



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

3461 Cedar Crest Blvd.
Emmaus, PA 18049
610-967-2220

info@holyspirit-
emmaus.org
www.lchsemmaus.org

Upcoming Events

June 21

**World Refugee Sunday
Summer Breakfast**

June 26 - 29

Bible at the Beach

June 30

Raleigh Ringers

July 3

Church Office Closed

July 6

Lunch w/Pr Shari

July 12

Summer Breakfast
Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

**9:00 - 10:30 am Summer Breakfast
Sponsored by Church Growth &
LCHS Book Club**

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

June 14, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	121	14
9:45 am	64	N/A
10:45 am	68	15

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Sue Reiss		Becky Leiby
Communion Assistants	Leesa Wimmer Sue Mathieu	Sheila Huff Volunteer Needed	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Lexi H.	Ben H.	Louise Davis
Children's Message		Pastor Shari Duminy	
Greeters	Barb Roba Beth Fatzinger	John McClain	Linda Letts
Ushers	Angie Niland	John McClain	John Letts
Production/Technology	Eric Kahler Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed



Summer Breakfasts in the Fellowship Center

9:00 am – 10:30 am will be held on:

June 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.



Enjoy conversation, coffee and fellowship

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

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.



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. 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 sure to mark **Iron Pigs** on the payment.

JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP

We are supporting the Allentown School District's "Lighting the Way to Summer Learning and Exploration" program which promotes fun, learning, and growth for students by providing beverages and individual snack items for the students participating in the program. Look for the marked collection boxes in the Fellowship Center Lobby. 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

JUNETEENTH – TO REFLECT AND TO ACT

Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and invites us to reflect on the continuing work for justice, freedom, and reconciliation. The educator Dr. Dianne Browne explores the meaning of Juneteenth. In a treatise from 2024, she said that exploration led her to better “understand and appreciate the ongoing struggle for racial justice and equity”. We “learn from the past to move forward into the future”. As for us, “we know that racial justice is good and that action is needed to bring it to fruition”. May we be good actors in that struggle.



Ways to support refugees and migrants on World

Refugee Day - Saturday, June 20th. On this day, we are called to join people around the world in supporting and advocating for the millions of our neighbors who have been forced to flee their homes. This World Refugee Day, join us as we fight for the dignity and safety of migrants in our own communities and around the world.

1. **[Learn more about refugee experiences.](#)** This **[Bible study](#)** and **[conversation guide](#)** are two ELCA resources to help you dive deeper.
2. **[Advocate here at home.](#)** Using this action alert, urge your representatives to defend the rights of refugees. Join the **[ELCA Advocacy Network](#)** to receive action alerts about migrant and refugee crises as well as other important peace and justice issues. Visit the **[ELCA Advocacy Action Center](#)** to find other recent action alerts.
3. **[Give hope to migrants and refugees with a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response.](#)** Lutheran Disaster Response is currently responding to crises all around the world, including the Russia-Ukraine war, the civil war in Sudan, the violent occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, the conflict in Myanmar, and violence in Central and South America.



Hi there!

I am so excited to be joining you all in ministry here at LCHS! I will be serving as Acting Director of Liturgy following Deacon Mel's retirement. I look forward to working alongside the staff in crafting meaningful worship encounters.

You can learn a bit more about me below:

Though I moved around a lot in my early life - from California to Vermont - I called Virginia home. It was there in the Virginia Synod of the ELCA that I really began to know God and discern a call to ministry, even before graduating high school. My first years at Roanoke College led me down a different path as I began studying pre-med. Summer before my senior year, I felt again that familiar call to ministry. So, I graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Theology and minors in both Chemistry and Biology. My next stop: Omaha, Nebraska as a young adult in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC). I was placed at a senior living community where I served as an intern alongside Pastor Shari Duminy (who knew our paths would cross again so many years later?). After LVC, my call to ministry was solidified and I began at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago where I would meet my now wife and would graduate remotely with a Masters of Divinity with an emphasis in environmental theology during the height of COVID. I was ordained in October 2020 and began my first call in the suburbs of Chicago. Following my partner, Taylor, we landed in Limerick in May 2024 when she was called to serve Zion Lutheran Church in Spring City. I worked briefly as a crisis counselor and educator with the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County but then felt that familiar tug again. I have been serving as half-time pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester Springs since Christmas 2024 and joined LCHS as Acting Director of Liturgy in June 2026.

Continued next page.....

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my cats, learning new hobbies, bowling, and singing karaoke. I'm always looking for recommendations on the must-see sights of Pennsylvania.

Though I work remote much of the time, I would love to "meet" you - please, send me an email and introduce yourself! prleroy@holyspirit-emmaus.org Peace, Pastor Paisley



ORDINATION/MINISTRY ANNIVERSARIES

This year we would like to call your attention to two members that have been serving the church for 65 years. Celebration of Ordination in June 1961 is Pastor Gordan Huff and in September of 1961 Joan Gibney was consecrated as a Lutheran Deaconess for service in the world. We lift them in prayer for the many years of serving the church and say thank you for answering the call.



TRAINING FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

Have you watched others in worship and said, "I think that is something I can do." We would love for you to join us on one of the following dates, after the worship you attend, to receive basic training to serve as a worship assistant in the areas of greeter, usher, technology, altar care, reader, assisting minister, communion assistant, music (band, bells, choir), children's message giver, and decorator.

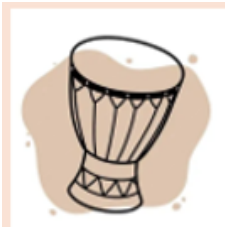
- * Sunday, June 28th
- * Sunday, August 23rd

If you cannot make one of these dates, please reach out to a staff member and we will be sure to get your name to the leader that will add you to the rotation and make sure you have the training needed. Thanks for considering the ways to be a part of the ministry here at Holy Spirit.



BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY

Thank you for your part in helping us spread the healing power of flowers. Here are some ways you can continue to 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](#).



JOIN US FOR HOLY SPIRIT'S DRUM CIRCLE

Tap into your creative side, boost your mood, reduce anxiety, meet some wonderful people and come out to make some noise! Monday, June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24 at 1:00 pm. Speak with Melanie Werley for more information.



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 to register.

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 for more information.



THE RINGERS ARE COMING!

On **Tuesday, June 30th**, 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!





**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, July 6th in Room 117/119. Prayer will conclude our time together.

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.

WORSHIP OFFERING ON JULY 26TH

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.



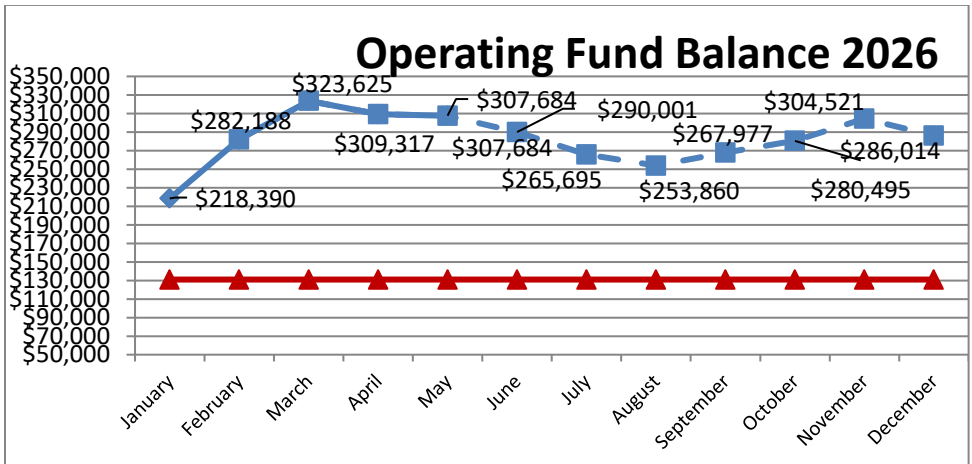
To my church family and Bloomin' Faith,
Thank you for the lovely flowers at the time of my fall. The prayers of the congregation were appreciated also. I'm sure they have been part of the reason why my healing has progressed so well. God's blessings to each of you. ~ Marian Harrison

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, 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, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Lenny, Robert, Dayton, Lisa, Dick, Greyson, Marian, Gordon, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Diana, Scott, Elizabeth, Ronnee, Cathy, Sue, Laura, Reena, Deb, Jeremy, Don, and Philip.

In times of joy and celebration for Elsie Guignet's 94th birthday.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Julie Becker, sister-in-law of Melanie Werley and the family and friends of Robert Farrell, father to Lynda Swartz.

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. 6/21	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)
Weds. 7/1	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 7/2	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 7/3		Church Office Closed
Sun. 7/5	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 7/6	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/ Pastor Shari (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 7/7	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 7/8	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 7/9	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sat. 7/11	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
Sun. 7/12	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)