



HOLY HAPPENINGS

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

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Upcoming Events

September 7

Church Office Closed

September 8

Prime Timer's Movie

September 13

Faith Formation Begins
Youth Gathering Meeting
Rejoicing Spirits Service

September 14

Lunch w/Pr Shari

September 18

Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

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 30, 2026	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
8:30 am	122	16
9:45 am	77	N/A
10:45 am	60	12

WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM
Assisting Ministers	Louise Arnold		Alice Mudge
Communion Assistants	Sue Reiss Carol Walrod	Jennifer Wetzel Volunteer Needed	Jackie Leipert Vi Ballard
Readers	Melanie Werley	Mollie W.	Laura Fetzer
Children's Message		Baptism	
Greeters	Carolyn Rice	John McClain	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Rich Feulner	John McClain	Ken Schlegel
Production/Technology	Bill Keane Al Bauernschmidt Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Bill Keane	Craig Kauffman Molly Olszewski Volunteer Needed



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.

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.

MUSIC REHEARSALS

BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

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, 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.



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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED Our Office Manager, Nikki Clark, will be on vacation the week of September 14 -18th. A volunteer is needed to answer phones and greet visitors from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Monday, September 14th. Please call the office at 610-967-2220 if you can help that day. Thank you.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A planning meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm for anyone who might be interested in helping at the 9:45 am Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 4th. For more information, please contact Jimmy Lee Werley at werley556@yahoo.com.



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!



Invite your friends and family and join our Rejoicers on Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. Come enjoy a new Gospel lesson and message and stay for the picnic afterwards in the Fellowship Center. All Are Welcome!



**Lunch
with
Pastor
Shari**

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.



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!

M&M'S WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 16

M&M's is an inspirational time for women to talk, pray and connect. We will meet in Room 117/119 at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker is Carol Campbell, Holy Spirit's Community Health Liaison. Mark your calendars and please join us.

PRIME TIMERS' EVENTS

Movie Group – **September 8th** 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.



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 afterward



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).

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

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.



Many, many thanks for the beautiful flowers received for my birthday. They were a total, but wonderful surprise. Thank you again.

~ Donna Kemp

Thank you to the Bloomin' Faith Ministry team for sharing your garden gifts with us. The fall colored flowers are still blooming as they were on our anniversary! ~ Carol and Don Walrod



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.



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, Doug, Terry, Janie, Laura, Jack, Kathy, Bob, Patricia, Angie, Carl, Holly, Sue, Sally, Lee, Laura, Shiloh, Deb, Wilma, and Don.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Jim Bott.

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Allison Vienna. We welcome Allison into the body of Christ and our fellowship here 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. 9/6	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
Mon. 9/7		Church Office Closed
Tues. 9/8	9:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	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	Fitness Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Group (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
	7:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals Planning Mtg. (117)
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	8:30 am	Worship & Praise (WC)
	9:30 am	Adult Faith Formation (FC)
		CAT Class (SC) / High School Connect (114)
	9:30 am	Grazio R&B Circle (117/119)
	9:45 am	Family Worship (WC)
	10:10 am	Sunday School (classrooms)
		Sermon/Gospel Replay (ASR)
	10:45 am	Worship (WC)
	12:00 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting (17/119)
	1:00 pm	Zumba (SC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 9/14	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)
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