



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

July 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

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 on life's wild ride. The fun goes from July 9 till July 13 from 9:15 am to 12:00 pm.

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 is from 2 Corinthians 1:20 ~*Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus*. This verse reminds students that God is always with us during the ups and downs of life. Each day the students hear a daily theme that connects to the Bible story of the day. The phrase helps to make the key teaching of the day easier to remember. In order to add to the excitement and build community at VBS, we ask our participants to wear a special color each day.

Monday	(BLUE)	God is with us!
Tuesday	(GREEN)	God gives us life!
Wednesday	(YELLOW or PURPLE)	God is faithful!
Thursday	(ORANGE)	God gives Hope!
Friday	(RED)	Jesus is our Savior!



To be part of the excitement at Splash Canyon, call Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107 or visit the church's website at www.lchsemmaus.org. There is still time to register and volunteer.

VBS Decorating Sessions – It is time to decorate the church facility for VBS. The children are always excited to see how we have transformed the space for this exciting week.

VBS set up will take place on Thursday, July 5th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and
Sunday, July 8th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm





Summer Worship Schedule

June 10- Sept 2nd

- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion
(Child Care Available)
- 9:15 am- Summer Breakfast and Coffee in Fellowship Center
- 10:15 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion



July 1 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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



July 8 - VBS Kick-off

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



Worship Schedule for the Summer

July 15 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 22 - Commission Project HELP

Youth Gathering Review

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

July 29 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Festival and Adult Choir Dates to Save

- Festival Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 20th at 7:15 pm to prepare for the All Saints' Concert.
- All Saints' Concert on Sunday, November 4th at 4 pm
- Dress rehearsal on Sat, Nov 3rd.
- Concert will feature Neil Harmon's *Requiem*
- All are welcome to sing in the choir, please contact Sharon MacCabe
- Adult Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept 6th at 7:15 pm.



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Rejoicing Spirits

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

Join us for our 4th of July Celebration!



Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Summer Nursery Care

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

Our regular schedule will resume on Sunday, August 26th.



Office Supplies

We have an abundance of office supplies that have been donated to the church office and it's too much for us to ever use.

Please help yourself to supplies on the table and bookshelf in the Fellowship Center Lobby. All items are free.



College Students!

We are requesting updated information for our college students, military, graduates, and young adults so we can stay in touch.

Please send any school, address or email changes to the church office at mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org.



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.



German Youth Choir Concert

Saturday, Aug. 4th

Vivida Banda - a young people's Lutheran choir from Weinheim, Germany will be performing a concert at Holy Spirit on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 7:30 pm.

Please join us for this wonderful opportunity. See Page 9 of this newsletter for more information!



Join us for Breakfast

Every Sunday till September 2nd, join us for Summer Breakfast in the Fellowship Center at 9:15 am. This year our proceeds will benefit Project HELP.



Church office is closed on Wed, July 4th for Independence Day!



Summer Midweek Worship

This summer we will be offering three mid-week worship opportunities.

Wed, June 27 at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Fellowship Center for worship (8:45 am style with band). The liturgy and sermon will be the same as July 1 though briefer.

Thurs, July 12 we will offer the Vacation Bible School Closing Program- a worship service built around the inspiring VBS Bible stories and music and open to all.

Wed, August 8 at 7:00 pm we will again gather in the Fellowship Center for worship (8:45 style with band). The liturgy and sermon will be the same as August 12 though briefer.



May 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: We continue to be in good shape with our finances YTD. We have a surplus of \$23,673 while we had budgeted a surplus of \$7,264 for May YTD. This is mostly due to pledges having been paid in advance.



In May, we finished the month off with a deficit of \$27,398 and had budgeted a deficit of \$26,001. Both pledged and unpledged revenue were down this month. Pledged was \$2,347 less than expected and unpledged was \$1,026 less than plan. We saw \$1,620 in savings in expenses during May. Most savings were in the areas of Resources for Ministry and Faith Formation for Children.

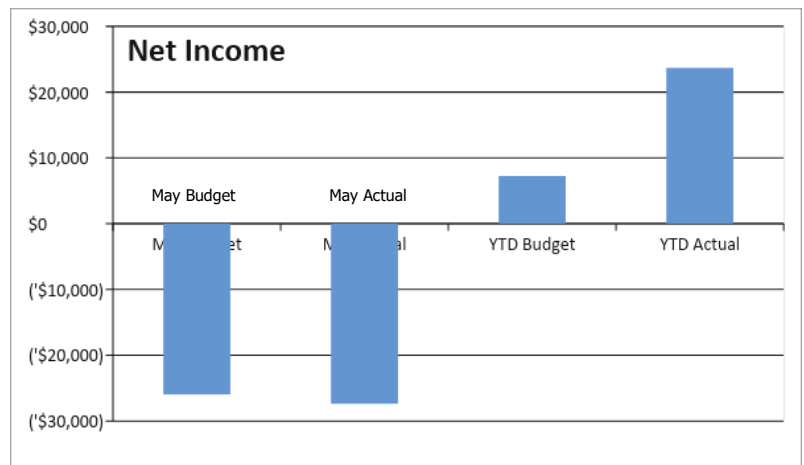
Thrivent totals were up again this month. In May, the total was \$635 while we had budgeted \$463. YTD we have \$6,061 and had budgeted \$3,975. Thank you for the generous contributions!

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our May deficit, we ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$133,442.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during May to \$35,007 mostly due to 2 expenses. The first was a check for invoices 1 and 2 of the feasibility study (\$3,500 total) and the second was an \$810 bill for the eighth installment of the total HVAC contract for the Nave/Narthex.

HVAC System: To date, we've borrowed \$62,228 from the Mission Investment Fund for our HVAC system.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$5,698. Donations totaled \$1,453 and there were 2 expenses. The largest expense was \$235 for bell table leg casters.



Summer Travel Reminder

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Holy Spirit relies on your regular contributions. If you have plans to travel this summer and may miss some Sundays, please make arrangements to keep your giving up to date. Electronic giving provides a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Holy Spirit has multiple electronic giving options.

- You may enroll in Simply Giving, a program that permits authorized automatic deductions from your bank account or you may participate in online auto pay by adding the congregation to your list of electronic payees and authorizing your bank to send a check to the congregation through your bill pay service.
- You may also give online by accessing the congregation's website at lchsemmaus.org clicking on "Give/Donate" and following the prompts.
- Additionally, you may Give by Text. Using your smartphone dial the Holy Spirit Give by Text number (610-981-1312) and follow the instructions to set up an account and donate. It's simple and efficient.



For information on electronic giving, contact Pam Harshey at finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org or call the church office, (610) 967-2220.

We appreciate your efforts to keep your giving up to date throughout the year. Enjoy the summer! Travel Safely!

~The Stewardship Ministry Mission Team

Summer Stewardship

While summer is vacation time, stewardship never takes a vacation. It is still a time to manage all things for God; God's way, every day. Here are some things to think about that can help create a joyful and fun-filled experience for you, your family and our congregation.

Worshipping in another congregation can be refreshing. Daily devotions should not be forgotten either. Inviting newly found vacation friends to participate in devotions offers a chance to share the Gospel.

Sometimes congregations experience a financial summer slump when attendance and contributions may drop. Many of Holy Spirit's options to facilitate giving, including cash and checks, the Giving Kiosk, electronic giving methods, online giving, and give by text, offer opportunities to plan your giving when you are away to help avoid the summer slump.

Summer teenage jobs offer an excellent opportunity for Christian financial stewardship. Teens can learn how to wisely spend, save and contribute with their earnings. If some of the principles of stewardship, such as proportionate, regular, and "first fruit" giving are put into practice as teens, they can become part of a lifestyle that will never be abandoned. Summer jobs also give teens a chance to share their talents. Many wise teens seek jobs that in some way will connect with a future profession or occupation. Encourage Christian stewards that when they work, they are to do it willingly, cheerfully, honestly and to the best of their ability.

Vacations are supposed to be extended times for rest and relaxation. However some vacations can become stressful. God never intended us to "burn the candle at both ends". In fact, he commanded one day in seven to be a day of rest. Proper personal money management should factor into the length and style of a vacation. A line item in the family budget at the start of the year should cover anticipated vacation expenses. Sensible planning helps remove the stress and hassle from overspending and abuse of credit cards. The results of good stewardship in vacation planning can result in relaxation instead of stress and exhaustion.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!
Stewardship Mission Team



Project HELP is Hitting the Road

Our Holy Spirit work crew of 36 adults/youth, including 14 first timers, going to Starks, Maine are being commissioned on Sunday, July 22nd during the 8:45 am worship service. They depart for their journey on Friday, July 27th at 12:30 pm. We wish them safe travels and safety on the jobsite as they help the community of Starks.

They will take about 40 quilts made by LCHS Stitch and Chat to give to the homeowners in Starks. We look forward to your safe return on Saturday, August 4th. God's Speed! We will look forward to a trip review on Sunday, August 5th.

Project HELP is in need of your support. 100% of your donation goes toward the trip and helping the homeowners. You can help by designating your donation to Project HELP on your offering envelope or the Giving Kiosk. If you have any questions, please see Chris Carter. Thank you!



Project HELP



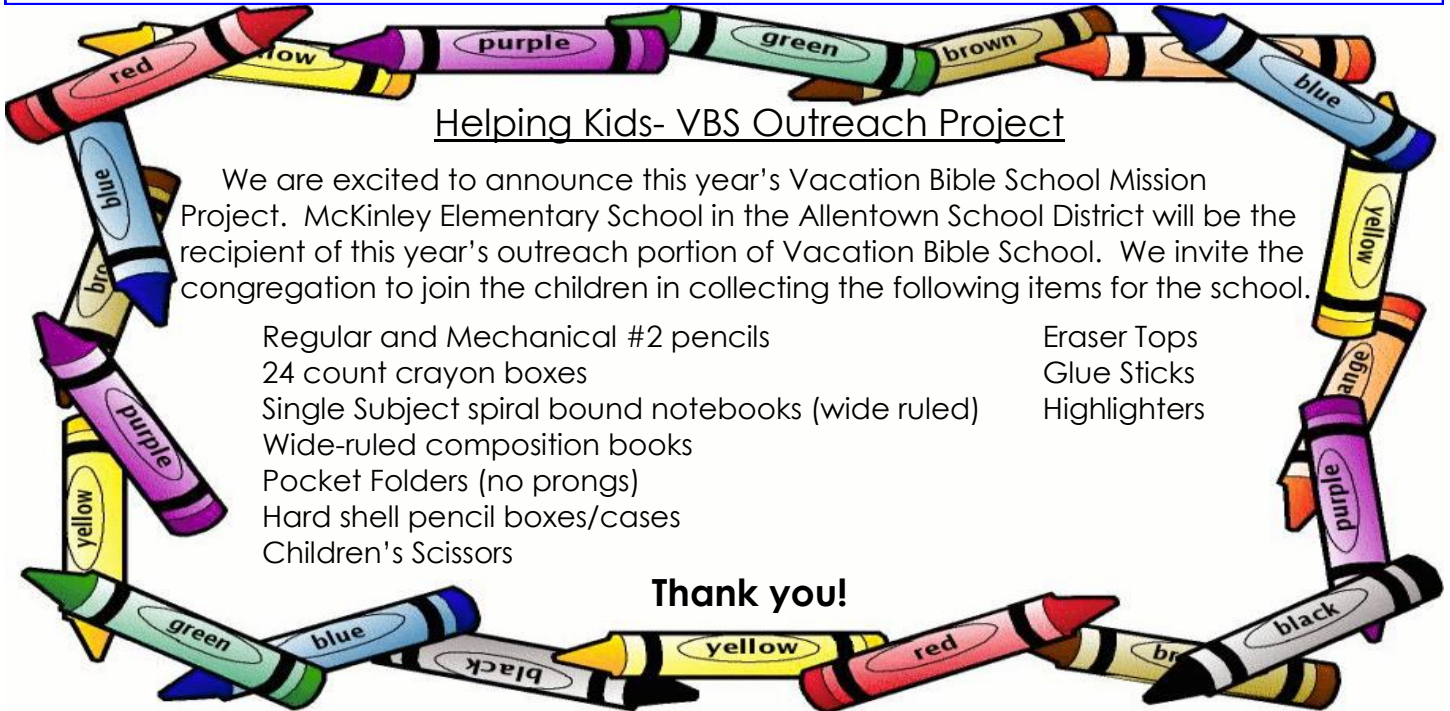
Vacation Bible School

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

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~ 2 Corinthians 1:20



Helping Kids- VBS Outreach Project

We are excited to announce this year's Vacation Bible School Mission Project. McKinley Elementary School in the Allentown School District will be the recipient of this year's outreach portion of Vacation Bible School. We invite the congregation to join the children in collecting the following items for the school.

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| Regular and Mechanical #2 pencils | Eraser Tops |
| 24 count crayon boxes | Glue Sticks |
| Single Subject spiral bound notebooks (wide ruled) | Highlighters |
| Wide-ruled composition books | |
| Pocket Folders (no prongs) | |
| Hard shell pencil boxes/cases | |
| Children's Scissors | |

Thank you!



A big thank you to everyone who made our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast a huge success. We received many donations of food and money along with many volunteers to set-up, clean-up, make, and serve the breakfast. A special thanks to thanks to Holly Flanders for planning and leading the breakfast.

Our teachers were given devotion book to show our appreciation for their dedication. Thank you to our congregation for affirming our teachers and joining in the celebration. It was a wonderful way to end our Faith Formation year.

Sunday School and Catechism Stewardship

For the past several years, the yearly Sunday School offering is donated to a benevolent organization. Thanks to the children's weekly offering and Lenten coin appeal, they donated a total of \$1,300 to benevolent organizations.

- Stitch and Chat received \$425 to support LCHS's quilting ministry which distributes quilts to Project Help, Camp Noah, Sixth Street Shelter, and other organizations.
- God's Global Barnyard received \$875 to help support world hunger efforts of the ELCA.

In addition to their weekly Sunday School offering, the children had a special Lenten appeal. Each child was given a barn bank to collect change and other donations during the six weeks of Lent.

Great job! A huge thank you to all of our Sunday School and Catechism families who helped to make these special gifts possible.



Stitch and Chat

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.



Save The Date and Time

Fall Event and Trunk-or-Treat
 Sunday, October 21st
 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Lower LCHS Parking Lot
 If Inclement Weather -- Event Will Move Indoors

The Fall Event is again being planned where volunteers, who decorate their car's "trunks", will provide individually wrapped candies or items to children who are participating. It is a fun way for LCHS children to safely enjoy this time of year without feeling scared.



As the Fall Event is for our community, it is also a great opportunity to introduce families to our church. In addition to our Trunk-or-Treat event, pumpkin decorating, face painting and other fun activities will be offered. We'll have food and beverages, including hot dogs, s'mores and apple cider. Like last year, we hope to make the Fall Event intergenerational with our families, parents and grandparents, youth, Mission Teams and our entire church family decorating trunks and joining in on the fun. There will be guidelines for decorating car trunks, more information and sign-ups. Please stay tuned through the summer and early fall.



There are many ways to help prepare for this outreach event. Please contact Karin Kahler (Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org) or Melanie Wiltrout (mlwiltrout@hotmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Congregational Calendar

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| Sat, Aug. 4th | German Choir Concert |
| Sunday, Aug. 5th | Project HELP Review |
| Wed, Aug 8th | Midweek Worship at 7 pm |
| Sunday, Aug. 12th | Install CAT Camp Staff |
| Fri, Aug 17- Sun, Aug 19 | Youth CAT Camp |
| Sunday, Aug. 19th | Blessing of Outreach Backpacks |
| Sunday, Aug. 26th | Blessing of Backpacks, Nursery Care Resumes at 8:45 and 10:15 |
| Sunday, Sept. 2nd | Last Summer Breakfast, Last Summer Worship |
| Sunday, Sept. 9th | Install Sunday School & Catechism Teachers,
Sunday School Open House/Catechism Orientation |
| Sunday, Sept. 16th | Fall Worship Times Resume, CFL begins
Faith Formation Begins |
| Sunday, Sept. 23rd | Bible Sunday- 3 yr old, 3rd graders, 6th graders, Adults |



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FLY to ABE

Fly to ABE, a book discussion group, will take a break during the summer and resume in the fall.

Stay tuned for the next book announcement.



M&M's Too

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

We are taking a break in July and August and will resume in September.

See you then!



Table Talk

Table Talk will be on break for July and August.

Thank you for a great time together. We hope to see you again in the Fall.



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.



Help Us Dream

We are currently beginning to dream about a fall worship opportunity to be held during the Sunday school hour (tentatively called **9:50 Connections**). If you have ideas, interest and input we would love for you to share it. We will gather on July 1, July 8 and July 15 with interested folk during the Summer Breakfast hour in room 117/119. Please get some breakfast and come join the conversation.



Upcoming PrimeTimers Events

Thurs, July 5th– Tour the Wyck House and garden in Germantown- 6026 Germantown Ave. Cost for self-guided tour of house and garden \$8. Carpool from the church leaving at 10:30 am, home by 3:30 pm. Call Renee 484-542-0879. We'll eat lunch first at The Flower Café- 48 Maplewood Mall.

Sat, July 14th- Will Boyer's Picnic at Lake Hauto, Sunday 15th if rained out. Plan on arriving between 1:30 and 2:30pm. We'll try to get rides for everyone that needs one. You can swim in the lake or take a boat ride, play cards etc. We eat around 5:00 pm. Let Will/Gloria know what you will bring 610-434-8811.

Sun, July 15th- Swing Time Dolls at Emmaus Community Park from 6-8:00 pm. 1940's themed costumes and great songs. Bring chairs or sit in the pavilion.

Sun, July 15th- Allentown Band concert at Haines Mill at 6:30 pm, bring your own chairs. Parking lot behind the Mill.

Thurs, July 19th- Book Club at 10 am to discuss Sidney Portiers book . Book for August is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Bring along suggestions for future reads.

Wed, July 25th- Eat out at Williams Spanish Restaurant, 838 Linden St in Bethlehem. Let's try something different! Carpool from church at 5 pm, eat at 5:30 pm.



Looking for Host Families

August 3-5

Have you always wanted to travel internationally but don't have the time? How about hosting one or more German students in your home this summer and bring international culture to you?! Now you have that opportunity for two nights in August.

Vivida Banda - a young people's Lutheran choir from Weinheim, Germany will be performing a concert at Holy Spirit on August 4 at 7:30 pm.

If you are willing to open your home to one or more students for just two nights of sleeping and a few light meals, please contact Cindy Ernst 484-553-6536 for more information.



The award-winning youth choir, Vivida Banda ("Rasselbunde" in German, or "A Gang of Rascals") from St. Peters Church in Weinheim, Germany, will begin their U.S. tour this summer with a concert in Chapel Hill, NC. They will present a varied program of music of Germany, England, and the United States, from Schubert to Josh Groban.

Vivida Banda is the most advanced choir of the St. Peters Church Singschule (song school). Children begin singing with the Singschule from the age of 1 and continue through the age of 21 in a graded choral program. They sing music of all genres – the only requirement for the young people to like the music is that it is of high quality. Vivida Banda regularly sings in services and concerts in and around Weinheim, which is near Mannheim.

Founded in 2009 by their current director, Anne Langenbach, Vivida Banda won the prestigious ECHO Klassik award for promoting young people in 2013, and in recent years have sung at Rosengarten, Congress Center Mannheim, and on ZDF television. They make a concert tour every two years. This is their first tour to the United States.



Thank you for your kind and encouraging telephone calls, cards, and visits during my recovery. The gifts of flowers and the prayer shawl helped to brighten the days with their reminders of the special people who are this church family. We are all so very fortunate to have each other.

~Dick Heintzelman

Blessing of the Quilts

Holy Spirit's Stitch and Chat group has made about 40 lap quilts that will be blessed on Sunday, July 22nd. The quilts are going with the Project Help group to be distributed to the homeowners in Starks, Maine.

This year's quilts have been made with money from the Sunday School offerings and from donations from members. During the year, quilts have also been given to the New Bethany Ministries. Quilts have also been made for several members of our congregation who are homebound or use wheelchairs, and to children in the local area in answer to some specific requests.

If you would like to help us to continue our quilting ministry, please consider a donation designated to "quilts" in the offering on any Sunday, or delivered to the church office at any time. Money is needed for batting, fabric, and other supplies. Clean cotton fabric donations or sheets (new or gently used) are also accepted.

If you are interested in joining the Stitch and Chat group, please contact Kathy Schuessler at kaschuess@rcn.com or Linda Letts at letts@ptd.net. All hands are welcome!



God Bless America



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