



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

February 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

Annual Meeting on February 4

On Sunday, February 4- immediately following our 10:45 am worship service, we will be gathering for a light lunch in the Fellowship Center followed by our Annual Meeting at 12:45 pm in the Worship Center.

Agenda items for the annual meeting

- Election of Council members- nominations:
 - Mark Blower (three year term)
 - Rick Doty (three year term)
 - Nina McNally (three year term)
 - Mark Stanziola (three year term)
 - Molly Olszewski (youth representative - one year term)
- Election of Delegates to Synod Assembly- nominations:
 - Dodd Lamberton, Leesa Wimmer
- Consideration of the 2018 Proposed Budget
 - ⇒ In 2017, we were able to meet all of our financial obligations including all of our projected benevolence gifts. We budgeted a deficit of \$18,240 for 2017, but we finished the year with a surplus of \$42,937, exceeding our expectations by \$61,177. The actual revenue for 2017 was \$874,551 and our expenses were \$831,614. Thanks be to God for the generosity of our members who enabled us to transform an expected deficit into a surplus.
 - ⇒ The 2018 proposed budget is extremely conservative and attempts to balance a strong commitment to benevolent giving as well as building maintenance, staffing and programmatic needs. There are slight increases to benevolence and building maintenance, as well as, a cost of living adjustment for the staff.
 - ⇒ Copies of the Annual Report and proposed budget will be available at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.
- An update on the results of the extended "All Are Welcome" Campaign, as well as future facility concerns.



In preparation for this year's Annual Meeting, you are invited to attend the Council Forum on January 28 at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Center.

The Staff and Council will also be gathering on February 9-10 for the Annual Staff and Council Retreat, where our congregation's vision for ministry, as well as, ministry goals and objectives are set. Congregational officers will also be elected.

Pastor Ric



February Worship Schedule

- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion
(Child Care and Word for God's Children)
- 9:45 am- Faith Formation- Sunday School, Catechism, and Center for Faith and Life
- Fellowship- Coffee Community in Room 117/119 or Speary Café
(Child Care Available)
- 10:45 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion
(Child Care Available)

Feb. 4 - Congregational Meeting Boy Scout Sunday

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
Praise Kids
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir

Feb. 11 - Transfiguration of our Lord Install Church Council

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir
- 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



Feb. 18 - 1st Sunday in Lent

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir



Feb. 25 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir



Wednesday,
February 14th

Join us in the Worship Center for the imposing of ashes and Holy Communion.

- 7:00 am - Morning Worship
- 12:00 pm - Afternoon Worship
- 7:00 pm - Evening Worship with Adult Choir

Dust you are and to dust you shall return.
-Genesis 3:19

Lenten Worship and Study

By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism

Mondays at 7 pm in the Speary Café
Wednesdays at 12 pm in the Speary Café
All are Welcome

Please enter using the downstairs exterior door. There is parking on the lower level.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, Feb. 11th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship. Join us as we celebrate Love!

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Rejoicing Spirits ministry on Sunday, March 11th at 10:45 am.



GOD LOVES ME

10 YEAR Anniversary

FLY to ABE

FLY to ABE will meet next on February 26 at 10 am to discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray.

Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1/2. Please sign-up at the Event Center in the lobby.



Coffee @ 9:45 am

You are invited to Fellowship every Sunday in Room 117/119 upstairs or the Speary Café downstairs for coffee, tea, juice, and snacks.



Take time to connect with your church family.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4th

A light lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Center following the 10:45 am Worship Service.

Then after the luncheon, come to the Congregational Meeting at 12:45 pm in the Worship Center.

It is important for members to attend and be a part of the decisions pertaining to the future of our church.

Childcare will be available.

Congregational Meeting



M&M's Too

M&M's Too is an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together.

Join us on Wed, Feb. 21 at 9:30 am in Speary Café downstairs.



Souper-Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 4th

Please bring a can of food or monetary donation to help the local people in need of a meal. Our youth will be collecting before and after the worship services.

Donations will be sent to 6th Street Shelter, Second Harvest Food Bank and EHS Angel Network.



Holy Spirit Nursery School Registration

It's registration time at the nursery school! Holy Spirit Christian Nursery offers many programs.

- Three, four and five-year-old classes
- Enrichment classes for four and five-year-olds
- Afternoon extended options

Program information is available in the Lobby, church website, or by calling Karin Kahler at the preschool office (610) 965-5208.



Welcome Pr. Spencer

Pr. Spencer will be installed as Associate Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, February 25th at 3 pm. More details to follow.



Blessings of Bach Concert
Friday, March 23rd @ 7:30 pm

Holy Spirit Festival Choir and Orchestra
Selections from Johann Sebastian Bach's
Magnificat
St. Matthew Passion
Jesu, meine Freude
Mass in B minor

December 2017 Financial Results and Discussion

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.

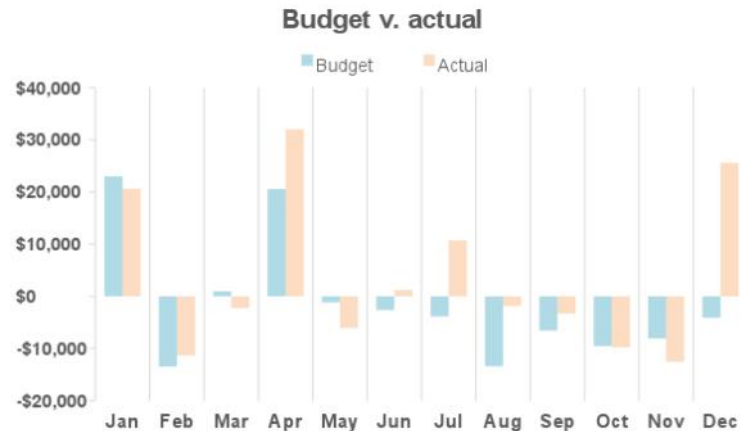
Total Benevolence for 2017:

- Budgeted benevolence was \$63,000
- Non-budgeted benevolence totaled \$56,327
- Benevolence totaled 13.7% of the total revenue for 2017

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 Electric for the Fellowship Center light upgrade.

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



Prime Timers February

- Thursday, February 8th- Book Club will discuss *The Last Templar* at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room. The book for March is *Stiff* by Mary Roach . A hilarious forensic exploration of dead bodies over the century.
- Monday, February 12th- Investment Club at 9:00 am at Luther Crest. Call Will Boyer for more information at 610-434-881. We will discuss the ups and downs of the market.
- Thursday, February 15th- Dine at the Trivet at 12:30pm on Tilghman Street. Call Will Boyer 610-434-8811 to reserve a place. They have a back room to handle our crowd.
- Tuesday, February 20th- Watch the movie either *The Bucket List* with Morgan Freedman and Jack Nicholas or *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* with Judie Dench and Maggie Smith in rooms 117/119 at 10:30am . We'll discuss them afterwards back at Perkins, just order off the menu.
- Monday, February 26th- Game Day in 117/119- Scrabble, cards, board games. Come join us for the fun. Make a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy the companionship from 1:00pm-3:00pm.



**REMEMBER any activities at the church will be canceled according to the school closings. There will be NO Prime Timers Breakfast in January. Prime Timers Breakfast will be on February 28th

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is created to extend our circle through intentional fellowship opportunities with other people of Holy Spirit. There are three Circle of Friends styles. The goal is to connect, share a meal or experience, and expand your Circle of Friends.

- Family Adventure Circle, Adults Venture-In Circle, Adults Venture-Out Circle

Please sign-up at the Event Center by Feb. 18th. Your new circle of friends will be notified in March. Please contact Pattie Bisbing psbisbing@verizon.net, 610-967-4425 or Deacon Jane Elliott Jelliott@holyspirit-emmaus.org, 610-967-2220 x 108 with any questions.



Table Talk

Table Talk is time to share food and beverage while having conversations with people of Holy Spirit. We meet next on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Speary Café downstairs.

We will discuss the Lutheran perspective on Ash Wednesday Bible readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 led by Pr. Ric. All are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Sign-up at the Event Center in the lobby. Park and enter by the downstairs door.



Lenten Sunday School Offering

For many years, the yearly Sunday School offering has been sent to benevolent organizations. Project Heifer, Second Harvest Food Bank, Gress Mountain Ranch and our missionaries in Tanzania have been past recipients. This year, the Sunday School was asked to support Holy Spirit's Stitch and Chat Ministry and ELCA World Hunger- God's Global Barnyard.

Last year, the Sunday School classes collected a total of \$1700. We would like to match or exceed our benevolent offering this year.

During the Lenten season, each child will receive a Piggy Bank. We are asking the Sunday School children to save a portion of their money to donate to these worthy causes. Change, paper money, and checks can be placed in the bank and be returned to their teachers. Donations will also be accepted on the Giving Kiosk. Thank you for your generosity!



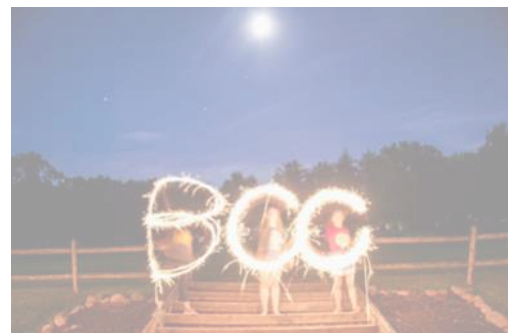
Bear Creek Camp is for Everyone!

Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp	All Ages	May 25 - 28
Summer Camp (Open June-Aug)	completed Grades 2nd-12th	Full Week (Sun-Sat)
Summer Try-Camp (June sessions)	completed Grades 1st & 2nd	Half Week
Day Camp- Breinigsville	completed Grades K-6th	July 16- 20 (9:00-3:00)
July 4th Family Camp	All Ages	July 1 - 6
Labor Day Weekend Family Camp	All Ages	Aug. 31 - Sept. 3

More information on BCC's website- <http://bearcreekcamp.org/> or on BCC's bulletin board located in the main hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Tobey.

Summer Camp Assistance

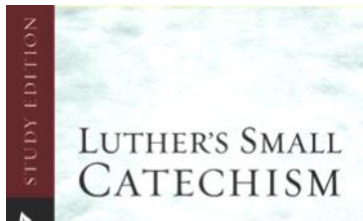
- Financial help is available through our youth scholarship fund.
- Discounts are available from BCC.
- Our church discount code is BCADISCOUNT .
- Early Bird Discount expires before March 1st.



Join us for CAT Club
Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

CAT club is a special time to focus on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. It is held during the Sunday morning Faith Formation time for 4 consecutive Sundays. Each elementary class will study a different portion of Luther's *Small Catechism* during CAT club. Here are a list of the classes and topics:

- First Grade: The Lord's Prayer
- Second Grade: The 10 Commandments
- Third Grade: Learning to Use My Bible
- Fourth Grade: The Apostles' Creed
- Fifth Grade: Sacraments of Baptism and Communion



First Communion

Sunday, March 4th, marks an important milestone in the faith formation journey for our 5th Grade CAT club students at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. After completing a series of four lessons about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, they will receive their First Communion.

As a community of faith we rejoice with these young people as they join in sharing the meal of Holy Communion.

A reception will be held on March 4th at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Center to honor this milestone.



Jesus and Jammies

Sunday, February 18th at 9:45 am

Our preschool and kindergarten Sunday School students are invited to find their favorite pair of pajamas and join us for Jesus and Jammies. The children will hear a faith related story presented by a guest readers. A snack of cookies and milk will be provided. You will not want to miss out on the fun, so join us for Sunday School on Sunday, February 18th.



Summer Planning

Lehigh Valley IronPigs Game: Fri, June 15th at 7:05 pm
 Vacation Bible School: Monday, July 9- Friday, July 13
 BCC Day Camp at Ziegels Church: July 16-20 (K-6th)
 BCC Summer Camp: Open June-Aug (Grades 1-12)



Family Easter Choir

- Children and their parents are invited to sing and play chimes in the Family Choir for the 10 am Family Easter Worship Service on April 1st.
- Rehearsals are Wed, March 14, 21, & 28 at 6-7 pm in the Worship Center.

Please contact Sharon MacCabe with any questions.



Mark your Calendars



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| Sunday, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 9:45 am | CAT Club for Grades 1-5 |
| Sunday, Feb. 2nd @ 7:05 pm | Phantoms Game |
| Sunday, Feb. 18th @ 9:45 am | Jesus and Jammies |
| Sunday, March 4th | First Communion |
| Sunday, March 11th @ 9:45 am | Sunday School Lenten Service Project |
| Sunday, March 25th @ 12 pm | Egg Filling |
| Sunday, April 1st @ 10:30 am | Easter Egg Hunt |

This Month in Faith Formation

Talk about it with your family

Catechism

Feb. 4th- Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb. 11th- Ruth
Feb. 18th- David
Feb. 25th- Solomon



Sr. High

Feb. 4th- Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb. 11th- Transfiguration
Feb. 18th- Readers for Jesus & Jammies
Feb. 25th- Lent

Project HELP 2018

Friday, July 27 to Saturday, August 4, 2018

Annual housing ministry mission trip to Starks Maine
The trip is open to all 9th grade+ youth and all adults.
More information to follow.
Contact Chris Carter if interested.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Affirmation of Baptism 2018

Our current 8th grader Catechism students will be Confirmed in Christ on
Sunday, April 22nd, with the banquet on Saturday April, 21st.



Cat Camp 2018

Cat Camp will be August 17th – 19th at Bear Creek Camp!
(Attending Cat Camp twice is a requirement of Confirmation)



You Belong at Bear Creek Camp this Summer!

Bear Creek Camp is excited to announce their Summer 2018 theme is **This Changes Everything!** This will be a continuation from the National Youth Gathering theme to encourage summer-long learning.

Campers will spend their time swimming, boating, hiking, worshipping, playing games, discussing faith, camping, making arts and crafts, and singing. Campers days are filled with activities to help them grow in their understanding of God, self, creation, and community all while having fun.

There are many sessions, so you can pick the right one for you.

Session 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Full Week (Grades 2-12)

Session 1, 2: Try-Camp Half Week (Grades 1&2)

Session 3: July 4th Week Family Camp (all ages)

Options Session 1, 8: Rafting Trip (Grades 7-12) cost \$40

Session 5, 7: Canoe Trip (Grade 9-12) cost \$65

Registration is now open <http://www.bearcreekcamp.org>.

BCC discounts and LCHS scholarships are available.

See Angie Tobey for more information.



Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14th
 7:00 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm
 with Imposition of Ashes and
 Holy Communion
 in the Sanctuary/Worship Center
 All are Welcome



Devotions for Lent 2018

Our Lenten Devotional will be available prior to Lent in the lobbies. They are gifts to each household from the Faith Formation for Adults Mission Team.

Lenten Worship and Study

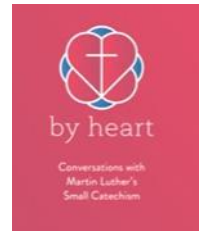
By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism
 Lutherans old & new, Lenten Study and Worship 2018

We will offer the same study and worship twice each week in the Speary Café downstairs.

- Mondays at 7 pm
- Wednesdays at 12 pm

All are Welcome. Please park and enter downstairs.
 Sign-up at the Event Center in the lobby.

By Heart is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. It will generate meaningful conversations about the biblical and historical context of the *Small Catechism*, its link to the church's faith, and its connection to Luther's life and our life today. The course is for longtime Lutherans and those new to the faith, as well.



Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday: Life Celebrated – March 25
 Holy Week Wednesday: Life Waiting – March 28
 Maundy Thursday: Life Forgiven – March 29
 Good Friday: Life Interrupted: Laying Our Burdens at the Cross – March 30
 Easter Vigil: Life Transformed – March 31
 Easter Sunday: Life Fulfilled – April 1



Center for Faith and Life would appreciate your ideas for presentation recommendations for CFL.

Please contact Deacon Jane Elliott or John Mosovsky, CFL Board Chair, with your ideas.



Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is for the use and support of all people at Holy Spirit.



If you have a prayer concern or you would like to join others in prayer, please email the church office at prayerchain@holyspirit-emmaus.org and your concern will be shared with members of the prayer chain.



Thank you so very much for your healing prayers, visits, meals, cards, thoughts and patience as I healed from double pneumonia. Each of your thoughts, kindnesses and gifts were timed perfectly and were just what I needed to hear. Most of all, thank you for being such a caring and generous congregation! We are blessed indeed to be part of Holy Spirit family!

~Deacon Jane Elliott

Center for Faith and Life

Center for Faith and Life provides Holy Spirit's Adult Sunday School programs with a mission to deepen our faith. Sessions are held Sunday mornings at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Center (unless otherwise noted) and can be freely attended by simply showing up. No pre-notification or registration is required. All are Welcome!



New Testament Ethics- A Three Week Series

Dr. Audrey West, Adjunct Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Ever since Jesus walked in Galilee, people have tried to discern what it means to live as Disciples of Christ. For example, the Gospels suggest that the Law was a matter of heated debate between Jesus and some of his Jewish compatriots, while the letters of Paul tell us that Christians disagreed about matters related to food, worship, gender roles, and more. Join us for this three-week series on the New Testament and Ethics as we explore some of the challenges and prospects of ethical decision-making, then and now.

- **Feb. 4th- Ethics AND the New Testament**

What are some of the challenges and prospects of attempts to "do" New Testament ethics?

- **Feb. 11th- Ethics IN the New Testament**

We'll explore some of the "hot button" issues for the earliest Christians. What might we learn from their debates?

- **Feb. 18th- Ethics FROM the New Testament**

How might the witness of the New Testament help today's Christians discern how we ought to live?

Feb. 25th- Healthy Living- Health Ministry Team

Come and participate in this opportunity to assess, gain information, and practice your health skills! Topics include (but not limited to): making sense of health insurance, dental hygiene, understanding the numbers that reflect cardiac demands, help with muscle strengthening and balance and more!!



Ministries of Caring and Outreach of Holy Spirit

The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to give and to receive ministry from one another in and as the body of Christ. The following outreach ministries are some of the ways we try to fulfill this call. The donation boxes are in the Fellowship Center Lobby.



Allentown Food Bank

collected 1st Sunday of month
We help supply the Food Bank with non-perishable food items.

Pathways Program

collected 2nd Sunday of month
-Toiletries and Personal Care items are needed

Sixth Street Shelter

collected 3rd Sunday of month
-Toiletries, Gently Used Baby Items
Toothpaste, Napkins, Shampoo, Toilet Paper,
Medium Disposable Diapers are needed.

Allentown Rescue Mission

collected 4th Sunday of month
-Men's Personal Care items are needed
including single bed sheets & cleaning supplies

The following ministries of caring are carried out with complete confidentiality.
Please see a Pastor when you have a need.

Pastoral Counseling

Our pastors are available to be with you in times of spiritual, emotional and physical stress.

Stephen Ministry

Confidential Christian one-on-one support to members and non-members who are facing difficult challenges in life.

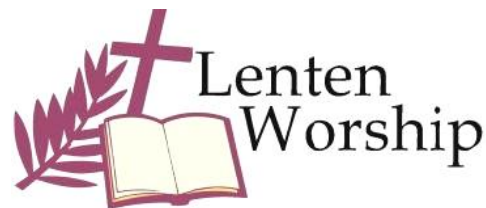




Sunday, February 4th



Transfiguration
of the Lord



February 2018						
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25	26	27	28			

In the Event of Pastoral Emergency, please call the Office at 610-967-2220 and press #3 after the general announcement.

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 Address: 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049-1599
 Phone: 610-967-2220



The March Newsletter deadline is Wed, Feb. 21st.
 It will be issued by Wed, Feb. 28th.
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!

Newsletter