



HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

**9:30 am Adult Faith Formation,
CAT Class, High School Connect**

9:45 am Family Worship

**10:10 am Sunday School
Gospel/Sermon Replay**

***10:45 am Worship**

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirit

**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.

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

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September 13

Faith Formation Begins
Youth Gathering Meeting
Rejoicing Spirits Service

September 14

Lunch w/Pr Shari

September 18

Church Office Closed

September 27

Gods Work. Our Hands

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.

September 6, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:30 am	104	18
9:45 am	67	N/A
10:45 am	55	19

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Charlotte Gross		Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Linda Devine	Jennifer Wetzel Sheila Huff	Susann Madara Mark Blower
Readers	Louise Arnold	Gabriella C.	Nina McNally
Children's Message		Eric Kahler	
Greeters	Irv Keister	Smith Family	Jeanne Bistras
Ushers	Angie Niland	Smith Family	Cathy Wimmer
Production/ Technology	Bill Keane Glenn Hinderliter Volunteer Needed	Bill Keane Glenn Hinderliter	Molly Olszewski Volunteer Needed

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



Invite your friends and family and join our Rejoicers on Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Our Special Message is, "Share joyfully and love one another." Come to the picnic afterwards in the Fellowship Center and enjoy games, Karaoke, and ice cream sundaes. All Are Welcome!



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!



LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR SHARI

Bring your lunch and join with Pastor Shari in conversation from Noon to 1pm on Monday, September 14th in Room 117/119.

MUSIC REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN **ARE YOU READY TO JOIN IN?**

Speak with Reylene if you are interested or would like more information. All Are Welcome!



Spirit Ringers – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Spirit Voices – Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Requiem Rehearsals – Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Spirit of Praise (band) – every other Saturday at 9:00 am



God's work. Our hands.

This year we will be holding our God's Work Our Hands event on **Sunday September 27 at 9:25 am**. Alternate worship times will be held at **8:45 am and 10:30 am** so that 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.**

Through September 20th, we will be collecting:

Toothpaste

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 get 'In the Spirit' for God's Work Our Hands?

We have a handful of GWOH's T-shirts available with 'Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit' imprinted on the back. Please stop by the table in the narthex on **Sunday 9/20...first come first served.**

Free will donations accepted.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am

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.



REUSABLE BAGS/TOTES

Have you accumulated too many reusable bags? If so, please consider donating to **Plesion Foster Care** and **Kinship Families** and the **Perfect Fit of the YWCA**.

These organizations provide clothing and personal care items to families and are in need of bags/totes to use for the family donations.

While you are welcome to donate new bags, we are happy to accept **clean, used** reusable bags. Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. Please see the recipient list located above the collection boxes for detail on the organizations.



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 10:10 - 10:40 am. Lesson ideas/materials will be provided. Please let Karin Kahler know if you are interested in serving.

M&M'S WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 16

M&M's is an inspirational time for women to talk, pray and connect. Join us in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am on September 16th. Our guest speaker will be Carol Campbell, Holy Spirit's Community Health Liaison.

PRIME TIMERS'

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.

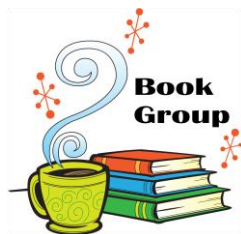


BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY

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.](#)

LCHS BOOK CLUB

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



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.

SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH

No matter where we are in our life cycle we are all getting older. In order to stay as healthy as possible at any age, here are a few simple recommendations.

1. **STAY ACTIVE** - Current recommendations include moderate intensity activity like walking (150 minutes a week which is 30 minutes 5x week), or 75 minutes of high intensity activity like swimming, fast cycling, or running.
2. **EAT A HEALTHY DIET** of fresh fruits/vegetables, whole grains and lean protein.
3. **MAINTAIN A STABLE SLEEP SCHEDULE** with recommendations of 7-9 hours a night.
4. **SOCIALIZE** - Having social ties which include meeting with friends/relatives, learning a new skill or playing games.
5. **PRIMARY CARE** - Follow recommendations from your primary care provider for vaccination schedules and age appropriate health tests.

~ Carol Campbell, Holy Spirit's Health Liaison



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our Blessing of the Animals service will be on Sunday, October 4th at 9:45 am. Bring your family, your friends, your pets and a chair and join us outside as we bless and celebrate God's critters and the important part they play in our lives. For more information, please contact Jimmy Lee Werley at werley556@yahoo.com.



It's that time of year! TRUNK or TREAT / FALL FEST will be on Saturday, October 17th from 1:00-2:30 pm (Rain date 10/18)

This intergenerational event is a fun way for LCHS children, their families, and the community to safely enjoy the time of year. It is also a great opportunity to introduce families to our church.

In addition to Trunk or Treating, the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and more! Everyone is invited to decorate car trunks and offer wrapped candies or items such as pencils and stickers to the children of Holy Spirit and our church neighborhood children. **Come join the fun!**

WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE EVENT:

- **Sponsor a trunk** - If you are interested in sponsoring a trunk the vehicle participation sign-up can be found [here](#). You can also sign-up using the QR Code below or by calling Nikki in the church office and she will register you. The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is Thursday, October 8th.
- **Join in volunteering to help set up or tear down** for the event by moving tables, chairs, decorating, hanging signs, etc. from 9:00-10:30 am or 2:30 to 3:30 pm.
- **We are collecting** wrapped candy (**peanut free please**), gluten free treats, and non-edible items such as pencils and stickers to distribute at the event. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Fellowship Center.
- **Sign up for a Yard Sign** to place on your lawn or to help **distribute Doorhangers** advertising our event.
- **Make a financial contribution** to help offset the costs.
- **Invite** your friends and family.

For additional information or questions about our Trunk or Treat/ Fall Fest event, please contact Courtney Keiser at: courtney_keiser@yahoo.com.





**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, Terry, Janie, Laura, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Angie, Carl, Susan, Holly, Sally, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Anthony, Wilma, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Barney Bolak, brother of Marian Schneck and the family and friends of Roberta Wallace Longsworth, former Director of Lay Ministries at Holy Spirit.

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. 9/13	11:00 am	Grazio R&B Circle (117/119)
	12:00 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting (117/119)
	12:00 pm	Snyder R&B Circle (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
Mon. 9/14	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/Pastor Shari (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation for Children (116)
	7:30 pm	FFY&YA Search Team Mtg. (Zoom)
Tues. 9/15	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (117/119)
Weds. 9/16	6:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 9/17	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Team (116)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 9/18	Church Office Closed	
Sun. 9/20	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
Mon. 9/21	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (117/119 & ASR)
Tues. 9/22	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
Weds. 9/23	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	In-gathering Meeting (FC)
Thurs. 9/24	10:00 am	Staff Calendar Planning (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)
Fri. 9/25	10:00 am	Bloomin' Faith (Kitchen)
Sat. 9/26	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)
	9:30 am	Bloomin' Faith (Parking Lot)
Sun. 9/27	Noon	Cards w/friends (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)