



# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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## Upcoming Events

### June 14

Summer Breakfast  
Youth Gathering  
Info Session

### June 15 - 19

Vacation Bible School

### June 15

Drum Circle  
Discussion with  
Jodi Swanson

### June 21

Father's Day  
Summer Breakfast

### June 26 - 29

Bible at the Beach

### June 30

Raleigh Ringers

## Sunday, June 14, 2026

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

**9:00 - 10:30 am Summer Breakfast**

**9:45 am Family Worship**

**\*10:45 am Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all  
morning services in Room 113.**

**\*Worship services 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**

<b>June 7, 2026</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Eric Kahler		Renee Wetherhold
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Sheila Huff Jennifer Wetzel	Dianna Olszewski Sheila Huff
<b>Readers</b>	Joseph Burke	Connor K.	Rick Doty
<b>Children's Message</b>		Leesa Wimmer	
<b>Greeters</b>	Irv Keister	George Family	Kitti Berkheimer
<b>Ushers</b>	Binkley Family	George Family	Mike Berkheimer
<b>Production/Technology</b>	Bill Newill Bill Keane Kristen Newill Al Bauernschmidt	Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Volunteers Needed



**Our worship service times will remain the same throughout the summer. You can watch the Sermon and Gospel Replay [online](http://www.lchsemmaus.org) on our website at [www.lchsemmaus.org](http://www.lchsemmaus.org).**



**Summer Breakfasts in the Fellowship Center**

9:00 am – 10:30 am will be held on:

June 14 & 21

July 12 & 19

August 2, 9 & 16

**Summer Breakfast proceeds will go towards sending our youth to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.**



## **YOUTH GATHERING INFO SESSION**

Interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis? Want more information? Mark your calendar for an *info session on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Room 110/112 at Noon* to learn more!

Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend the Gathering!



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 15 – 19**

**9:15 am – 11:45 am**

**HERE'S A WAY TO HELP FOR VBS:**

**VBS Set Up Sunday, June 14 from 11:45 – 1:30 pm**

## **SAVE THE DATE – 7:00 pm Monday, June 15, 2026**

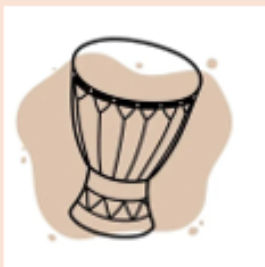


Jodi Swanson, collaborator with and wife of Dr. Steve Swanson, will be visiting Holy Spirit on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. She will be bringing us some exciting updates about the pediatrics work she and Steve are doing. Among the highlights will be discussion of the Arusha Pediatric and Maternal Care 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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the All Saint's Room. A light dessert will be available for your snacking pleasure as you interact with this engaging and successful woman.

## 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](mailto:kupamom@aol.com)

### ATTENDING BEAR CREEK CAMP THIS SUMMER?



Let us know the date you are attending, so we can include you in our church prayers for the week. Visit [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org) for more information.



### Enjoy conversation, coffee and fellowship

On June 28, August 23 and 30  
in the Fellowship Center between  
9:00 am – 10:30 am

## **JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP/VBS COLLECTION**

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



## **HOLY SPIRIT NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**Limited openings remain for the 2026-2027 school year.** Let your friends and family know that registration is taking place now. Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) if you are interested in scheduling a tour. Or visit our website at [www.lchsemmaus.org](http://www.lchsemmaus.org) to register.

## **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](mailto: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!





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

We have tickets for the Iron Pigs game on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>** and can be made via cash, check (payable to LCHS), or online. Please be to **mark Iron Pigs** on the payment.

**DID YOU KNOW? HOLY SPIRIT HAS A HISTORY  
OF WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

In September 1989, Holy Spirit sponsored 9 members of the Vu/Tran family to relocate to the USA. An additional son was born to them in December of that year. All of the members of the family and their numerous descendants are now U.S. citizens, and the adults are employed and actively serving our communities. More info about this exciting family is coming in the July Outreach Newsletter.

**On June 21 we will observe World Refugee Sunday.** Join us as we hear from a local citizen who came as a refugee and now works helping to resettle others.



**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 are: 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.](#)

## **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](http://www.rr.org) or listen to them on YouTube!



## **PRIME TIMER'S MOVIES IN THE ALL SAINTS ROOM**

**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** – we will watch, *“The Chef.”* Following the movie, we will eat lunch out.

THANK  
*you.*

I cannot begin to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support I have received in the passing of my husband John. All of the cards, flowers from Bloomin Faith, offers of help and hugs from so many people in Church asking what they can do to help. Pastor Tami for the beautiful Service, Reylene for the music, Bob Stevens for the audio and our Grandson, Johnny singing, "Here I Am Lord." It was a very difficult day for the family. But GOD needed him more and we will all miss him more than anyone knows. ~ Peace and Love, Elsie Guignet

## **WORSHIP OFFERING ON JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**Holy Spirit will offer one worship at 8:30 am. All are welcome to join the Emmaus Community Worship at 9:30 am 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.



## **The Rev. Jennifer Dee Elected Bishop of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod**

At the 2026 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, held June 4-6 at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Pastor Jennifer Dee was elected to a six-year term as bishop, becoming the first woman elected bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Bishop-Elect Dee has served as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia, since 2023, after serving as Associate Pastor there for more than a decade. She was ordained in 2008 and previously served St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee, Indiana. She earned a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts from Keene State College.

Throughout her ministry, Pastor Dee has been actively involved in synod and churchwide leadership, including service with the ELCA Youth Gathering, Bear Creek Camp, internship supervision, and clergy leadership development. Her community involvement has included coaching Girls on the Run, participating in Lutheran Day at the Capitol, supporting local schools and families, and coordinating community outreach initiatives.

As bishop, Pastor Dee hopes to help the synod navigate a changing church landscape by addressing communal grief, embracing renewal, and discerning together where God is leading the church. She believes the church is called to be an Easter people, trusting that through God's resurrection promise, new life and new possibilities continue to emerge.



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

### **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SAVE THE DATE**

This year we will be holding our God's Work Our Hands event on Sunday, September 27th.

Alternate worship times will be held to ensure all can participate. More to come in July! We hope you are able to attend and enjoy the collaboration with people across our different services. For more information on this event, please contact Brenda Truhe 484-725-2488.



## PENTECOST TREES

Our Lenten and Easter Good News Trees now display Pentecost messages shared during that day's Intergenerational Faith Formation hour. In the coming weeks, we invite everyone to reflect on them. The paper chains represent the diversity of all God's beloved people. Because Pentecost marks the birthday of the church, the red chain includes words that describe what members value about the church.

- Caring community, support given and received, kindness, family and friends
- Welcoming, love, singing together, place where I was baptized
- Sunday School, Children's Ministry, worship, snacks and friends, Learning together
- Prayer Time, music, stable, cool air, loving community for families
- Brings us closer to God through worship and remembrance of the grace and mercy Christ showed us on the cross

The flames of the Spirit, resting on this diverse gathering, hang from the paper chain and express hopes for what the Spirit will bring. They invite us to ask: What does our world need more of today? Many were good at saying no to things they do not like: hunger, poverty, suffering, fighting, sadness, death, and loneliness. Here are the expressions of what we need:

- Respect for all, Sharing, Love, Joy, Togetherness, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Unity
- Universal Health Care, All have food, Toys for Everyone, Honesty, Harmony
- Jesus

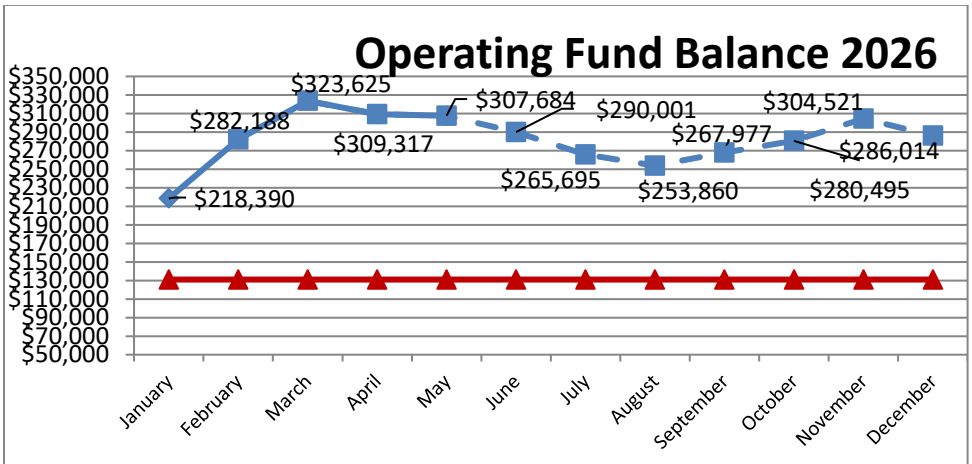
In these weeks after Pentecost, may we continue to reflect on two questions: What are we grateful for in what the church brings to our lives, and what may God be calling us to bring to a world that is lacking so much in these difficult days?

## Financial Results and Discussion – May 2026

**Operating Performance:** May income was \$67,498, \$28,890 or 30.0% below budget. Operating expenses were \$69,131, \$12,847 or 15.7% below budget. We finished May with a \$1,633 deficit, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$14,411. 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 decreased \$1,607.50 during the month and has a balance of \$9,821.44.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of May 31, 2026, is \$317,066.96.



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

**Prayers for God's presence for our homebound members:** Gayle, Joan, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

**Prayers for God's healing in times of illness for our members and friends:** Jonas, Bill, Bantok Family, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Robert, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Marian, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Diana, Vee, Scott, Elizabeth, Cathy, Sue, Betty, Laura, Reena, Deb, Ricki, Jeremy, and Don.

**In times of joy** for the birth of Shelby Grace to parents Robby and Emily, grandparents Bob and Deb Stevens.

**With great joy we celebrate** Saturday's marriage of Shelby Werley and Mitchell Niland. Carol and Don Walrod, grandparents of Shelby and Angie and Greg Niland, parents of Mitchell.

**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.

## **CALENDAR**

Sun. 6/14	11:45 am	VBS Decorating
	12:00 pm	Youth Gathering Info. Session (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (FC)
Mon. 6/15	1:00 pm	Drum Circle (Music Room)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (FC)
	7:00 pm	Discussion with Jodi Swanson (ASR)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (110/112)
Tues. 6/16	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Council (117/119)
Weds. 6/17	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (FC)
Thurs. 6/18	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sun. 6/21	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 6/22	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Club (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Tues. 6/23	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Weds. 6/24	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Staff Calendar Planning (116)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 6/25	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 6/26	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 6/27	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 6/28	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 6/29	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	1:00 pm	Drum Circle (Music Room)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 6/30	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)

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