



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, August 2, 2026

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

**9:00 – 10:30 am Summer Breakfast
sponsored by Council**

9:45 am Family Worship

***10:45 am Worship**

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

***Worship service will be online.**

If you are worshipping with us online,
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.

Upcoming Events

August 2, 9, & 16

Summer Breakfast
Youth Planning Meeting

August 3

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

August 9

Rejoicing Spirits
BINGO & Dessert
at Jasper Park

August 10 & 24

Drum Circle

August 23

Training for Worship
Leaders
Blessing of Backpacks

August 30

Back to School Bash

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.

July 26, 2026
8:30 am

In Person
98

Online
16

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Sue Reiss		Rick Doty
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Sue Mathieu	Volunteers Needed	Jackie Leipert Vi Ballard
Readers	Kitti Berkheimer	Maddy H.	Anne Osenbach
Children's Message		John & Theo	
Greeters	Ava Killingsworth	Amy Pirrotta	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Chuck Whirl	Amy Pirrotta	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Jeff Gross Al Bauernschmidt Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Jeff Gross	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie Volunteer Needed

August 2nd from 12:00-2:00

Youth Planning Meeting for events for the year!

We would love to hear your thoughts/voice!
 Pizza will be provided so please sign up using the link to indicate your attendance.

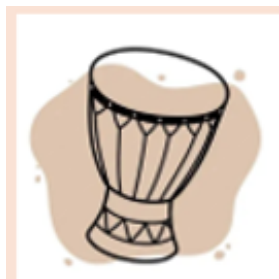
We will split into Middle School and High School Planning teams! Any adults that want to help support youth in planning events this year are welcome to attend. [SIGN UP LINK](#)



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, August 3rd in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.



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! We will meet on August 10 & 24 at 1:00 pm. Speak with Melanie Werley for more information.



Summer Breakfasts in the Fellowship Center

9:00 am – 10:30 am will be held on:

August 2, 9 & 16

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

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Rejoicing  **Spirits**

Our next Rejoicing Spirits service will be on Sunday, August 9th
at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center.

Please join us and invite your family and friends.



BINGO & 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!



Hello Holy Spirit! I wanted to be sure to thank you all for the wonderful and totally unexpected surprise 70th birthday bouquet. The flowers are so colorful and cheerful, and just made me smile! I especially want to thank Bloomin' Faith who shares their talents to minister to those celebrating milestones as well as those grieving or in need of a pick-me-up. We are blessed to have this ministry. You make a significant and meaningful difference. Thank you!
~ Deb Walsh

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.



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.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our church community garden raises produce for the Food Pantries at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie and Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Emmaus. If you would like to help with this gardening effort, (watering plants, picking the produce) which doesn't require a lot of your time, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com.

If you have any produce from your home garden that you would like to donate, please leave it in the church kitchen, marked for food pantry, on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning by 9:00 am on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month only!

PRIME TIMER'S EVENTS

MOVIE: August 11 @ 10:00 am – we will watch, “*The Chef*.”

Following the movie, we will eat lunch out. Come and join us!

August 26 Coffee Hour at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center.

Come for coffee, trivia, baked goods and laughter. Bring a friend.



ENJOY COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP

August 23 and 30

in the Fellowship Center

between 9:00 am – 10:30 am

ALL SAINTS REQUIEM REHEARSALS

The Spirit Voices have begun 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.



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 date is August 22.** Please sign up to help by [clicking here](#).

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd** at the 8:30, 9:45, and 10:45 worship service. We invite all (adults, youth, and children) who will begin a new school year to come forward for a blessing. We encourage our students to bring along their backpacks.

LCHS BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is: **Monday, August 24th at 11AM**. We will be meeting in room 110/112. We will be discussing, “*Listen For The Lie*” by Amy Tintera.

On Sept 28, we will be discussing, “*Horse*” by Geraldine Brooks.



**Join us on Sundays in August as we explore
"Grounded in Connection"!**

Relationships are central to who we are as people of faith. Through our relationships, we learn, grow, and give and receive love and grace. In this series, we will explore well-known Bible stories that reveal both the joys and challenges of human relationships, community, and life together. Amid the complexity of our connections, we will be reminded once again that God is present, guiding us toward connection, mercy, and grace.

Human beings are relational beings, created by God for deep and meaningful connection. Our physical and mental health, our institutions, our societies, and our spiritual lives all depend on relationships that help us flourish. Justice is not only about right policy and practice; it is also about right relationship. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that they are not servants but friends. In this way, connection and relationship become signs of the future God is unfolding and invitations for us to participate in that future now.

Connection begins with conversation: the chance to meet another person deeply and honestly. Our communities are strengthened when we connect with people we may not know well and explore questions of meaning, purpose, and possibility together. Every conversation we have and every connection we make become an opportunity to embody the world we hope to see.

Together, we will journey through these Bible stories as we consider our call to be ministers to one another and to the world.

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Week 1: Adam & Eve – Genesis 2:4-22

- Connection and relationship are woven into the very fabric of creation. God calls creation good, except in one instance: “It is not good for the human to be alone.”

Week 2: 10 Commandments – Exodus 20:1-21

- When God gave the Commandments to Moses on Sinai, they were not just about laws or righteousness; they were also about relationships and community

Week 3: Widow at Zarephath - 1 Kings 17: 8-16

- This is a story about connection and provision amid radical disconnection and deep scarcity.

Week 4: Esther & Mordecai - Esther 4

- “For such a time as this.” This is a story about influence and power being used for the sake of community.

Week 5: Peter's betrayal and re-entry - John 18 and 21

- After Peter denies Jesus three times, Jesus restores him to the community through a meal and three questions. The story reminds us that there is always a way back into community and always room at the table for those who hunger.

Resources that are available:

A Weekly Devotion Book

- Consider asking someone whom you have always wanted to get to know a little better to be a weekly devotion buddy. Do the devotion together each week. Or if doing it separately works better, then find time for a digital gathering, phone call, or text to discuss your insights.

A Family Adventure Pack

- This resource helps families explore the theme together. It includes a kid-friendly Bible story, reflection questions, activities, and games. Even better, consider joining another family to learn and grow together.

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Fall Connection Groups Sign-ups

- Join a Roots & Branches Circle this Fall to deepen connections, grow in faith, and share meaningful conversation with others. These small groups offer a welcoming space to reflect on the “Grounded in Connection” series, build relationships, and discover how God invites us to be rooted in grace and to branch out in love.
 - **The ask is:**
 - 1) Meet together 3 times this fall: Sept – Nov. (1 time a month)
 - 2) Learn each other's names
 - 3) Share in a short devotion and prayer that will be provided
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Mark Your Calendars for these important YOUTH Events/Updates!!



August 16th- Youth-led Pancake Breakfast! Click on the link to sign up for what to bring to breakfast! Donations will go to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis! [SIGN UP LINK](#)

August 16th- Mini Golf! We will leave from church around noon to head to mini golf and could use drivers! [SIGN UP LINK](#)



Interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis? Want more information? Mark your calendar for an info session on September 13th after the late service to learn more! Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend! If you can't make an interest meeting, reach out to Amber O'Brien for details you might miss!



WORSHIP LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#) or you could volunteer to be on the **Production/Technology Team** by [clicking here](#).

ALTAR CARE HELPER *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.

Worship volunteers 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.



FAITH FORMATION NEEDS FOR 2026-2027

Opportunities exist to get involved with our Sunday School program this fall. We are in need of teachers and

teaching assistants for our elementary classes. Sunday School is held each week from 9:55- 10:25 am. Lesson ideas/materials will be provided. Please let Karin Kahler know if you are interested in serving.



TRAINING FOR WORSHIP LEADERS – AUGUST 23

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 August 23rd 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, or decorator.

If you cannot make it, 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.



God's work. Our hands.

This year we will be holding our God's Work Our Hands event on Sunday September 27 at 9:25am. Alternate worship times will be held to ensure all can participate.

We hope you join us and enjoy the collaboration with people across our different services.

We will be supporting the Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Perfect Fit of the YWCA, and Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Collections to support our projects will be in August.

During August, we are collecting and need the following for the care bags:

- 400 toothpaste
- 400 toothbrushes
- 400 Chapstick
- 200 Generic or Men's Body Wash
- 200 Generic or Men's Deodorant
- 200 Women's shampoo
- 200 Women's conditioner

All items need to be new and individually sealed for sanitary reasons. Please no multipacks, unless each item is sealed inside the larger package.

Collection boxes will be outside the Fellowship Center starting July 27th. Please see the recipient list located above the collection boxes. If you prefer to donate monetarily and let the GWOH project team shop for you, that is an option.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe <mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com> or at 484-725-2488.

Thank you for all your help in supporting our larger community.

Hope to see you for Gods Work. Our Hands on September 27th.



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

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

Prayers for God's healing in times of illness for our members and friends: Bill, Doug, Bantok Family, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Allison, Dayton, Lisa, Dick, Greyson, Carvel, Joan, Doug, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Kathy, Bob, Carl, Sue, Lee, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Wilma, Don, and Robin.

In times of joy and celebration for Daniel Hinderliter and Taylor Mills who were married on August 1st.

Rejoicer, Christina "Chrissy" Baglini, died on July 21st. We hold her friends and family in prayer.

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. 8/2	12:00 pm	Youth Planning Meeting (FC)
	12:00 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Planning Mtg. (117/119)
	5:00 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)
	7:30 pm	Zumba Color Fun Run/Class (Parking Lot)
Mon. 8/3	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/Pr Shari (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 8/4	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
Weds. 8/5	6:00 pm	Pop Up Exercise Class (SC)
Thurs. 8/6	11:00 am	Trunk or Treat Leaders (116)
	6:30 pm	Staff Support (116)
Sun. 8/9	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
	6:00 pm	Bingo & Dessert in Jasper Park
Mon. 8/10	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastors Meeting (Office)
	1:00 pm	Drum Circle (Music Room)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 8/11	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
Weds. 8/12	5:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
Thurs. 8/13	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry/Pr Tami (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 8/14	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 431 (FC)
Sat. 8/15		Ricki Stringfellow Service (WC/FC)
	3:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 431 (FC)
Sun. 8/16	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)

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and Rejoicing Spirits congregation.
All Are Welcome!**

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