



# HOLY HAPPENINGS



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

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## Upcoming Events

### March 29

Palm Sunday  
Youth Hang Out

### March 31

VBS Decorating Session

### April 2

Maundy Thursday

### April 3

Good Friday

### April 5

Easter Celebration

### April 18

Spring Grounds Clean Up

## Sunday, March 29, 2026

**\*8:30 am Worship and Praise**

**9:15 am Intergeneration Event**

**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**

	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>March 22, 2026</b>		
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>23</b>

<b>WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Eric Kahler		Craig Scott
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Angie Niland Linda Devine	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff Melanie Werley	Vi Ballard Sheila Huff
<b>Readers</b>	Charlotte Gross	Amelia P.	Deb Stevens
<b>Children's Message</b>		Kristen Newill	
<b>Greeters</b>	Adam Fermier	Smith Family	Marian Harrison
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Whirl	Smith Family	Tom Eichelberger
<b>Production/Technology</b>	Jeff Gross Jimmy Lee Werley Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed

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

**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!

## **LISTENING SESSIONS – MARCH 29**

Regarding the recent news of the staff resignations of Pastor Cindy and Deacon Mel, you are invited to attend a Listening Session with the Executive Council on Sunday, March 29th, at the following times in Room 117/119:

- \* 9:30 AM
- \* 10:15 AM
- \* 11:45 AM

Members of the Executive Council are:

- \*Kyle David, President
- \*Tom Bradley, Vice President
- \*Katie Bashus, Secretary
- \*Bob Mueller, Member-at-large
- \*Pastor Shari Duminy

In hearing your grief, concerns, hopes, and dreams for the Direction of Council and Church and Staff Support and Relations, we pray that all voices of the congregation will shape the path before us.



### **We gather for worship:**

Sunday Mornings at 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45

This week's theme:

*The good news is... inspiring us to act*

### **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!  
WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



**Ushers and Greeters are needed for 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.



**EASTER CANDY SALES**

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our candy sales fundraiser!

We sold out of our bunny bark and dark chocolate covered pretzels! We will sell milk chocolate covered pretzels for **\$6 this Sunday, March 29th** after all 3 services!



**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.

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.

## **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.



## April 2026 Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday – No Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday Seminary – Connect to Faith

**Confession in a Digital Age: Private confession**—the practice of confessing one's sins to a priest or minister—has largely fallen out of vogue in Protestant churches. And yet, there persists an urge to 'confess' one's wrongs or mistakes through TikTok videos, blogs, or social media. This talk asks: What do these ersatz confessionals tell us about humanity? And how might churches respond to the human desire for absolution? Join Michael Toy, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at the School of Theology at Moravian University. He lived in Wellington, New Zealand, from 2018 to 2025, during which he completed his PhD in Religious Studies. His research explores the intersections of religion, popular culture, and the digital world. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, writing, running, and searching for the best noodles in town.

Sunday, April 19 – Connect to Community

**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia** with Lee Ann Kriner.

Sunday, April 26 – Connect to Community

**Bloom** is a life-long community of hope, healing, and freedom. Providing sanctuary and a continuum of care to heal, empower, and employ survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. This one is rescheduled due to the snow days this past winter. Our guest speaker from Bloom will be Vickie Nisbet.

## **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



### **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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:glenn.hinderliter@gmail.com)



## **INFORMATION SESSION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITAL**

In a world that is difficult and challenging to understand, we have an opportunity to use our inspiration and 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](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/>.



### **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

**JESUS AND JAMMIES** Guest readers are needed for Jesus and Jammies, which is scheduled for **Sunday, April 12** 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](#).



### **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).



### **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!



## **SIGN UP NOW FOR 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



**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,  
Pattie, Brian, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson,  
Terry, Janie, Laura, Bob, Sophia, Mike, Tom, Laura, Wilma, Angela, Jim,  
Don, and Ron.

**We rejoice and welcome** Amelia to the Lord's Table on Sunday.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Brian Mummolo,  
nephew in law of Carolyn and Bob Rice.

**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.

I am  
Sinyati Mathayo



**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.

THANK  
*you.*

Dear friends,  
Thank you to the members who arranged and delivered the pretty floral bouquet to my apartment at Evertrue Luther Crest. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring since I am no longer able to attend worship services with you. My wonderful memories of being involved in Holy Spirit activities over many years are always with me. God's blessings abound. ~ Sincerely, Jan McNair

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

**April 14 – Movie Group** Join us to watch, “Scent of A Woman” in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am followed by lunch for those who wish to join us.

**April 28 – Coffee Hour** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Bring a neighbor or friend to join us for coffee, baked goods, trivia and lots of laughs.



**EARTH DAY EVENT** Want to help make our community cleaner and healthier? The Joint Environmental Advisory Council for Emmaus and Upper Milford is hosting its annual Earth Day Event on **Saturday, April 25th from 9–11 AM at Emmaus Community Park**. Volunteers can sign in starting at **8:30 AM** and join us in picking up litter

throughout the area. Gloves, vests, and garbage bags will be provided, and the borough will handle collection—no need to haul full bags back. **Our youth group will be participating**, and we'd love for you to join them! We'll also be offering **free document shredding** for residents, along with **electronics recycling**. Most electronics can be recycled at no cost, though some items may have a small fee.

Check the flyer near the Fellowship Hall for details or contact Jennifer at [jcmwetzels@gmail.com](mailto:jcmwetzels@gmail.com) with any questions. Hope to see you there!



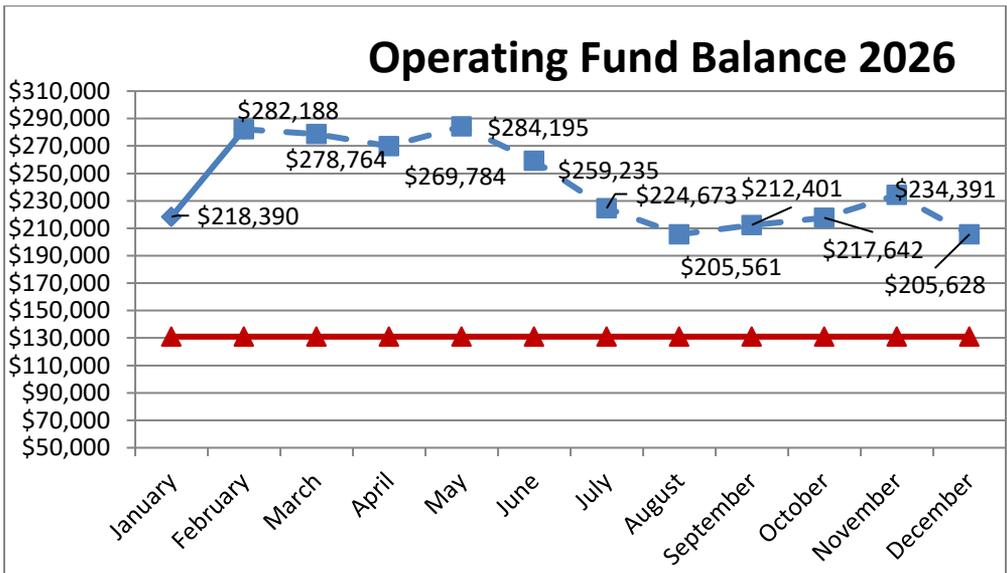
featuring musicians of  
The Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Spirit.  
Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm  
in the Worship Center.  
A free will offering will be  
taken to benefit the  
music program at LCJES.

## 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.

**Cat Class and High School youth** enjoyed talking with members of the congregation and building towers together! They learned how much they think alike despite age differences but also they learned from each other and celebrated how unique we all are!



## CALENDAR

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)
	2:00 pm	Care Meeting (ASR)
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	8:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 4/3	12:00 pm	Worship (WC)
	12:00 pm	Church Office Closing
	7:00 pm	Worship (WC)
Sat. 4/4	9:00 am	Decorating
	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
Sun. 4/5	8:30 am	Easter Worship (WC)
	9:45 am	Family Easter Celebration (WC)
	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Easter Worship (WC)
Mon. 4/6	Church Office Closed	
Tues. 4/7	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	9:15 & 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Wed. 4/8	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 4/9	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:00 pm	Staff Support (116)
Fri. 4/10	9:00 am	Decorating
Sun. 4/12	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)