

This Week at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, 3/11/2018

Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 a.m.

- 2:00 AM Daylight Savings Begins
- 9:45 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL
- 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119, Speary
- 12:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits Lunch, FC
- 12:30 PM Healing Service, ASR
- 6:00 PM Youth Event, Speary Café

MONDAY, 3/12/2018

- 9:30 AM Stitch and Chat, 117/119
- 6:00 PM Stitch and Chat, 117/1119
- 6:15 PM Band Rehearsal, WC
- 7:00 PM Lenten Worship/Bible Study, Speary
- 7:00 PM Property Mission Team, FC
- 7:15 PM Drumming Rehearsals

TUESDAY, 3/13/2018

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, 117/119
- 7:00 PM Faith Formation for Adults, 117/119

WED., 3/14/2018

- 12:00 PM Lenten Worship/Bible Study, Speary
- 4:15 PM Rejoicing Ringers, WC
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, WC
- 6:30 PM Table Talk, Speary Café
- 7:00 PM Staff Relations Team, 117/119
- 7:15 PM Spirit Ringers, WC

THUR., 3/15/2018

- 6:15 PM VBS Decorating, Speary Café
- 7:15 PM Festival Choir, WC
- 8:00 PM Adult Choir, WC

FRIDAY, 3/16/2018

SAT., 3/17/2018

- 10:00 AM Bach Core Group, WC

SUNDAY, 3/18/2018

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

HOLY HAPPENINGS

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 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.

Today we welcome back to Holy Spirit Pastor Marge Dean as our guest preacher for the Rejoicing Spirits 10th Anniversary Service.

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.

Introduce yourself to Pr. Spencer Steele, our new associate pastor, and his wife, Amanda, by **WEARING YOUR NAME TAG**. There's one name for us to remember, but many for them. Contact the church office at mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org, if you need a name tag.

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

Happenings at Holy Spirit

This week in CFL: Making All Things New, Pastor Spencer Steele

Pr. Spencer will be presenting on Eschatology or the study of the end times and what that means to humanity. In popular culture this is presented as a sudden and violent end of the world and all we hold dear. It can be argued however, that this perception is not Biblically accurate and that our Christian understanding of Eschatology does not spell doom for the world. Rather it places hope for the world in the redeeming and restorative actions of Christ as Lord of Creation.

Next week in CFL: World Music Drumming, Sharon MacCabe and World Drumming Ensemble:

World Music Drumming has become a part of Holy Spirit's music ministry. Learn how it transforms lives and builds community through drumming, singing, moving, and playing xylophones. Individual focus, listening, teamwork, and respect translates into fun and involvement in our worship services. Hear what others are saying about the ensemble and how you can become a part of it. Come join us!

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Three Year Olds thru Fifth Grade :

Lenten Service Project:

Cards for Homebound and Prayer Concerns

Catechism: Ancient Ancestors of the Old Testament

Senior High: Lent

HEALING WORSHIP: Hope + Wholeness will be offered on Sunday, March 11th at 12:30 pm in the All Saints' Room. Come and slow down. Listen for God's voice. Be anointed with oil. Pray for healing, hope and wholeness.

TABLE TALK meets Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm downstairs in the Speary Café to discuss the Lutheran perspective on Bible readings, led by Pr. Ric. The readings are: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#), [Psalm 51:1-12](#), [Hebrews 5:5-10](#), [John 12:20-33](#). All are welcome. Please bring appetizer or dessert to share, sign up at Event Center in the lobby. Park and enter by downstairs door.

EASTER FLOWERS—now is the time to order flowers that will decorate the church on Easter Sunday: Tulips and Daffodils are \$7 and Lilies are \$8.50. Flower envelopes can be found in both lobbies. Deadline to order? 3/18/18.

M&M's, Too, an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together meets on Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 am downstairs in the Speary Cafe. Park and enter by the downstairs door.

FLY to ABE will meet in room 1 / 2 on March 26, 2018 at 10 am to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Bachman. Please park and enter by the downstairs door. Please sign up on Signup Center in lobby.

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, Jim Geiling, Larry Gilbert, Doris Giles, Ray Karoly, Grace and Francis Kratz, Joan Lauffer, Christopher Limpar, Glenn and Norine Shafer, Jane Warmkessel, Karen Wilhelm.

In Times of Illness for God's healing... Stephanie Ashford, Wesley Black, Sylvia Bobbit, Bob Bolen, Mary Bridger, Sue Brower, Doris Carraher, Hank Cassler, Kitty Chandler, Linda Coughlin, Louise Davis, Bill Deibert, Lena Divano, Orietta Divano, Scott Engelter, Carol Eroh, Chris Everleth, Cheryl and David Fatzinger, Glenn Fretz, Pam Fritz, Lisa Galucia, Gayle Getz, Yvonne Gilbert, Thomas Goffredo, Reinhold Guignet, Gloria Henry, Andrew James, Heather James, John and Jane Keane, Diane Keister, Chris Kline, Peggy Kline, Paula Kosciolk, Don Krall, Paul and Irene Lasagna, Brian Lippai, Art Livingston, Jr., Chuck McClain, Nancy McClain, Dalton McKernan, Jon Moessner, Bob Mudge, Mary Ellen Oberdorf, Bill Ofchinik, Irene Olsakowsky, Kailee Pauley, Dan Potts, Marsha Raskin, Thomas Ritter, Denise Rohrbach, Matthew Rosazza, Justina Satrio, Bob Shovlin, Heidi Slansky, Nancy Slimmer, Wilma Stewart, Billie Stubbman, Rita Tsamoulalidis, Ralph Trull, Jr., Lauren Vilchinsky, Bob Wendt, Doris Wilhauck, David Wolff, Roy Wolff, John Yablonski, Rylie York.

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 Stevens
Acolytes		Charlie Peters Ben Justesen
Assisting Minister	Molly Olszewski	Rejoicers , Craig Scott?
Reader	Leesa Wimmer	Rejoicers
Communion Assistants	David and Sharon Nash	Debbie and Jeff Hartman
Ushers	Jerry Masteller Brenda Truhe Pete and Marian Schneck	Tom Eichelberger Randy Fritz, Rick Croy Richard Micheletti
Greeters	John and Nancy McClain	Gayle Getz, Rejoicers
Nursery Volunteers		Jada Witkowski
Flower Delivery	No flower deliveries during Lent	
Praise Band:	Bob Schuchart, Joe Tobey, Frank Mattes, Justin Schaffer Chris Kline	
Altar Care	Julie Timmcke, Linda Letts, Deb Stevens, Joie Wenner, Vee McClain, Nancy McClain, Laura Fetzer	

OUR STAFF

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 Pastor Jim Bowers
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Weekend On-Call Schedule:

March 10/11—Pastor Ric Elliott-610-304-7924
 March 17/18—Pastor Ric Elliott-610-304-7924
 March 24/25—Pastor Jim Bowers, 610-248-3949

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

THE BLESSING OF BACH CONCERT: Friday, March 23, 7:30 pm the Festival Choir and Orchestra will present a concert of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. We have many great instrumentalists from the church and area joining us this evening. Bach was one of the greatest composers of all time. Though his compositions are hundreds of years old, they transcend his generation and will continue as long as music is played. Please come and be embraced by the beautiful music of Bach as we tell the story of Jesus' life.

ONE ON ONE WITH KIDS DURING LENT: Lent is a time when Christians focus on their relationship with God. This Lenten season consider spending more one-on-one time with the kids in your life. During Lent through Easter week, select one activity or try them all. Perhaps you will create an even more memorable Lent for the kids in your life and for yourself! **Week 3 – Mar 11-18:** 1. Week/rake the yard; 2. play charades; 3. wash your bikes and scooters; 4. Play a board game; 5. make homemade ice cream

LENTEN WORSHIP AND STUDY continues Mondays at 7pm and Wednesdays at noon in the Speary Café The study material is: *By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism*.

EASTER EGG FILLING: We will gather at NOON on March 25 in the Fellowship Center to fill eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please sign up on the board at the Event Sign Up Center. Many hands make this a quick process! We hope you will join in the egg filling fun!

EASTER EGG HUNT: Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 am. We are asking for donations of egg fillers (stickers, tattoos, bouncy balls, peanut/nut-free candy ,etc.) or you can take a bag of a dozen eggs and return them by Palm Sunday, March 25th. A sign up sheet for egg hunt participation and an informational poster are in the Lobby. Thank you for your donations.

HAVE AN EASTER BASKET TO FILL? The Youth and Leaders going to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are selling homemade candy ([cross lollipops](#), [white chocolate/milk chocolate covered pretzels](#) and [white chocolate bark](#)) between church services on March 18th and March 25th. No pre-ordering required. Stop by our table in the Narthex to purchase a treat for your family, friends or yourself! All proceeds go towards our fundraising efforts.

We are offering a **PRAYER VIGIL** for us to pray about the sacrificial death of Christ for us which will be held following our Good Friday worship on March 30th from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm and then on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm in the All Saints' Room. Children, youth and families are welcome. Please sign-up in the narthex to be a pray-er or a watch-er. A "watch-er" provides a safe place for the "pray-er". Questions, please contact Deacon Jane Elliott.

ANGEL NETWORK BASKET COLLECTIONS: We invite you to support the EHS Angel Network for Easter. The Angel Network expects to serve 140 families this Easter season. Donations accepted through Sunday, March 18th and can be placed in the boxes outside the Fellowship Center. We need **2 corn, 176 green beans and 58 liquid laundry detergents.**

PRAYER CARD FUNDRAISER for ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX: Starting Sunday March 25th in the sanctuary, there will be envelopes hanging on the side walls and labelled with different monetary amounts ranging from \$1 to \$150 (as a suggested donation). Inside you will find a YELLOW and PINK card. Please complete the YELLOW contact information card and return in the envelope with your donation. You can return in the offering plate or to the church office; donations can be cash, check or via the kiosk. Keep the PINK card and pray for the Youth or Leader listed on the card. The group will be in Houston, TX from June 27th to July 1st. We will also be praying for YOU and will send you an update during our trip! Thank you for your support of our Youth and Leaders as they experience this amazing faith enriching event!

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM provides meals for members who have an extended illness or are in need post hospitalization. We need to update our list of members who are willing to provide a meal. Barb Roba will coordinate the meals. Please call her @610 334 6798 or E-mail her at mamarobes@yahoo.com if you are willing to help in this ministry.

VBS 2018 – *Splash Canyon* will be held the week of July 9th – 13th. Registration and volunteer forms will be available beginning in March.

VACATION BIBLE DECORATING SESSIONS: Planning for VBS 2018 has begun. Come join us as we create decorations that will be used as part of VBS. We will again partner with St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus for the creation of the decorations. We will meet downstairs in the Speary Café. The March decoration session is scheduled for Thursday, March 15th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No special artistic skills are required.

PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School is seeking individuals who enjoy working with young children and would be interested in being added to our substitute teacher list. Background clearances are required. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information if you are interested.

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2018-2019 school year is now occurring. Spaces are filled on a first come first served basis. Please call the preschool office at 610-965-5208 with any questions.

Financial Results and Discussion: Operating Performance:

January was a great month to start the new year. Income was \$105,151 and expenses were \$62,927 which gave us a surplus of \$42,224. This was very strong considered we forecasted a surplus of \$30,622.

Expenses were nearly right on budget coming in at \$62,927 while budget was \$64,537. Pledged revenue was \$5,546 more than plan and unpledged was \$4,640 more than plan.

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our January surplus, operating cash reserve increased to \$152,190. We passed a deficit budget for 2018, so there will most likely be some deficit months. This balance is a good cushion to start the year to help offset any deficit periods going forward.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during January to \$45,229 due to expenses for the HVAC system.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$7,349 due to generous donations totaling \$1,441 and no expenses.

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® by March 31: Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2018, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. **Together, we make a difference through Thrivent Choice®**

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