



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

May 17

New Member Welcome
Rejoicing Spirits

May 18

Faith & Civic Life Bible Study

May 25

Church Office Closed

May 31

Last Day for Faith
Formation
Youth Sunday
Graduate Recognition

June 1st or 4th

VBS Volunteer Meetings

June 14 & 21

Summer Breakfasts

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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

**9:30 am Adult Faith Formation (New Member Welcome Breakfast),
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

May 10, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	146	12
9:45 am	106	N/A
10:45 am	95	10

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Jimmy Lee Werley		Marian Snyder
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Sue Mathieu	Sheila Huff Volunteers Needed	Jackie Leipert Vi Ballard
Readers	John Metka	Kira K.	Nina McNally
Children's Message		Jimmy Lee Werley	
Greeters	Nancy Yablonski	Courtney Keiser	Linda Letts
Ushers	Michael Yablonski	Courtney Keiser	John Letts
Production/Technology	Bill Keane Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt	Bill Keane Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

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.



“A Mother’s Love is a Reflection of God’s Love”

is the special message of the Rejoicing Spirits service on Sunday, May 17th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Join us for our recognition of Mother’s Day. A reception follows the service. ALL are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.



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

How does our faith inform, intersect and interact with our role as citizens of this nation? Join us as we conclude 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 6: May 18, 7:00 p.m.

Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life –

Section 6 of the Annotated Guide

How might we counter hyper-partisan polarization?

How does the Eighth Commandment relate to this?

How can we avoid contributing to hyperpartisanship in society and our congregation?

How might we deepen our commitment to robust civic engagement?

PRIME TIMERS' MAY EVENTS

Tuesday, May 19 – MOVIE – We will be watching, “Eleanor the Great” at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room and will enjoy going to lunch afterwards.

Wednesday, May 27 – COFFEE HOUR at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Join us for fun, try trivia, hear about coming summer activities, enjoy some baked goods, fruit, coffee and fellowship. We have a wonderful time! See the bulletin board in the Fellowship Center Lobby for more activities we do as a group and join in. We would love to have you join us.



Mark your calendars for Rejoicing Spirits 18th year anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 7th at the 10:45 am worship service. (note time change) **This service will NOT be live streamed.**

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. Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. Thank you for all the donations thus far. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe at 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](mailto:Karin.Kahler@lchsemmaus.org) if you are interested in scheduling a tour. Or visit our website at www.lchsemmaus.org to register.



Summer is coming and so are Summer Breakfasts!

We are looking for sponsors to sign up to host a summer breakfast. Breakfasts will be held on:

June 14 & 21, July 12 & 19, Aug 2, 9 & 16

Hosting means your group will prepare food, serve and cleanup. Upon signup, you will receive an information sheet to help you prepare. Please [sign up here](#) to sponsor a breakfast.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.com.



Our Lost and Found Basket in the Worship Center closet is getting pretty full. If you are missing a water tumbler, clothing, keys, reading glasses, etc. please look in the basket. We also have assorted jewelry in the church office.



BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY

We continue to be blessed by an outpouring of goodwill, both from those involved in this ministry, and those receiving the flowers. Thank you for your part in helping us spread the healing power of flowers. Some ways you can support our ministry, deliver small bouquets to members; donate flowers from your garden; help make the bouquets the Friday before we deliver.

Upcoming delivery dates are May 30, June 27, July 25 and August 22.

Please sign up to help by [clicking here](#).



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.

Mark your calendars for VBS Volunteer Meetings:
June 1 at 6:30 pm OR June 4 at 7:00 pm.

VBS SNACK DONATIONS We are collecting donations of individually wrapped items for use at VBS. Please use this [link](#) to sign up. We are also collecting snack donations for our volunteers (fruit, homemade goodies, cookies, granola bars, etc.). Items should be dropped off at the church office by Wednesday, June 10.





CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!

Please notify Amber O'Brien (<mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org>) if you are graduating from high school or college this spring so we can inform the congregation of your accomplishments! Please include your name, school graduating from and date, any activities, your picture, and your future plans. The submission deadline is May 24th! Also, you are invited to join us on Sunday, May 31st to be recognized for your accomplishments! Help us celebrate you!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (Grade 6 and above)

in the Nursery! We could use one or two helpers during the 8:30 service to support the nursery. If you're interested in helping, [click this link](#) to sign up! You'll be contacted with a date to volunteer afterwards.

LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!



Our Annual Youth **Bible at the Beach** Trip is coming up and you don't want to miss it! From June 26th-29th, students in grades 6th-12th as well as college age mentors and parents are welcome to join us in Ocean City New Jersey for a time of fun, fellowship, and faith formation at the beach! Please click [this link to access the permission slip](#). Make a copy of the document to write on it and share it to obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org. Click on "[Kull Youth Center](#)" to see more about the space where we'll stay! We hope you'll join us!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2027

Interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis? Want more information? Mark your calendar for an info session on June 14th to learn more! Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend!



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!! You can purchase tickets from any member of the Spirit Ringers, from Reylene, scan the QR Code, or [online](#).



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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

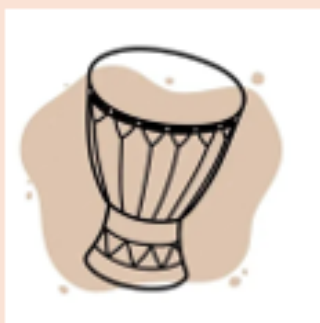
Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#)

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.

Want to help with worship services once a quarter? Consider being an **Usher or Greeter** for one of our services. As a volunteer you only need to arrive 20 minutes before the service you prefer to attend. Prior to the quarterly schedule being prepared, you would receive an email asking for dates you are unavailable. Both volunteer opportunities are easy and training is available. Our July-August-September schedule will be prepared in mid-June. Thank you to all the current Ushers & Greeters! Any questions please contact [Brenda Truhe](#).

Holy Spirit Drum Circle



Are you looking for a way to de-stress, connect with others, and tap into your creative side? We'd love for you to join our upcoming **Drum Circle**.

Why Join Us? It's more than just noise - it's about finding a collective heartbeat. Drumming is a fantastic way to boost your mood, reduce anxiety, and meet some truly wonderful people.

JOIN US ON THESE DATES:

MONDAYS AT 1:00 pm
June 15 & 29 / July 13 & 27 / August 10 & 24

For more information, contact
Melanie Werley / kupamom@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE – Monday, June 15, 2026

Jodi Swanson, collaborator with and wife of Dr. Steve Swanson, will be visiting Holy Spirit on Monday, June 15th. She will be bringing us some exciting updates about the pediatrics work she and Steve are doing. Among the highlights will be discussion of the Arusha Pediatric and Maternal Care Center that will soon be opening. That means an expansion of the pre- and post-natal care that can be provided to needy families in northern Tanzania.



Photos from Institute for Child Healthcare Africa

Dr. Swanson and his team have worked for many years to develop and successfully use low-cost, low-tech care to treat premature babies and other vulnerable children. Their techniques are now a model for use across Africa. The Swansons are also working to ensure a sustainable future for pediatrics in Tanzania, using native-born doctors and nurses.

See you on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM in room 117/119. A light dessert will be available for your snacking pleasure as you interact with this engaging and successful woman.

PRAISE GOD IN COMMUNITY

JULY 26 * 9:30A.M.

Join your siblings in Christ at Community Park in Emmaus at the Art's Pavilion for an Emmaus-wide ecumenical worship service featuring the Emmaus Moravian Brass, special readings, and community singing to celebrate God's presence with us in community!
All are welcome!



WORSHIP OFFERING ON JULY 26TH:

One worship at 8:30 will be offered. All are welcome to join the **Emmaus Community Worship at 9:30 in the Community Park.**

America 250 Emmaus Community Worship will take place at Community Park on Sunday, July 26, at 9:30 am. All are truly

welcome. This spirit-filled celebration of God's goodness and community has been designed to focus on ways to support and uphold one another, grounded in God's care for all creation. The Emmaus Moravian Brass, along with community singing, will frame our scripture readings and communal prayers.

DON'T MISS OUT

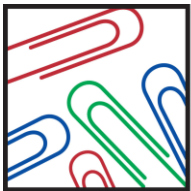
GET YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!!

for the Saturday, August 1st game starting at 6:35 pm. Gates open at 5:15 pm. Tickets are \$11/person and include \$2 to spend at concessions. Only 70 tickets are available.

[Sign up using the google form link:](#) or by contacting the church office.



Payment is due by **Sunday, June 21st** and can be made via cash, check (payable to LCHS), or online. Please be to **mark Iron Pigs** on the payment.



**NEW
Office
Hours**

**Monday – Thursday
8:00am – 4:00pm**

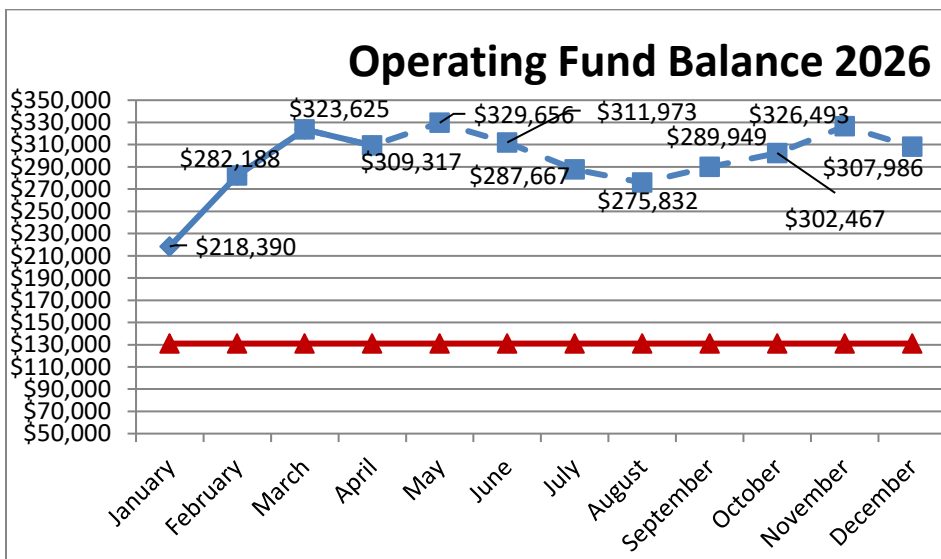
**Friday
8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Financial Results and Discussion – April 2026

Operating Performance: April income was \$60,466, \$10,495 or 14.8% below budget. Operating expenses were \$74,774, \$4,867 or 6.1% below budget. We finished April with a \$14,308 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$8,679. 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 \$5,865.50 during the month and has a balance of \$11,428.94.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of April 30, 2026, is \$317,637.12.



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, Bantok Family, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Ric , Robert, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Marian, Terry, Janie, Laura, Vee, Cathy, Betty, Laura, Reena, Deb, Deb, Ricki, Jim, Lisa, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Ron Wetherhold, Carol's husband and for the family and friends of Charles Brophy, Louise Arnold's brother.

On Sunday, we welcome new members Barry, Dorothy, Daniel, Paige, Hadley, Alan and Kyle.

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.

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.



The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Please remember to ***check the best by dates*** before dropping off any contributions. Thank you!

Most Needed Foods:

- Canned fruits, packed in natural juices preferred
- Individual fruit cups
- Shelf-stable individual microwavable meals such as Dinty Moore Stew or Mac 'n Cheese cups, or Hormel Completes
- Packages of precooked rice, grains, or pasta
- Ready-to-drink breakfast protein drinks
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable oil
- Low-sugar cereal such as cheerios, bran flakes, etc.
- Oatmeal
- Condiments such as salad dressing, ketchup, mustard
- Hearty soups
- Mac 'n cheese cups
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Diapers Size 5, 6, 7
- Feminine care products

Foods NOT Accepted:

- Home cooked, processed, or baked foods
- Foods in open containers
- Foods with best buy date less than 6 months

Please place your contributions in the benches located in the Fellowship Center Lobby. The benches are marked.

Thank you for your continued support.

We are excited to welcome Bryn, Jessica and Stacy to Holy Spirit. Classes are free, no sign-up is required and Holy Spirit members are welcome to attend.



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Fitness & Friends

Many thanks to our host!
The Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit (lower level)
3461 Cedar Crest Blvd
Emmaus



**Vinyasa
Yoga**
with **Bryn**

First Class
May 20th

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
Bring Yoga Mat



ZUMBA
with **Jessica**

Sundays
1:00 p.m.



**TOTAL
BODY
TONING**
with **Stacy**

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



Thank you for your generous and faithful support of Reconciling Works. Your generosity makes it possible to deepen and broaden the church's welcome to all of God's children. Thank you for journeying with us as we equip faith communities nurturing, belonging and work to remove the barriers to God's love.

~ Mack, Reconciling Works Board Member

Thank you for your incredibly generous donation to support The Kindness Project from your Souper Bowl Youth Group fundraiser. Your gift helps provide clothing and essentials as well as hope, comfort and stability during a difficult time. Most importantly, it reminds them that their community sees and values them. Thank you so much for your support as we continue to create a safe place full of dignity and compassion. Keep Shining! ~ Jenae and The Kindness Project Team

CALENDAR

Sun. 5/17	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 5/18	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	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)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (ASR)
Tues. 5/19	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
Election Day	9:30 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 5/20	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	11:00 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Team (116)
	6:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Meeting (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 5/21	10:00 am	NS Moving On Ceremony (WC)
Fri. 5/22	9:00 am	Decorating Team
Sat. 5/23	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
Sun. 5/24	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 5/25	Church Office Closed – Memorial Day	
Tues. 5/26	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee (116)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
Weds. 5/27	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
Thurs. 5/28	9:00 am	Decorating
Fri. 5/29	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sat. 5/30	Graduate Recognition, Youth Sunday, last Faith Formation	
Sun. 5/31	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)