



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

May 25

Church Office Closed

May 31

Last Faith Formation
Teacher Recognition
Youth Sunday
Graduate Recognition

June 1st or 4th

VBS Volunteer Meetings

June 4 - 6

NE PA Synod Assembly

June 7

Rejoicing Spirits

June 14 & 21

Summer Breakfasts

June 15 - 19

Vacation Bible School

June 15 & 29

Drum Circle

Sunday, May 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY - WEAR RED

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

**9:30 am Intergenerational Event,
Cat Class, HS Connect**

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

May 17, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	119	14
9:45 am	65	N/A
10:45 am	78	10
2:30 pm	24	N/A

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Liz Moessner
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff Melanie Werley	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Melanie Werley	Sawyer M.	Renee Wetherhold
Children's Message		Leesa Wimmer	
Greeters	John Holland	Slaby Family	Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Nancy Shoemaker	Slaby Family	Tom Eichelberger
Production/Technology	Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt	Eric Kahler	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach

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 Room 117/119

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.

Thanksgiving for Shared Ministry with Deacon Mel

In gratitude for sharing ministry among us for almost 5 years as Director of Liturgy, on Sunday, May 31st, there will be a time during Worship to recognize Deacon Mel's ministry among us. A Reception from 9:20 to 10:35 am in the Fellowship Hall will provide an opportunity for individuals to share words of thanks for the many gifts she has shared with our worshiping community. We are grateful that Deacon Mel will be remaining a member of Holy Spirit.



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!

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.

PRIME TIMERS - 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.



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](#).



**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, June 1st in the Fellowship Center.

Prayer will conclude our time together.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

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.**



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 sign up, you will receive an information sheet to help you prepare. Please [sign up here](#) to sponsor a breakfast. For more information please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.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.



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.





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



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.



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!

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!



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.



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!

MEMORIAL GARDEN QUESTION #3. Do you know the correct answer?

When was the LCHS Memorial Garden created?

- A. Around 1965
- B. 1980
- C. Before 2002
- D. 2015
- E. Holy Spirit has a Memorial Garden?

Check page 14 of Holy Happenings for the correct answer.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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

Volunteer to be on the **Production/Technology Team** - talk with Bob Stevens or Chris Pirrotta to find out what is involved. Or you can sign up by [clicking here](#).

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](#).



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, Nikki in the church office or use this [link](#).

Volunteers can 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.

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

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

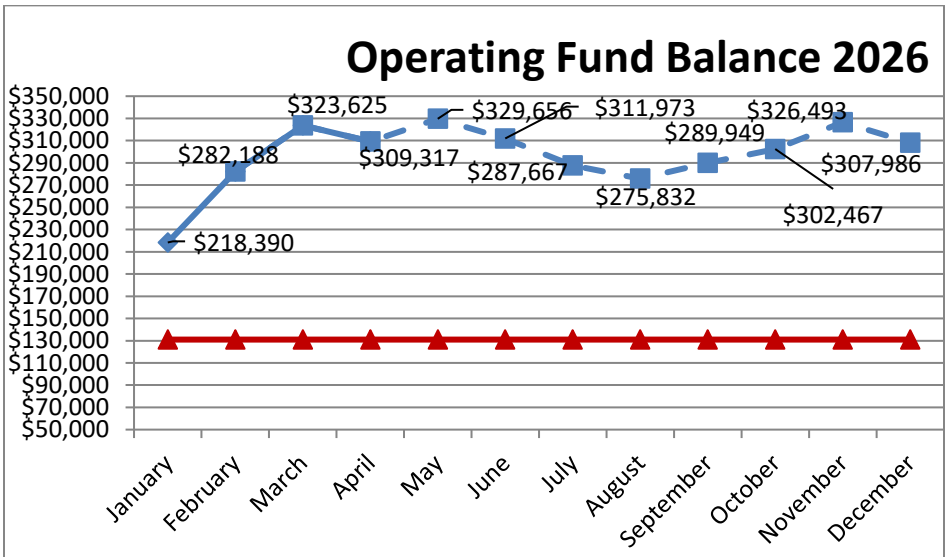
welcome. This spirit-filled celebration of God's goodness and community has been designed to focus on ways to support and uphold one another, grounded in God's care for all creation. The Emmaus Moravian Brass, along with community singing, will frame our scripture readings and communal prayers.

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.



PRAYERS CURRENT AS OF MAY 20, 2026

Please remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers.

Our homebound members:

Gayle, Joan, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

Pray for God's healing for our members and friends:

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

In times of joy and celebration for Lee Minnich's 90th birthday.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of John Guignet, Sr., and for the family and friends of Dale Wetherhold, Scott's father.

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.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 31, 2026 is our last Sunday for Sunday School, CAT Class, High School Connect, and the Gospel/Sermon replay until the Fall. Our worship service times will remain the same throughout the summer. You can watch the Sermon and Gospel replay [online](#) on our website.

Holy Spirit members are welcome to attend.
Classes are free, no sign-up is required

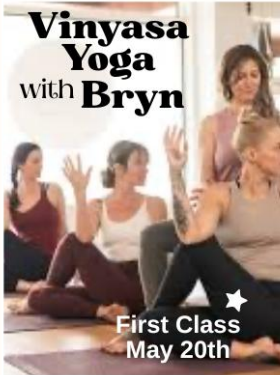


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Many thanks to our host!
The Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit (lower level)
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**Vinyasa
Yoga**
with **Bryn**

★
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



BEAR CREEK CAMP



SUMMER CAMPS

OVERNIGHT CAMP

SESSION 1: JUNE 21 - 26
SESSION 2: JUNE 28 - JULY 3
SESSION 3: JULY 5 - 10 (Family Camp)
SESSION 4: JULY 12 - 17
SESSION 5: JULY 19 - 24
SESSION 6: JULY 26 - 31
SESSION 7: AUGUST 2 - 7
SESSION 8: AUGUST 9 - 14

TRY CAMP: SESSIONS 2, 4, & 8
FAMILY CAMP & ARTIST'S RETREAT: SESSION 3

NATURE DAY CAMP

HABITAT EXPLORERS: JUNE 21 - 26
FISHING FRENZY*: JUNE 28 - JULY 3
AQUATIC ADVENTURE*: JULY 12 - 17
ADVENTURE WEEK: JULY 19 - 24
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: JULY 26 - 31
NUTS ABOUT NATURE: AUGUST 2 - 7
END OF SUM. BLAST*: AUGUST 9 - 14

*NATURE NIGHT CAMP

You can find more information about Bear Creek Camp by [clicking here](#).

Answer to this week's LCHS Memorial Garden Question:

C - The LCHS Memorial Garden was established around the year 2002 when Reverend Dr. Alton Roberts was the pastor.

Be watching for question #4 next week!



Pentecost Flowers are given in honor of

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Staff,
by Pastor Shari Duminy

Pentecost Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Bob and Deb Stevens

Pentecost Flowers are given in memory of

Walter and Hilda Danicke, Bernard and Kathleen Epperly,
Don Crawford, Richard Danicke, Sue McLaren and
Hank Cassler, by Mike and Carolyn Epperly

Daughter, Jeanne Louise, by Marian Harrison
Mother, Phelma Hinderliter, by Glenn and Terri Hinderliter
Our parents, by Alice Mudge and Glynnis Rea
Michael Rosazza, by Candice and Gary Rosazza and
Matthew Rosazza

Steven B. Satrom, by Lee, Karin and Jon Satrom
Rev. Francis B. Meyers, by Arlene Schell
Our mothers, Sylvia and Kathy, by the Tobey Family
Ronald W. Jackson, Sr., by Joie Jackson Wenner,
Ronald W. Jackson, Jr., Dr. And Mrs. Charles D. Peters,
Madison, Charlie

CALENDAR

Sun. 5/24	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 5/25	Church Office	Closed – Memorial Day
Tues. 5/26	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee (116)
Weds. 5/27	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 5/28	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
	9:30 am	Calling Hour for John Guignet, Sr. (WC)
	10:30 am	John Guignet, Sr. Service (WC)
Fri. 5/29	9:00 am	Decorating
	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 5/30	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	10:00 am	Rehearsal for Youth Sunday (WC)
Sun. 5/31	Graduate Recognition, Youth Sunday, last Faith Formation	(Gospel/Sermon Replay will still be on-line)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 6/1	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Pastor Shari (FC)
	5:30 pm	Raleigh Ringers Mtg. (Music Room)
	6:00 pm	Fields at Indian Creek (WC)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	7:00 pm	8:30 Worship Group (116)
Tues. 6/2	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	HIHR Council Mtg. (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 6/3	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 6/4	9:00 am	NS Summer Fun (Lower Level)
	6:30 pm	Staff Support (116)
	7:00 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (FC)
Sun. 6/7	10:45 am	Rejoicing Spirits Service (will NOT be livestreamed)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)