

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

July 19

Summer Breakfast

July 26

8:30 Worship at

Holy Spirit

9:30 Emmaus

Community Worship

July 27

Drum Circle

Sunday, July 19, 2026

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

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

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

July 12, 2026

8:30 am

In Person

130

Online

15

9:45 am

66

N/A

10:45 am

82

15

2:30 pm

35

N/A

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Deb Stevens		Elizabeth Moessner
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland Leesa Wimmer	Alan Sylvestre Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Sue Reiss	Gabriella C.	Bob Mueller
Children's Message		Courtney Keiser	
Greeters	John Holland	Keiser Family	Nina McNally
Ushers	Bob Rohrbach	Keiser Family	Victor Schmidt
Production/ Technology	Al Bauernschmidt Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed



Summer Breakfasts in the Fellowship Center

9:00 am – 10:30 am will be held on:

July 19 ~ August 2, 9 & 16

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

ONE 8:30 AM WORSHIP OFFERING ON JULY 26TH

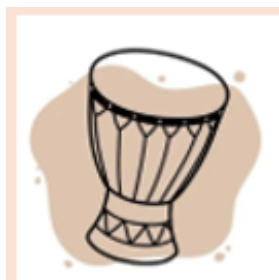
Holy Spirit will offer one worship at 8:30 am. All are welcome to join the Emmaus Community Worship at 9:30 am in the Community Park.

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.



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.](#)



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 July 27, August 10 & 24 at 1:00 pm. Speak with Melanie Werley for more information.

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.

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.



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!

PRIME TIMER'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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. All are welcome.



ENJOY COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP

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



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 forth Wednesday of the month only!



I will never be able to show my appreciation for the support that I have received from the members and staff of Holy Spirit. When I fell in mid-April, I was in NJ and had my hip repaired at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ and I was anxious

to move to Cedarbrook in Allentown for my rehab.

Two weeks after I went home from Cedarbrook, I experienced a lot of pain and other side effects. X-rays showed that the hardware that was used to repair my hip had in fact come apart and damaged my pelvis. I had a total hip replacement and bone grafts to repair the damage and 6 weeks of non- weightbearing on that leg - just when I thought that my need for all of this support was coming to an end, it was in fact, starting all over again with a longer recuperation. But my friends and church family never wavered.

The prayers, cards, the visits, the phone calls and messages have been so very helpful - it has been overwhelming. I still have a way to go, but I needed to express my gratitude to all of you!

~ Deb Smith



Dear Bloomin' Faith,

Thank you for the lovely flowers that Barb Roba delivered to our house. It was so nice of your group to think of me and reach out with such a thoughtful present. Your act of kindness encouraged me to keep my hopes up. Thank you again. ~ Joe Burke



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.



Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, is looking for volunteers to cover the office from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Monday, August 10th. Volunteers will answer the phone and greet visitors. Please call Nikki to let her know if you are willing to cover one of those days. 610-967-2220 ext. 101. Thank you!



**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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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. 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.



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.



NEIGHBOR KITS: HELP MENTOR REFUGEE YOUTH

Global Refuge (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) works with partners across the country to ensure that our newest neighbors are supported. Providing Neighbor Kits is one way to help.

Word has been received from the San Antonio Field Office that they are addressing an urgent need for back-to-school supplies through an [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Orders need to be placed by July 27 to make sure these supplies get delivered before the start of the school year. They'll be shipped directly to the Global Refuge Field Office.

Neighbor Kits are one way to show our commitment to the long welcome, to helping our newest neighbors continue to feel supported. To learn how about other Neighbor Kits that are needed in a variety of places go to: <https://www.globalrefuge.org/neighbor-kits/> .



LIVING LUTHERAN: Summer Flipbook

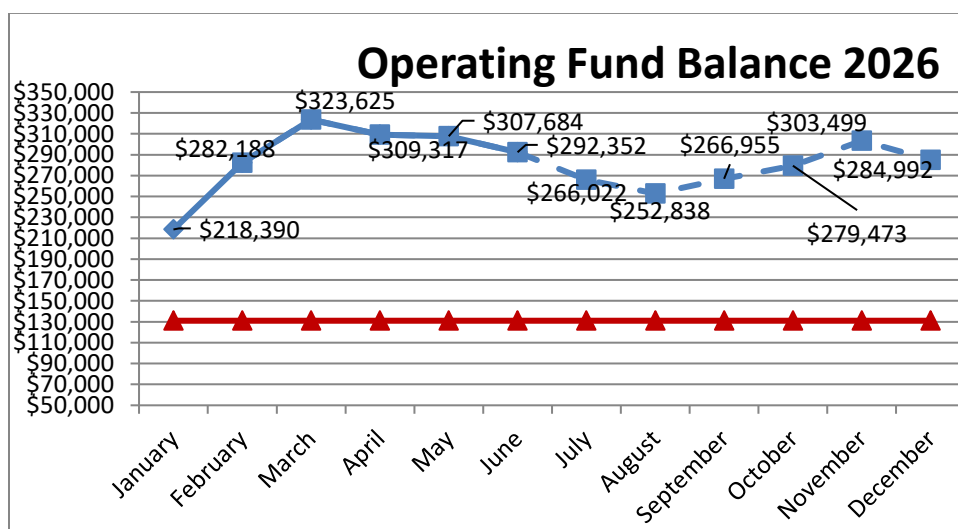
Check out the summer 2026 flipbook from *Living Lutheran* and be sure to [sign up for a free account](#) on [LivingLutheran.org](https://www.livinglutheran.org) for access to more exclusive content.

Financial Results and Discussion – June 2026

Operating Performance: June income was \$62,545, \$23,759 or 27.5% below budget. Operating expenses were \$77,877, \$33,387 or 30.0% below budget. We finished June with a \$15,332 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$24,960. 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 increased \$860.00 during the month and has a balance of \$10,681.44.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of June 30, 2026, is \$316,557.40.

SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is a free film-and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

Meetings are held on zoom every other Monday Aug 31-Nov 23, 2026, and continuing Jan 4-February 8, 2027.

There is a one-hour preview session on Monday, August 17, 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. **Contact Rev. Maria Tjeltveit if interested.**

(sacredground.beth@gmail.com) You can also go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/Sacred-Ground/> or speak to Ruth Doty if you'd like to learn more about the program.



As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary,
Learn how race has shaped our country's history and shapes us still.

Full Communion

Sacred Ground

A film-and reading-based dialogue
on race and faith

www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

On Zoom, Every other Monday,
1:30-3:00 p.m. Or 7:00-8:30 p.m. ET
Aug. 31-Nov. 23, 2026; Jan. 4-Feb. 8, 2027

Contact the Rev. Maria Tjeltveit for questions and to
register: sacredground.beth@gmail.com

Preview Session
August 17,
1:30 or 7:00 ET

(Having taken this course last year, I am planning to take it again. I not only learned a lot that I didn't know about our history or only knew bits and pieces of, but I was also gently encouraged to explore my own experiences with and attitudes about race and racism. The small group breakouts helped build trust between members and partnership for exploring how to live out our faith and become better neighbors with others. Feel free to ask me more about the program. Ruth Doty)



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, Chuck, Bantok Family, Al, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Allison, Dayton, Lisa, Dick, Greyson, Judy, Doug, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Ronnee, Kathy, Bob, Sue, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Ricki, Jeremy, Don, and Philip.

In times of joy and celebration for the birth of Lillian Claire to parents Laura and Michael.

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. 7/19	1:00 pm	Zumba Exercise Class (SC)
Mon. 7/20	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 7/21	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 7/22	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
Thurs. 7/23	6:30 pm	Requiem Rehearsal (WC)
Fri. 7/24	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 7/25	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
	11:00 am	Community Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 7/26	8:30 am	Worship & Praise (WC)
	9:30 am	Emmaus Community Worship at Emmaus Community Park (1401 Shimerville Rd.)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Exercise Class (SC)
Mon. 7/27	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCCHS Book Group (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Drum Circle
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 7/28	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Mtg. (116)
Weds. 7/29	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	6:00 pm	Pop Up Exercise Class (SC)
Sat. 8/1	6:35 pm	Iron Pigs Game
Sun. 8/2	7:30 pm	Zumba Color Fun Run/Class (Parking Lot)



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!