



# HOLY HAPPENINGS

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

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

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## Upcoming Events

### June 26 - 29

Bible at the Beach

### June 28

Training for Worship  
Leaders

### June 29

Drum Circle

### June 30

Raleigh Ringers

### July 3

Church Office Closed

### July 6

Lunch w/Pr Shari

### July 12

Summer Breakfast  
Rejoicing Spirits

## Sunday, June 28, 2026

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

**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 21, 2026</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Lorie Stout Sherman		Craig Scott
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Sheila Huff Jennifer Wetzel	Dianna Olszewski Sheila Huff
<b>Readers</b>	Jeff Gross	Landon S.	Marian Snyder
<b>Children's Message</b>		Karin Kahler	
<b>Greeters</b>	Adam Fermier	Smith Family	Nancy Slimmer
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Whirl	Smith Family	Rick Slimmer
<b>Production/Technology</b>	Bill Keane Eric Kahler Al Bauernschmidt	Bill Keane Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed



**Summer Breakfasts in the Fellowship Center**

9:00 am – 10:30 am will be held on:

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**

August 23 and 30 in the Fellowship Center between 9:00 am – 10:30 am

## **JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP**

This is our last week for 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



## **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.

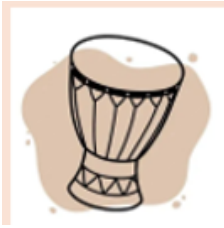
- \* Sunday, June 28th
- \* Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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.



## **HYMN SING**

Join us for a patriotic hymn sing 10 minutes prior to our 8:30 am and 10:45 am worship on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.



### **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.



### **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](http://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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **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.



## **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.

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

## **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.

**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 at 484-725-2488.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

We concluded our fabulous week of Camp Firelight VBS! Our campers enjoyed storytelling, music, games, crafts, and of course, snacks! Our 106 campers and 84 volunteers collected 1,952 snack donations for the Allentown School District's "Lighting the Way to Summer Learning and Exploration" program. Thank you to our many volunteers and donors that supported VBS this year! It is not possible without your time and dedication!







**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:** Bill, Bantok Family, Al, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Lenny, Dayton, Lisa, Dick, Greyson, Marian, Judy, Gordon, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Diana, Scott, Elizabeth, Ronnee, Kathy, Sue, Laura, Deb, Jeremy, Don, and Philip.

**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.

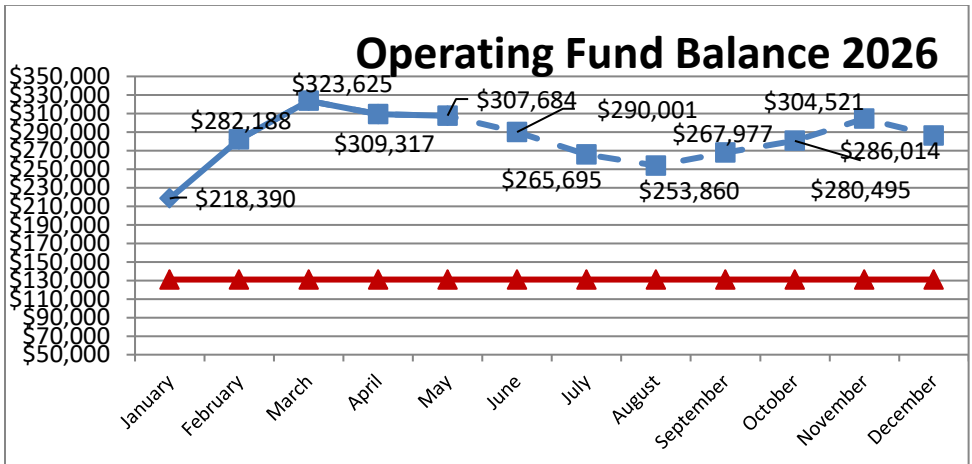
**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency** If you are in *emergency* need of having a pastor contact you, please call the church office at 610-967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

## 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.



### **BINGO and Dessert Potluck at the Park**

Come join us for an evening of BINGO and fellowship on Sunday, August 9th at 6:00 pm. This event will be at Jasper Park under the front pavilion. Please bring along Bingo markers and a dessert to share. All ages are welcome!



To my dear friends at church. I want to thank you so much for your care. It has been difficult especially for someone who has not been alone for many years. I thank you for your prayers. It has been difficult for me, but my church friends and their prayers have been great. Thank you so much!

~ Carole Wetherhold

### **ALL SAINTS REQUIEM REHEARSALS**

The Spirit Voices are beginning preparation for the annual Requiem to be presented on All Saints Sunday, November 1st. This year's Requiem will be by Michael John Trotta. Rehearsals have begun and will be held through the summer on most Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. All are invited to join us. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the music, please speak to Reylene.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND CELEBRATED!**

The Children's Ministry table and basket in the worship center lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE

Please contact the church office 610-967-2220 if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. Thank you.



## 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?

## CALENDAR

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	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
Thurs. 7/2	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 7/3		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
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)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (116)
Weds. 7/8	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness 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)
Mon. 7/13	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	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)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Tues. 7/14	10:00 am	Prime Timers Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
Weds. 7/15	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
Thurs. 7/16	6:30 pm	Community Choir Rehearsal (WC)



**Holy Spirit is a place of welcome for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and their families, friends and allies. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation. All Are Welcome!**