



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

April 12

Rejoicing Spirits

April 13 & 15

Faith & Civic Life
Bible Study

April 15 & 22

VBS Decorating Sessions

April 18 & May 2

Spring Grounds Clean Up

April 19

New Member Info Session

April 20

Lutheran Day at the Capital

April 26 - 30

Spring Mission Trip

Sunday, April 12, 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

April 5, 2026

	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	217	17
9:45 am	195	N/A
11:00 am	172	19

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Becky Keane		Becky Leiby
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Angie Niland	Sheila Huff Jennifer Wetzel Dianna Olszewski	Jackie Leipert Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Louise Davis	Paige K.	Chris Pirrotta
Children's Message		John & Theo	
Greeters	Carol Walrod	George Family	Cathy Wimmer
Ushers	Don Walrod	George Family	Tom Eichelberger
Production/Technology	Eric Kahler Bill Keane Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

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.

JESUS AND JAMMIES

Sunday, April 12 during our Sunday School time readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and early elementary classes. Wear your favorite pajamas to church!



The Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, April 12th will be a celebration of Easter. Join us at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center and watch the Rejoicers present their annual Easter Pageant. Sing along to music accompanied by the Rejoicing Ringers. A reception in the Fellowship Center will follow the service. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you there!





LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITAL – APRIL 13th

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, or Tom Bradley at 814-934-2980 or tmb Bradley1717@gmail.com. Additional details are available on the LAMPa website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 14 – Movie Group Join us to watch, “*The Blind Side*” starring Sandra Bullock which is a true story. We meet in the All Saints Room at 10:00 am followed by lunch for those who wish to join us.



Wednesday, April 29 – 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.



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

Wednesdays through May 13 at 2 p.m. or
Mondays through 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 table in the narthex.

April 13 at 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?

April 15 at 2 p.m. or April 20 at 7 p.m.

God Calls All People to Robust Civic Participation - Section 2 of the Annotated Guide. How does our baptismal call relate to civic life? How does worship help us better engage with the world around us? What is the difference between politics and partisanship? How can we live together faithfully when we disagree on civic issues? How might our faith community better become a place of "constructive moral discernment"?

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



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



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.



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).

COLLECTION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

We are collecting **new ADULT socks, underwear and bras** for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Due to the items we are collecting, all items must be new with tags or new in packages. The Lehigh Conference of Churches (LCC) is a faith-based, nonprofit agency connecting basic human needs to the most vulnerable people in the Lehigh Valley. LCC runs the Conference Kitchen to receive a free nutritious meal 3 times a day, five days a week for working poor, homeless, individuals on fixed income, and those who have nowhere else to turn. LCC has a Drop-In Center in Allentown and Easton to provide lockers, showers, clothing, access to computers and trained caseworkers. Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe <mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com>.



HOLY SPIRIT NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Let your friends and family know that registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now occurring. **Limited openings remain.** Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) if you are interested in scheduling a tour. Or visit our website at www.lchsemmaus.org to register.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.



***Would you like to help at church,
but don't have a lot of time?***

Preparing the altar for services is the perfect choice! 15 minutes before and after the service you attend is all that is needed.

We will train and support you until you are comfortable. Join alone or with a partner! Contact Carol Osenbach or Nikki in the church office.



I want to thank the congregation and especially the folks involved in the Blooming Faith Ministry for the beautiful Spring arrangement. This is a special ministry that brings joy and remembrance at a time that lets you know you are part of a larger family. I appreciate all of the prayers and well wishes I have received over the past few weeks. Thanks to all. ~ Rich Feulner

Thank you to everyone for the many prayers and concerns over my mother's brief hospice care and passing. Our church truly has "good people." ~ Pearl Bashus, "Mrs. B"



**MOVED?
REMOVED YOUR LANDLINE?
HAVE A NEW EMAIL?**

Please let the church office know so we can stay up to date. Thank you.



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.



May Play Day Open House at Bear Creek Camp

Join us Saturday, May 2 at BCC for an open house day of fun! Event is free.

Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, try out high ropes, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is freely offered to all!

Pre-registration is appreciated for planning.

[Register](#)



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.

We are looking for volunteers to be:

- Group Leaders/assistants (Take a group of children to each of the planned rotations)
- Storytelling participants (read parts from a prepared script)
- Music Assistants

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

IN OUR
Thoughts
AND
Prayers



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, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Terry, Janie, Laura, Bob, Sophia, Mike, Craig, Laura, Reena, Wilma, Ricki, Angela, Jim, Don, and Ron.

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.

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 Legacy of American Music Concert

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 LCHS.

The Ringers Are Coming! The Ringers Are Coming!



If you like handbells, then YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!! On **Tuesday, June 30th**, the Raleigh Ringers will be coming to town!! In a concert co-sponsored by LCHS and First Presbyterian in Allentown, the Raleigh Ringers will present a one-time concert at 7 pm at First Presbyterian Church at Tilghman & Cedar Crest!

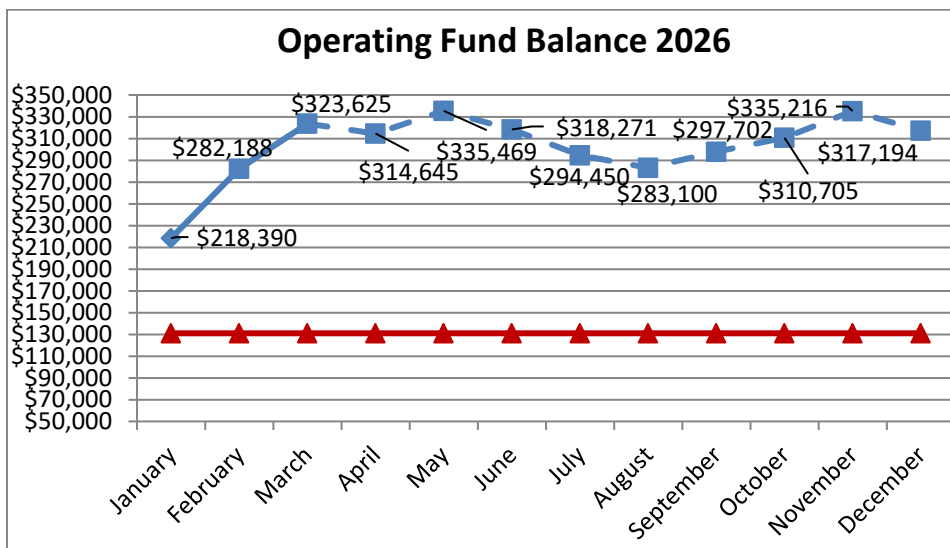
This fabulous, virtuoso, handbell group has several albums and DVDs to their credit and do a fair amount of traveling, but don't get to the Northeast very often, so DON'T MISS THIS!! Look for tickets to go on sale in the next couple of weeks. You will be able to purchase them from any member of the Spirit Ringers, from Reylene, or online. For more info about this wonderful group, go to www.rr.org or listen to them on YouTube!

Financial Results and Discussion – March 2026

Operating Performance: March income was \$124,158, \$39,054 or 45.9% above budget. Operating expenses were \$82,721, \$6,108 or 6.9% below budget. We finished March with a \$41,437 surplus, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$3,725. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **January - December**.

Faith Giving income to date is \$19,669 (member donation and company matching funds).

- **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 decreased \$1,171.50.00 during the month and has a balance of \$5,563.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of March 31, 2026, is \$318,832.47.

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

CALENDAR

Sun. 4/12	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 4/13	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	2:00 pm	Care Meeting (ASR)
	6:00 pm	Finance Team (116)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/14	9:15 am	& 12:40 NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (110/112)
Wed. 4/15	9:15 am	Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	M&M'S Too (117/119)
	10:00 am	Staff Calendar Planning (116)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
Thurs. 4/16	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 4/17	9:15 am	NS Music (WC)
Sat. 4/18	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean Up at Church
Sun. 4/19	9:30 am	New Member Information Session (117/119)
Mon. 4/20	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Fields at Indian Creek Mtg. (WC)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning (SC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/21	9:15 am	& 12:40 NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Council (117/119)
Weds 4/22	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	2:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)



**FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST
ORDERS ARE DUE TO THE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 4th**

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ GERANIUMS \$17.00 EACH PLANT

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

Flowers can be picked up after the last Service.