



HOLY HAPPENINGS



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

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Upcoming Events

April 6

Lunch Bunch with
Pastor Shari
Church Office Closed

April 8 & 13

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

Sunday, April 5, 2026

***8:30 am Resurrection Celebration**

9:45 am Family Easter Celebration

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

***11:00 am Resurrection Celebration**

**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

March 29, 2026

| | In Person | Zoom |
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| 8:30 am | 158 | 16 |
| 9:45 am | 102 | N/A |
| 10:45 am | 138 | 11 |

| WORSHIP HELPERS | 8:30 AM | 9:45 AM | 11:00 AM |
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| Assisting Ministers | Lorie Stout Sherman | | Deb Smith |
| Communion Assistants | Carol Walrod Don Walrod | Melanie Werley Jennifer Wetzel Volunteer Needed | Volunteers Needed |
| Readers | Eric Kahler | Jimmy G. | Ray Starego |
| Children's Message | | Pastor Cindy | |
| Greeters | Becky Keane | Courtney Keiser | Marian Harrison |
| Ushers | Rob Smith Sue Smith | Courtney Keiser | Brenda Truhe |
| Production/ Technology | Bill Keane Jimmy Lee Werley Volunteer Needed | Bill Keane Jimmy Lee Werley | Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Volunteer Needed |

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 5th – 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.



We gather for worship:

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!



PRAYER CROSSES

by Knit and Crochet in Faith will be available in the narthex to one and all on Easter Sunday, April 5. A Blessed Easter to Everyone



**Lunch
with
Pastor
Shari**

**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, April 6th in Room 117/119. Prayer will conclude our time together.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  Spirits

The Easter service for Rejoicing Spirits in on Sunday, April 12th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Highlights of the service include an Easter Pageant and music by the Rejoicing Ringers. Please join us and bring your family and friends.

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.

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](#).



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.



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 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
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.

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, or Tom Bradley at 814-934-2980 or tbradley1717@gmail.com. Additional details are available on the LAMPa website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>.



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).



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.



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.



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:

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**

PRAYERS CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2, 2026

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, Angela, Jim, Don, and Ron.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Elsie Anderson, Pearl Bashus' mother and for the family and friends of Bud Miles, Deb Walsh's uncle.

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.

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!

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>.



I want to thank the "Blooming Faith Team" for creating and giving me the beautiful floral arrangement. I appreciate all of the prayers and support of our faith community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Also, I want to thank our church family for the

many prayers of support and visits to Tom during his long hospitalization. ~ Louise Davis

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Thank you all who played a part in making our 25/26 food basket program a success!! Last week we gave out 135 baskets to families in East Penn. Thank you to:

- All the groups that collect for us - school clubs and sports teams, community groups, churches, neighborhood groups and workplaces
- All the individual donors that step up to fill the holes in what we need
- All the school staff who work so graciously with us to serve these families
- Holy Spirit for their partnership and generously letting us use their space for most of a week each time.
- All the volunteers who work basket week and make a logistical challenge run smoothly
- All the new volunteers who bring fresh energy and remind us why we do this!



We are just all very grateful for the support we get from our community. ~ EHS Angel Network

CALENDAR

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| 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 |
| | Noon | Lunch Bunch w/Pr Shari (117/119) |
| | 6:00 pm | Bell Concert Committee (117/119) |
| 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) |
| Mon. 4/13 | 9:30 am | Stitch-n-Chat (113) |
| | 10:00 am | Counters (116) |
| | 11:00 am | Pastor's Meeting (Office) |
| | 6:00 pm | Finance Team (116) |
| | 6:00 pm | Global Missions (110/112) |
| | 6:00 pm | Total Body Toning Class (SC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112) |
| | 9:15 am | NS Chapel (WC) |
| Tues. 4/14 | 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) |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship & Music Committee (117/119) |
| | 9:15 am | Chapel (WC) |
| | 9:30 am | M&M'S Too (117/119) |
| Wed. 4/15 | 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 Bible Study (110/112) |