



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 26, 2026

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

**9:30 am – Emmaus 250th Community
Worship in the park**

**Nursery Care will be available during
8:30 worship 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.

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.

Upcoming Events

July 26

8:30 Worship at
Holy Spirit
9:30 Emmaus
Community Worship

July 27

Drum Circle

August 1

Iron Pigs Game

August 2, 9, & 16

Summer Breakfast

August 3

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

August 9

Rejoicing Spirits
BINGO & Dessert
At Jasper Park

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 19, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:30 am	102	13
9:45 am	64	N/A
10:45 am	85	13

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM
Assisting Minister	Lorie Stout Sherman
Communion Assistants	Beth Fatzinger, Dave Fatziner
Reader	Lisa Walton
Greeter	Adam Fermier
Usher	Mike Epperly
Production/Technology	Carol Osenbach, John Osenbach Kristen Newill, Al Bauernschmidt

ONE 8:30 AM WORSHIP OFFERING ON JULY 26TH

Holy Spirit will offer one worship at 8:30 am.

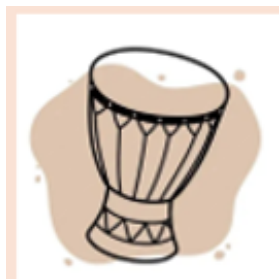
All are welcome to join the Emmaus Community Worship at 9:30 am in the Community Park. America 250 Emmaus Community Worship will take place at Community Park on Sunday, July 26, at 9:30 am. All are truly welcome. This spirit-filled celebration of God's goodness and community has been designed to focus 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.



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



Global Refuge

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/> .



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 towards
sending our youth to the
2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.**



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!

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 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.



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.](#)

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.



The pastor's visits, prayers and flowers were greatly appreciated during my hospitalization. The church has always been my strength when illness takes over my body! God bless you all!

~ Judy Hausman



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.



ENJOY COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP

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



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.



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 each care bag:

- 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.



**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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SUNDAY, JULY 26 • 9:30–10:30 A.M.

Community Ecumenical Worship Service

EMMAUS COMMUNITY PARK



Join churches from across the Emmaus area for a unique outdoor community worship service as part of the AMERICA250 PA Emmaus celebration.

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS:

- Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Emmaus Moravian Church
- Bethel Bible Fellowship
- Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Clergy and lay leaders from participating churches will lead worship through Scripture, prayer, music, and a brief reflection centered on gratitude, hope, and our shared calling to love our neighbors.

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Music will feature the Emmaus Moravian Brass, a community choir, a children's choir, and a community band.



This special service celebrates unity, hospitality, and service while offering a meaningful opportunity for reflection as our community commemorates America's 250th anniversary.

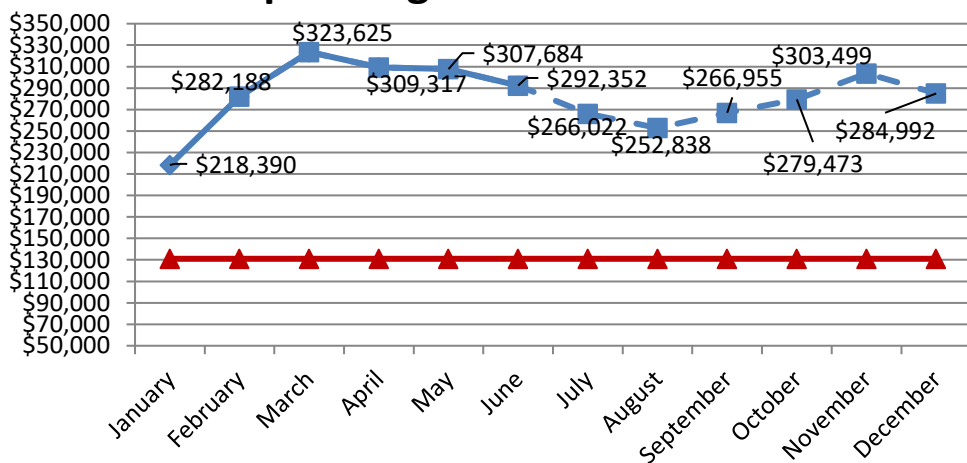
Financial Results and Discussion – June 2026 (Revised)

Operating Performance: June income was \$62,545, \$23,759 or 27.5% below budget. This shortfall is due to the timing of a \$25,000 budgeted transfer from memorials that did not occur. 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.

Operating Fund Balance 2026



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.

Mark Your Calendars for these important YOUTH Events/Updates!!

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](#)



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!



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, Doug, Joan, Terry, Ann, Janie, Laura, Kathy, Bob, Sue, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Don, Robin and Philip.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Ricki Stringfellow.

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.



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.

CALENDAR

Sun. 7/26	8:30 am	Worship & Praise (WC)
	9:30 am	Emmaus Community Worship at Emmaus Community Park (1401 Shimerville Rd.)
Mon. 7/27	1:00 pm	Zumba Exercise Class (SC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Drum Circle
Tues. 7/28	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	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	12:00 pm	Youth Planning Meeting (FC)
	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 (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

**The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
is a ELCA, Reconciling in Christ,
and Rejoicing Spirits congregation.
All Are Welcome!**

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