



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

June 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

Dear friends in Christ,

This seems to be a little premature, sitting here writing a farewell letter. My calendar says there are still six weeks before I retire, but several factors conspire to make this letter worth writing now: 1) the newsletter deadline for June is today; 2) I will be away 2 of the 6 weeks so our time together is not as long as the calendar suggests; 3) saying goodbye is a process that needs to begin early so people can be prepared.



As I said in my sermon last week, I know about systems theory and change, and I know that making a change in one member of a group means the whole system needs to address the change to adapt and establish a new equilibrium. That takes time and recognizing the changes the group is experiencing, and being able to share those thoughts and feelings with one another so you shape a new future for yourselves. People have been coming to terms with saying goodbye since my retirement was announced last Autumn. I truly appreciate the kind words so many of you have already extended as we approach that last Sunday in June. Moreover, I am so glad to have Patty Bisbing chairing the planning committee for the farewell banquet, and all the work the committee has been doing to prepare for that day. I hope we can go to the farewell luncheon prepared to celebrate the years of ministry we've shared and give thanks to God for the times we've spent together serving our Lord.

I am truly grateful to Pr. Ric for approaching me back in the Fall of 2006 to fill in as Interim Associate Pastor of LCHS until the leadership could develop a staffing plan. I am equally grateful to have been extended a permanent call as your Part-time Associate Pastor, giving me the ability to continue my private practice in Clinical Psychology while still serving as a rostered pastor of the ELCA for these past 11 ½ years! I want to tell you how grateful I am for the ways Pr. Ric has guided this staff and shared the pastoral leadership of this congregation with me throughout my time here. He is truly a gifted leader whose compassion, sound judgement, and deep faith comes through to anyone who is with him for even a short time. I could not have asked for a more understanding, fair-minded, and thoughtful boss. I also want to say thank you to the staff with whom I have been sharing this ministry at Holy Spirit. You have a wonderful group of gifted and talented people on staff and I hope you will continue to find ways to appreciate the gifts they bring and the time and commitment they give to help make Holy Spirit's ministry so vibrant and meaningful to our members. Thank you staff, for tolerating my sense of humor in staff meetings and the times when I have not been my very best for you.

And lastly, please accept my deepest gratitude and appreciation for you, the members of Holy Spirit. Thank you for the privilege of letting me into your lives during times of great joy and times of deepest grief and loss. We have been together at the font for baptisms, the altar for worship and Holy Communion, the sickbed at your home or the hospital, and the graveside to commend our loved ones to God's eternal care and keeping. You allowed me to become a part of your faith lives, as we walk this journey of life together. You have allowed me to share my faith with you in preaching and teaching, and you have nourished and nurtured my faith as well, as you witnessed your love of Christ and this incredible ministry to which He has called us. Thank you for these 11 ½ years together. I will cherish them for as long as I live.

Pastor Jim Bowers



Summer Worship Schedule

beginning Sunday, June 10th

- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion (Child Care Available)
- 9:45 am- Summer Breakfast begins June 10th
- 10:15 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion



June 3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

June 10 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship Schedule

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:15 am- Soloist
- 12:30 pm- Healing Worship
- 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



June 17 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Marriage Recognition

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:15 am- Soloist

June 24 - Godspeed to Pr. Jim

Bless ELCA Youth Gathering

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:15 am- Soloist



Thanks for Sharing your Talents

A special thanks to our Musicians and Choirs at Holy Spirit. Thank you for your dedication and praising the Lord with your talents. Our church is musically blessed!

Praise Kids
Spirit Ringers
Rejoicing Ringers

Children's Bell Choir
Adult Choir
Soloists

Music Circle
Spirit Alive Singers
Instrumentalists

Youth Music Team
Praise Band
Festival Choir



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Rejoicing Spirits

Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, June 10th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship.

Join us as we celebrate Father's Day and say Farewell to Pr. Jim!



Healing Worship

Sunday, June 10th at 12:30 pm

Healing Worship: Hope + Wholeness will be offered on Sunday, June 10th 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.



FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

FLY to ABE will meet on June 25 to discuss *The Real Heaven* by Chip Ingram.

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



Summer Nursery Care
begins June 10th

Nursery care will only be provided during the 8:45 am worship service during the summer. Word for God's Children will take a break during the summer.

Nursery Care at 8:45 and 10:15 will resume on Sunday, August 26th.



M&M's Too

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

We meet on Wed, June 20 at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Café. Park and enter by the downstairs door.



Calling VBS Volunteers

VBS Volunteer Meetings are scheduled on

- Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, June 25 at 6:30 pm

If you are volunteering at VBS, please plan on attending one of these meetings in Speary Café.

Volunteers Still Needed

- Preschool Storyteller Leader
- Storytellers- act a part from the script
- Science Leader
- Group Leaders-escort children to the centers



Snack Donations

VBS is asking for donations of snacks and paper products to help make VBS incredible. There is a poster in the lobby for people to select items to contribute.

Please place the items in the collection boxes in the lobby by July 1st. Thank you!



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 begins on June 21st



Host a Summer Breakfast

Every Sunday from June 10th - Sept 2nd

Time to round up a few friends and practice your culinary skills on your church family. Please sign-up on the poster in the lobby to provide breakfast for one of the available Sundays. There is also an instruction page to lend guidance on navigating the kitchen and number of people to anticipate.

For those consuming the delicious breakfast, we seek a free-will offering. This year, our proceeds will benefit Project HELP.



April 2017 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: We are in very good shape regarding our finances YTD. We have a surplus of \$51,070 while we had budgeted a surplus of \$33,264 for April YTD. This is mostly due to pledges having been paid in advance.



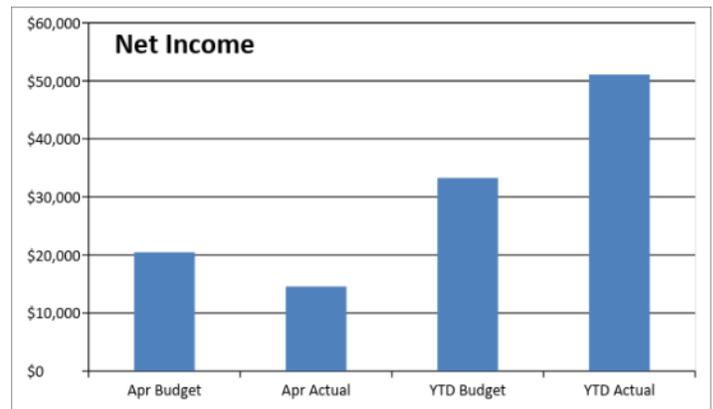
In April, we finished the month off with a surplus of \$14,573 but had budgeted a surplus of \$20,441. This is mostly due to the fact that pledged revenue was \$13,535 less than expected and expenses were \$5,013 less than expected. While pledged revenue was down, unpledged revenue was over plan by \$1,085.

Also, Thrivent numbers have been very strong these past few months. In April, the Thrivent total was \$2,407 while we had budgeted \$1,228. YTD we have \$5,426 and had budgeted \$3,512. Thank you for the generous contributions!

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our April surplus, we ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$161,488.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during April to \$39,440 mostly due to \$4,828 paid out in closing costs for the MIF loan for the HVAC system in the Nave/Narthex.

Building Fund: Our building fund decreased to \$4,456. Donations totaled \$1,230 and there were 3 expenses. The largest expense was \$4,910 for the installation of six casement windows.



How to Maximize Graduation Cash

The graduation season is upon us and we all know that our graduates will receive gifts and money in celebration of their achievement. It's crucial to plan ahead, to discuss money issues and to maximize the impact of graduation cash before the graduate dashes off to whatever lies ahead.

Your family may have goals for your young person's finances, e.g. the proportion of gifts or income that should go toward saving, sharing, and spending. If your family hasn't talked about such goals now is the time to start a conversation. Your graduate is on the verge of an important life transition and may need financial coaching. As a parent, you still have a say in how he or she uses money, especially if you are contributing to post-high school plans. Help your graduate decide where all that cash can make a real difference. Be clear about your own expectations for that graduation cash.

Tips to make the most of graduation cash:

- **Talk ahead of time-** Anticipate that graduation money is coming and talk with your child about how the money will be used.
- **Negotiate how to handle the influx of money-** One effective approach is to agree that the graduate can splurge with a small chunk of the total, such as a shopping spree with 10 percent of what is received.
- **Determine what to do with MOST of what is received-** That cash can help a graduate take the next step, yielding benefits months or even years later. It could buy a laptop for school, help pay tuition or transportation or be set aside as an emergency fund.
- **Share a small amount-** Urge your graduate to tie his/her big day to a cause he or she cares about. Sharing 2 to 5 percent can be incredibly meaningful, and establishes another good lifelong habit.



Stewardship Ministry Mission Team

Source: Nathan Dungan Share, Save, Spend: Money & Meaning Blog; May 2015

Farewell and Godspeed

On Sunday, June 24, we will give thanks to God for the ministry of Pr. Jim and Mary Bowers with Godspeed and Farewell at all three worship services. There will also be a special reception during Summer Breakfast.

Please join us for Pr. Jim's retirement lunch on Sunday, June 24th at 12:30 pm at Brookside Country Club. Lunch reservations and gift donations due by June 8th. Make checks payable to LCHS.

Please share your favorite memories of Pr. Jim. There is a memory jar in the Lobby with cards and pencils. Take time to leave him a message or memory.



2018 LDR Mission Trip

This year's mission trip took place the week of April 15th. Our team consisted of 11 members of Holy Spirit and 6 friends from other churches. We returned to New Jersey for the fourth straight year to assist families who are still not fully recovered from Superstorm Sandy which hit New Jersey in October 2012.

Our team again stayed at Camp Evans, a former Army R&D Center which has been converted to disaster volunteer housing. This was the site of one of Marconi's original wireless stations in the early 1900's. While an active Army R&D Center much work was done on the development of radar, satellite communication and electronic warfare. The facility is on the Shark River and has an active eagle nesting area nearby. We were able to witness wonderful views of a nesting pair of eagles.



Our work was managed and scheduled by St. Bernard Project, a non-profit that started in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Our worksite managers were young men and women serving in AmeriCorps. This organization and these young adults are doing fabulous work around the country in geographies hit by disasters.

We worked on two homes in Bayville, not far from Toms River. We dry walled, mudded, sanded and painted the interior of both houses. We also did some outdoor painting. Both home owners will be getting back into their homes early this summer.

This trip was another rewarding experience made even more enjoyable by the fellowship shared within our group. We continue to thank Holy Spirit for supporting these trips.

~Bob Mueller

Project HELP 2018

Project Help Car Wash- Saturday, June 2, 9am to 1pm.

Please bring your cars to the church lower level and the Project Help Team will clean and dry them with care. This is a large fundraiser for our annual mission trip to Starks, Maine. Please come out and support this ministry and meet many of this year's attendees.



Project Help Team Meeting- Sunday, June 3rd, 12:00-1:15 pm in the Fellowship Center, lunch included. All attendees should plan to attend this mandatory meeting. For more information please contact Chris Carter, cecarter@aol.com, 610-392-4965.



Thank You Teachers/Mentors

As the Faith Formation year draws to a close, it is time for us to show our appreciation for those individuals who are serving in our faith formation programs. On Sunday, June 3rd, a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held in their honor. It is a time for us to let our Sunday School, Catechism, and CAT Club teachers know how much we value their ministry.

Here at Holy Spirit, we are blessed to have a fantastic group of teachers who have dedicated lots of time and energy helping to form the faith of the children and youth. Our Catechism, Sunday School, and CAT Club teachers have devoted many hours of time planning lessons, gathering materials for class each week, and forming relationships with our youth and children.

Congregation, please make time to thank and affirm the difference our teachers and parents are making in forming the faith in our children and youth. We are all vital to fulfilling the promises we make at baptism- as together we nourish seeds of faith so that we all know God, experience love and forgiveness, and share it with the world in need.



Faith Formation Staff 2017-2018

3 Year Olds - Elsie Anderson, Katie Bashus, Paul Bashus, Pearl Bashus, Alex Kibrik, Amy Scott

4 Year Olds - Tanya Herring, John McClain, Kelby McNally, Mark Stanziola

Kindergarten - Michele Doherty, Emma Fermier, Terri Lehr, Leigh-Anne Wimmer

First Grade - Carolyn Croy, Lauren Sands, Michelle Schumaker

Second and Third Grade - Paige Mathieu, Sue Mathieu, Tena Rapp, Karen Schaffer

Fourth Grade - Audrey Erb, Jeff Erb

Fifth Grade - Denise Rohrbach, Candi Rosazza

CAT Club - Marcey Binkley, Michelle Borzok, Kathy Everleth, Heather Hetrick, Nichole Hutnik, Eric Kahler, Sue Kibrik, Ava Killingsworth, Carina Messenlehner, Becky Neitz, Andrea Nesfeder, Jenn Powell, Sherilyn Scheetz, Deb Smith, Jackie Tucker, Melanie Wiltrout

Catechism - Kristin Ervin, Adam Fermier, Christine Fermier, Sue Kibrik, Marian Schneck, Pete Schneck

High School - Bill Smith, Angie Tobey

Attendance - Kathy Everleth, Nina McNally, Joe Tobey

Music - Sharon MacCabe

Pastoral Staff - Pr. Ric Elliott, Pr. Jim Bowers, Pr. Spencer Steele

Director of Faith Formation for Children - Karin Kahler



Please prayerfully consider helping to form faith in our youth and children for the upcoming year. You and the life of a child or youth will be changed.

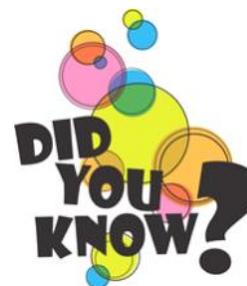
Looking Towards Fall

June 10th- Begin Nursery Care at 8:45 am Worship only
Word for God's Children takes a break

Aug. 26th- Nursery Care at 8:45 and 10:15 Worship resumes

Sept. 2nd- Last Sunday for Summer Worship and Breakfast

Sept. 9th- Regular Worship Schedule Resumes
Word for God's Children Resumes
Faith Formation Kicks-off



Youth Events

There are planned youth events for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month of June.

June 3rd
June 17th
Join us for some fun!



Youth and Young Adults Ministry Team

The Youth and Young Adults Ministry Team will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The next meeting is June 10th at Noon in Room 117/119. See you there!



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.



VBS Youth Volunteers

We invite our middle school and high school youth to serve in a variety of ways during VBS.

- Storytellers
- Group guides
- Help set-up
 - Thurs, July 5th 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 - Sun, July 8th 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Helping at VBS counts as Catechism service hours. Please consider how you might serve. Join in the adventure of Splash Canyon. [Volunteer Form](#). Forms can be returned to Karin Kahler.



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We're Leaving on a Jet Plane...

The time is rapidly approaching for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. In fact, from the date of my writing this there are only 41 left! This year, we have 26 people who will be experiencing service and worship on a whole new scale and joining with fellow Christians from around the country to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

All of us are excited about this opportunity and are so thankful for the support of the congregation. Please remember to keep those attending in your prayers as we travel and serve. We are only able to attend the Gathering because of the spiritual and monetary investment from this congregation. Thank you so much!

~Peace, Pr. Spencer



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 2nd	Project HELP Car Wash
Sunday, June 3rd	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Sunday, June 10th	Summer Worship and Summer Breakfasts begin Healing Worship, Rejoicing Spirits
Friday, June 15th at 7:05 pm	IronPigs Game
Sunday, June 17th	Father's Day, Marriage Recognition Sunday
Sunday, June 24th	Farewell to Pr. Jim and Mary Bowers Commission ELCA Youth Gathering Participants
Wed. June 27th - Sun. July 1st	ELCA Youth Gathering- Houston, TX
Mon. July 9th - Fri. July 13th	VBS- Splash Canyon



Table Talk

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

We will meet on June 20 at 6:30 pm in the Speary Cafe. Join us for conversation on the Lutheran perspective for Marriage Recognition Sunday Bible readings led by Pr. Spencer. Ruth 1:16-18, 1 Corinthians 13, John 15:9-13. All are welcome.



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.



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.



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

If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for others, please contact the church office.



PrimeTimers Social

Senior Citizens are invited to Orefield Middle School Gym/Cafe for a Social Saturday, June 2nd from 6-9 pm
Music, Dancing, Raffle and Refreshments
RSVP: 610-351-5900 x41234



Stephen Ministry - Myths and Misconceptions

Congregations and communities are filled with hurting people who could benefit from Stephen Ministry, so it's good to have many different people on the lookout for potential care receivers. The result will be many more people receiving care during times of need. Here are a few myths and misconceptions about the referral process for finding care receivers.



Myth: "We don't have enough people in our congregation or community who would benefit from the type of care Stephen Ministers provide."

Reality: Every congregation and community is brimming with people who are experiencing life difficulties and would benefit from a Stephen Minister's care.

Myth: "A person needs to specifically request a Stephen Minister. It would be pushy or intrusive for us to approach someone and suggest it".

Reality: For a variety of reasons, many people who would benefit from a Stephen Minister's care are reluctant to step forward on their own. One of the most caring things you can do is to proactively seek them out and offer them Stephen Ministry.

Myth: "Handling referrals is the pastor's job (or the Stephen Leader's job)."

Reality: A successful referrals system in a congregation is a team effort. It involves pastors and church staff, Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, congregation leaders and members, and possibly others.

Myth: "We should simply ask potential care receivers, "Would you like a Stephen Minister?" and allow them to say yes or no. Any more than that might seem push or intrusive".

Reality: For many hurting people, the natural reaction to the questions "Would you like a Stephen minister?" would be no. A caring and effective approach is to assertively suggest they receive care from a Stephen Minister, saying something like:

- "I'd like to connect you with a Stephen Minister. I think it would be helpful to you at this time in your life.
- "I think you would benefit from the kind of care and support our Stephen Ministers offer. Let me connect you with one."

Although you wouldn't pressure a person into accepting care, it is good to be assertive in suggesting Stephen Ministry.

Myth: "A potential care receiver is too busy to fit meeting with a Stephen Minister into his/her schedule".

Reality: Even the busiest people will make time for something that can help them get through a difficult situation. Many potential care receivers will see that the support and encouragement of a Stephen Minister is just what they need to face a hectic, demanding schedule.

Contact one of the pastors, Bill or Fran Derhammer (610-967-3092), Kitti Berkheimer (610-509-1674) or Mike Berkheimer (610-509-1673) if someone you know may benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Missing Raincoat

Charles McClain believes his raincoat was accidentally taken home from church.

There is a size 40 Men's Regular Tan Raincoat left at the church that is not Dr. McClain's.

Please check to make sure you have the correct raincoat at home.





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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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The July Newsletter deadline is Wed, June 20th.
 It will be issued by Wed, June 27th.
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!

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