



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

May 31

Last Day 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

Drum Circle
Discussion with
Jodi Swanson

Sunday, May 31, 2026

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

9:30 am

Adult Faith Formation (Room 117),

Reception for Deacon Mel

(Fellowship Center),

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 24, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	99	15
9:45 am	82	N/A
10:45 am	82	15

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Leesa Wimmer		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Youth	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff Dianna Olszewski	Sheila Huff Dianna Olszewski
Readers	Youth	Charles M.	Youth
Children's Message		Kristen Newill	
Greeters	Fran Derhammer	Sarah Smith	Linda Letts Carol Goodley
Ushers	Bill Derhammer	Sarah Smith	Brenda Truhe
Production/ Technology	Youth	Bill Keane Volunteer Needed	Ev Reggie Volunteer Needed

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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 Center 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.



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.

COLLECTION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

Through Sunday, we are still 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.



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 1 pm on Monday, June 1st in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.



COMING SOON

REJOICING SPIRITS 18TH ANNIVERSARY !!!

Join us on Sunday, June 7th at 10:45 am in the Worship Center to celebrate Rejoicing Spirits' 18th anniversary. The Rejoicing Spirits family is excited to worship with you! Rejoicers and the Rejoicing Ringers handbell choir will participate in the service. As usual, communion will be included. We look forward to seeing you on June 7th – your support is very important to us! (Note the time change for Rejoicing Spirits.)

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 signup, 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.

LCHS MEMORIAL GARDEN QUESTION #4

While our Memorial Garden is one of the few of its kind in the Lehigh Valley, what are some reasons why improvements are needed? Take a guess at the correct answer:

- A. The garden is cold and barren outside the growing season.
- B. During an interment, there is little accessible space for mourners.
- C. There is no easy route from the church to the garden for those with mobility issues.
- D. New shrubs and flowers need to be planted.
- E. All of the above.

Check page 15 of Holy Happenings for the correct answer.

PRIME TIMER'S MOVIE EVENTS IN THE ALL SAINTS ROOM

June 10 @ 10:00 am – Join us in watching, “*The Chef*”

July 14 @ 10:00 am – we will see the movie, “*The Straight Story*” based on a true story about a WWII Vet driving his riding mower for 240 miles to visit a former girlfriend.

August 11 @ 10:00 am – “*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*” We will eat lunch out for those who want to go.



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 8 ounce bottles of water and 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.



SAVE THE DATE – 7:00 pm 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.

**Lost
&
Found**



Our Lost and Found Basket

in the Worship Center coat closet is very full. If you are missing a water tumbler, clothing, keys, reading glasses, umbrellas, please look in the basket. We also have assorted jewelry in the church office.

The Ringers Are Coming!

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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!



DON'T MISS OUT - GET YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!!

We have tickets for the Iron Pigs game on Saturday, August 1st. The game starts 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.



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!

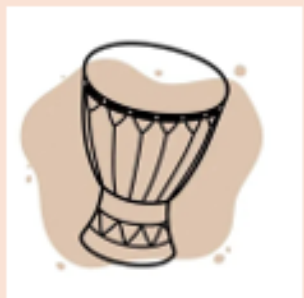


BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY

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 June 27, July 25 and August 22. Please sign up to help by [clicking here](#).

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



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.



THANK YOU FROM BEAR CREEK CAMP We are grateful for your support and recognizing the lasting value of camp. Your gift empowers Bear Creek Camp to create a meaningful space that inspires growth, discovery, and unforgettable moments for our campers. Thank you!

~ Charissa, Bear Creek Camp



BEAR CREEK CAMP

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](#).

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 or Nikki in the church office.

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.



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.

JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP/VBS COLLECTIONS

We will be supporting the Allentown School District's "Lighting the Way to Summer Learning and Exploration" program which promotes fun, learning, and growth for students. Allentown School District is committed to creating a fun, enriching, and meaningful experience that supports academic progress, social-emotional learning, and a smooth transition to the next school year.

We will be providing beverages and individual snack items for the students participating in the program. Look for the marked collection boxes in the Fellowship Center Lobby starting June 1st.

Items needed are:

- Disposable water bottles
- Capri Sun juice pouches
- Beef sticks/Slim Jims
- Squeezable applesauce
- Goldfish crackers
- Pretzels
- Granola/protein bars
- Pirate Booty
- Veggie straws



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, Ricki, and Don.

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.



On Sunday, we recognize the following graduates. May they use their knowledge to serve others and their talents to bring beauty into the world.

Graduating from High School:

- Alex E., will attend Lehigh University
- Brandon P., will attend Bucknell University
- Charlie K., will attend Long Island University
- Elizabeth P., will attend Lafayette College
- Jack R.
- Joshua N., will attend Penn State University Main Campus
- Luke P., will attend Slippery Rock University
- Mackenzie L.
- Madison P., will attend Penn State
- Maddox R.
- Quinn P.
- Riley N.
- Ryan R., will attend Fairfield University
- William P.

Graduating from College or Graduate School:

- Aidan Mathieu, Lafayette College
- Ashley Niland, Ball State University
- Cameron Metka, Auburn University
- Katie Bashus, Lehigh University
- Meredith Schmoyer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Quin Scott, Michigan State University

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



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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

LCHS MEMORIAL GARDEN ANSWER TO QUESTION #4

E - While the LCHS Memorial Garden has been an important ministry of our church for more than 25 years, significant improvements are needed and are being carefully planned in the months ahead. Watch Holy Happenings for future updates.

CALENDAR

Sun. 5/31	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)
	6:00 pm	Fields at Indian Creek (WC)
	6:00 pm	Raleigh Ringers Mtg. (Music Room)
	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	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	6:30 pm	HIHR Council Mtg. (117/119)
Weds. 6/3	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Committee (116)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life Meeting (110/112)
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)
Mon. 6/8	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (116)
Tues. 6/9	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 6/10	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adult (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 6/11	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating
Sat. 6/13	11:00 am	Wedding (WC)
Sun. 6/14	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)

Vacation Bible School

June 15 – 19

9:15 am – 11:45 am