



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

November 2018

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

Looking to 2019 and Beyond

We celebrated Consecration Sunday on October 21st. Special thanks to Pr Spencer and a number of our youth who shared with us just how our stewardship impacts the lives of our children and youth and makes ministry happen. To that end, the Stewardship Mission team has distributed Estimates of Giving forms to all household of our congregations. We are hoping that you will prayerfully consider how you might respond to God's blessings in your life and the lives of your family during 2019. We are asking that the forms be returned as soon as possible so that our Finance Team can begin the process of assembling a responsible and accurate budget for 2019.

At the same time, thank you to all of you who have contributed so generously during 2018. We continue (as of this writing) to be exceeding budgetary expectations for 2018, but we are keenly aware that there are still over two months in the year. We ask for your continued generosity and support. I know I have been especially touched by the way our congregation continues to support and encourage ministries and efforts that serve the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for the many ways that you help make ministry happen!

Finally, I want to remind you that there will additional opportunities for you to give feedback to the Congregation Council concerning the "Spirit Led- Spirit Alive" Appeal. Forums will be held in the Worship Center on November 11 at 4:00 pm and November 12 at 7:00 pm. In addition, members of Council will be seeking input from our various mission teams and also hope to hold some Sunday morning feedback opportunities as well. Please make time to get informed and share your thoughts.



~Pr. Ric and Lorie Stout Sherman

Requiem Concert

Sunday, Nov. 4th @ 4pm

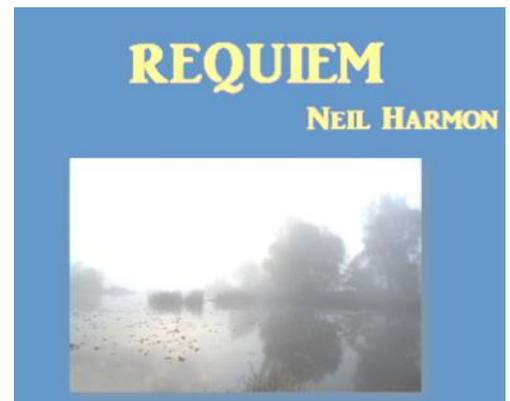
This year the concert will feature *Requiem* by Neil Harmon which will feature the Festival Choir and Orchestra and soloists Elizabeth Moessner and Sue Smith. The concert will also feature two other choral pieces –

- Dan Forrest's setting of *Alway Something Sings* from "Music" by Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Stephen Paulus' setting of *The Road Home*

The concert will also feature the Spirit Ringers and cellist Hsiao-Ming Chen.

Once again, we ask for donations to be given in memory of a loved one. Your donations continue to support the concert yearly and are truly a blessing. Thank you.

~Sharon MacCabe





November Worship Schedule

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

Nov. 4 - All Saints' Sunday

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



Nov. 11 - New Members Sunday

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



Nov. 18 - Blessing of Quilts

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

Nov. 25 - Christ the King Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday

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



November Music Rehearsals

9:45-9:50 am- Music Circle, for PreK and Kindergarten Sunday School classes, will meet each Sunday to prepare their song for worship on Nov. 25th.

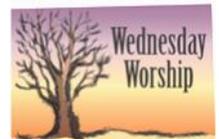
Children can be dropped off and picked up at their Sunday School classroom.



WOW: Worship on Wednesdays

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

- Nov. 21 @12 noon
- Dec. 19 @7:00 pm
- Jan. 16 @7:00 pm



Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, Nov. 11th at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center followed by Fellowship.

Join us as we Give Thanks for our Caregivers.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wed. Nov. 21st at Noon

Join us in the Fellowship Center as we worship and give thanks to God for all we have been given.

Give thanks with Thanksgiving readings and songs with light refreshments following the service.



The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ~Psalms 126:3

Coffee @ 9:45 am

Take time to relax and connect with your church family.

You are invited to Fellowship every Sunday in Room 117/119 upstairs or the Speary Café downstairs for coffee, tea, juice, and snacks.



FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

Fly to ABE will meet on Monday, November 19 at 10 am we will discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson.

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



2019 Estimates of Giving

Members are reminded to complete their 2019 Estimates of Giving and return them to the church. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plates during worship, in the Stewardship box in the Lobby, or returned to the church office.



Forms may also be completed online by going to lchsemmaus.org, clicking on Stewardship and following the prompts. [Online Form Link](#).

Please submit a completed Estimate of Giving by Sunday, December 2nd. Thank you for your generosity and faith-filled commitment!

M&M's Too

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

We meet on Wednesday, November 21 at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Café.

Park and enter by the downstairs door.



Don't Forget to Fall Back

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, Nov. 4th.

Please remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, Nov. 3rd.

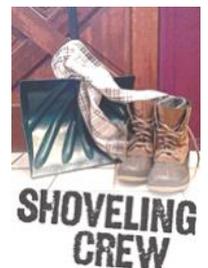
Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



Volunteers for Weekend Snow Shoveling

Every year, we use volunteers to cover shoveling on Saturday and Sunday mornings helping assure a clear path, as well as, saving costs to pay an outside firm. Parking areas are cleared professionally, but the doorways and sidewalks (shoveling and salting) are our responsibility. Please let us know if you are available to help, we will take the volunteers and assign a schedule/roster for shoveling.

Please contact Chris Carter (cell 610-392-4965) carter@holyspirit-emmaus.org. Thank you!



Great News from Bear Creek Camp

We are pleased to share that our summer camp attendance continues to rise. For the first time in over 20 years, we have seen camper attendance increase six years in a row.

- 1,136 campers attended in 2018, a 4% increase over 2017 and a 80% increase since 2012
- 11 Day Camps- counselor teams ran week-long Day Camp programs for churches in PA
- 130 kids from the local Wilkes-Barre community attended the Nature Day Camp program

Our summer theme, "This Changes Everything", demonstrated how God's sacrifice and love for us CHANGES EVERYTHING and how our changed hearts can lead to a new identity and purpose which will impact our community and worldly perspective. Thank you for supporting Bear Creek Camp!



September 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: In September, pledged revenue came in at \$52,423 while we had budgeted \$50,293. As a friendly reminder, please try to stay current with your pledges- thank you! Unpledged revenue came in at \$10,878 while we had budgeted \$8,339. The five Sundays in September helped us to stay ahead of our budget in both areas.



Overall expenses were \$3,460 under budget. Most mission areas were close or under budget.

For September, we had a \$9,349 surplus while we had budgeted a \$1,877 deficit. YTD our income less expense is still ahead with a \$12,580 surplus while we had budgeted a \$5,606 deficit. Thrivent totals came in at \$178 this month while we had budgeted \$240. YTD we have \$7,563 and had budgeted \$4,770.

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our September surplus, we ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$121,177.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during September to \$29,962 mostly due to interest being paid on the Mission Investment Fund loan. Donations totaled \$502 in September.

HVAC System: To date we've borrowed \$168,000 from the Mission Investment Fund for our HVAC system.

Building Fund: Our building fund decreased to \$8,091 mainly due the purchase of a dehumidifier (\$2,329) for a lower level classroom. Donations totaled \$992 in September.

Shelter for the Savior Tree Coming Soon

We at Holy Spirit have a tradition of encouraging members to think beyond Christmas to Epiphany, the time when Christ was revealed to the Gentiles. We do this by providing a Shelter for the Savior Tree and encouraging members to make a donation to provide treatment and care for children at Plaster House in Arusha, Tanzania. In the past, we have suggested \$1 for each of the twelve days of Christmas. This year, we are sharing some of the specifics about what our donations can provide. All donations, large or small, make a difference. Please visit the tree where you will find an ornament and a card you can use to honor or remember someone special.



- What is Plaster House- a residential facility where children with correctible disabilities prepare for and recover from surgery. The facility and program is part of Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) which our missionaries, Mark and Linda Jacobson helped to develop.
- Why is it called Plaster House- because in the "Queen's" English, what we call a "cast", they call a "plaster" and many of the corrective procedures for the children involve casts.

Look for the tree in the Lobby of the Worship Center. Learn more at ThePlasterHouse.org

~The Global Mission Team



Dear Friends at Holy Spirit,

Thank you for your prayer support during these weeks of illness, the pastoral visits and support while I was in the hospital. Thank you, too, for the cards, phone calls and visits during this time. I appreciated all of the cards, phone calls and visits. It has all meant so much to me during this time. I am delighted to be at home again and well on the road to recovery.

~Lois Burmeister

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 4th

In the morning, Holy Spirit Church will be remembering those from our Church family who have died since last year's All Saints' Sunday. During all three worship services, we will be honoring and celebrating the lives of our "saints"- those loved ones who shared life and faith with us and now "we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses".
~Hebrews 12



New Members

New Members Welcomed in Worship - Sunday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, March 24

Annual Welcome Dinner- March 24 @4 pm (Childcare provided)

Connections - Individually meet with staff connect, share talents, ask questions



News from the Church Nursery

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings during the 8:45 am and 10:45 am services along with during the Faith Formation time. Parents are welcome to stay with their children in the nursery. Children may come to the nursery after the worship service has begun. A child, who is staying in the nursery without a parent, must be signed in and out of the nursery. Our nursery is staffed by two professional caregivers each week. An adult or youth volunteer assist our paid caregivers. The caregivers in the nursery have completed a background screening process and have all the necessary clearances required when working with children.

We welcome Debe Brown to our nursery staff. She replaces Kelly Volkert. We gratefully thank Kelly for her many years of dedicated service. Our other professional nursery caregivers are Joanne Volkert and Amy Pirrotta. If you are interested in joining our nursery staff as a paid caregiver or substitute, please see Karin Kahler or Nancy Anderson or email Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org.



**Nursery
Care**

Give a Gift this Christmas

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above ~James 1:17

One way to show our thanks for all the gifts God has given us is to reach out and share with others. Over the past 20 years, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit has participated in the Annual Christmas Ingathering organized by the Lehigh Mission District Lutheran Churches. We will continue that tradition this year by collecting a variety of personal care and household items along with 56 assigned gifts for children at the Topton Home.

- A poster will be hanging in the Lobby on November 4th with the names and ages of children with gift suggestions. Choose a name, purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the label and return it to the church no later than Sunday, November 25th.
- A flyer will also be distributed with a suggestion list for unwrapped donations that will be given to clients of local agencies such as the Sixth Street Shelter, Daybreak, Turning Point, Bright Hope Pregnancy Center, Topton Home, Allentown Rescue Mission, Sharing Life, Boys & Girls Clubs of Allentown and the Refugee Resettlement program. Monetary donations are always welcome.
- Help is also needed to sort and pack the donations in the morning at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wed, Dec. 5th from 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Volunteers can call Diane McMenamin at 610-776-1416 or sign-up on the poster in the Lobby.



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 16th

It's that time of year again! Preparations have begun for the annual Sunday School Christmas program. The program, *A Donkey's Christmas Story* will be presented on Sunday, December 16th at 9:50 am in the Worship Center.

- **Program:** Each class (age three – fifth grade) has a part in the program. The children are busy preparing for their part in the program. Each of the younger classes will be singing a song in the program. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be filling the acting and speaking roles in the cast.

This Christmas Pageant tells the Christmas story from the stable animals point of view.

- **Rehearsals:** Since we do not require Saturday or evening rehearsals, we ask parents and grandparents to help encourage good Sunday School attendance so everyone is prepared. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th at 9:45 am.



We look forward to sharing *A Donkey's Christmas Story* with everyone on Sunday, December 16th. Snow date is Sunday, December 23rd.

Advent Family Event: Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, Dec. 2nd

The Advent season is quickly approaching. Advent begins on Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

A family friendly Advent Workshop is planned for Sunday, Dec. 2nd to mark this special time. The event will include crafts and dinner.

- From 4:00 – 5:30 pm, we will be making ornaments, cards for shut-ins, and an Advent chain. The event is designed to be a family friendly event that celebrates the season of Advent.
- Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Donations of desserts and beverages would be greatly appreciated.

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship as we prepare for Jesus' birth. The crafts made on this day can be shared with someone as an expression of God's love.

Please sign up in the Lobby at the Event Center so that we can plan for food and supplies. ALL are welcome!



Sunday School Schedule:

November during Sunday School
 Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 4:00 pm
 Sunday, Dec. 9th at 9:45 am
 Sunday, Dec. 16th at 9:45 am
 Sunday, Dec. 23rd at 9:45 am
 Sunday, Dec. 30th

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
 Advent Dinner/Craft Workshop
 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
 Sunday School Christmas Pageant
 Pageant Snow date or Winter Rotation
 No Sunday School

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming VBS Dates:

VBS 2019 – June 24-28
 VBS 2020 – June 22-26
 VBS 2021 – June 21-25

Bear Creek Camp- Winter Camp

Save the date for Winter Camp at Bear Creek Camp. You will spend your weekend worshipping, meeting new friends, having fun with a variety of winter activities, and campfires with s'mores and hot chocolate.

Registration information will be coming soon!

Jan. 11-13 7th-12th Grade

Jan. 25-27 4th-8th Grade



Trunk-or-Treat Fall Fest Thanks You!

On behalf of the Church Growth Mission Team, we want to thank all the adults, youth and children of Holy Spirit, our Nursery School and community members who contributed to this year's successful Fall Event and Trunk-or-Treat! The planning subcommittee, led by Mel Wiltrout and Karin Kahler, began organizing the Fall Event in early spring as an intergenerational outreach opportunity. We hosted 190 guests + 84 volunteers + 18 Trunks Decorated!!!

We sincerely thank all those who volunteered in the planning and holding the Fall Event - the publicity, the signage, the delivery of 250 door hangers to our neighbors, creatively decorating their trunks, donated and delivered fall decorations, treats, and supplies, designed and decorated our lower parking lot and hosted our guests with food, music, crafts, activities and autumn warmth on a cold and blustery afternoon. We thank our pastors, staff and Congregation Council who encouraged, guided and participated in the event.



We are blessed; so we can be a blessing to others. We continue to reach out to our neighbors and community in a warm, caring and welcoming manner knowing that "All are Welcome, but some need to be invited!"
~Rob Smith, Church Growth Team

EHS Angel Network

We invite you to support Emmaus High School Angel Network holiday collection by bringing in items to share with students and their families who are in need. The Angel Network goals are to help students focus on learning through providing basic assistance to students in need, and showing we care through anonymous giving in the true spirit of community. All we have and are is given to us by God for the sake of the whole community. Let's give generously to those in need. The EHS Angel Network expects to serve 150 families this fall/winter.

We invite you to give:

- Cans of corn
- Cans of green beans
- Liquid concentrated laundry detergent



As a congregation, we have set the goal to provide these items for all of the families. God has been so good us. Let's be generous. Please bring the items no later than Sunday, Nov. 11th and put your gifts outside the Fellowship Center. Thank you!

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ~Matthew 25:37-40 NRSV

3 Advent Devotionals Available

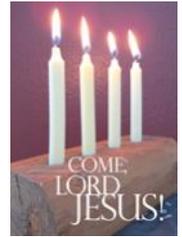
Our Faith Formation for Adults and Children are offering three options to help us prepare room in our hearts for baby Jesus. Some of our members are writing inspirational devotionals to inspire us called Advent Inspiration.

Families Celebrate Advent and Christmas is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers and reflections. Endlessly flexible for busy schedules, you can create a new after-meal ritual, use them as decorations, or carry them on the go.

There is also an ELCA World Hunger popup calendar with daily doors to open that help us reflect on "Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed." They are standup calendars.

They will be available to pick up in either lobby beginning Sunday, November 25. A link will be available on the church website for the Advent Inspiration written by our members.

(Excerpts from Purposefulfaith blog, Dec. 2014)



Advent Inspiration

There are only 5 dates left. Sign-up soon. The Faith Formation Mission Team for Adults will be compiling an inspirational resource for Advent which will be shared with the congregation as a printed booklet. Please sign-up for one or more days on the Advent Inspiration Sign-up sheet in the lobby. You may write an inspiration about something which inspires or strengthens your faith, share a Bible verse and a prayer.



For those who would prefer, the daily Bible readings are listed as another option for something to write about. Please submit your inspiration and prayer by email to Deacon Jane Elliott at Jelliott@holyspirit-emmas.org by Nov. 4th. Let's inspire and build up one another as we wait for the birth of the Christ child.

Table Talk

Table Talk will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm at Pr. Ric and Jane Elliott's home, 1857 Valley Forge Rd., Allentown. Join us for the Lutheran perspective on the next Sunday's Bible readings- Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

Sign-up in the lobby to bring an appetizer or dessert. Bring your favorite Bible translation. All are welcome! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please sign up at the Event Center in the lobby.



Healing Worship: Hope + Wholeness:

Blue Christmas

Is Christmas a difficult time for you?

An informal worship service of healing, wholeness and hope will worship on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 pm in the All Saints' Room.

We will focus on those for whom Christmas is a difficult time of the year. And we will have a labyrinth available to walk and be in God's presence.



Planning Christmas Worship?

Monday, Dec. 24th

- Christmas Eve Worship
- 1 pm - Traditional
- 3 pm - Family
- 5 pm - Family
- 8 pm - Spirit Alive
- 10 pm - Traditional Festival

Sunday, Dec. 30th

- Christmas 1
- New Year's Eve Worship
- 10:15 am - Lessons and Carols



Center for Faith and Life

Center for Faith and Life provides Holy Spirit's Adult Sunday School programs with a mission to deepen our faith. Sessions are held Sunday mornings at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Center (unless otherwise noted) and can be freely attended by simply showing up. No pre-notification or registration is required. All are Welcome!



Nov. 4th- Let Us Meet, You and I, in the Love of God- Mohamed H Rajmohamed

Our last week of our four week series on inter-religious relations

One of the themes of the Qur'an is the recognition of other Abrahamic faiths without superseding them. We will focus on this paramount value and how this can lead towards a greater understanding between these faiths.

Nov. 11th- Making Fair Districts in PA- Terry Schettini

Pennsylvania is one of the most gerrymandered states in the nation. Gerrymandering is the drawing of legislative boundaries that favors one party and protects incumbents; this has led to our state legislature focusing on maintaining power and control rather than representing their voters or governing effectively. Fair Districts PA is a non-partisan coalition of citizens and organizations seeking to reform Pennsylvania's redistricting rules to make the process of drawing legislative districts impartial, transparent, and accountable. Come learn more about gerrymandering, why it is a problem, and how you can help.

Nov. 18th- "Hoping Against Hope"...a reflection from the book of Romans- Vicar Tami Reichley

In what ways can we live out the message that God is ONE? What does the faith of Abraham ~ the 'patriarch of faith' ~ mean in today's world? In Paul's letter to the Romans he 'opens up the view', explaining that God's promises extend to ALL people. We will discuss how we live out Romans 4:16, "...the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all", within our culture of religious pluralism.

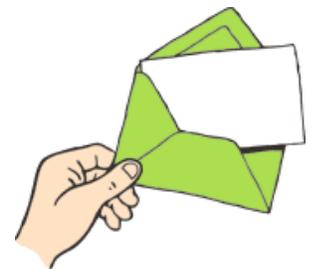
Nov. 25th- Emily Zimmerman, Nancy Dordal, Annika Fagerstrom- Faith-based, Young Adult Volunteers

Come and hear how our young adults, Nancy, Annika and Emily are going deeper in their faith and serving those in need while making a difference in specific communities.

Notecards to Support MGLSS

Four different packs of notecards are being offered through the Global Mission Team to help provide scholarships for the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania. Pictures on the cards are copies of original paintings by a team member. Two packets feature a Christmas theme, the other two feature animals seen while on safari.

Cost is \$12 for a packet of 8 cards. You can see the cards on the Social Ministry Bulletin board outside Room 117/119. To order, contact Dianne Fox, dianneK26@verizon.net or leave a message at 610.791.1123.



Time to Empty your Closets

A shoe collection bin is located in the lobby till November 24th. Kindness is Magic Inc.- a local non-profit, is collecting gently used and new shoes. Funds raised by the charity will go towards paying off student lunch debt in the East Penn School District, Bethlehem Area School District, and Saucon Valley School District.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a social enterprise used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.



All Saints' Sunday



Sunday, November 11th



November 2018						
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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.

Website: <http://lchsemmaus.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LCHSEmmaus>

Church Office email: info@holyspirit-emmaus.org

Sign-up for newsletter emails: <http://eepurl.com/tIRNf>

Address: 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus PA 18049-1599

Phone: 610-967-2220



Newsletter

The December Newsletter deadline is Wed, Nov. 14th.

It will be issued by Wed, Nov. 21st.

Submissions may be emailed to Angie at

newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the

Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!