



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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Reconciling in Christ,
and Rejoicing Spirits,
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Upcoming Events

April 19

New Member Info Session

April 20

Lutheran Day at the Capitol

April 20 & 22

Faith & Civic Life
Bible Study

April 22

VBS Decorating Session

April 26 - 30

Spring Mission Trip

May 2

Spring Grounds Clean Up

May 3

American Music Concert

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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

9:30 am Adult Faith Formation,
Cat Class, HS Connect,
New Member Info. Session

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
April 12, 2026		
8:30 am	113	18
9:45 am	75	N/A
10:45 am	81	11
2:30 pm	69	N/A

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Bob Mueller
Communion Assistants	Linda Devine Sue Mathieu	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed
Readers	Max H.	Maddy H.	Mike Rothe
Children's Message		Courtney Keiser	
Greeters	Ava Killingsworth	John McClain	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach	John McClain	Ken Schlegel
Production/Technology	Hetricks Eric Kahler Volunteer Needed	Eric Kahler Volunteer Needed	Carol Osenbach Ev Reggie John Osenbach

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 19 – Connect to Community

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia with Lee Ann Kriner.

Sunday, April 26 – Connect to Community – Room 117/119

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.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR
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.



**A Farewell Reception
for Pastor Cindy**

In gratitude for all Pastor Cindy
has been for us, we acknowledge

that our time with her is growing short. Join us in the Fellowship Center
on **Sunday, April 26th between 9:20 and 10:35 am** for time to say
goodbye and share refreshments. This will be Pastor Cindy's last Sunday
with us. Her last day in the office will be April 29th. Saying goodbye is
a difficult thing to do, and yet it is important to send a beloved pastor
off with reminders of the ministry we have shared together.



Ever Thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?

Join Us on ZOOM on May 5th at 7:00 PM
to learn more about this Ministry.

LCHS will be training another class of Stephen Ministers this coming fall. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to provide 1-on-1 care, encouragement and emotional/spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness or loneliness. **If you have gifts of caring, encouragement, and listening**, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry!

To learn more about Stephen Ministry at Holy Spirit, please join us on ZOOM for an information session on May 5th at 7:00 PM. If you think you might be interested and are unable to attend the ZOOM session, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Kitti Berkheimer at 610-509-1674, Mike Berkheimer at 610-509-1673, or Lynn Snyder at 484-431-3958. [Stephen Ministry Awareness ZOOM Link](#)



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).



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.

Week 2: 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: April 22 at 2 p.m. or April 27 at 7 p.m.

Assessing the U.S. Constitutional Form of Government

Section 3 of the Annotated Guide

What do Psalm 46 and other scriptures have to say about power?

What is the relationship between power and sin?

What does it mean to exercise power in ways that resonate with God's power?

How do the foundations of the U.S. constitution relate to this understanding of power?

Was the U.S. founded on the “Christian religion”?

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

PRIME TIMER'S



April 29 – Coffee Hour at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Bring a neighbor or friend to join us for coffee, homemade baked goods, trivia and lots of laughs.



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

We will continue cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **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



CONCERT - SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 4:00

This concert will feature musicians of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Bring your family and friends for a musical experience to remember! A free will offering will be taken to benefit the music program at LCHS.



FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Bring your lunch and join with Pastor Shari in conversation from Noon to 1pm on Monday, May 4 in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.



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.

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>.



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 22 – 2:00 pm
Monday, May 11 – 6:00 pm**

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.



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](#)



**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.

Our members and friends: Bill, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Ray, Terry, Laura, Cathy, Bob, Mike, Craig, Laura, Reena, Ricki, Angela, Jim, Don, and Ron.

Vee McClain recently moved from the area to be closer to family and is having some health concerns. If you would like to send her a note of encouragement, please contact the church office for her new address.

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.



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 7:00 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!!

TICKETS

You can purchase tickets from any member of the Spirit Ringers, from Reylene, scan the QR Code, purchase them [online](#) and tickets will be available in the narthex after the 8:30 & 10:45 worship services beginning April 26th. Each ticket costs \$30.00 (\$31.00 if purchased online).



For more info about this wonderful group, go to www.rr.org or listen to them on YouTube!



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 ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Center

Connect to God – Faith Practices: Theology as a Spiritual Discipline

Theological reflection can be a spiritual discipline. At first, this assertion may sound strange because we are accustomed to the accusation that theology is merely an intellectual exercise, a technical procedure, with little input from or into daily life. However, theologians of ages past and present do not distinguish between theology and spirituality. Most have spoken of theology being intimately embedded within their life of prayer, worship, and communal relations. They have been theologizing on an array of life's experiences, being preeminent among those matters of faith and service. United Lutheran Seminary Professor Nelson Rivera will lead us in this practice.

Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center

Connect to Faith – 2nd Sunday Seminary:

Moravian University, School of Theology, Lee Barrett, Professor of Systematic Theology will be here.

Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center

Connect with One Another – New Member Welcome Breakfast

During Fellowship today, we welcome our new members to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. May we take these important moments to introduce ourselves and get to know one another as we join our mission to travel together, loving and serving God in our world.

Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center

Connect to the Generations – Pentecost Intergenerational Event

We will learn together through hands-on activities about this important time for the church. The Holy Spirit is at work around and among us. Please set aside time not only to learn, but to be in conversation with all members. At 9:30, we will begin with some instructions on what will be taking place and how you might help guide this session. We will all worship together at 9:45 during Family Worship, then return to the Fellowship Center for guided small-group conversation and activities.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center

Connect to Community – PA Warrior Project

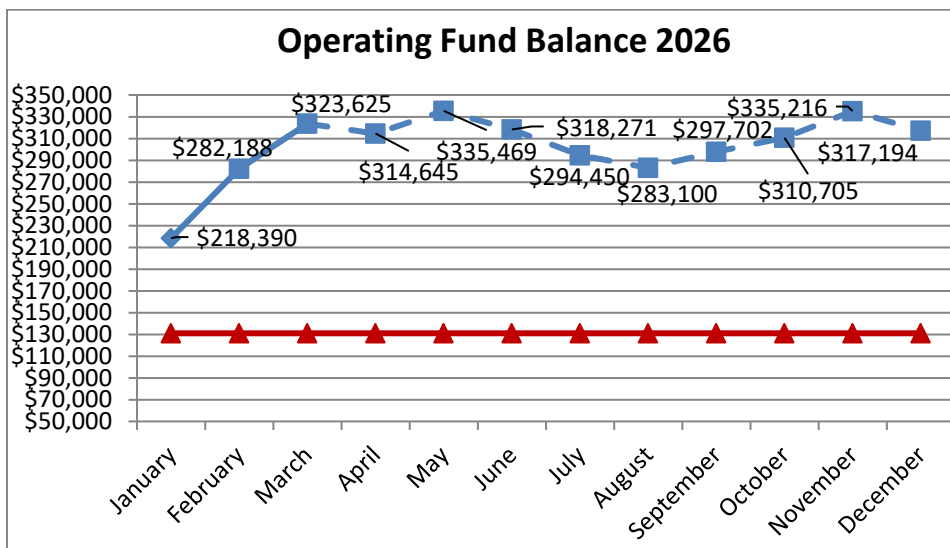
Join us as we hear about the mission of the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, which is to help restore our veterans to good physical, mental, and emotional health. Pennsylvania veterans have served in every conflict. Many are recovering at military hospitals, Veterans' Administration medical facilities, or with their families at home, and need support.

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!

NEW FITNESS CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT HOLY SPIRIT

We are excited to welcome Stacy, Jessica, and Sue to Holy Spirit.

They are just as excited to share their fitness classes with us.

Classes will be held weekly* and are free and open to all members of Holy Spirit. Classes will be held in the Speary Café – lower level.



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Fitness & Friends

The Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit (lower level)
3461 Cedar Crest Blvd
Emmas



Cardio Pound with Sue

First Class June 3rd

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
Bring Yoga Mat



ZUMBA[®] with Jessica

First Class May 3rd

Sundays
1:00 p.m.



TOTAL BODY TONING with Stacy

First Class April 20th

Mondays
6:00 p.m.
Bring Yoga Mat & Weights
1-4 lbs Beginner
5-8 lbs Intermediate
10+ lbs Advanced

*TAKE NOTE OF THE START DATES

APRIL 20 – TOTAL BODY TONING

MAY 3 – ZUMBA

JUNE 3 – CARDIO POUND

CALENDAR

Mon. 4/20	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	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)
	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)
Thurs. 4/23	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 4/24	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
	5:30 pm	Praise Band (WC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Lock-In (SC)
Sat. 4/25	8:00 am	Synod Learning Ministries Day (FC & WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Lower Parking Lot)
Sun. 4/26	12:00 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Meeting (117/119)
Mon. 4/27	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 4/28	9:15 am & 12:40 pm	NS Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Weds. 4/29	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 4/30	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 5/1	9:00 am	NS (Kitchen)
Sat. 5/2	9:00 am	Spring Grounds Clean-up
Sun. 5/3	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	4:00 pm	Legacy of American Music Concert (WC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Hang-Out (FC)