



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

August 30

Back to School Bash

September 7

Church Office Closed

September 13

Faith Formation Begins
Youth Gathering Meeting
Rejoicing Spirits Service

September 27

Gods Work. Our Hands

Sunday, August 30, 2026

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

9:00 – 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

9:45 am Family Worship

***10:45 am Worship**

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

***Worship 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.

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.

August 23, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:30 am	140	13
9:45 am	97	N/A
10:45 am	63	15

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Eric Kahler		Craig Scott
Communion Assistants	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Volunteers Needed
Readers	Ava Killingsworth	Paige K.	Chris Pirrotta
Children's Message		Courtney Keiser	
Greeters	Fran Derhammer		Renee Wetherhold
Ushers	Bill Derhammer	Slaby Family	Chuck Coe
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Kristen Newill Bill Newill	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie Volunteer Needed



ENJOY COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

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



REQUEST FOR PHOTOS OF 2026 CHURCH EVENTS

As we did in 2025, the Stewardship Team is collecting photos of various church and community events.

We intend to use a selection of the

photos we gather in various communications throughout the year.

If you have photos from events please email them to Mike Berkheimer at mdberkheimer@gmail.com and they will be added to the drive being maintained by the Stewardship Team.



SUMMER BREAKFASTS - Thank you to all who participated in Summer Breakfast this year. We were able to raise \$1156.43 for the Youth to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER....



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.



Dear Holy Spirit family,
Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits. Being a member of such a friendly and caring church has made the convalescent time easier. A special thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I love the color and the pattern! ~ Gratefully, Lee Satrom

Holy Spirit Emmaus, Thank you so much for your support and love of summer staff! The dinner you all shared was so creative and we loved the live music! We are truly grateful and appreciate you all going above and beyond because it is moments like these that are both reminders and encouragement. Thank you for all that you do for camp!
~ Bear Creek Camp Summer Staff 2026

Dear Bloomin' Faith,
My thanks to Leesa Wimmer and Lisa Walton for the lovely bouquet of garden flowers. My appreciation as well to the volunteer who delivered this beautiful surprise. ~ Pat Helfrich

TRUNK OR TREAT Summer is ending, and fall is right around the corner! We are looking for helpers in promoting our Trunk or Treat event by placing a yard sign on their lawn and/or distributing door flyers in their neighborhood! If you're interested, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or email Courtney Keiser (courtney_keiser@yahoo.com) no later than September 9th.



SEPTEMBER ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us this Fall, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30 to 10:30 am each Sunday for Faith Formation. September Speakers and topics are listed below:

Sept. 13 - Search Team for full-time Director of Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults

Sept. 20 - CIVICS 101- THE ELECTION PROCESS

Presenter is Michael Paston, Esq., Chief Clerk of Elections for Lehigh County. His topics include:

In person voting: Poll workers and their roles on election day.

What activities are acceptable or prohibited outside the polling place. How are the in-person ballots transferred to the County for tabulation. **Vote by mail or drop off.** How to get a mail in ballot

What specific rules apply to voting by mail and/or dropping off ballot. **Counting the votes:** What controls are in place to ensure the integrity of the process? How are the votes counted. Who oversees the counting of the votes?

Sept. 27 - God's Work, Our Hands service project 9:25 am. See article on page 8 for more information about this event.



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 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!

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.





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!

M&M'S WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 16

We will meet in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Carol Campbell, Holy Spirit's Community Health Liaison. Mark your calendars and please join us.



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 September 26 & October 24.** Please sign up to help by [clicking here.](#)

PRIME TIMERS' EVENTS

Movie Group – September 22nd at 10:00 am in the All-Saints Room. Join us to watch the comedy, "The Bucket List," starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

Coffee Hour – September 30 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center come for trivia, baked goods, health tips, and laughter. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us.

LCHS BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Monday Sept 28th** at 11:00 am and will be discussing, "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.



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. [Sign Up here](#) or you can **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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation the week of September 14 – 18. Volunteers are needed to answer phones and greet visitors from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on September 14, 15, or 16. Please call the office at 610-967-2220 if you can help one of those days. Thank you.



God's work. Our hands.

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 LV. Collections to support our projects will be in August.

We are collecting:

toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, Generic or Men's Body Wash, Generic or Men's Deodorant, Women's shampoo, and 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 are outside the Fellowship Center. Please see the recipient list located above the collection boxes for detail on the organizations.

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 bltruhe@hotmail.com or at 484-725-2488.



Want to expand both your horizons and your tastebuds?

Share fellowship while exploring the many cultures within our Lehigh Valley? The Faith and Civic Life team is starting a dining group entitled, ***Our Friends' Table***. We plan to visit a

different restaurant each month; both lunch and dinner times offered. Everything from A to V, Algerian to Vietnamese! Chinese, Indian, Italian, Mexican, Greek, Soul Food, Hungarian, Latin American, Middle Eastern, German, etc.! You say you can't come to every meal? Or don't want to try specific menus? No problem! No obligation, but RSVPs will be requested if attending. Organizing and announcements will be done via an email group. If you would like to **join the group**, please email your interest to: <mailto:ChurchDining@Bashus.com> or contact Pearl Bashus ("Mrs. B" from Sunday School).



The Fall Women's Retreat is back - October 2-4

Join us October 2nd–4th for a weekend of rest, connection, activities, and the kind of time for yourself that's hard to come by. Set against the beauty of camp in early fall, this is a weekend you will want to hold onto. Find out more by visiting Bear Creek Camp's website or by [clicking here](#).



SERVING OTHERS

LCHS staff took time out of the workday on Tuesday to lend a helping hand at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. It was a wonderful service opportunity and a great way for Holy Spirit staff to spend time together doing God's Work! The Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank serves

approximately 2,000 families each month between in person pickups and delivered donations. Holy Spirit has ongoing collections for the food pantry year-round and there are always opportunities to help serve at the food bank daily (Mon. - Fri.). Please consider ways you might want to help make a difference!



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, Janet, 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, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Mark, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Kathy, John, Doug, Terry, Janie, Laura, Jack, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Angie, Carl, Sue, Sally, Lee, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Wilma, and Don.

In times of joy and celebration for Greg and Angie Niland's 25th wedding anniversary.

In times of joy and celebration for Heather Coe's 38th birthday.

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.



GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
(9:25 am)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
(9:45 am)

FALL GROUNDS CLEAN – UP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 13
(9:00 am-12:00 pm)

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
(1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

ALL SAINTS REQUIEM CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
(4:00 PM)

CALENDAR

Sun. 8/30	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	3:00 pm	Back to School Bash (Lower Parking Lot)
Mon. 8/31	9:00 am	Nursery School Planning Mtg. (110/112)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	7:00 pm	8:30 Worship Work Group (116)
	7:30 pm	DFFY&YA Search Team Meeting (114)
Tues. 9/1	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat Mtg. (FC)
Weds. 9/2	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 9/3	9:30 am	NS Sneak Peek
	4:00 pm	NS Sneak Peek
	6:30 pm	Staff Support (116)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (FC)
Sun. 9/6	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
Mon. 9/7	Church Office Closed	
Tues. 9/8	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Nursery School Board Meeting (116)
Weds. 9/9	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Group (116)
	6:00 pm	Pop Up Fitness Class (SC)
Thurs. 9/10	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Sat. 9/12	2:00 pm	EHS Band Competition Parking (Upper Lot)
Sun. 9/13	12:00 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting (17/119)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026
in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**