



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

June 7 - 10:45 am

Rejoicing Spirits
18th Anniversary Service

June 14 & 21

Summer Breakfasts

June 15 - 19

Vacation Bible School

June 15

Drum Circle
Discussion with
Jodi Swanson

June 21

Father's Day
Summer Breakfast

June 26 - 28

Bible at the Beach

Sunday, June 7, 2026

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

9:00 - 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

9:45 am Family Worship

**10:45 am Rejoicing Spirits Worship
(This service will not be livestreamed)**

**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 31, 2026	In Person	Zoom
8:30 am	188	18
9:45 am	72	N/A
10:45 am	99	13

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Linda Devine		Renee Wetherhold
Communion Assistants	Carol Walrod Don Walrod	Dianna Olszewski Sheila Huff Jennifer Wetzel	Jackie Leipert Vi Ballard
Readers	Eric Kahler	Landon B.	Tom Bradley
Children's Message		John & Theo	
Greeters	Carolyn Rice Becky Keane	Amy Pirrotta	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Rich Feulner	Amy Pirrotta	Ken Schlegel
Production/Technology	Bill Keane Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE REJOICING SPIRITS 18TH ANNIVERSARY !!!

Join us on Sunday, June 7th at 10:45 am in the Worship Center for this special occasion. The Rejoicers and Rejoicing Ringers handbell choir will participate in the service. As usual, communion will be included. The Rejoicing Spirits family looks forward to worshipping with you on June 7th!

(Note the time change for Rejoicing Spirits.)
This service will NOT be live streamed.



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 www.lchsemmaus.org.

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 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



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.

Enjoy conversation, coffee and fellowship on
June 7 and 28
August 23 and 30
in the Fellowship Center between
9:00 am – 10:30 am



PRIME TIMER'S MOVIES IN THE ALL SAINTS ROOM

Tuesday, June 9 @ 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 – we will watch, “*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.*” Following the movie, we will eat lunch out for those who want to go.



THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed items or made a monetary donation for the collection of socks, underwear and bras for Lehigh Conference of Churches. We collected over 300 items.

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. LCC runs the Conference Kitchen to receive a free nutritious meal 3 times a day, five days a week for working poor, homeless, individuals on fixed income, and those who have nowhere else to turn. LCC has a Drop-In Center in Allentown and Easton to provide lockers, showers, clothing, access to computers and trained caseworkers. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe at: bltruhe@hotmail.com.

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.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 – 19
9:15 am – 11:45 am

WAYS TO HELP FOR VBS:

VBS Set Up

Thursday, June 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, June 14 from 11:45 – 1:30 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.**



Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you so much for your generous gift. I look forward to finding a meaningful way to use it—one that will serve as a lasting reminder of our time together in ministry.

I am deeply grateful for our partnership, and I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide you as a vibrant, ever-changing worshipping community. ~ Deacon Mel

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 the All Saint's Room. A light dessert will be available for your snacking pleasure as you interact with this engaging and successful woman.



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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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 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!

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!

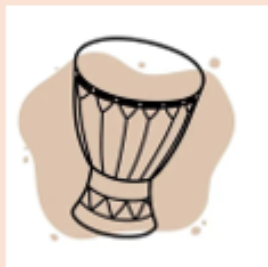


DON'T MISS OUT GET YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!!

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.

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



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](#).

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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!

PRAISE GOD IN COMMUNITY

JULY 26 * 9:30A.M.

Join your siblings in Christ at Community Park in Emmaus at the Art's Pavilion for an Emmaus-wide ecumenical worship service featuring the Emmaus Moravian Brass, special readings, and community singing to celebrate God's presence with us in community!
All are welcome!



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.



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?



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, Terry, Janie, Laura, Diana, Vee, Scott, Elizabeth, 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.

CALENDAR

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)
	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	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 6/10	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class (SC)
Thurs. 6/11	10:00 am	Care Meeting (ASR)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating
Sat. 6/13	11:00 am	Wedding (WC)
Sun. 6/14	11:45 am	VBS Decorating
	12:00 pm	Youth Gathering Info. Session (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 6/15	1:00 pm	Drum Circle (Music Room)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	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 (SC)
Thurs. 6/18	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sun. 6/21	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)

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