

This Week at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, 1/13/2019	Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119 9:50 AM Faith Formation for All Ages. CFL 9:50 AM SS Valentine Service Project 2:30 PM Rejoicing Spirits, WC / FC
MONDAY, 1/14/2019	9:30 AM Stitch and Chat, 117/119 6:00 PM Stitch and Chat, 117/119 7:00 PM Finance Mission Team,
TUESDAY, 1/15/2019	1:00 PM Staff Meeting, 117/119 5:00 PM Preschool Registration, 110 6:00 PM Band Rehearsal, WC 7:00 PM Congregation Council, 117/119
WED, 1/16/2019	9:30 AM M&M's Too, Speary Café 5:00 PM Preschool Registration, 110 (Snow Date) 7:00 PM Mid-Week Worship, FC 7:15 PM Spirit Ringers, WC
THURSDAY, 1/17/2019	7:15 PM Adult Choir, WC
FRIDAY, 1/18/2019	
SATURDAY, 1/19/2019	
SUNDAY, 1/20/2019	Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119 9:50 AM Faith Formation for All Ages. CFL

ASR=All Saints Room L=Lobby MR=Music Room
WC=Worship Center FC = Fellowship Center (MPR)
SC=Speary Café

Holy Happenings

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Baptism of our Lord

January 13, 2019

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We welcome all who worship with us today. Visitors are invited to sign the guest register in the Lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with Pastor Ric Elliott.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ellen Torrman by her husband, Trevor, and family.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Addison Lee Caverly. We welcome her into the body of Christ and the fellowship we share.

Children are welcomed and celebrated. We know kids are in worship and make noise. The psalmist David said, "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" It's great to hear all people respond during worship. If your child should need a break, there is child care available in room 110 during the 8:45 and 10:45 am services. Parents are always welcome to stay with their children there. Parents must sign children in and out of nursery care.

Clipboards and Bible bags are available for children's use during worship and can be found at the "Children's Ministry" table in the Lobby.

Prayer cards are available at the guest register in the Lobby should you need to request special prayer. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

Members and guests are invited to sign the *Friendship Register*, pass it down the row for other worshippers to sign, and introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

New handicap parking now available. The upper driveway off Pine Street has been lined for three new handicap parking spaces closer to the worship center.

Happenings at Holy Spirit

CENTER FOR FAITH & LIFE—Holy Spirit's Adult Sunday School program.

THIS WEEK IN CFL: Three Week Series begins - Luther the Theologian, Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera: Martin Luther was professor of Scripture, preacher, prolific writer, Bible translator, pastor, counselor, and theologian extraordinaire. Our portrait of Luther will focus on how those aspects of his vocation helped to shape his theological mind and work as reformer of the Church.
January 13 - Reading the Scripture: Study of the Scripture was more than an academic exercise for Luther. Interpretation of the Scripture became a hallmark of his lectures, sermons, and publications. As teacher and preacher, Luther developed new ways of reading the Scripture, looking in the text for what "pushes Christ," the task of proclaiming Christ to all.

NEXT WEEK IN CFL: January 20 - Theologian of the Cross: Luther distinguished between "theologians of the cross" and "theologians of glory." His concern was with understanding God's gracious activity, how God acts in the world for our sake. Theologians of the cross see God in the Crucified One; they know only what God has revealed of God's self, viz., weakness and humility.

Faith Formation for Children

Three Year Olds – Fifth Grade

January Service Project – Valentine Cards for Shut-Ins

Holy Spirit Christian **NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2019-2020 school year will take place on **Tuesday, January 15th** from 5:00 – 6:00 pm for children who are Holy Spirit members or currently enrolled. Registration will open to the public on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Please call Karin Kahler at the preschool office (610-965-5208) with any questions. Limited openings for the 2018-2019 school year remain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT TODAY @ 9:45 am our Sunday School students will be participating in a community service project. Pre-school through 5th grade classes will be making Valentine cards for our shut-ins.

REJOICING SPIRITS WORSHIP is TODAY at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Join us as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord.

WOW: WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY: Going to be away on the weekend? Once a month we will gather in the Fellowship Center for worship (8:45 style). The liturgy and sermon will be the same as the upcoming week, though briefer. All are welcome. **Jan. 16 @7:00 pm.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers.

Shut In/Homebound—prayers for God's presence...

Dottie Blomster, Doris Boehmer, Betty Buehrle, Bill Diehl, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Jim Geiling, Larry Gilbert, Ray Karoly, Joan Lauffer, Christopher Limpar, Glenn & Norine Shafer, Bob Shovlin, Al and Billie Stubbman.

In Times of Illness for God's healing... Nancy Arobone, Stephanie Ashford, Cherie Baird, Lea Bertha, Wesley Black, Sylvia Bobbit, Jace Brensinger, MaryPat Brewer, Hank Cassler, Kitty Chandler, Terry Cole, Linda Coughlin, Alma Deibert, Dorothy and David Diehl, Mark Dismuke, Lena Divano, Orietta Divano, Donna, Scott Engelter, Carol Eroh, Sarah Foose, Glenn Fretz, Susan Friend, Lisa Galucia, Gee, Larry Gilbert, Dick and Doris Giles, Reinhold Guignet, Cindy Hastings, Max Horst, Andrew James, Heather James, Kevin, Kimberly, Chris Kline, Diane Koerber-Wycoff, Paula Kosciolk, Don Krall, Grace and Francis Kratz, Paul and Irene Lasagna, Family of Helen Lee, Brian Lippai, Carolyn Long, Chuck and Vee McClain, Miller family, Helen Morris, Ryan Musser, Mitchell Niland, Ryan O'Donnell Huff, Craig Onori, Kailee Pauley, Barbara Punzi, Meridy Rachor, Thomas Ritter, Rosalie Rodriguez, Helena Rosati, Walker Schantz, Wendy Scheetz, Jean Schoemaker, John Schultz, Heidi Slansky, George Slater, Wilma Stewart, Julie Timmcke, Todd, Ralph Trull, Jr., Visili Tsamoutalict, Lauren Vilchinsky, Bill and Doris Wilhauck, Roy Wolff, Rylie York.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, at any time, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, Call the office at 610-967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

Prayer cards are available at the Information Desk. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

Weekend On-Call Schedule:

January 12/13, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924
January 19/20, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924
January 26/27, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:45	10:45
Worship Coordinator		Jackie Leipert
Crucifer		Glenn Hinderliter
Acolytes		Nic Reggie, Charlie Kenney
Assisting Minister	Paige Mathieu	Tom Eichelberger
Reader	Paige Mathieu	Julie Timmcke
Communion Assistants	Pattie Bisbing Leesa Wimmer	Becky Neitz, Bob Neitz Alice Mudge, Glynnis Rea
Ushers	Rob Smith Jerry Masteller Barb Roba	Brandie Barndt Kitti & Mike Berkheimer Rick Croy
Greeters	Fran and Bill Derhammer	Richard Micheletti
Nursery Care	Joanne Volkert, Debe Brown	
Flower Delivery	Mark Blower	
Praise Band:	Chris Kline, Frank Mattes, Justin Schaffer, Mackenzie Schaffer, Bob Schuchart, Joe Tobey, Lincoln Walton	
Altar Care	Cindy Hastings, Pattie Bisbing, Rich and Marlene Feulner, Anne Fayad	

OUR STAFF

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News...News...News...

CAT CLUB TEACHERS NEEDED: CAT Club is held during February each year. Each of our elementary classes studies a different portion of Luther's Small Catechism. It is also a time when we ask for short-term Sunday School teachers and helpers. Two adults are needed for each of our elementary classes. Materials are provided. Please contact Karin Kahler if you are interested in serving or learning more.

M&M's Too: Join us for an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together. We meet on Wednesday, January 16 at 9:30 am in the Speary Café downstairs. Please use downstairs entrance.

BEAR CREEK CAMP IS VISITING Sunday, January 20th at 9:45 am. Come to the Worship Center to hear about the fun and excitement of camp, sing some songs and hear about Winter Camp, Summer Camp and Family Camp. BCC is for all ages- all are welcome.

FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy) FLY to ABE will meet on Monday, January 28, to discuss *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Please use downstairs entrance. We meet in room 1 / 2. Please sign-up on the Event Center in the lobby.

COUNCIL FORUM—January . 27th- Congregation Council Forum: Lorie Stout Sherman, Council & Staff: We will discuss the results of the 2018 operating year, the 2019 proposed operating budget, status of the proposed Spirit Led – Spirit Alive capital campaign, and introduce new Council nominees. Please join us for this important forum.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Sunday, Feb. 3rd at 12:45 pm in the Worship Center.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH, will follow the 10:45 service on Sunday, February 3rd. There is a sign-up in the Lobby for needed items to complete the menu. This year Hospitality is "freshening up the menu" with soups and chili to go along with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please sign up to bring a menu item.

TABLE TALK: All are welcome to join us for Bible study on the Lutheran perspective of the following Sunday's Bible readings. Table Talk will meet on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Speary Cafe. Please park and enter by the lower entrance. The Bible readings are Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26 . Signup to bring an appetizer or dessert. Bring your favorite Bible translation.

IS ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS to connect with friends?

Try Circle of Friends here at church and meet some new friends, share a meal or experience and expand your Circle of Friends. Signup in the main lobby to be part of Family Adventure Circle of Friends, Adults Venture-In Circle of Friends, Adults Venture-Out Circle of Friends or Ladies Night Out circle of Friends. More information is available in the newsletter or from Deacon Jane.

SAVE THE DATE: *Vacation Bible School* 2019: June 24-28,
9:15 am—12:00 pm.

JUST \$28 is needed to provide all needed support for a child at Plaster House for an entire week. In memory of, or to honor a member of your family, **see the Shelter for the Savior tree** in the narthex for how to contribute toward the care of children preparing for and recovering from surgeries to correct disabling conditions.

BEAR CREEK CAMP WINTER CONNECT is a fun-filled weekend at Bear Creek Camp during the winter! It's a time to CONNECT with God and to CONNECT with your friends. The weekend kicks off on Friday night and runs until Sunday after lunch.

4th-8th Grade: January 25-27

This year's theme is Love All ~Ephesians 4:1-2

Registration is on the BCC website.

PLEASE RETURN your **2019 Estimate of Giving card** as soon as possible. Your financial commitment allows our congregation to more accurately estimate revenue, budget effectively and better plan our ministries for 2019. Thank you for your generosity.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Please check the church's website for updated news on worship schedules. Current info will be posted on Facebook. If weather conditions are severe, check WFMZ. The church's phone message will be updated to reflect any change in the worship schedule. If there is a heavy snowstorm and roads are passable, there will be one service at 10:45 am. The church office will follow the same schedule as the East Penn School District.



December 2018 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: We finished 2018 on a very strong note, thank you! Revenue for December was \$113,105 while our forecast was \$109,523. Expenses for December were budgeted for \$105,315 and ending up totaling \$100,497. Most of the savings on the expense side came from Resources for Ministry, which ended the month \$4,044 under budget. The very strong revenue in December helped us to end the year with a surplus. Our total net income was \$10,561 vs. a budgeted deficit of \$27,254.

Available Operating Cash: We ended the month with an available cash balance for operations of \$121,958, up \$13,682 from November.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance increased during December to \$32,899. Donations totaled \$3,716. The biggest expense was for interest on the Mission Investment Fund loan (\$545).

HVAC System: To date we've borrowed \$170,465 from the Mission Investment Fund for our HVAC system. We have paid down the loan by \$50,485 at the end of 2018 thanks to two separate generous donations. This would bring our balance down to approximately \$120,000.

Building Fund: Our building fund decreased to \$5,418 due to one expense for the crack sealing of the parking lot totaling \$7,600. Donations totaled \$1,406 during the month of December.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Your church financial statements are now able to be emailed to you. It will save paper, printing, time and postage while still being completely confidential. To sign-up for electronic quarterly and year-end Statements, please send Pam Harshey an email at finsec@holyspirit-emmas.org.

HOLY SPIRIT'S GIVING KIOSK is in the Lobby. If you would like to do your giving or make a donation via a credit/debit card, please feel free to use the kiosk in the Lobby. The kiosk is set up to receive credit/debit card payments e.g. Project Help, VBS registration payments, Nursery School. If you register, thereafter you will be able to log in using your phone number. Your giving will be recorded and a receipt sent to your e-mail address. You may also make an anonymous donation. Instructions-- contact Sherilyn Scheetz, Lorie Stout Sherman, or Pam Harshey.