



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

September 27

Gods Work. Our Hands

October 4

Blessing of the Animals

October 5

Lunch w/ Pastor Shari

October 12, 13

Fall Grounds Clean Up

October 17

Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, September 27, 2026

***8:45 am God's Work. Our Hands
Worship and Praise**

**9:25 am God's Work, Our Hands
Service Project in the
Fellowship Center**

***10:30 am God's Work.
Our Hands 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.

September 20, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:30 am	114	16
9:45 am	86	N/A
10:45 am	79	16

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Lorie Stout Sherman	Vi Ballard
Communion Assistants	Sue Mathieu Barb Roba	Ruth Doty Vi Ballard
Gospel Readers	Charles M.	Camille B.
Readers	XJ H.	Bennett S.
Greeters	Lorie Stout Sherman	Marian Harrison
Ushers	Nancy Shoemaker	John Letts
Production/ Technology	Al Bauernschmidt Volunteers Needed	Carol Osenbach Molly Olszewski John Osenbach



God's work.
Our hands.

Sunday September 27 at 9:25 am.

We are supporting the **Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Perfect Fit of the YWCA, and Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.**

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE
AS WE CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

Our service project will be held during our Faith Formation time between the two worship services so all may participate together.

GWOH Sunday Schedule

8:45 Worship

9:25 Service Project

10:30 Worship

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.

SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH

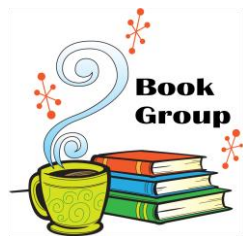
No matter where we are in our life cycle we are all getting older. In order to stay as healthy as possible at any age, here are a few simple recommendations.

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

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.



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.



Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday morning, October 4th, during the 9:45family worship time. We will be together outside under a tent at the far end of the building. All are invited to bring their favorite chair and their pets (of any kind..fury, scaly, feathery, etc.) for blessing.

Whoof, meow, caw, slither!

A special offering will be taken in support of the work of the *Lehigh Valley Humane Society community veterinary clinic.*

Dedication Ceremony

Also, as part of that morning's activities, there will be a plaque dedication in memory of former Holy Spirit Pastor Jim Bowers. The dedication will take place at the end of the 8:30 worship time with the placing of the plaque outside under the Memory Tree to end our time together.



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, **October 5th** in the Fellowship Center. Prayer will conclude our time together.



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.



We will be cleaning up the grounds at Holy Spirit on **Monday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th**. If you are able, we would love your help from 9:00 am – Noon to weed, rake leaves out of beds, trim bushes, etc. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, work gloves and any other

items you think might be needed.

OCTOBER ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Oct. 4th - Blessing of the Animals - We will explore together, with all ages, the idea of intentional blessing for the gifts given to us in this life.

Oct. 11 - TBA

Oct. 18 - Northeast Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA
Come and learn about the synod with Assistant
to the Bishop, Chelle Huth

Oct. 25 - Fellowship



TRUNK or TREAT / FALL FEST

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.
- **Place a Yard Sign** on your lawn or 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.



MUSIC REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN ARE YOU READY TO JOIN IN?

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

Please speak with Reylene if you are interested or would like more information. All Are Welcome to join in the fun!



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.



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 October 24, November 21 and December 19.** Please sign up to help by [clicking here.](#)

Our youth have had a great kick off to faith formation and activities in September. Last Sunday, they created Affirmation of Faith chains that they will continue to add to throughout the year!





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)



IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES!!

Sunday October 4th

4:30- 5:30 First Official Youth Gathering Session!

(Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend the trip to Minneapolis in 2027.)

5:30 - 7:30 Youth Hang Out - Bible Study and Halloween themed activities!

Saturday October 24th

Confirmation Banquet 11:00 - 2:00

Friday November 13th - Sunday November 15th

Cat Camp at Bear Creek

We are encouraging high school mentors to attend!



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

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Kathy Houck, friend of Debe Brown and for the family and friends of Rudolf Giesler.

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.

If your child enjoys playing instruments, singing, and just having fun, then check out our Children's Choir!

Children's Choir

for pre-K thru 3rd grade

3 meeting time possibilities:

Tuesdays at 5:00 PM,

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, or

Thursdays at 6:00 PM.



If your child(ren) would like to participate, or if you have any questions, please call 610-967-2220 ext. 109, respond by email to [deaconstarego@holyspirit-](mailto:deaconstarego@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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or return form on Sunday at the church

and indicate which time(s) work for you!

NAME(S) _____

PARENT _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please check all times that would work for your child(ren):

Tuesdays at 5:00 PM _____

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM _____

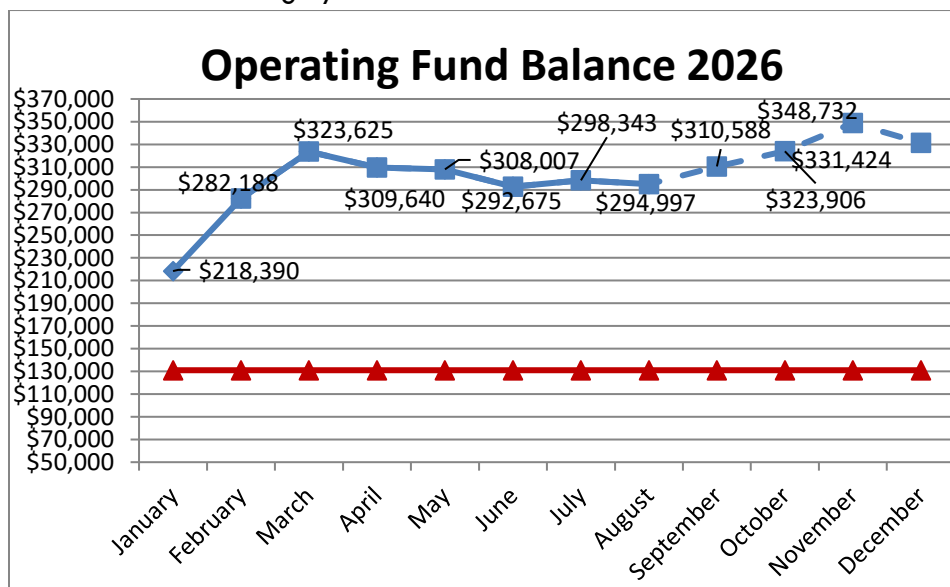
Thursdays at 6:00 PM _____

Financial Results and Discussion – August 2026

Operating Performance: August income was \$72,791, \$11,121 or 18.0% above budget. Operating expenses were \$76,138, \$4,643 or 5.7% below budget. We finished August with a \$3,347 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$19,112. 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 \$4,873.50 during the month and has a balance of \$18,339.94.

Mortgage Update: The mortgage balance as of August 31, 2026, is \$315,464.33.

CALENDAR

Sun. 9/27	12:00 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	Noon	Cards w/friends (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
Mon. 9/28	10:00 am	Counters (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	1:00 pm	Evoke - Staff Training (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
Tues. 9/29	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Fields of Indian Creek (WC)
	6:30 pm	Mutual Ministry/Staff Support Planning (ASR)
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee (117/119)
Weds. 9/30	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Civic Life (110/112)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 10/1	6:30 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir
Sun. 10/4	9:45 am	Blessing of the Animals
	11:45 am	Requiem Choir (Music Room)
	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	4:30 pm	2027 Youth Gathering Meeting (FC)
	5:30 pm	Youth Hang Out (FC)
Mon. 10/5	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	12:00 pm	Lunch w/Pastor Shari (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers (Zoom)
Tues. 10/6	9:15 & 12:40	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 10/7	9:15 am	Nursery School Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	6:00 pm	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit (FC)
Thurs. 10/8	6:30 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
	7:30 pm	Requiem Choir (WC)