



# Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

August 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

## Vicar Tami Reichley: New Addition to Our Church Staff

At the July meeting of the Congregation Council, our congregation was approached by the United Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia and the Northeastern PA Synod to serve as a residency internship site for Tami Reichley. Tami is a third year student at the seminary who needs four academic courses and an internship to complete her journey toward ordained ministry. At the meeting, the Council voted to have Tami serve a sixteen month part-time residency internship while she completes her remaining coursework. Her title during the residency will be Vicar Tami.

Vicar Tami is a lifelong Lutheran who lives in Lehigh County and has been a member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St James Lutheran Church in Quakertown. Vicar Tami is often referred to as a "second career" student at the seminary; meaning that she began her professional career as an attorney who practiced law for 25 years. After graduating from the University of Delaware and Widener Law School, she served 8 years as a Deputy District Attorney in Lehigh County and then spent 16 years in her own private law practice.

Vicar Tami is a single mother raising two children- a 17 year old son, Logan and a 15 year old daughter, Lauren. As a family they enjoy beach vacations at the Jersey shore and Cayman islands. Tami enjoys the outdoors and being physically active; she is a certified scuba diver as well as a lifelong Phillies/Eagles/Sixers fan.

Vicar Tami will begin her ministry with us the week of August 20th. Please pray for her as she begins this final phase of her seminary journey as well as her service here at Holy Spirit. Welcome!



Welcome

*Tami Reichley*

## German Youth Choir Concert

Saturday, Aug. 4th at 7:30 pm

Vivida Banda - a young people's Lutheran choir from Weinheim, Germany is touring the United States and will be performing a concert at Holy Spirit. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity.

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.

**ON TOUR**



### 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



#### Aug. 5 - Project HELP

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

#### Aug. 12 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- Install CAT Camp Staff
- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Band/Soloist
- 10:15 am- Soloist
- 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



#### Aug. 19 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Blessing of Outreach School Supplies
- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Band/Soloist
- 10:15 am- Soloist

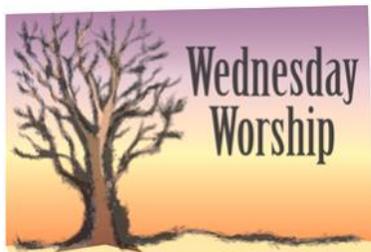
#### Aug. 26 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- Blessing of Backpacks
- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Band/Soloist
- 10:15 am- Soloist

### Summer Mid-Week Worship

Wed, August 8 at 7:00 pm

This summer we are offering one more mid-week worship opportunity. We will gather in the Fellowship Center for worship (8:45 style). The liturgy and sermon will be the same as Aug. 12.



### Music Rehearsals Begin

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| Spirit Ringers    | Wed, Sept. 5th at 7:15 pm    |
| Adult Choir       | Thurs, Sept. 6th at 7:15 pm  |
| Festival Choir    | Thurs, Sept. 20th at 8:00 pm |
| Rejoicing Ringers | Wed. Sept. 26th at 4:15 pm   |



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

### Rejoicing Spirits Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 12th at 2:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist Rejoicers while playing Bingo, rock painting, Karaoke and lawn games. This is a great opportunity for youth in the confirmation program to earn service hours. Contact Alice in the church office if you can help: [mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, August 12th at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Center followed by Summer Picnic.

Join us for our Summer Celebration!

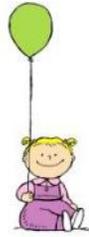


Summer Nursery Care

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.

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



Blessing of the Backpacks

August 26th

Before our students head back to school, we are having a blessing of the backpacks during the 8:45 and 10:15 worship services on August 26th.

Bring your backpack to church for a blessing so you can have a wonderful start to the school year and a reminder that God is with you.



**Back to School**

Faith Formation Kick-off

Sunday, Sept. 9th

Sunday School, Catechism and Center for Faith and Life will kick-off the new season on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45 am.

Stay tuned for beginning of year activities.



**Catechism**



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 and Meal Packing Event.



Morning Fellowship

Coffee Helpers are needed to assist on Sunday mornings with setup and clean-up for Coffee Fellowship.

If you can help, please contact Linda Devine, [devinehelp.ld@gmail.com](mailto:devinehelp.ld@gmail.com), cell (610) 703-1471 or see her at church on Sunday morning.



God's Work Our Hands Sunday

October 7th in the Fellowship Center

Meal Packing Event

All ages welcome

More details to follow



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

Project HELP Departs July 27th

From July 27-August 4th, members of our church and First Moravian will be traveling and serving together in Starks, Maine for Project Help.

Please keep us in your prayers through this week. There will be a Project Help recap in church on August 5th where we will share our story and service with the rest of the church.



**Project HELP**

All Saints' Concert

Sunday, Nov. 4th

4 pm

Concert will feature Neil Harmon's *Requiem* with other Memorial Music



## June 2018 Financial Results and Discussion



**Operating Performance:** We continue to be in good shape with our finances YTD. We have a surplus of \$17,996 while we had budgeted a surplus of \$8,581 for June YTD. This is mostly due to pledges having been paid in advance.

In June we finished the month off with a deficit of \$5,677 but had budgeted a surplus of \$1,317. Pledged revenue was down significantly this month coming in at \$48,924 while we had budgeted \$61,207. Unpledged revenue came in a little over plan at \$4,777 while we had budgeted \$4,642. We saw \$5,201 in savings in expenses during June. We saw savings in every mission area, mostly in Resources for Ministry.

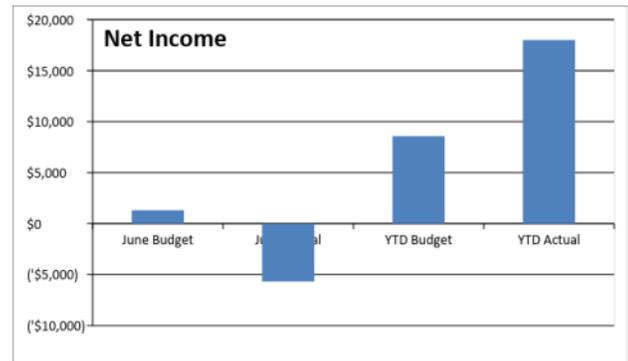
Thrivent totals came in at \$0 this month while we had budgeted \$88. YTD we have \$6,061 and had budgeted \$4,063.

**Operating Cash Reserve:** As a result of our June deficit, we ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$128,241.

**Capital Campaign Cash:** Our capital campaign balance decreased during June to \$32,329 mostly due to 3 expenses. The first was a check for invoice 3 of the feasibility study (\$1,750). The second was for the first interest payment for the Mission Investment Fund HVAC loan (\$482). The last bill was for the final installment of the total engineering support for the Nave/Narthex HVAC (\$1,640).

**HVAC System:** To date we've borrowed \$130,630 from the Mission Investment Fund for our HVAC system.

**Building Fund:** Our building fund increased to \$7,181 due to generous donations totaling \$1,483. There were no expenses in June.



Dear Church Family – It's so exciting to be part of our congregation.

- Have you been part of our enriching and vibrant worship?
- Have you noticed how busy our youth and adult leaders have been in planning for and attending the ELCA national youth gathering in Houston?
- Did you see the many children and volunteers for our Vacation Bible School?
- Project Help, our annual summer mission trip to Starks, Maine, will be heading out soon.

Sometimes we forget to make our financial gift to the church when we are gone for summer activities. We invite you to make your gift to our congregation's ministries even in the midst of summer fun. There are many easy ways to do this.

- Send your gift to the church office.
- Bring your gift to worship or drop off at the church office.
- Go online to [holyspirit-emmaus.org](http://holyspirit-emmaus.org) and make your online gift.
- Call the church office at 610-967-2220 to ask about enrolling in Simply Giving systematic automated electronic giving from any bank account.
- Stop by our giving kiosk in our narthex to make a gift with a debit or credit card. Instructions for use are at the kiosk.



Have a wonderful summer, and thank you for your generous support of our ministries.

## Thank You Letter from Pr. Jim and Mary Bowers

First of all, I want to thank Pattie Bisbing and her whole committee for all the work that went into planning for my farewell luncheon on June 24th. I am sorry that Pattie was not able to attend due to her hospitalization, but her committee did a wonderful job in her absence! Thanks to John Mosovsky and Rob Smith for their leadership as hosts, as well as Sue Smith, Bill and Fran Derhammer, Rick and Tim Croy, and Alice Mudge for their work in making sure all went according to plan. I also want to thank everyone for the cards, notes, gifts, and words of appreciation shared at the luncheon and in the weeks following. Also, thanks for the wonderful monetary gifts from the congregation and the church council! Mary and I are already planning our next "bucket-list" trip!" I also want to say thanks for the guided flyfishing trip for two with a local outfitter and can't wait until I can use that one!



A special thanks to you the members of Holy Spirit, for your support and encouragement of my ministry over the years, and especially as I got ready to end my career of active ministry status as an ordained pastor. I've always felt your appreciation and gratitude for my work at LCHS, and will cherish those times of pastoral care, worship, and preaching where I had the chance to offer support, and guidance, and solace, and spiritual nourishment for your journeys of faith and life. I can't think of a better place to end my years of active ministry than the years I spent as Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as one of your pastors! Also, I want to say again my thanks to Pr. Ric and all the staff at Holy Spirit for the wonderful years we shared together. It has truly been a pleasure serving with all of you.

Keep that light and love of Christ burning brightly on Cedar Crest Blvd. in Emmaus, as I am sure you will! Thank you all for the wonderful luncheon as a way to celebrate our time of ministry together, and for a wonderful opportunity to say thank you and farewell. I will always cherish the memories we've shaped together in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Peace be with you all!

~Yours in Christ, Pr. Jim and Mary Bowers

## Call to Live Well

Travel Tip from Consumers Report On Health

When arriving at your hotel/ship and before unpacking, check the mattress and box-spring seams for small black or rusty red spots, which can signal blood excreted by bed bugs, says Michael Potter, Ph.D, a professor of entomology at the University of Kentucky.



Look for the small, oval-shaped brown or tannish bugs, too. If you see anything, move to another part of the hotel/ship if possible. Keep bags on a luggage rack or hard surface, zipped shut, and clothes and personal items off beds and upholstered furniture, away from walls. When you return home, tumble clothing in a hot dryer for 20 -30 minutes. Store luggage in the garage, basement, or attic.

## A Note of Thanks!

Thank you to our summer worship musicians for providing wonderful music during the busy summer season. A big thank you to Cindy Ernst and Sue Smith for providing the music for worship while Sharon MacCabe was away!



## Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School always proves to be a fun-filled week. VBS 2018 was no exception! Our theme was Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride! Vacation Bible School began on July 9th with 70 children eager to strap on their life jackets and learn about God's faithfulness. Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does!

Each day, we took a look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explored one of five Bible accounts where God was faithful. Each morning, Pastor Spencer shared a Take-Home Point. This point was repeated with the children often so they would remember God's promises! The children rotated to various stations throughout the morning. The stations included storytelling, crafts, music, games and snacks. On Thursday evening, we welcomed the children and their families to our VBS Closing Program. VBS songs were shared along with highlights of our week together. Fellowship and refreshments concluded the evening.

Vacation Bible School would not have been possible without the 74 volunteers who helped at various times and in different ways throughout the week.

Our mission project this year was to provide school supplies for children at McKinley Elementary School in Allentown. 2,234 items were collected throughout the week. We are anxious to deliver the pencils, crayons, scissors, notebooks, folders, glue sticks, erasers and highlighters to McKinley so the children can start the year with the items they need.

**We are already looking ahead to VBS 2019. Stay posted for dates and details.**



### Vacation Bible School Thanks You

Thank you to the staff, congregation, volunteers, decorators and donors for your support of Vacation Bible School.

VBS was a huge success because of our dedicated volunteers along with generous donations from the congregation for decorations, snack, and craft items.

Everything helped to provide a fun and welcoming environment for the children and their families.

### Nursery School News

Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School is excited to welcome Jennifer Powell as a teacher in our preschool program. Jenn holds a BA in English, Dance and Theater from Muhlenberg College. She returned to Kutztown University to obtain her teaching certificate. She is certified to teach ESL (English as a Second Language), Middle Level English (grades 7-9), and Elementary (K-6.) Jenn taught ESL in the Allentown and Southern Lehigh School Districts from 2003-2009. Jenn served as the teacher in our two year old program in the 2015-2016 school year and has been a preschool substitute for many years. Jenn is a former preschool parent and board member and is a member of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Jenn has served as a VBS volunteer, CAT Club teacher and Sunday School teacher. Jenn is also a certified children's and adult yoga teacher. We are thrilled to have her joining our excellent staff.

Limited preschool openings remain for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes are offered for children age 2, 3, 4 and 5 years old. Please call the preschool office (610-965-5208) for additional information or to arrange a tour. Classes begin in September.



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

I would like to invite those from 7th to 9th grade to attend this year's CAT Camp at Break Creek Camp. It will run from the dates of August 17-19th.

Even if you are not attending CAT class currently you are welcome to come and bring your friends. CAT Camp is a great place for fun and community as well as learning.

The cost is \$150.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Spencer or one of the office staff for permission forms.



### 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](mailto:Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org)) or Melanie Wiltrout ([mlwiltrout@hotmail.com](mailto:mlwiltrout@hotmail.com)) for more information.

### School Supply Collection

This year, we will partner with McKinley Elementary School in Allentown to provide school supplies for their students.

Items still needed are:

55 boxes of 24 count crayons

The items should be placed in the collection bin in the narthex by Sunday, August 12th. Any questions, please contact Karin Kahler.



FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

Fly to ABE will meet on Monday, Sept. 24 at 10 am to discuss *Forgiven: The Amish School Shooting, a Mother's Love, and a Story of Remarkable Grace* by Terri Roberts and Jeanette Windle.

Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1 / 2. Please sign up on the Event Center in the lobby.



M&M's Too

M&M's, Too, an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together resumes on Wednesday, September 19 at 9:30 am in Speary Café downstairs.

Park and enter by the downstairs door.



CFL on Break

Center for Faith and Life programs will take a break during the summer months. Thank you everyone for your attendance and participation this year. We look forward to starting our new season on September 9th. Until then, enjoy your summer and Sunday morning breakfasts.

CFL would appreciate your ideas for presentation recommendations. Please contact Deacon Jane Elliott or John Mosovsky with your ideas.



Table Talk

Table Talk resumes on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm downstairs in Speary Café. Please enter by the downstairs door. We will have a surprise guest so please be sure and sign up that you are attending and whether you will bring an appetizer or dessert. Hostesses are needed. Please contact Deacon Jane.



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 Volunteers                                   |
| Fri, Aug 17- Sun, Aug 19 | Youth CAT Camp  |
| Sunday, Aug. 19th        | Blessing of Outreach School Supplies                          |
| 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        | Fall Worship Times Resume 7:30, 8:45, 10:45                   |
|                          | Install Sunday School & Catechism Teachers                    |
|                          | Sunday School Open House/Catechism Orientation 9:45           |
|                          | CFL begins 9:45   |
| Sunday, Sept. 16th       | Sunday School/Catechism Begin                                 |
| Sunday, Sept. 23rd       | Bible Sunday- 3 yr olds, 3rd graders, 6th graders, Adults     |



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## Labyrinth Locator: Our Summer Experience

One suggested summer activity for members of Holy Spirit is to locate a labyrinth, walk it, experience your personal labyrinth journey, and then share your story by emailing Fran Derhammer at [fderhammer@gmail.com](mailto:fderhammer@gmail.com). So, I thought I would start us off with our first Labyrinth story.



Bill and I decided to look for a labyrinth when we visited our kids/grandkids this summer. First stop - Ambler, PA. We used the World Wide Labyrinth Locator, entered the location zip code and found a labyrinth so close we could walk to it! I ventured out with the car first to see if it would be worth the walk with our grandson, Hank. Located in a very peaceful setting in the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University, the labyrinth is a public, permanent, outdoor, rock and garden space, with a central design, open year-round from dawn to dusk. It was a beautiful, sunny day and no-one else was there so I took my time to walk the labyrinth, offer prayers and thanksgiving, relax and renew my spirit. I talked to a gardener nearby about the labyrinth and he explained that it was part of the Ernesta Ballard Healing Garden, completed in 2009, honoring her as a pioneering woman of horticulture. The Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women began in 1911 as one of the first non-traditional career training programs available to women. The School became part of Temple University in 1958 and in 2000 the campus was officially designated as an arboretum. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission awarded the campus a state historical marker for its contribution to women's history in 2002. Today it is a historic garden with a focus on sustainability, the health benefits of gardens and the history of women in horticulture, agriculture and design. Who knew!

The next day Bill and I took Hank by stroller to the labyrinth. It was worth the experience and Hank liked sitting in the center, kicking his new sneakers in the finely ground stones, while we said a prayer of thanksgiving for the joy our grandson brings to us! ~Fran and Bill Derhammer

What about your summer labyrinth experience? Send it to me at [fderhammer@gmail.com](mailto:fderhammer@gmail.com). Labyrinth Locator Summer Packets are located around the church for you to pick up and use.

## Upcoming PrimeTimers Events

Tuesday, August 14th: Allentown Band plays at Waldheim park (off Emaus Ave across from South Mountain Middle School) at 7:00 pm. You can drop people off at the top of the hill and then park. Always a good program. (Flashlight help see walking back to the car.)

Thursday, August 16th: Book Club at 10:00 am. We will discuss *The Kitchen House*.

Saturday, August 18th: Hear the Drifters at the Steel Stacks at the Levitt Pavilion at 7:30 pm for free. Bring chairs. Parking free, come early. Great show!

Tuesday, August 21st: At 5:30 pm eat out at the Newburg Inn- good seafood. Car pool from Weiss at Cedar Crest Plaza at 5:00 pm. Call Renee 484-542-0879

Thursday, August 23rd: Visit Ben Franklin Museum or the new American Revolution Museum in Philadelphia leave church at 10:30 am. Eat at the nearby food court. Something for everyone. Then we'll tour either museum whichever the group has chosen. Return home by 4:00 pm. Call Renee at 484-542-0879

Wednesday, August 29th: PrimeTimers Breakfast at 9:00 am. Trivia, updates for September, sharing summer news. Great fellowship. Join us.





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The September Newsletter deadline is Wed, Aug 16th. It will be issued by Wed, Aug 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!

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