



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

May 2

Spring Grounds Clean-up

May 3

American Music Concert

May 4

Lunch Bunch with
Pastor Shari

May 4 & 6

Faith & Civic Life
Bible Study

May 11

VBS Decorating Session

May 15

ASD "Serve Day"

May 17

New Member Welcome
Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, May 3, 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**

4:00 pm American Music Concert

**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 26, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	107	13
9:45 am	179	N/A
10:45 am	98	12

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Sue Reiss		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Linda Devine	Sheila Huff Volunteers Needed	Jackie Leipert Sheila Huff
Readers	MacKenzie L.	Carly K.	Heather Coe Jan Coe
Children's Message		Video	
Greeters	Christine Bolen	Christine Bolen	Carol Goodley
Ushers	Bob Bolen	Bob Bolen	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Al Bauernschmidt Bill Keane Volunteer Needed	Bill Keane Volunteer Needed	Carol Osenbach John Osenbach Volunteer Needed

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 am to Noon (May 9 – Raindate)

Bring your rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and work gloves and join us to mulch, weed, rake leaves around the church property.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

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.



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. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the concert.



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, May 4 in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?

**Join us for Allentown School District's
first annual 'SERVE DAY' on May 15th!**

Serve Day is a collaborative event for volunteers from ASD's Interfaith Council and the Family Advisory Council to come together and lend a hand to help with various beautification projects throughout all of Allentown School District buildings and properties.

Our Sunday School recently participated in a collection of 250 snack bags for Ruby Bridges Early Education Development Center. LCHS now has an opportunity to help Ruby Bridges with their beautification projects on ASD Serve Day.

Volunteers will help with painting, organizing the teacher planning space, and creating a space for students and teachers for indoor recess. There are several other schools that have outdoor volunteer projects such as gardening and cleanup. There is something for everyone! The day begins with a volunteer breakfast at 8:30 where you will have the opportunity to connect and build relationships with leaders from different faith traditions as well as families in the ASD. This is a wonderful day of connection and service!

You may sign up by clicking [HERE](#), scan the QR Code, or contact Pr. Tami with any questions.



PRIME TIMERS MAY EVENTS

Tuesday, May 19 – MOVIE – “Eleanor the Great” at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room. We will have 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, 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.

POP QUIZ! *Here’s an opportunity to check your knowledge about an important ministry at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Be watching for additional weekly quiz questions in Holy Happenings during the month of May. Can you figure out the answer before you reach the end of each week’s Holy Happenings?*

Which important LCHS ministry do you know the *least* about?

- A. Trunk or treat
- B. Vacation Bible School
- C. The LCHS Memorial Garden
- D. Rejoicing Spirits
- E. Emmaus High School Angel Network
- F. God’s Work Our Hands
- G. Tanzania Witness Mission

Check page 9 of today’s Holy Happenings for the correct answer.

COLLECTION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

Adult undergarments drive for Lehigh 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.



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.

LAST VBS DECORATING SESSION – Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm:

Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we finish the decorations that will be used for Vacation Bible School. It's a wonderful fellowship opportunity. No artistic skills are required. 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.

Mark your calendars for VBS Volunteer Meetings:

June 1 at 6:30 pm OR June 4 at 7:00 pm.

Look for more information coming soon.

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 for this timely study of the foundations and content of our ELCA's latest social statement.

Week 4: May 4, 7 p.m.

Religion and the First Amendment Section 4 of the annotated Guide

What does 1 Corinthians 10:23-32 have to say about Christian freedom? What are the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment? What does the “separation of church and state” mean? What is the value of protecting religious diversity? What is the difference between Christian freedom and religious liberty?

Week 5: May 6, 2 p.m. or May 11, 7 p.m.

Constructive Relationships Between Religious Organizations and Political Authority Section 5 Annotated Guide

How might the testing of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11) speak to this issue? How might the church work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor? What are the boundaries to such interaction? What is the Johnson Amendment? What is the difference between healthy patriotism and Christian Nationalism?

Week 6: Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life



Mark your calendars and join us for our upcoming Rejoicing Spirits services:

May 17th – Recognition of Mother's Day

June 7th – 18th year anniversary service at 10:45 am (note time change)

July 12th – Celebration of July 4th

August 9th – Faith and God's Love is the message

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@holyspirit-emmaus.org) if you are interested in scheduling a tour. Or visit our website at www.lchsemmaus.org to register.



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!



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!



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!

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.



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!

CORRECT ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S LCHS QUIZ QUESTION:

Obviously, there is no correct answer to this first question. But unless you've been a long-time LCHS member or you've attended a service in our Memorial Garden, you probably didn't realize our church even had an important ministry like this. Be watching for the second question in next week's Holy Happenings. And if you've never seen our Memorial Garden, see if you can find it by next Friday! It faces Cedar Crest Boulevard outside the LCHS office suite.

MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI



Josh Gregory and Dean Black will be traveling to Malawi from May 13 through May 26 on a medical mission trip organized and sponsored by **Village in Partnership**, a nonprofit based in Allentown, New Jersey, dedicated to fighting extreme poverty in rural Malawi.

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeastern Africa and is among the poorest nations in the world. The rural area we will be serving has very limited access to medical care.

During this trip, Josh and Dean will be helping treat conditions such as malaria, pneumonia and lung infections, scabies, sexually transmitted diseases, parasitic and worm infections, as well as dental extractions and care along with providing treatment for other urgent medical needs as they arise.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare, travel, and serve. Pray for safe travels, effective treatment for patients, and that God would use this mission to bring hope and healing to many.



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](#).



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.



YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING PEACE

SUMMER DAY CAMP, sponsored by the LEPOCO Peace Center, will be held at First Presbyterian Church (Allentown) July 27-31, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Peace Camp is five mornings of fun activities focusing on peace and social justice – we sing and dance, do arts and crafts, play cooperative games, and work to build a peaceful community. We welcome campers who have finished Kindergarten through 7th grade. Older students and adults may serve as volunteers. Pre-registration is required. To register [please click here](#) or contact LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 or email: YoungPeopleMakingPeace@gmail.com



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. This time they signify a successful end to a long journey! The flowers throughout this year were a reminder that I had the love and support of all of you. They brought a smile to my face. ~ Nancy Shoemaker

I want to thank the Bloomin' Faith Team for creating the beautiful floral arrangement for me. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~ Barbara MacLachlan

Thank you for the beautiful flowers given me during my grief of my husband going to heaven to peace. God's enduring love is taking care of Jim for all eternity. Praise the Lord.

~ Love and Peace, Susann Madara

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



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, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Ric, Robert, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Terry, Janie, Laura, Vee, Cathy, Bob, Betty, Laura, Reena, Deb, Deb, Ricki, Angela, Jim, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Ray K., friend of Reylene Starego and the family and friends of Beth Kuntzleman.

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.

DON'T BE FOOLED - Ways scammers try to get your money

Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know, or by pretending to be a friend/relative/congregation member in need. They say there is a problem, need help, are hurt and need money or offer a prize. They pressure you to act quickly. Be aware of odd ways of paying, for example, gift cards or cryptocurrency. Scammers can be very persuasive and may use aggressive tactics to convince you that their call, text, email is legitimate. If you receive a suspicious call/text/or email, remember to stay calm. Do not engage with the caller/emailer or return a phone call or suspicious text. **Verify with the person claiming to be in need of help first.** Above all, do not provide any personal or banking information and do not go out to a store to purchase gift cards. Remember our pastors and staff would never email or text you asking for gift cards or money.



How scammers contact you

- Unsolicited calls, texts, or emails
- Social media
- Dating and messaging apps
- Networking sites



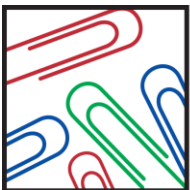
The red flags

- Urgency to act immediately
- Pressure to use crypto ATMs or apps
- Demands for secrecy



What to do

- Pause before investing or moving money
- Research the company or person
- Never pay for money recovery services



**NEW
Office
Hours**

**Effective May 1, 2026,
the church office hours will be:**

**Monday – Thursday
8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

CALENDAR

Sun. 5/3	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	4:00 pm	Legacy of American Music Concert (WC)
	4:00 pm	Lehigh Mission District Assembly
Mon. 5/4	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch w/Pr Shari (FC)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 5/5	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Training (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Team (117/119)
Weds. 5/6	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	11:00 am	NS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (116)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/7	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	Plesion Mtg. (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Staff Support (116)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sat. 5/9	9:00 am	Spirit of Praise (WC)
Sun. 5/10	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Hang-Out (SC)
Mon. 5/11	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 5/12	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Weds. 5/13	11:00 am	NS Moving On Practice (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)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (FC/117/119)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/14	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	NS Open House (lower level)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)

Hello from York, PA. Our Holy Spirit team was again working with Servants, Inc. to provide home repair work to families in need. They worked on installing new subfloors in two homes and a new entrance door on another home.

