



# Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

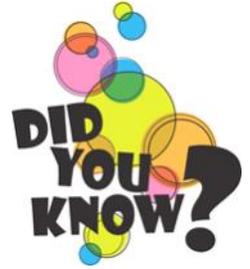
May 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

## Five Things You Need to Know...

Each morning, I read the USA Today newspaper online. The lead article is often titled "5 Things You Need To Know..." So today I am sharing with you *Five Things You Need To Know About God's Work here at Holy Spirit.*



- The new HVAC System for the Worship Center and Lobby- The work for this major project will happen between mid-April and late May. The project should address reliability and air quality issues. Chris Carter, our Property Manager, has worked hard with our contractors to make sure that the impact and inconvenience during installation is kept to a minimum. Please note there may be a weekend or two during May when we are without a functioning HVAC system. Please bear with us and pray for moderate temperatures.
- Outside Painting, New Gutters and Fascia Repairs- It has been ten plus years since our church building's wood sections have been painted. Gutters and downspouts will be replaced near the canopy entrance and new gutters and downspouts will be added above the playground area in the rear of the church. The Property Team, Finance Team and Council are working out the details of this important maintenance item.
- Pr. Jim Bowers retires June 30 of 2018- June 24 will be the last Sunday for Pr Jim to preach here at Holy Spirit. A celebration of ministry banquet is being planned for that afternoon at Brookside Country Club. Please hold the date and watch for further details.
- Searching for a Visitation Pastor- In light of Pr. Jim's retirement, I am meeting with a pastor, who is interested in part-time visitation work. This individual would likely help us by supporting and guiding the work of our Stephen Ministry Team and also resource our Eucharistic Ministers. I ask for your prayers as we seek God's guidance in this search.
- We do not shut down for the summer- Please know that ministry here at Holy Spirit is year round. Plans are in place for Vacation Bible School, Project Help, The ELCA Youth Gathering, Cat Camp, Iron Pigs night, Summer Breakfast, Summer Worship and much more. Keep your eyes open for events, opportunities and ways to connect with our Lord and God's people here at Holy Spirit.



So now you know!

*Pastor Ric*



### May 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)

May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter  
 Graduate Recognition  
 7:30 am- Traditional Music  
 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble  
 10:45 am- Adult Choir

May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter  
 Mother's Day  
 7:30 am- Traditional Music  
 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble  
 10:45 am- Adult Choir  
 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



May 20 - Pentecost Sunday  
 7:30 am- Traditional Music  
 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble  
 10:45 am- Adult Choir

May 27 - Trinity Sunday  
 Memorial Day  
 7:30 am- Traditional Music  
 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble  
 10:45 am- Adult Choir



### Summer Worship Schedule

beginning Sunday, June 10th

- 7:30 am - Traditional Worship
- 8:45 am - **Spirit Alive!** Worship  
(Child Care Available)
- 10:15 am - Traditional/Blended Worship

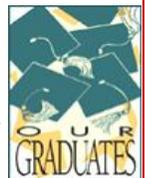
Summer Breakfasts begin on Sunday, June 10th at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Center.



### Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 6th

We will be celebrating all recent graduates during the 8:45 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 contact the church office at [mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, May 13th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship.

Join us as we celebrate Mother's Day!



### Pentecost Geraniums

Red Pentecost Geraniums are \$9 each. Please include your order and payment in the Flower Envelopes located at the Lobbies- write Geraniums and your name on the envelope.

Please place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office by May 6th. The Giving Kiosk will also accept your flower payment. Thank You!



EHS Chamber Orchestra Concert

Members from Emmaus High School Chamber Orchestra will perform a community concert at LCHS on Thursday, May 31st at 7 pm.

Please join us for this wonderful concert.



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.



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.



Summer Break

Last day for Sunday School, Catechism, Sr. High and CFL is Sunday, May 27th.

Thank you for a great year!



LCHS Outside Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 5th and 19th  
9am to 1pm

Please sign-up in the Lobby.  
Please bring your own tools and gloves.



Making VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Music Room or 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.

Thurs, May 3rd 9:00-11:00 am  
Tues, May 22nd 6:30- 8:30 pm



Pr. Jim Bowers Retirement Luncheon

Sunday, June 24th at 12:30 pm  
Brookside Country Club  
901 Willow Lane, Macungie.

It will be his last Sunday with us.  
Come and celebrate his 37 years of Ordained Ministry.



Project HELP 2018

July 27th - August 4th

The next team meeting is on Sunday, May 6th from Noon - 1:15 pm  
Not too late to sign-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 May 1st.

## March 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

**Operating Performance:** March turned out to be a very strong month both on the revenue side and the expense side. We finished off the month with an \$8,726 surplus and had anticipated a \$2,221 deficit. Income was \$76,561 and expenses were \$67,835.



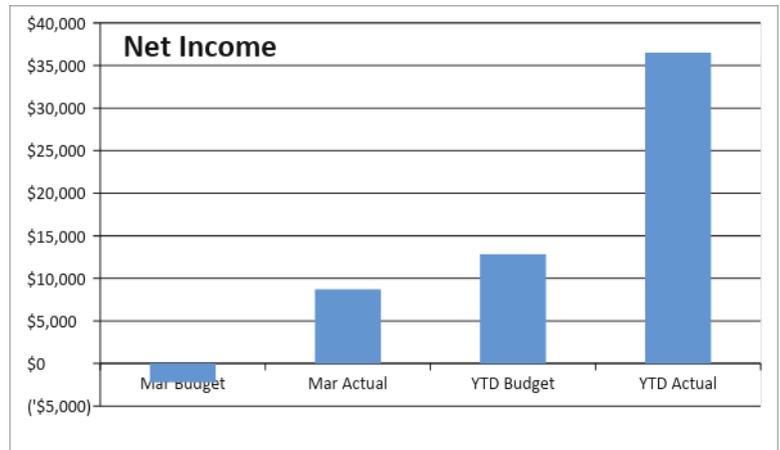
Expenses were close to budget coming in at \$67,835 while budget was \$68,065. Pledged revenue was \$9,960 more than plan and unpledged was \$403 more than plan. We closed the deficit gap because revenue was significantly higher than expected.

YTD we have a surplus of \$36,497 while we had budgeted a surplus of \$12,824.

**Operating Cash Reserve:** As a result of our March surplus, operating cash reserve increased to \$146,464.

**Capital Campaign Cash:** Our capital campaign balance decreased during March to \$43,975 due a \$324 bill for the seventh installment of the total HVAC contract for the Nave/Narthex.

**Building Fund:** Our building fund increased to \$8,505 due to generous donations totaling \$1,028. There were no expenditures in March.



## Donate Your Passenger Seat

The American Cancer Society invites you to become a Volunteer Road to Recovery Driver

Would you like to help others in your community who are diagnosed with cancer? Volunteer drivers are needed to take patients to and from doctor's appointments in Lehigh Valley and Northampton County. Drivers need a valid Pennsylvania driver's license, automobile insurance, a clear background and driver check. Orientation is provided.

Assignments are flexible. Transportation is typically needed during the daytime hours during the week. You can drive your vehicle or an American Cancer Society vehicle. For more information, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.



~Vi Ballard



Thankful  
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

I want to thank the Holy Spirit Congregation for all of the support during Diane's illness. The outreach was unbelievable and very helpful. Diane looked forward to and enjoyed all of the visits. Thanks to all who prepared and delivered meals. Without exception, they were excellent and very much appreciated. Had the miracle we prayed for happened, Diane said she would want to be part of that ministry.

Thank you staff and volunteers for making the memorial service and the reception an opportunity to celebrate Diane's time with us.

Your thoughts and prayers were/are felt and very much appreciated.

~Thank you, Irv Keister

## 3 Family Retreats at Bear Creek Camp!

No kids necessary- everyone is part of God's family!

- Enjoy a "no worry" vacation- Activities are planned and run by camp counselors and staff.
- While you are busy enjoying yourself, your food is prepared by the chef.
- You can spend your time relaxing in nature while connecting with friends and family.
- Choose your own adventure with swimming, boating, games, zip lining, crafts, nature center, and hiking on 3,000 acres.

### Memorial Day Family Camp

Friday, May 25- Monday, May 28

### July 4th Family Camp

Sunday, July 1- Friday, July 6

### Labor Day Family Camp

Friday, Aug. 31- Monday, Sept. 3



Registration is currently open!

<http://bearcreekcamp.org/weekend-family-camps/>

## Lending Money to Family and Friends

Nathan Dungan, founder and president of Share Save Spend, recently wrote about lending money to family and friends. He notes that many of us may find ourselves in a situation whereby we hit a financial rough patch and reach out to a family member or friend for a loan. Or, we may be on the receiving end of that request.

Lending money to family or friends is a tricky and relational circumstance. Your goal as a lender should be to be thoughtful and not automatic in granting such a request. Then consider a process you might put into place. If you choose to loan money to a family member or friend ask these six important questions.



- Can you afford to make the loan?  
Do you have financial resources to extend a loan? Will it jeopardize your financial security? Who else needs to be part of your decision- a spouse or partner?
- What need are you meeting?  
Is it an emergency such as a sudden illness or death, personal tragedy or natural disaster or other circumstance? Could you help with an ongoing need like rent, utilities or groceries? Are there nonmonetary ways that you can help?
- Will the loan put your relationship at risk?  
Be honest with yourself if you don't have the personality or emotional wherewithal to provide a loan. If you foresee the loan ruining a relationship, you're better off saying "no" at the start.
- What are the terms?  
How much will you loan? Will you charge interest? Do you expect repayment? How will the borrower prioritize payback to you over other needs and wants?
- What happens if the loan is not repaid?  
Are you okay if you don't get some or all of the money back? Would you suggest alternative terms for repayment? How will you prevent your relationship from dissolving if the money is never repaid?
- Can you say no?  
It should be a warning signal if you feel you can't say no. You are not a bank. This only works well as a voluntary arrangement.

Source: Nathan Dungan sharesavespend.com

~Stewardship Ministry Mission Team

## Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 9 – Friday, July 13

9:15 am – 12:00 pm

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

*Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus.*

~2 Corinthians 1:20



Link to [Registration Form](#)

Link to [Volunteer forms](#)

### **Needed: VBS Leaders who want to explore the word of God with children!**

In a few short months, we will be greeting our "explorers" for the first day of Vacation Bible School. During the week, we will help children experience God's amazing love. **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. Exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities exist in a wide variety of areas. **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.

- assist in one of the activity areas- crafts, games, storytelling, or music
- help set-up Thurs, July 5 (6:00 – 8:00 pm), Sun, July 8(11:30 am– 1:30 pm) prior to VBS.

Sign-up for a Vacation Bible School volunteer role and join in an incredible week of engaging stories that will encourage our children to discover ways to be like Christ. VBS would not be possible without the role of the dedicated volunteer. [Volunteer forms](#) are available at the Info Desk, in the church office and on the website. Forms can be returned to Karin Kahler.

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



### Making VBS Decorations

We are preparing decorations for summer VBS. We will meet in the Music Room or Speary Café. We will have painting, coloring, and cutting projects. Artistic talents are not required to participate. Older elementary children and youth are welcome. It is a great way to join the VBS experience and to connect with friends at Holy Spirit.



Please come and join us.

Thurs, May 3rd 9:00-11:00 am

Tues, May 22nd 6:30- 8:30 pm



### Mark your Calendars



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

Pentecost Party

Last Day of Sunday School

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

IronPigs Baseball Night

VBS- Splash Canyon

### End of the Year Schedule

Cat Class and High School Sunday School

Sun, May 13- Youth in CFL

Sun, May 20- Youth in CFL

Sun, May 27- Final Class Day

Sun, June 3rd- Help at Teacher  
Appreciation Breakfast



### Youth Events

Sunday, April 29th  
BINGO Event 6-8 pm

[Sign-Up](#)

Sunday, May 6th  
Painting Night

Sunday, May 20th  
Bowling Party



### Service Hours for VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Music Room or 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. **Don't forget to turn in your VBS volunteer forms to Karin Kahler.**

Thurs, May 3rd 9:00-11:00 am      Tues, May 22nd 6:30- 8:30 pm



### May Play Day at Bear Creek Camp

May 6th at 2-8 pm

Come explore Bear Creek Camp, play games, hike, sing, enjoy a cookout and smores!! Everyone is invited!! All ages welcomed! Cost is \$4.00 for children under 12 \$8.00 for everyone else. Registration Deadline is April 29th.

Make check out to "Bear Creek Camp" and mail registration form with check to: Debbie Frey, c/o Northeastern PA Synod, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109

This is a rain or shine event. Camp is fun even in the rain!!



### Cat Camp is Fri, Aug. 17th – Sun, Aug. 19th

All rising 6th-9th grade youth are invited to attend Cat Camp. Cat Camp is a weekend retreat at Bear Creek Camp where the Cat Class youth join together for a weekend of games, fellowship and worship.

This year the youth will have the opportunity to learn more about Worship and Liturgy! Please keep an eye-out for more information in the coming weeks.



### Project HELP 2018: Fri, July 27 - Sat, August 4

All 9th grade+ youth and adults are welcome to join us as we travel to Starks, Maine to lend a helping hand and connect with their community.

It's not too late to sign-up! If you are interested and would like more information please contact Chris Carter.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 6th from Noon - 1:15 pm



Project HELP

### M&M's Too

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

We meet on Wed, May 16 at 9:30 am in the Speary Café downstairs. All women invited! Please park and enter downstairs.



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.



### Upcoming Fly to ABE (Adult Book Energy) Dates

May 21st at 10 am- to discuss *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1/2. Please sign-up in the lobby.

June 25th at 10 am

*The Real Heaven* by Chip Ingram led by Helen Miller.



### Table Talk

Table Talk is time to share food and beverage while having conversations with people of Holy Spirit.

We will meet on May 16, at 6:30 pm in the Speary Cafe. Join us for conversation on the Lutheran perspective for Pentecost Bible readings led by Pr. Ric: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15. All are welcome.



### 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](mailto:mamarobes@yahoo.com) if you are willing to help in this ministry.



### Welcome to Holy Spirit!

Pastor Gordon and Sheila Huff  
Ken Garavaglia  
Leigh-Anne and Michael Wimmer, Izabella,  
Morgan and Mollie



### Marriage Recognition Sunday

On June 17, we will celebrate all couples who have been married for 50 years or more. We will project your wedding photo in the narthex.

Please submit photo and RSVP by June 3rd to Deacon Jane Elliott. Last year's photos are still on file.



### Prime Timers Events

Prime Time Breakfast on Wednesday, May 23rd at 9:00 am.

We'll have our breakfast, trivia, fellowship and we will go over the trips, concerts and picnics for the month of June, July and August.



## 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!



### **May 6- Restorative Ways, Sandy Ruch-Morrin**

All humans are hardwired to connect. Just as we need food, shelter and clothing, human beings also need strong and meaningful relationships to thrive. Restorative practices is an emerging social science that studies how to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities. A former youth director and middle level language educator, Sandy Ruch-Morrin will share her recent Master's program learning on restorative practices at the International Institute for Restorative Practices and invite participants to collaborate and connect with faith in daily life.

### **A Two Week Intergenerational Series Celebrating Pentecost**

- **May 13- Remembering the First Pentecost**

Come and enjoy the seven types of food that ancient Israel offered to God as the "first fruits" of their labor. Watch a skit performed by our youth and a slide show describing the First Pentecost and Jesus' promise fulfilled. Participate in the international theme of the day by signing up to prepare a specific ethnic dish for all to share on the following Sunday (Pentecost) and donating food to the Allentown Food Bank.

- **May 20- Sharing our Pentecost Mission**

Come celebrate the Birthday of the Church! Partake of the many prepared ethnic dishes and participate in youth Pentecost crafts. Listen to "The Coming of the Holy Spirit" Bible passage (Acts 2:1-8, 12) spoken in different languages by members of our congregation and share your abundance with donations of food to the Allentown Food Bank.



### **May 27- Year End Wrap-up and Ideas for Future CFL Programs**

Our last session of the "season" offers attendees an opportunity to review/evaluate the past year in the Center for Faith and Life, ask what we have learned (have we been true to our mission to deepen our faith?), and brainstorm new ideas for future programs. This session always plays an important part in helping to define the CFL schedule so we hope that you can join us.

Center for Faith and Life programs will take a break during the summer months. Thank you everyone for your attendance and participation in the past year. We look forward to starting our new "season" in September. Until then, enjoy summer Sunday worship and breakfasts.

## Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 6th, the members of Holy Spirit will recognize our High School and College Graduates at the morning worship services. We enjoy connecting and celebrating with our graduates.

May God continue to be active in their lives as they move forward. We give thanks to God for our graduates and we are blessed to hear and see the many ways they have been discovering and sharing the gifts God has given them.

### High School Graduates

(Those who have notified us)

Kara Fagerstrom	Elizabeth Rongione
Sarah Flanders	Sarah Schuster
Madeline McGrath	Nathan Zimmerman
Chloe Rhyder	





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 Church Office email: [info@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:info@holyspirit-emmaus.org)  
 Sign-up for newsletter emails: <http://eepurl.com/tIRNf>  
 Address: 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus PA 18049-1599  
 Phone: 610-967-2220



The June Newsletter deadline is Wed, May 16th.  
 It will be issued by Wed, May 23rd.  
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at [newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org) or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!