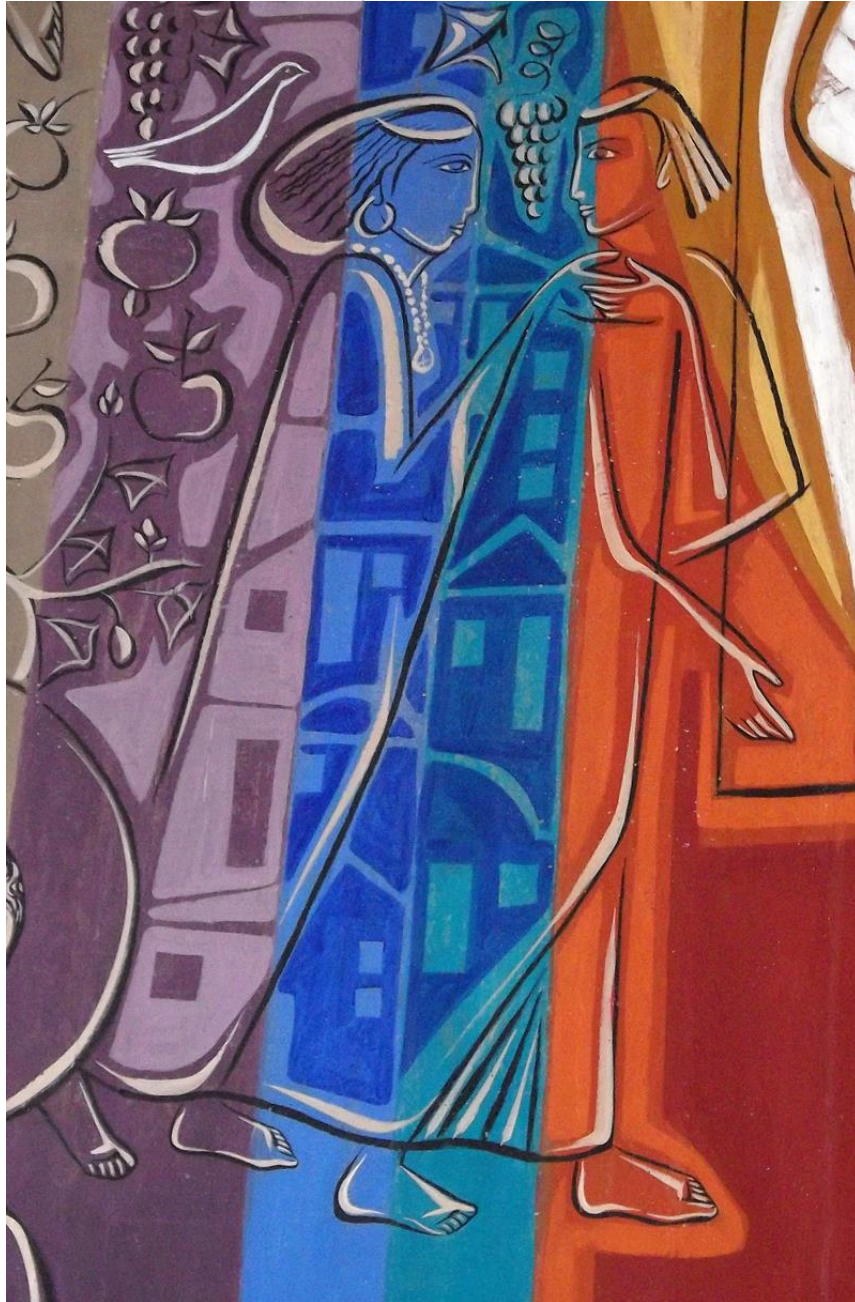


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026***



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Website Address:

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Church Email:

Holyspiritsecane@verizon.net

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION

“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the ✝ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life.
Amen.

P: Let us recite together the Great Commandment.

Jesus said,

C: “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the **+** name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW 765)**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

C: **Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

+ **WORD** +

FIRST READING: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my

love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-15

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*P:** The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.**C: Praise to you, O Christ.***(Please be seated)*

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

(Please stand as you are able)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (ELW 608)**



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

C: We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

P: God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**C: fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

P: As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

**C: Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

P: One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;

**C: truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

P: For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**C: The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

(from the Athanasian Creed)

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God of grace,)

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Parent, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING:

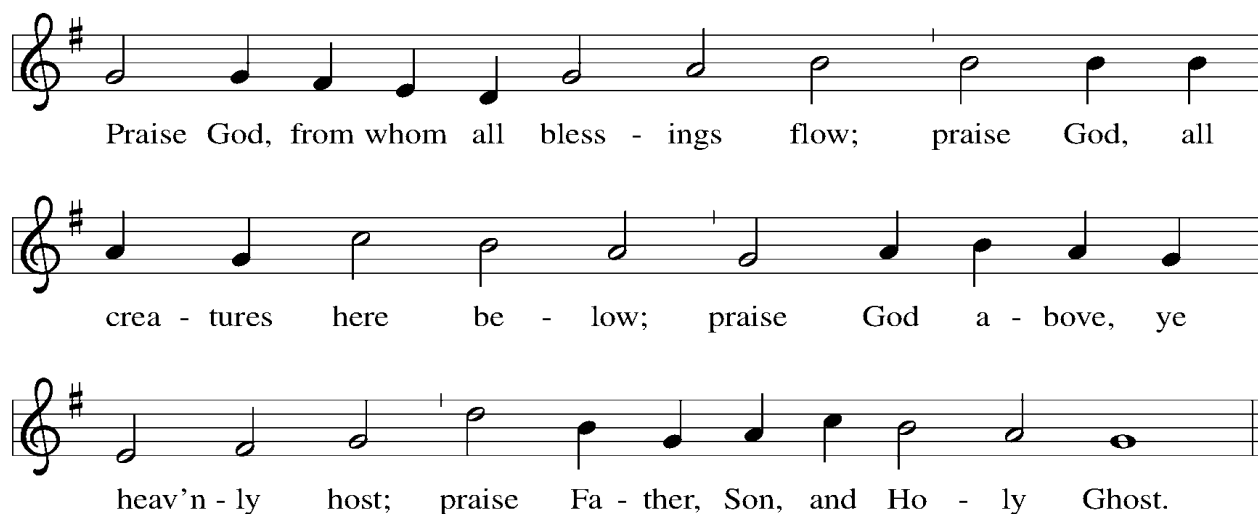
A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

*DOXOLOGY

(ELW 885)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

+ **TABLE** +

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever. Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God of new beginnings,

As we prepare to come to this Table, pour out your Spirit in this room.

Allow this meal to feel like a new beginning.

C: Allow us to experience welcome here.

Allow for all to be fed here.

Allow for all to sense your presence here.

P: And may these experiences jumpstart our faith, hope, and love

in new ways. With hope we gather. With hope we begin again.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven: we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us—on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send us your Holy Spirit. Come among us in our gathering, within this meal, and among your people.

C: Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ for your service. Renew the world with your healing, your justice, and your peace.

P: Together with all your saints, the earth, and its creatures:

C: All praise and glory are yours, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: Let Us Break Bread Together(ELW 471)



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

+ SENDING +

*BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:
 ✝ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

A: Our worship service has ended. Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another!

C: Thanks be to God!

*SENDING HYMN: God Bless Our Native Land (ELW 891)



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
 2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
 on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
 watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the **Glory of God** in memory of our **Mutti** by **Diana and Dolores Downey**.

June's Income: \$ 10,547

June's Expense: \$ 10,247

Average Attendance: 20

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 7/5

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Alan S./Alan D. – Usher

Crepacks – Counters

Nancy H. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 7/12

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Gary P. - Ushers

Greg C. - Counter

Nancy H. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Wed, Jul 8

7:30pm - AA (Hall)

Thu, Jul 9

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

8:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)

Sat, Jul 11

10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, Jul 12

10:15am – Worship

12:30pm – Song of Praise

HOMELESS MEAL – **Wednesday, July 29th**. See Nancy or Gary on how you can help.

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

*Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Michelle Bracken
Cookie Heaps*

*Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Maureen Colahan
John Turner
Lynn McGrane
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Scott Ferguson
Johnathan Igoe*

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for July, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – The Nursery School is looking for a new Director (President). We thank Kathy Dowd who has recently resigned. Kathy had been Director since 2023. It is a very rewarding experience to oversee the Nursery School and watch the children grow. If you are interested in this position, please let Pastor or the office know.

COUNCIL MEETING – No meeting in July.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - July 19th after service.

OFFICE CLOSED: Jeanne will be on vacation July 20st thru 23rd.

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for Sep to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase. Many openings for July.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



Backpack School Supply Collection 2026
Collection Ends August 2, 2026
3 Ways to Contribute

It's time for the Backpack School Supply Collection. We hope to again be able to supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 605 backpacks were filled by 18 faith communities in Delaware County. Here are 3 ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assembly the backpacks.

Link to Amazon Wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/Interfaith-School-Supples> or use the QR code: You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can

be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is again serving as Treasurer of this effort. **As in past years you can do the shopping and drop off the supplies at your congregation. See the suggested list of supplies on table in back of sanctuary**

DELCO CONFERENCE EVENTS

The Joy of Living Retreat July 11. Grace Wellness Center will host a one day retreat titled: “The Joy of Living.” God is where the joy is. Laughter and love give us health and wholeness. Come join us as we playfully experiment with new tools for joyful living, a spiritual practice. See Grace web site gracebroomall.org for more information.

St. Matthew in Springfield is holding VBS **July 27-31** from 9:00 - 11:30 AM for ages Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The theme is *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*.

Temple Lutheran Church in Havertown presents *Emerald Crossing* VBS. Children ages 4-10 are \$20 for the week, or \$40 max per family. VBS will be **August 3-7** from 9 am to Noon. Sunday, August 9th is TLC's VBS Sunday. We sing songs from the week and children are invited to teach the congregation the hand motions learned at camp! templelutheran.org/vbs

St. Timothy's in Aston is hosting VBS "*Under Construction*" **August 10-13**, from 6-8:15p. Ages 3-years-old to 5th Grade.

Immanuel in Norwood is hosting VBS "*Snowball Mountain Challenge*" on **August 10-14** from 9-11:30am. ImmanuelNorwood.org/calendar



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