

This Week at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, 1/14/2018	Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 a.m.
	9:45 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL
	9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119
	9:50 AM Sunday School Service Proj. Speary
	12:00 PM Youth & Young Adults Team, 117/119
	2:30 PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship, WC/FC
MONDAY, 1/15/2018	Martin Luther King Holiday—Office Closed
	7:00 PM Stephen Ministers, 117/119, ASR
TUESDAY, 1/16/2018	1:15 PM Staff Meeting, 117/119
	6:00 PM Finance Mission Team, Pr. Ric's Office
	6:00 PM SM Leader's Mtg, Pr. Jim's Office
	7:30 PM Congregation Council Mtg, 117/119
WED., 1/17/2018	9:30 AM M&M's Too, FC
	7:00 PM Faith Formation for Adults, 117/119
	7:00 PM Hospitality Team Mtg., ASR
	7:15 PM Spirit Ringers, WC
THUR., 1/18/2018	6:00 PM Praise Band, WC
	7:15 PM Festival Choir, WC
	8:00 PM Adult Choir, WC
FRIDAY, 1/19/2018	
SAT., 1/20/2018	
SUNDAY, 1/21/2018	Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 a.m.
	9:45 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL
	9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119, Speary
	12:00 PM ELCA Youth Gathering Mtg, FC
	4:00 PM Youth Event, Speary Café

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

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We welcome all who worship with us today. Visitors are invited to sign the guest register in the Lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with Pastor Ric Elliott.

Children are welcomed and celebrated. We know kids are in worship and make noise. The psalmist David said, "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" It's great to hear all people respond during worship. If your child should need a break, there is child care available in room 110 during the 8:45 and 10:45 am worship services. Parents are always welcome to stay with their children there. Parents must sign children in and out of nursery care.

Clipboards and Bible bags are available for children's use during worship and can be found at the "Children's Ministry" table in the Lobby.

Prayer cards are available at the guest register in the Lobby should you need to request special prayer. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

Members and guests are invited to sign the *Friendship Register*, pass it down the row for other worshippers to sign, and introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

The New Year welcomes you! Introduce yourself to the New Year by wearing your name tag. If you don't have a name tag, please contact the church office.

ASR=All Saints Room L=Lobby MR=Music Room
WC=Worship Center FC = Fellowship Center (MPR)

Happenings at Holy Spirit

This week: Week 2 in our series: A Gospel for Outsiders with Dr. Virginia Wiles, Professor of New Testament, New Brunswick Theological Seminary: Our religious loyalties so often become a kind of “hardening of the arteries” in our communities. Church becomes a “safe family” of comfort and familiarity. A comfy couch, a remote-control worship, and food that makes us happy. But what about those Scriptures that focus on those who are *outside* our comfort zone? Those others who don’t really “fit” inside our safe family? What can we learn about how to relate to those outside our familiar circles? In this series, Dr. Wiles will explore three key biblical stories that ask us to wrestle with precisely this question. Come and wrestle with us as we encounter these time-tested stories and our own discomforts and excitements around engaging the “Other.” **TODAY — The Book of Ruth.**

CFL Next week: Dr. Virginia Wiles and **Luke 4.**

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Three Year Olds:	Valentine Cards for Shut-Ins
Four Year Olds:	Valentine Cards for Shut-Ins
Kindergarten:	Valentine Cards for Shut-Ins
First Grade:	Assemble Snack Bags for Warming Center
Second / Third Grade:	Assemble Snack Bags for Warming Center
Fourth and Fifth Grade:	Music with Mrs. MacCabe
Catechism:	Prepare for Souper Bowl of Caring
Sr. High	Epiphany Theme

WARMING STATION SUPPLIES NEEDED – TODAY our elementary Sunday School classes will pack snack bags for guests that visit the Warming Station in Allentown. Currently no evening meal is available in Allentown for homeless or needy individuals. The snack bags help to fill the gap. Thank you for your support of this project. The Sunday School expects to fill 200 snack bags.

REJOICING SPIRITS “Baptism of Jesus” worship, TODAY at 2:30 pm followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

CAT Club Teachers Needed: CAT Club is held during February each year. Each of our elementary classes study a different portion of Luther’s Small Catechism. It is also a time when we ask for short-term Sunday School teachers. I need two adults per class for each of our elementary classes. Typically, one adult teaches two lessons and assists with two lessons. Materials are provided. Contact Karin Kahler if you are interested in serving or learning more.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers.

Shut In/Homebound—prayers for God’s presence...

Dottie Blomster, Doris Boehmer, Betty Buehrle, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Larry Gilbert, Doris Giles, Ray Karoly, Grace and Francis Kratz, Joan Lauffer, Christopher Limpar, James Miller, Glenn and Norine Shafer, Karen Wilhelm.

In Times of Illness for God’s healing... Mare Ashford, Stephanie Ashford, Wesley Black, Sylvia Bobbit, Mary Bridger, Sue Brower, Hank Cassler, Kitty Chandler, Linda Coughlin, David and Dorothy Diehl, Lena Divano, Orietta Divano, Marie Elder, Deacon Jane Elliott, Carol Eroh, Cheryl Fatzinger, Glenn Fretz, Pam Fritz, Marlene Feulner, Lisa Galucia, Jim Geiling, Gayle Getz, Reinhold Guignet, Gloria Henry, Eva Howells, Andrew James, Heather James, John and Jane Keene, Diane Keister, Samantha Keppel, Don Krall, Paul and Irene Lasagna, Tom Lippai, Art Livingston, Jr., Mike and Erin Mauer, Dalton McKernan, Kelly Mensch, Jon Moessner, Rachel Moessner, Helen Morris, Bill Moyer, Bob Mudge, Stephen Niland, Mary Ellen Oberdorf, Bill Ofchinik, Irene Olsakowsky, Kailee Pauley, Dan Potts, Marsha Raskin, Thomas Ritter, Gloria Roeder, Denise Rohrbach, Matthew Rosazza, Carl Roth, Justina Satrio, Fred Schlerf, Bob Schuchart, Bob Shovlin, Bob Slaby, Heidi Slansky, Wilma Stewart, Rita Tsamoulalidis, Lauren Vilchinsky, Jane Warmkessel, Ron Wetherhold, Doris Wilhauck, David Wolff, Roy Wolff .

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, at any time, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, Call the office at 610-967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

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 cards are available at the Information Desk. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:45	10:45
Worship Coordinator		Jackie Leipert
Crucifer		Bob Mueller
Acolytes		Hope Garavaglia Lindsey Kahler
Assisting Minister	Leesa Wimmer	Vi Ballard
Reader	Paige Mathieu	
Communion Assistants	Barb Roba and Suzanne Wendt	Debbie & Jeff Hartman Glenn & Terri Hinderliter
Ushers	Rob Smith, Sue Smith Barb Roba	Tom Eichelberger Trevor Tormann, Mike and Kitti Berkheimer
Greeters	John and Nancy McClain	Ava & Larry Killingsworth
Nursery Volunteers	Jean Baker	Sarah Flanders
Flower Delivery	Christine Bolen	
Praise Band:	Bob Schuchart, Joe Tobey, Frank Mattes, Justin Schaffer Chris Kline	
Altar Care	Cindy Hastings, Pattie Bisbing, Rich and Marlene Feulner, Terry Hinderliter, Anne Fayad	

OUR STAFF

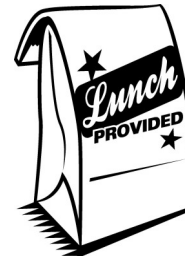
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Weekend On-Call Schedule:

January 13/14—Pastor Ric Elliott—610-304-7924
 January 20/21—Pastor Jim Bowers—610-248-3949
 January 27/28—Pastor Jim Bowers—610-248-3949

News.....News.....News.....



HELP NEEDED FOR the congregational meeting on Feb. 4th. Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting . The hospitality team needs people who will be willing to donate an item for the lunch . There is a sign up sheet posted at the event center in the lobby, with the items that are needed. The items may be brought to the church kitchen the morning of the meeting by 10:45. Thanks for your donation. Questions, call Tena Rapp, 610-437-0745 or Barb Roba, 610-965-7030.

BEAR CREEK CAMP is visiting on Sunday, January 21st at 9:45 am. Come to the worship center to hear about the fun and excitement of camp, sing some songs, and hear about Winter Camp, Summer Camp and Family Camp. BCC is for all ages- all are welcome.

FLY to ABE will meet next on January 22, 2018 at 10 am to discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1 / 2. Please signup at the Signup Center in the Lobby.

PRIME TIMERS “movie” time, Tuesday, January 23rd, 10 am in Room 117/119. Watch “Going in Style” starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Allan Arkin. Lunch at the South Mall Perkins following the movie.

PRIME TIMERS “game day,” Monday, January 29th in Room 117/119 at 1pm. Bring your favorite game, cards, or board. All are welcome.

PR. SPENCER AND AMANDA “Welcome Shower”—At the end of the month we will welcome our new associate pastor, Pr. Spencer Steele and his wife Amanda. It is our desire to shower Pr. Spencer and Amanda with housekeeping items they will need in their first home together here in Emmaus. They are coming from California and, in setting up a first-time household of their own, may not have a lot of the necessities. We have asked them for a “wish list” of their needs. Please see the **Pr. Spencer and Amanda Wish List** poster in the narthex/lobby. If you would like to help “shower” Pr. Spencer and Amanda, please select an item listed on the poster and tear the tag for that item off the poster. Gift cards are also welcome. If you would like to provide a larger item, please notify Deacon Jane Elliott (610-304-7926) or Marian Harrison (610-509-2237) concerning delivery. Smaller items may be placed in Pr. Spencer’s church office or the Fellowship Center Lobby. All items should be *new or very gently used and should be delivered to the church on or before Friday, January 26. Thank you!!*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held Sunday, February 4th at 12:45 p.m. after enjoying a light lunch in the Fellowship Center. Please plan to attend this meeting as we consider the budget for 2018, elect members to the Congregation Council and Synod Assembly.

TABLE TALK meets on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm downstairs in the Speary Café to discuss the Lutheran perspective on Bible readings, led by Pr. Ric. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please sign up at the Event Signup Center in the lobby and park and enter by the downstairs door.

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2018-2019 school year is open to the public. Please call the preschool office at 610-965-5208 with any questions.

REJOICING SPIRIT'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Save the date – March 11, 10:45 a.m. The Rejoicing Spirits anniversary service will be held in the morning so that all Holy Spirit worshippers can experience the joy of this special ministry. Pastor Marge Dean will be our guest preacher, the Rejoicing Ringers will play, Rejoicers will serve as readers, ushers, and greeters. Lunch will be served following the service. We hope you will join us for this anniversary celebration. All are welcome.

AMAZON SMILE: The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is an “AmazonSmile” charitable organization. AmazonSmile is a way to support a charitable organization when you shop. To shop at AmazonSmile, go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device, and enter Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit as your designated charitable organization. For all subsequent purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to Holy Spirit. To learn more about AmazonSmile, go to smile.amazon.com.

THE ALLENTOWN FOODBANK is in need of 1 lb. boxes of Spaghetti/Pasta and Macaroni & Cheese. Donations may be left in the designated box in the lobby of the Fellowship Center.

2018 STEWARDSHIP: Please return your 2018 Estimate of Giving card by placing it in the offering plate, in the box at the Welcome Desk or return it to the church office. Estimates of Giving can also be completed online. Simply go to lchsemmaus.org and click on Stewardship and follow the prompts. Your financial commitment allows our congregation to more accurately estimate revenue, budget effectively and better plan our ministries for the coming year.

Financial Results and Discussion— December 2017

Operating Performance:

We finished 2017 on a very strong note! Our total net income was \$42,937 vs. a budgeted deficit of \$18,240. Revenue for December was \$123,083 while our forecast was \$93,396. Expenses for December were budgeted for \$97,504 and totaled \$97,556. Most mission areas were under budget in December with the exception of Staff Relations and Resources for Ministry. The very strong revenue in December helped us to end the year with a healthy surplus.

Two Important Notes:

Only money given to the Operating Fund will go against your pledge for the year.
We're adding a full time member to our staff in 2018.
Though we had a fantastic end to the year, let's keep the momentum going forward with this in mind.

Total Benevolence for 2017:

Budgeted benevolence was \$62,999
Non-budgeted benevolence totaled \$56,327

Available Operating Cash: We ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$116,614, up \$30,523 from November.

Building Fund: The balance in the fund decreased during the month to \$5,908 due to a \$4,250 check to Meisner for the Fellowship Center light upgrade.

Available Capital Campaign Cash: Our available cash balance in the Capital Campaign Fund increased to \$47,293.

HOLY SPIRIT'S GIVING KIOSK is in the Lobby. If you would like to do your giving or make a donation via a credit/debit card, please feel free to use the kiosk in the Lobby. The kiosk is set up to receive credit/debit card payments e.g. Project Help, VBS registration payments, Nursery School. If you register, thereafter you will be able to log in using your phone number. Your giving will be recorded and a receipt sent to your e-mail address. You may also make an anonymous donation. Instructions--contact Sherilyn Scheetz, Lorie Stout Sherman, or Pam Harshey.