



# Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

September 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

## September 9th: Kick-off Sunday

On Sunday, September 9, we will come together as a community of faith, eager to connect with each other, with God, to learn, to grow, and to become more mature in our faith. Our theme for this year is "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you." ~Isaiah 43:2. Throughout the year, we will look for Biblical examples that highlight that God was always with people as they experienced the ups and downs of life. During the year, we will also highlight the ways that we can serve others in our community and around the globe. Our first service project of the year will be held as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on October 7th.

### **Children's Faith Formation: Ages 3 – 5th grade**

At 9:45 am on September 9, parents, children and youth are invited to a kick off event. Children will have a "Sunday School Sneak Peek" from 9:45 am – 10:10 am in their respective Sunday School classes. We ask parents to join us downstairs in the Speary Café during that time to share some highlights of the upcoming year in faith formation.



Following the Sneak Peek, children and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Speary Café. To pre-register your child, the [Annual Permission Form for Minors](#) is online for you to print, complete and return. The form will also be available on September 9th for those parents who have not completed one for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Youth Faith Formation: Grades 6th-8th**

Please come for a CAT class meeting in the Catechism classroom downstairs. We will review the goals, hopes, requirements and scheduling of Catechism and answer any questions you may have for the upcoming year. The [Annual Permission Form for Minors](#) will need to be filled out for each student. Please bring it to the meeting.



### **Sr. High Youth Faith Formation: Grades 9th-12**

- Meet each Sunday in Room 1/2 downstairs to discuss current issues and faith concerns.
- On Sunday, Sept. 9th, we will attend CFL discussion about ELCA Youth Gathering.
- On Sunday, Sept. 16th, we welcome the newly confirmed 9th graders.

### **Adult Faith Formation:**

Center for Faith and Life (CFL) 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 and can be freely attended by simply showing up. No pre-notification or registration is required. All are welcome!



### **Healing Worship at 12:30 pm**

An informal worship service of healing, wholeness and hope is held in the All Saints' Room. All are welcome as we gather to pray together, hear God's Word, lay on hands, bless with oil, commune, and listen for God. We worship in March, June, Sept. and Dec. on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



### **Rejoicing Spirits at 2:30 pm**

Join us for Worship and our Summer Celebration. All are welcome to join us for worship and fellowship on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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



### Fall Worship Schedule begins Sept. 9th

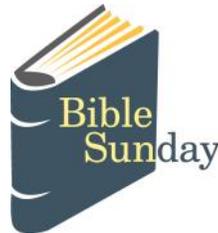
- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion  
(Child Care and Word for God's Children)
- 9:45 am- Faith Formation- Sunday School, Catechism, Sr. High and Center for Faith and Life begin on Sept. 9th  
- Coffee Fellowship in Room 117/119 upstairs  
(Child Care Available)
- 10:45 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion  
(Child Care Available)

#### Sept. 2 - Last Summer Worship

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 9:30 am- Summer Breakfast
- 10:15 am- Soloist

#### Sept. 9 - Install Faith Formation Staff

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



#### Sept. 16 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Sept. 23 - Bible Sunday

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

#### Sept. 30 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Music Rehearsals Begin

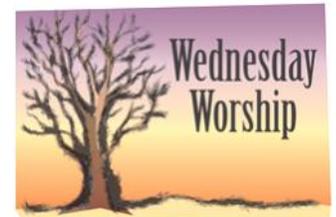
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| Spirit Ringers    | Wed, Sept. 5th at 7:15 pm    |
| Adult Choir       | Thurs, Sept. 6th at 7:15 pm  |
| Festival Choir    | Thurs, Sept. 20th at 8:00 pm |
| Rejoicing Ringers | Wed. Sept. 26th at 4:15 pm   |
| Music Circle      | During Sunday School         |
| Praise Kids       | During Sunday School         |



### Mid-Week Worship

Going to be away on the weekend? Once a month we will gather in the Fellowship Center for worship (8:45 style with band). The liturgy and sermon will be the same as the upcoming week, though briefer. All are welcome.

- Sept. 19 7:00 pm
- Oct. 17 7:00 pm
- Nov. 21 12 noon
- Dec. 19 7:00 pm
- Jan. 16 7:00 pm



### Healing Worship

Sunday, Sept 9th at 12:30 pm

An informal worship service of healing, wholeness and hope will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 12:30 pm in the All Saints' Room. All are welcome as we gather to pray together, hear God's Word, lay on hands, bless with oil, commune, and listen for God.

Service will have ample room for handicap accessibility and large print bulletins.



Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, Sept. 9th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship.

Join us for a Summer Celebration



Fall Nursery Care

Nursery care will resume on Sunday, August 26th at both worship services.

Word for God's Children will resume on Sunday, Sept. 9th at the 8:45 am and 10:45 am worship services.



First day of Autumn is Sunday, Sept. 23rd.

Membership Update!

Have you recently moved or have your children left the nest? We are requesting updated information for our households.

Please send phone, address or email changes to the church office at [mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:mudge@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



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.**

Thank you for Breakfast

Thank you to everyone for making, serving, and attending summer breakfast this summer. It provides a wonderful way to connect with each other during the summer. Our proceeds will benefit Project HELP and Meal Packing Event.



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 school year and a reminder that God is with you.



**Back to School**

Council Forum

Sunday, Sept. 16th at 9:45 am

Lorie Stout Sherman, Council President, will provide up-to-date information concerning the congregation. Please join us in the Fellowship Center for this important meeting.



Blessing of the Animals

Save the date for the Blessing of the Animals Worship Service.

Saturday, October 6th  
Rain date: October 13th



*Blessing of the Animals*

Sunday, November 4th

All Saints' Concert at 4 pm

Neil Harmon's Requiem and other Memorial Music

Performed by the Festival Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra.



The Royalairs Swing into Holy Spirit

Dance the night away to the classic big band tunes Aug. 31st at 7:00 pm played by *The Royalairs*.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit and enjoy the live concert outside the Fellowship Center. We will be inside for inclement weather. Water will be provided, please bring dessert to share.

Come and dance under the stars and enjoy the company of Holy Spirit friends!



## July 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

**Operating Performance:** July was a stronger month than June on the revenue side. Revenues totaled \$63,247 while expenses were \$78,195, resulting in a deficit of \$14,948. We had budgeted a deficit of \$7,399. Year to date, we have a surplus of \$3,048 and had budgeted a surplus of \$1,182.



Both pledged and unpledged revenue came in under budget. Pledged revenue came in at \$58,010 while we had budgeted \$63,266. Unpledged revenue came in at \$3,349 while we had budgeted \$4,743.

Overall expenses were over budget by \$1,254. Most mission areas were close or under budget with the exception of Resources for Ministry, which was over by \$5,510. This was mostly due to an invoice that was paid in full in July for exterior painting.

Thrivent totals came in at \$277 this month while we had budgeted \$44. YTD we have \$6,338 and had budgeted \$4,107.

**Operating Cash Reserve:** As a result of our July deficit, we ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$111,645.

**Capital Campaign Cash:** Our capital campaign balance decreased during July to \$30,711 mostly due to one expense. It was for the last check written for the feasibility study (\$1,750).

**HVAC System:** To date, we've borrowed \$154,630 from the Mission Investment Fund for our HVAC system.

**Building Fund:** Our building fund increased to \$7,979 due to donations totaling \$798. There were no expenses in July.

## Seasons of Stewardship---Not a Stewardship Season

It is nearing the end of summer and our fall activities will soon be upon us. The seasons change and, accordingly, our activities and focus change. For many congregations fall is the designated season for "stewardship." It is a period of time, typically 6-8 weeks long, when pledge cards are received and budgets prepared. It's about financial support and commitment. While financial support for the church is very important; it is one, and only one, component of true stewardship. Stewardship is a year-round way of life and is not limited to a single season.

Stewardship is part of everything we do throughout all the seasons of the year and throughout all our ministries. It is not solely a fall program focused on a working budget for the coming year. It is a spiritual discipline and a way of living that helps us to manage what God has entrusted to us. It help us learn and teach others the true joy of giving as a response to God's generosity. We are called to be good stewards of relationships, of ministry, of the knowledge of God, of the people in our community of faith and beyond. We are called to be stewards of our time, our gifts and talents, our financial resources, our bodies and health, and of the earth; stewards of our time, talent, treasure, tissue and trees.



Fall is upon us and we have arrived at the time when we typically conduct our annual giving program. This year, let us approach the annual giving program somewhat differently. Let us prayerfully consider our financial support for the congregation. That is important. But...let us also make it a time to focus on our discipleship and commitment. Let us consider the commitment of our financial resources but, also, our own participation and involvement in the mission and ministries of our congregation. Let us consider how we can utilize that which God has so generously given us (our time, talent, treasure, tissue and trees) to enhance our mission and ministries and do God's work throughout all seasons of the year.

~The Stewardship Ministry Mission Team

## What is a "Vicar?"

When I was in my final year of seminary, I received a piece of mail addressed to the "Almost Reverend Ric Elliott." It was a cute play on words that many seminarians experience near the end of their academic studies. The truth is that it is not quite clear how best to address a seminary student. For years, students were called, "Senior Seminarians" a cumbersome and wordy title.

In recent years, it has become customary to call seminary students (particularly intern students) by the title Vicar. The word "vicar" is a term derived from Latin meaning "substitute." Many Christian denominations use the term vicar, but unfortunately there is no common standard as to how to use the term. Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Lutherans all use the term. In Lutheran circles, the title "vicar" is applied to students in their third or fourth year of seminary training, usually during their internship year. In the best scenario, a vicar completes the internship and become available to be called by a congregation to serve as "pastor" and the student then becomes ordained.

In the coming months, we will have a "Vicar" with us- Vicar Tami. Tami Reichley is a seminary student who has completed all but four courses of her academic work and she will be serving her internship at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. She looks forward to the day when some folks will call her Pastor. Please warmly welcome Vicar Tami to our congregation and to our ministry together in Christ's name.

~ Pr. Ric




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## Project Help 2018

Project Help is our annual youth and adult mission trip to rural Starks, Maine where we work with a housing ministry to help improve folks homes. This year, we had 35 participants including 14 first time attendees. In the past few years, we have been partnering with Emmaus Moravian Church and they sent 10 folks on the trip this year as well.



Our week started on Sunday morning at worship in Shorey Chapel where we were again greeted with open hearts. The community there sponsors a lunch for us as well – what a bounty of food and good connections with the community.

We had a very busy, safe, and productive week, working at 15 different homes where we built two handicap ramps (both complicated, one being 39' long!), removed skylights and fixed a roof, painted a porch and repaired a door, re-aligned many sets of settling steps on homes, rebuilt a bathroom floor and installed a toilet, replaced 4 windows, and many other projects as well. In addition, our team worked at both the Starks and Clearwater food cupboards. We held a community picnic with almost 40 guests attending and then had the annual "talent" show for our guests. What fun!

This year, we deepened our connection to the community in the Starks area and continue to make a positive impact. Fifteen jobsites, 40 quilts from our Stitch-and-Chat team were distributed, and all of our leftover food was given to the homeowners where we were working during the week. In all cases the homeowners were gracious and thankful for our assistance and we were blessed to work on their homes and connect to their hearts.

The trip was wonderful in so many ways – community (between our attendees and with the Starks area), service, and spirituality.

The trip is open to all ages 9th grade and older (no limit!) – mark your calendars for Project Help 2019, July 26 to August 3. All are welcome!

~Chris Carter for the Project Help 2018 Team

## Bible Sunday

### Sunday, Sept. 23rd

Sunday, September 23rd is a special day for many families at Holy Spirit. Bibles will be presented to three year olds, third graders, and sixth graders at the 8:45 am and 10:45 am worship service as a gift from the congregation.

All three year olds will receive *The Beginner's Bible*. *The Beginner's Bible* presents many familiar Bible stories in a manner that is appropriate for young children. The stories are supported by inviting illustrations.

Third grade students will receive the *Deep Blue Kids Bible*, a Common English Bible Translation. The *Deep Blue Kids Bible* is designed to support and engage young readers as they become familiar with God's word. The third graders will participate in several lessons throughout the Sunday School year entitled Learning to Use My Bible. These lessons will help the students become more familiar with the Bible.

At Baptism, parents promise to place the Holy Scriptures into their child's hands. The Bible presentation is important partnership between the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and parents. We celebrate with these children and their families as they mark this important milestone in faith formation.



### Fall Event and "Trunk-or-Treat"

**Sunday, October 21st**  
**1:00 - 2:30 pm**



Holy Spirit will again host our Fall Event and "Trunk-or-Treat", welcoming Holy Spirit's children and neighbors, and allowing children to safely enjoy the autumn season. The Fall Event is also a great opportunity to introduce new families to our church. Flyers, door hangers and signs advertising the Fall Event are being prepared and will be distributed by our youth.

Trunk-or-Treat is an occasion for members to decorate their vehicle "trunks", park in our autumn decorated lower parking area and hand-out individually wrapped candy or items to children. In addition, pumpkin decorating and face painting will be offered along with hot dogs, s'mores and apple cider. The Fall Event will move indoors if the weather is inclement and be held on the same date and time.

The Fall Event is planned as an intergenerational event with families, parents and grandparents, youth and Mission Teams decorating trunks and joining the fun. There are many creative, family-friendly ways that you can decorate your vehicle. We recommend picking a theme for your trunk and adding a costume! Please refrain from using scary items, images or toy weapons since our trunk-or-treaters will be toddlers, preschoolers and young children. Some examples for trunk decorating are Bible stories, Disney or Pixar kid-friendly movies, zoo or barnyard. For more ideas google "Trunk-or-Treat ideas".

We are again hoping for about 20 decorated vehicles. For more information on sponsoring a vehicle, themes and guidelines, please follow the Sign-up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a5ab2da1f94-thelutheran>. There will also be a Sign-up Genius for youth wanting to help with face painting, pumpkin decorating or food. There will be a sign-up sheet at the narthex Event Center for children planning to participate. Last October, we welcomed over 270 guests, many that were children, from Holy Spirit and our neighbors!

Finally, there are many ways to help prepare for and participate in the Fall Event and "Trunk-or-Treat". Please contact Karin Kahler [Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org) or Melanie Willtrout [mlwilltrout@hotmail.com](mailto:mlwilltrout@hotmail.com) for more information. We hope families and neighbors join in the festivities.

~Rob Smith and Fall Event Team

## Bible Sunday: Sunday, Sept. 23rd

### 6th Graders

As a gift from the congregation, our sixth graders will receive a copy of *The Message Bible* during the 8:45 or 10:45 worship services on Sept. 23rd. This is an important step in their faith formation as they begin Catechism class. They will have the same translation used at the 8:45 worship service. Throughout the catechism program, the CAT students will use their Bibles to deeper understand their faith, people from the Bible, and theological perspective of big issues in the world.



## Cat Camp Date Change

Fri, Nov. 16th – Sun, Nov. 18th

I would like to invite those from 6th to 9th grade to attend this year's CAT Camp at Bear Creek Camp. It will run from the dates of Nov 16-18th.

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 per person. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Spencer or one of the office staff for permission forms.



Thank you Holy Spirit Church for your donations of school supplies. This summer, we collected a total of 2,939 items for McKinley Elementary School in Allentown. Amazing!

Wow! This is wonderful! Thank you so much for this collection. Our teachers will want to kiss your feet. I wish I could accurately describe how much they will appreciate this and what a difference it will make for our students and teachers.

## 5K at Bear Creek Camp

Join us for a refreshing morning run or walk "Through the Woods" at Bear Creek Camp  
Saturday, September 15th

### 5k Cost (Run or Walk):

- \$30/person registered prior to Sept. 1
- \$35/person registered Sept. 1 to Sept. 11 (we are unable to guarantee shirt sizes if registering during this time frame)
- The run and walk is fun for all ages and is followed by Bear Creek Camp activities for the whole family.
- All 5k participants will receive a race shirt, a race bib, a chip timing tag, and post race snacks.
- See website for more details. <https://bearcreekcamp.org/>
  - 8:45-9:45 am Check In
  - 10 am 5k Run + Walk Start
  - 11 am Awards
  - 11 am Camp activities available: Lake, High Ropes, Tour, Hike
  - 12 pm Lunch (available for purchase, 5k participants receive a discount)



## Monthly Prime Timers Breakfast

Come join us on September 24th at 9 am in Fellowship Center for breakfast, trivia, good conversation and fellowship. We'll be hearing about all the fun things to do in the fall in our Lehigh Valley. We'll be visiting our farms in Northampton County, wineries, a good place to eat and some new Museum exhibits. If there's a good movie to see we'll share an afterglow to discuss it. All are welcome.



## Bible Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 23rd

Bibles will be available in the lobby for adults to immerse themselves in God's Word. Try another version or format. Join the conversation with God. Open scripture, become fluent in the first language of faith. Be renewed and inspired for lives of witness and service.



## New Members

- Explorers Open House with Q & A (choose one)  
Sunday, September 23 at noon - All Saints Room  
Sunday, September 30 at 9:45 am - Pr. Ric's office  
Childcare provided
- Welcome  
Sunday, October 14  
Worship Services - Worship Center  
Childcare provided
- Annual Welcome Dinner  
March 24, 2019 4 pm  
Childcare provided
- Connections - Getting Involved  
Individually meet with staff, connect, share talents, ask questions



## FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

Fly to ABE will meet next 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.

In October, we will discuss *Redfield Farm* by Judith Redline Coopey. 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.

We will meet on Wednesday, September 19th at 9:30 am in the Speary Café downstairs. Please park and enter by the downstairs door.



## Table Talk

Table Talk resumes on Wed, Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm downstairs in Speary Café. Please enter by the downstairs door. Come and meet our new intern, Vicar Tami Reichley, who will be our leader this evening. Please be sure and sign-up and whether you will bring an appetizer or dessert. Hostesses are needed. Please contact Deacon Jane.



## Center for Faith and Life

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### **Sept. 9th- ELCA Youth Gathering; Sharing What We Learned, Eric Kahler**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. This year's gathering theme was, *This Changes Everything* based on Ephesians 2:8 ~*By grace you have been saved*. Join us as we share our experiences and relive some of the awesome moments of our trip to Houston, TX.

### **Sept. 16th- Council Forum: Lorie Stout Sherman, Council President**

The Fall Council Forum will provide up-to-date information concerning the congregation's fiscal status, personnel, and property issues. Information will also be shared regarding the proposed Capital Campaign. Please join representatives of our staff and Congregation Council for the Forum.

### **Sept. 23rd- Daily Scripture Reading, Dave Evans**

Dave will give a brief overview of what influenced him to begin his daily routine with a scriptural passage, meditation or reflection, and prayer. He will discuss his daily attempts to use the passage as a guide to influence his ministry in daily life. He will also discuss some of the rewards and challenges that this daily discipline affords.

### **Sept. 30th- Bible Reading Discipline, Members of the Congregation**

Martin Luther said, "For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year." That incredible discipline supported Luther's principle vocation of guiding others in their reading and understanding of Scripture. With so many Biblical resources available to us today, how can we be sure that we are using them correctly and profitably? Even Luther knew the experience of struggling at times to make sense of it all. Come hear how some folks practice their Bible discipline and join in the discussion.

## Forums on the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social statement on women and justice to be considered by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. A draft of the social statement has been issued and with it an invitation to everyone in the ELCA to join in conversation and discernment about the content of the draft statement and this important issue.



Are women and justice issues of concern to you? How can we better practice inclusion of all people, the priesthood of all believers? All are welcome to attend one of two forums to be held at Holy Spirit. During the forums we will review the draft social statement and help to discern what the ELCA should teach about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society. While we will discuss the draft statement collectively as a group, we will give all responses/input to the ELCA. We believe it is important and our privilege to provide feedback that will join the body of responses intended to inform the thinking of the ELCA task force as it revises the draft to create a proposed social statement. The proposed statement is to be completed by January 2019

Copies of the summary document will be available in the narthex at Holy Spirit. The link for the full Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice is: <http://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft> The link will be available on the Holy Spirit website and in Holy Happenings.

Please sign-up and join us for one of the forums. If you are unable to join us, you may also email your own feedback directly to the ELCA.

Sept. 20 at 10-11:30 am – Women & Justice Forum – Speary Café

Sept. 24 at 7-8:30 pm - Women & Justice Forum – Speary Café

~Deacon Jane Elliott and Lorie Stout Sherman



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*Newsletter*

The October Newsletter deadline is Wed, Sept. 19th.  
 It will be issued by Wed, Sept. 26th.  
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at [newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org) or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!