



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

March 8

Daylight Savings Time -
SPRING FORWARD
Rejoicing Spirits

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

March 11, 18, 25

March 15

Bear Creek Camp Visit

March 29

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 8, 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**

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

March 1, 2026

8:30 am	114	15
9:45 am	197	N/A
10:45 am	78	19

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Alice Mudge
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Angie Niland	Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel Volunteers Needed	Dianna Olszewski Vi Ballard
Readers	Diane Evans	Sawyer M.	Deb Smith
Children's Message		Eric Kahler	
Greeters	Irv Keister	Shannon Malkovsky	Kitti Berkheimer
Ushers	Angie Niland	Shannon Malkovsky	Mike Berkheimer
Production/Technology	XJ H. Max H. Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Volunteer Needed	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie Volunteer Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

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. [Click here](#) for a copy of his handout.

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 9:15 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!



The Rejoicing Spirits service on March 8th will focus on “God’s Love Throughout the World.” Join us in the Worship Center at 2:30 pm to hear about this important message. A reception in the Fellowship Center will be held after the service. Please bring your family and friends.

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

Pastor Shari Duminy
Pastor Cindy Camp
Pastor Tami Reichley

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!



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.





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...together, the impossible is possible

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!



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.



2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026 – 2027 school year has begun. [Click here to register.](#) Holy Spirit's 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 EVENTS FOR MARCH

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

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.

Game Day at Zion's! Thursday, March 19th 1:00PM—4:00PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of games! Bring your favorite game to play or come and join with others to play different games! Refreshments will be provided, and you're welcome to bring snacks!

Zion's Lutheran, 5901 Kings Hwy S, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
610-966-3834.

ps- Someone please bring the "Uncle Wiggily" game board!

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 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 collecting 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 \$12.58! . We will always accept pods and liquid detergent as well.

130 laundry detergents are needed for the spring boxes. **The collection will run through March 22nd.** 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 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).

FUNDS FROM SUPPORT OUR SISTERS CAMPAIGN



In case you missed the news, a total of \$7,757.50 was collected through our Advent/Epiphany offering for Support Our Sisters. With an additional \$270.82 already in a related account, this comes to \$8028.32. These funds are being split 4 ways for MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Arusha Lutheran Medical Training Center, Eripoto and Empowered Girls (\$1882 each) plus \$500 from the craft fair going

to Widow's Might. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Now, how do the funds get to these organizations? The funds for four out of five go through an organization called Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA) which has been serving as a partner for educational programs in Africa for over 60 years. More to come about OBA in the coming weeks.



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

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.

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL COLLECTION

The preschool held its annual kindness collection during the month of February. 65 Squishmallows were collected for the patients at Reilly Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone for their generous support and for helping to spread smiles!





**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, Rod, Mark, Laura, Dayton, Lisa, Charles, Terry, Laura, Mark, Jim, Joan, Bob, Grace, Sophia, Tom, Laura, Jack, Mary, Rich, Don, Ron, and Philip.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Dave Berkheimer, Mike's brother.

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.



BEAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP

The Bear Creek Camp community consists of campers from 1st-12th 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 15th.

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, or Tom Bradley at 814-934-2980 or tmbradley1717@gmail.com. Additional details are available on the LAMPa website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>.

Let your voice and faith be heard.

THANK YOU!!

To everyone who contributed to our Neighborhood House Breakfasts!! We completed our third breakfast and you should know that you provided more than 200 meals to our unhoused neighbors this year!! You also provided water, socks and Hot Hands and helped to replenish the depleted supplies in the Neighborhood House pantry.

As the words of Sunday's anthem expressed, "When we see the needy, we see Christ".



CALENDAR

Sun. 3/8	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC/FC)
Mon. 3/9	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	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)
	6:00 pm	Faith and Civic Life (110/112)
	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)
Sun. 3/15	12:00 pm	Youth Candy Making (Kitchen)
Mon. 3/16	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Finance Team (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 3/17	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	Council (116)
Wed. 3/18	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	NS Music (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M's (117/119)
	12:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
	5:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship (WC)
Thurs. 3/19	9:00 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	9:25 am	NS Music (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sat. 3/21	10:00 am	Calling Hour for Nancy McClain (WC)
	11:00 am	Service and Celebration of Life (WC)

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS
ARE DUE TO OFFICE MARCH 8th.**



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

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ **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.**