or neighbor.

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.





Many, many, many thanks! We always enjoy the pretty bouquets, and it is nice to know we are thought about. Bloomin' Faith is a wonderful group and we thank you for your dedication.

~ Arlene and Harry Schell

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITAL The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is blessed in almost countless ways. One of our blessings is having three ministers who deliver weekly sermons that are educational, interpretive, and inspirational, while guiding us in our Lutheran faith.

In a world that is difficult and challenging to understand, we have an opportunity to use our inspiration, fuel, if you will, to deliver our faith message to people who have the power to impact our lives. Consider joining fellow Lutherans from across the state for Lutheran Day in the Capital. Attend learning sessions and policy updates on the impact and status of AI, hunger, health care, immigration, and much more. Then, go equipped to advocate to our state leaders and aides.

It is on April 20, 2026, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Transportation to and from the capital building is provided. Deadline to register is April 13.

Let your voice and faith be heard.



For more information, see the flyers on the information table, scan the QR Code, or contact Dean Black at 484-357-4500 or dblack3105@gmail.com, or Tom Bradley at 814-934-2980 or tbradley1717@gmail.com. Additional details are available on the LAMPa website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>.



BEAR CREEK CAMP



SUMMER CAMPS

OVERNIGHT CAMP

SESSION 1: JUNE 21 - 26
SESSION 2: JUNE 28 - JULY 3
SESSION 3: JULY 5 - 10 (Family Camp)
SESSION 4: JULY 12 - 17
SESSION 5: JULY 19 - 24
SESSION 6: JULY 26 - 31
SESSION 7: AUGUST 2 - 7
SESSION 8: AUGUST 9 - 14

TRY CAMP: SESSIONS 2, 4, & 8
FAMILY CAMP & ARTIST'S RETREAT: SESSION 3

NATURE DAY CAMP

HABITAT EXPLORERS: JUNE 21 - 26
FISHING FRENZY*: JUNE 28 - JULY 3
AQUATIC ADVENTURE*: JULY 12 - 17
ADVENTURE WEEK: JULY 19 - 24
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: JULY 26 - 31
NUTS ABOUT NATURE: AUGUST 2 - 7
END OF SUM. BLAST*: AUGUST 9 - 14

*NATURE NIGHT CAMP

Register Early and get Rewarded!

Make a deposit or complete your full registration by March 31 and receive a FREE 2026 Summer Camp themed T-shirt when you arrive at camp.

You can find more information about Bear Creek Camp by [clicking here](#).



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **April 18 and May 2** with a rain date of May 9th. Your help is needed from 9:00 am – Noon to weed, rake leaves out of beds, prepare areas for mulch, spread mulch, etc. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, pitch

forks, work gloves and any other items you think might be needed. Please come at 9:00 am if you are willing to help. Trash bags, cans and water will be available. If you want to help but cannot make these dates, please email Glenn Hinderliter at glenn.hinderliter@gmail.com



INFORMATION SESSION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

April 19th 9:30 - 10:30 am - Room 117/119

*** Open Session.... stop in anytime throughout the hour ***

Have questions about The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit?
The Lutheran faith? How to become a member?

Join Pr. Tami and members of the Church Growth Team to hear about our church community and discuss your questions.

SEEKING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays April 8 – May 13 at 2 p.m. or
Mondays April 13-May 18 at 7 p.m.

How does our faith inform, intersect and interact with our role as citizens of this nation? Join us for this timely study of the foundations and content of our ELCA's latest social statement. Invite a friend to join you. Pick up a copy of the Annotated Guide to the social statement and/or the entire statement at the information table in the narthex.

Week 1: April 8, 2 p.m. or April 13, 7 p.m.

God Acts for the Well-being of All Through Civic Life - Section 1 of the Annotated Guide How does the Lord's prayer relate to civic life? How is a social statement adopted? What do the terms shalom, common good, well-being, vocation, common good, two reigns of God, Law and Gospel refer to?

Week 2: God Calls All People to Robust Civic Participation

Week 3: Assessing the U.S. Constitutional Form of Government

Week 4: Religion and the First Amendment

Week 5: Constructive Relationships Between Religious Organizations and Political Authority

Week 6: Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life



**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, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Terry, Janie, Laura, Bob, Grace, Sophia, Mike, Tom, Laura, Jack, Wilma, Angela, Jim, Don, Ron, and Philip.

In times of joy for the birth of Allison Vienna, daughter of Aimee and Curtis.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Jim Madara and for the family and friends of Rod Cober a friend of Tom & Lisa Bradley.

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.



PRAYER CROSSES

by Knit and Crochet in Faith will be available in the narthex to one and all on Good Friday, April 3 and Easter Sunday, April 5.

A Blessed Easter to Everyone



MEET SINYATI

With funds from our recent Global Missions' Support our Sisters campaign, a student at the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School is being covered for sponsorship for a year at a cost of \$1,200. The sponsorship is administered by Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA), located in Minneapolis, MN. We received the information from OBA that the student we are

supporting is Sinyati Mathayo, a Form 3 student (grade 10). Sinyati's parents are pastoralists (livestock herders). Her father is married to 3 wives. Sinyati's mother has nine children, of which Sinyati is the eighth. She has 16 other siblings who share a father, but have different mothers. Her favorite subjects are math, civics, science and English. Her favorite games are rope skipping and athletics. In the future she wishes to become a doctor.

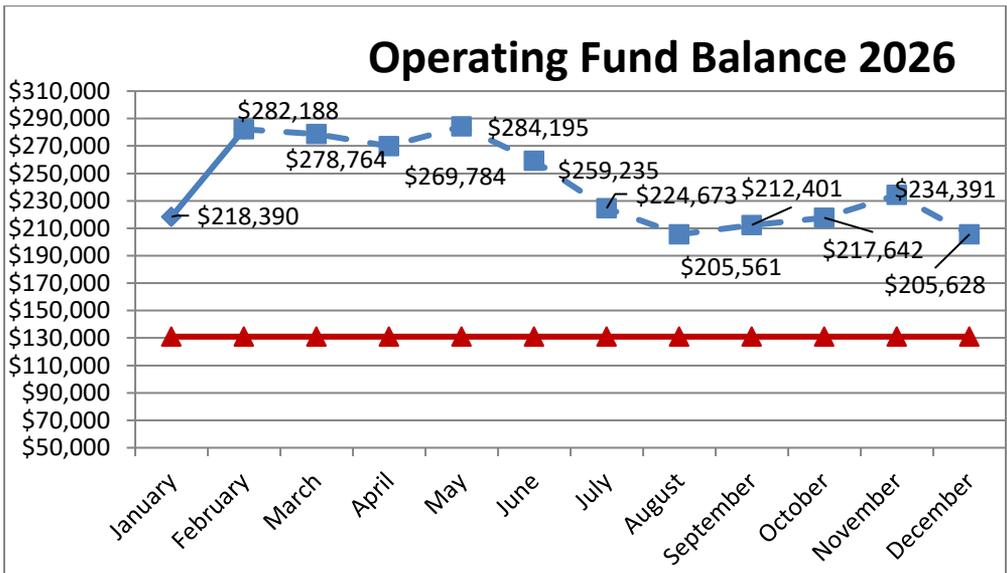
Please keep Sinyati in your prayers. If you would like to correspond with her, speak with Ruth or Rick Doty.

Financial Results and Discussion – February 2026

Operating Performance: February income was \$149,262, \$4,135 or 2.8% above budget. Operating expenses were \$85,464, \$4,934 or 5.5% below budget. We finished February with a \$63,798 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$54,729. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **January - December**.

Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

- **Straight Line at \$131,000:** Represents our 6-week cash requirement to operate the church.
- **Upper Straight Line:** Represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.
- **Upper Dotted Line:** Represents our **projected** operating cash balance through year end.



Building Fund: The building fund increased \$655.00 during the month and has a balance of \$6,734.94.

Mortgage Update: A \$23,252.85 principal paydown of the mortgage was applied in February. The mortgage balance as of February 28, 2026, is \$320,000.00.

COLLECTION FOR THE ALLENTOWN EUCMENICAL FOOD BANK

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Please remember to **check the best by dates** before dropping off any contributions. Thank you!

Most Needed Foods:

- Canned fruits, packed in natural juices preferred
- Individual fruit cups
- Shelf-stable individual microwavable meals such as Dinty Moore Stew or Mac 'n Cheese cups, or Hormel Completes
- Packages of precooked rice, grains, or pasta
- Ready-to-drink breakfast protein drinks
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable oil
- Low-sugar cereal such as cheerios, bran flakes, etc.
- Oatmeal
- Condiments such as salad dressing, ketchup, mustard
- Hearty soups
- Mac 'n cheese cups
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Diapers Size 5, 6, 7
- Feminine care products



Foods NOT Accepted:

- Home cooked, processed, or baked foods
- Foods in open containers
- Foods with best buy date less than 6 months

Please place your contributions in the benches located in the Fellowship Center Lobby. The benches are marked.

Thank you for your continued support.

CALENDAR

Sun. 3/22	10:00 am	Easter Egg Filling (117/119)
	3:30 pm	Angel Network (FC)
Mon. 3/23	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
Tues. 3/24	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Movie Group (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Wed. 3/25	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (110/112)
	12:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
Thurs. 3/26	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 3/27	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 3/28	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	10:30 am	Calling hour for Jim Madara
	11:00 am	Celebration of Life Service – Jim Madara (WC/FC)
Sun. 3/29	6:00 pm	Youth Hang-Out (FC)
Mon. 3/30	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor Meeting (Office)
Tues. 3/31	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
Wed. 4/1	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (SC)
Thurs. 4/2	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Fri. 4/3	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	12:00 pm	Church Office Closing
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Mon. 4/6		Church Office Closed