



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

April 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

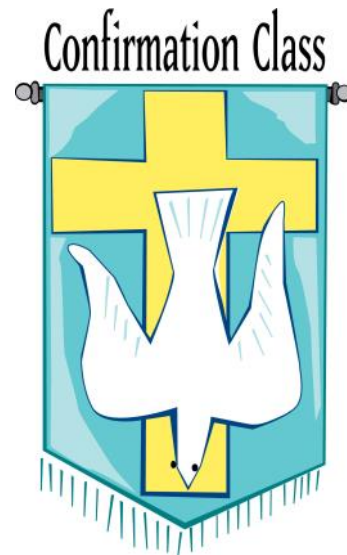
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A Response to Grace

Grace is a gift freely given by God through faith in Christ. We hold this to be true when we baptize infants, children and adults. We have been saved by Jesus the Messiah, not by our own works not by our own hands. We cannot earn it, nor can we be separated from it. (Romans 8:38-39) What we can do is learn and respond in kind to God's actions. The members of the Catechism class have done just this- through education, service, and times of fellowship they experienced and responded to the love of God. As a congregation, it is our turn to respond to all that is transpiring by celebrating those youth in the Affirmation of Baptism. This is opportunity for the youth to publicly proclaim their belief and for the congregation to stand in support of them.

This year, we have 12 individuals who will Affirm their Baptism.

Evelyn Blower
Danté Brady
Ryan Everleth
Taylor Kendall
Mackenzie Kline
Aidan Mathieu
Cameron Metka
Zac Olszewski
Caroline Schaffer
Quinlan Scott
Rachael Tobey
Izabella Zsigovits



Let us pray for, support, and honor them as they prepare for the next steps of their faith journey in response to the Grace of God.

Pr. Spencer



April 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, Sr. High 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)

April 1 - Easter Sunday

- 7:15 am- Traditional Music
- 8:30 am- Praise Ensemble
- 9:45 am- Family Ensemble
- 11:00 am- Adult Choir/Orchestra

April 8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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



April 15 - Commission LDR Mission Trip

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

April 22 - Affirmation of Baptism

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

April 29 - New Member Sunday

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

Holy Week Worship Services

- Holy Week Wednesday: Life Waiting – March 28 at 7pm
- Maundy Thursday: Life Forgiven – March 29 at 12 pm and 7 pm
- Good Friday: Life Interrupted – March 30 at 12 pm & 7 pm
- Holy Saturday - Life Waiting - March 31st- Prayer Vigil
- Easter Sunday: Life Fulfilled – April 1 at 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit **Rejoicing Spirits**

Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, April 8th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship.

Join us for our Easter Celebration and Pageant!



FLY to ABE

FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy) will meet next on April 23rd at 10 am to discuss *One Light Still Shines* by Marie Monville .

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.

Making VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Speary Café downstairs.

There are various projects. Artistic talents are not required. Older elementary children, youth and adults may help. It is a great way to join the VBS experience.

- Wed, April 11th 6:30- 8:30 pm
- Mon, April 16th 1:00- 3:00 pm
- Thurs, May 3rd 9:00-11:00 am
- Tues, May 22nd 6:30- 8:30 pm



M&M's Too

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



Join us on Wed, April 18th at 9:30 am in Speary Café downstairs.

VBS 2018: Splash Canyon

God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride
 Mon, July 9th - Fri, July 13th
 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

- Link to [Registration Form](#)
- Link to [Volunteer forms](#)



VBS was moved to July because of the Youth Gathering in June.

Hospitality Team

We need to update our list of members who are willing to provide a meal for members with an extended illness or after hospitalization.

Barb Roba will coordinate the meals. Contact her at 610 334 6798 or mamarobes@yahoo.com if you are willing to help in this ministry.



Project HELP 2018

Full Team Gathering
 Sunday, April 15th
 12-1:15 pm in Speary Café
 Lunch is included



Please plan to attend this important team meeting if you are planning or interested in the housing ministry mission trip to Starks, Maine. Trip is open to youth and adults, 9th grade and up!

Congregation Baseball Night

Friday, June 15th

7:05 pm - Gates open at 5:45 pm - Fireworks after the game

IronPigs vs. Pawtucket Red Sox

Group Rate: \$11 per person for field level seat on 3rd base side with \$2 to spend at vendors included in ticket barcode

\$5 for parking- paid at the ballpark



Only 75 tickets available. Sign-up at the Event Center. Make checks payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Please mark "IronPigs" in the memo line. Payment may be placed in the offering, taken to the office, or made at the Kiosk by Sunday, May 1st.

February 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: February turned out to be better than anticipated. We finished off the month with a \$14,678 deficit but anticipated an \$18,103 deficit. Income was \$68,464 and expenses were \$83,142.

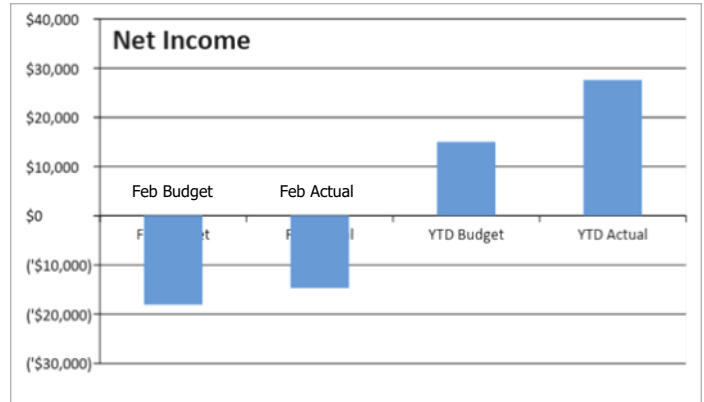


Expenses were nearly right on budget coming in at \$83,142 while budget was \$82,274. Pledged revenue was \$3,221 more than plan and unpledged was \$1,197 more than plan. We closed the deficit gap by \$3,425 because of revenue being higher than expected.

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our February deficit, operating cash reserve decreased to \$137,512.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during February to \$44,095 due to costs to prepare our Mission Investment Fund loan and also for architectural concept drawings for the NAVE/Narthex renewal.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$7,477. During the month we had donations totaling \$812 and expended \$684 for the purchase of two plastic tables.



Thanks for your Support

Wow! We gave out 140 Easter food baskets last week to East Penn families. What a great effort on everyone's part!

A big THANK YOU to our community groups who collected food and donations, student organizations and sports teams, donors, food counters, student packers and adult helpers, phone callers, the high school office staff, Holy Spirit, and our committee members who put their heart and soul in to this effort to supports families in our community.



Thanks to you all!
~Laurie & the Angel Network



Prayer Card Fundraiser for ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

In the sanctuary, there are 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 in the offering or to the church office. Donations can be made by cash, check or 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!**



With Gratitude

Thank you for making the Blessings of Bach Concert a wonderful night to enjoy the masterpieces of Bach. Thank you to our talented and dedicated musicians and singers for months of rehearsals and practice. To Pr. Ric and Deacon Jane and all of the LCHS staff, thank you for your support. Thank you to the countless volunteers who ensure everything runs smoothly and helping with set up and clean up. Thank you to the congregation and everyone who came out to support LCHS Music Ministry.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church,

On February 25, I was installed as your new Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry in a beautiful service of Word, Sacrament, and Musical offerings. Yet even before the installation, the Congregation welcomed my family with gifts and support in our move across country.

We are so grateful for what everyone has done for us. All of the physical labor, furniture, dinner invitations and encouragement have made our transition from West to East simply wonderful. We cannot thank everyone enough for this opportunity and gracious welcome. I am looking forward to our ministry together.

~Peace, Pr. Spencer Steele



Wholeness Wheel – Financial Wellness

Kids and Money...continued from March

We can talk with our children about the difference between a want and a need- the most expensive product vs. the best value. We can talk with them about something they may wish to save for, such as a bigger purchase, or some of their own future educational expenses. We can talk with them about charitable causes they want to help with and ways to help, either with time, talent or money, and work together in these efforts.

Money is a tool, not a goal. Our net worth is not our self-worth. A healthy relationship with money brings rewards for those of all ages.

~Stewardship Mission Team



Does the Joy of Easter Seem Far Away?

For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but full of pain on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Kitti and Mike Berkheimer and Fran and Bill Derhammer. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



VBS Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

Mon. July 9th - Fri. July 13th from 9:15 am-12 pm

Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus! ~ 2 Corinthians 1:20

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit invites all children to *Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride* Vacation Bible School . Children, youth and adults will celebrate that God is with us as we face challenges in our lives.

The adventure includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, a mission project serving children, delicious snacks, great games and more. The overall theme verse reminds students that God is always with them. Each day throughout the morning the students will hear a daily theme. These phrases help to reinforce the key concepts presented in the storytelling portion of the day.

God is with us!
God gives us life!
God is faithful!
God gives hope!
Jesus is our Savior!



To be part of the excitement at Splash Canyon, call Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107 or download the [Registration Form](#).

Needed: VBS Guides who want to explore the word of God with children!

In a few short months, we will be greeting our "rafters" for the first day of Vacation Bible School. During the week, we will help children experience God's faithfulness through mission projects, storytelling, crafts, games, science activities, music, and lots of fun. **Volunteers are vital** to the success of Vacation Bible School.

We need adults and youth to serve in a variety of ways. Youth helping at VBS counts as Catechism service hours. Last year, we had 70 youth and adults who served before, during and after VBS to make our program a success. **We currently have a critical need for storytellers, and group leaders, who will guide a group of children through the preplanned rotational stations.** Other volunteer opportunities are available as well. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve.

- assistants for one of the rotational areas (crafts, games, storytelling or music)
- helping to set-up the Thursday or Sunday prior to VBS.

Sign-up as Vacation Bible School volunteer and join in an incredible week of engaging stories that illustrate God's promises. VBS would not be possible without the role of the dedicated volunteer. Volunteer forms are available in the Lobby, the church office and on the website. [Volunteer forms](#) can be returned to Karin Kahler.

VBS Volunteer meetings are scheduled on Wed, June 20 at 7:00 pm and Mon, June 25 at 6:30 pm. Consider the value of sharing the good news with children.



Mark your Calendars



Sunday, April 1st @ 10:30 am
 Sunday, May 20th @ 9:45 am
 Sunday, May 27th
 Sunday, June 3rd @ 9:45 am
 Friday, June 15th @ 7:05 pm
 Mon, July 9th- Fri, July 13

Easter Egg Hunt
 Pentecost Party
 Last Day of Sunday School
 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
 IronPigs Baseball Night
 VBS- Splash Canyon

Dine-out Fundraiser for Youth Gathering

Panera Bread

Thurs, April 12th from 4-8 pm

- Dine to Donate 20% of your purchase to ELCA Youth Gathering
- Hamilton Blvd, Allentown Location only
- Electronic or paper flyer MUST be presented when you order
- Flyers located in Lobby



Youth and Young Adults Ministry Team

The Youth and Young Adults Ministry Team meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month to help plan upcoming events.
All are Welcome!

The next meeting is April 8th at Noon in Room 117/119.
See you there!



Service Hours for VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Speary Café downstairs. Older elementary children, youth, and adults may help. It is a great way to join the VBS experience and earn Catechism Service Hours.

Wed, April 11th	6:30- 8:30 pm	Thurs, May 3rd	9:00-11:00 am
Mon, April 16th	1:00- 3:00 pm	Tues, May 22nd	6:30- 8:30 pm



Affirmation of Baptism 2018

Our current 8th grader Catechism students will be Confirmed in Christ on Sunday, April 22nd at the 10:45 am Worship Service. The Confirmation banquet is on Saturday, April, 21st from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Center.



Cat Camp 2018

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



Synod May Play Day

May 6 at Bear Creek Camp 2- 7 pm



Gathering of all children, youth and families in the NEPA Synod at Bear Creek Camp for games, campfire, food, fellowship and worship! Come and explore Bear Creek Camp. Registration coming soon!

Graduation Recognition Sunday: A Celebration of Vocation

The members of Holy Spirit will be celebrating all recent graduates during the 8:45 am and 10:45 am worship services and during Fellowship at 9:45 am on Sunday, May 6th. If a graduate wants to be included, please send the following information for the presentation.

- Any size graduation or recent photo (electronic photo preferred)
- Your preferred name for the Bulletin & Power Point
- The school name, degree and major if applicable
- Any Honors or Awards you received
- Your future Plans or Dreams
- Any other information you would like us to include



All information can be sent to Pr. Specer PrSteele@holyspirit-emmaus.org no later than April 29th.

New Members

New Members Explorers Open House with Q & A is for anyone considering becoming part of the Holy Spirit family and/or who want to "explore" any questions or concerns they may have about our faith and life here at Holy Spirit. Please meet with Deacon Jane.



Explorers Open Houses -choose one or more (Child care provided)
Sunday, April 8 at noon - All Saints' Room
Sunday, April 15 at 9:45 am - Pr. Ric's office

New Member Welcome is Sunday, April 29 (Child care provided)
Worship Services 7:30, 8:45 or 10:45 am in Worship Center
Pizza Party & Mission Fair: Noon- 2:00 pm in Fellowship Center

Table Talk

Table Talk is time to share food and beverage while having conversations with people of Holy Spirit. We meet on April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center.

Join us for conversation on the Lutheran perspective on the next Sunday's Bible readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48, led by Pr. Ric. All are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Sign-up at the Event Center in the lobby.



Upcoming Fly to ABE (Adult Book Energy) Dates

April 23rd at 10 am

One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville. Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1 / 2. Please sign-up on the Event Center in the lobby.

May 21st at 10 am- Note one week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday

Mudbound by Hillary Jordan led by Fern Schlegel

June 25th at 10 am

The Real Heaven by Chip Ingram led by Helen Miller



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.



Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Help support the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



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!



April 1st- Easter. No CFL. Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US FOR MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE – A THREE WEEK SERIES

- **April 8th- Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? -The Stephen Ministry Team**

Our Stephen Ministry Team will share experiences that may lead us to become more receptive to Stephen Ministry. Through several participatory activities we will show you how Stephen Ministry can provide help, hope and healing to those who are experiencing challenges in life.



- **April 15th- Hospital Ministry: No One Dies Alone (NODA) -Dave and Diane Evans**

Diane will present a brief introduction to why she and Dave chose to become volunteers in this unique program and why she has since ceased to serve. Dave will share why he continues to serve as a NODA volunteer and discuss the unique situations and challenges that he has experienced. They will focus on their Christian beliefs of why they serve in this capacity and the unique opportunities they have experienced. Dave will share contact information for anyone interested in serving as a NODA volunteer.

- **April 22nd- The Saints Prison Ministry -J.R. Thatcher, Director of Ministry Relations**

The Saints Prison Ministry is a unique prison ministry that reach inmates with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through athletics. Most men and women that we encounter behind bars have hurting hearts and are desperate to experience Christ's love and forgiveness. Many of them have been disowned by their families and forsaken by their friends. Our volunteer teams travel across the United States to visit prisons with teams that play Softball, Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer – and many of our visits result in change hearts and minds!



- **April 29th- Earth's Climate and Pathways Out of Fossil Fuel Dependence -Dr. Chuck Coe**

The future world demographics and quality of life will depend on the availability of electrical energy and the stabilization of the earth's climate. As the world increasingly understands the negative environmental and health impacts of fossil fuels, the dramatic double-digit growth of renewable energy will continue. This presentation, in honor of Earth Day on April 22, will provide a global view of our climate and how it has changed over 10,000 years and 50 million years and industrialization's role in global warming. We will discuss major initiatives both at home and abroad to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and build a sustainable world for future generations.



Prime Timers April Events

- Tues, April 3rd– Watch the movie “Moonstruck” in room 117-119 at 10:30 am and then have lunch afterwards at Perkins to discuss the movie.
- Sun, April 8th- Allentown Band Concert at Christ Lutheran Church at 12th and Hamilton from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- Mon, April 9th- Investment Club at 9:00 am at Luther Crest. Call Will Boyer for more information.
- Thurs, April 12th- Prime Timers Bookclub in the All Saints Room . We will be discussing *Barchester Tower* by Anthony Trollope.
- Sat, April 14th- “The Historic Funeral of Abraham Lincoln” Slide/Lecture held at J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home. Presented twice, NOON and 1:15 pm.
- Tue, April 17th-Eat at Paese Mio at 5:30 pm. Some excellent Italian food with an interesting menu.
- Fri, April 20th- Let's try that spring walk in Trexler Park. Meet at the parking lot at 1:00 pm. Bring your water. We'll share our memories and walk by General Trexler's statue.
- Tues, April 24th- Intellectual Stimulation at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. History of 10 of your favorite hymns. Played by Carolyn Volk and history revealed by Renee Wetherhold.
- Wed, April 25th- Prime Timers Breakfast at 9:00 am. Come and enjoy our good breakfast, trivia and conversation and updates.
- Sat, April 28th- Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival at Cedar Beach from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.





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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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 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LCHSEmmaus>
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 Sign-up for newsletter emails: <http://eepurl.com/tIRNf>
 Address: 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049-1599
 Phone: 610-967-2220



The May Newsletter deadline is Wed, April 18th.
 It will be issued by Wed, April 25th.
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!