

This Week at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, 3/17/2019

Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am

- 7:15 AM Congregational Meeting, WC
- 9:35 AM Congregational Meeting, WC
- 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119
- 9:45 AM Eucharistic Ministers, ASR
- 9:50 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL
- 11:40 AM Congregational Meeting, WC
- 3:30 PM Family Book Bingo, FC
- 6:00 PM Youth Event & Game Night, SC

MONDAY, 3/18/2019

- 3:00 PM Knitting in Faith, ASR
- 5:30 PM Grand Sunday Planning, 117/119
- 6:30 PM Finance Meeting, Pr. Ric's Office
- 7:00 PM Meeting God at the Cross, FC
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministers, 117/119
- 7:30 PM Lenten Book Study, ASR

TUESDAY, 3/19/2019

- 9:00 AM Prime Timers Intel. Stim., 117/119
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, 117/119
- 6:30 PM Spirit Alive Rehearsal, WC
- 7:00 PM Congregational Council, 117/119

WED, 3/20/2019

- 9:30 AM M&M's Too, Speary Café
- 12:00 PM Meeting God at the Cross, FC
- 12:30 PM Lenten Book Study, ASR
- 7:15 PM Spirit Ringers, WC

THURSDAY, 3/21/2019

- 5:15 PM Grief Support, ASR
- 7:15 PM Adult Choir, WC

FRIDAY, 3/22/2019

SATURDAY, 3/23/2019

SUNDAY, 3/24/2019

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
- 12:00 PM Project Help Info Mtg, 117/119

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

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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.

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.

Handicap parking now available. The upper driveway off Pine Street is lined for three handicap parking spaces closer to the worship center.

Would you like to honor a family member or friend with Sunday flowers? Please see the flower chart in the coat room and select a date to remember someone special. The cost is \$22.50.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & VOTE TODAY,
SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE**

Happenings at Holy Spirit

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

THIS WEEK IN CFL: What is the Most Important Symbol of Christianity?

Becky Keane: Religions use symbols to represent their faith as well as their culture. Join us to learn about the most important Christian symbol and how different cultures use it to portray their faith.

NEXT WEEK IN CFL: Lent in the Catholic Church: Deacon Tony Brasten will be addressing approximately 12 of the most traditional Catholic Lenten practices. For example, how and why Catholics prepare themselves within this Catholic liturgical season with fasting, abstinence, prayer and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown Holy Thursday.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Three Year Olds:	The Fish and the Loaves
Four Year Olds:	The Prodigal Son
Kindergarten:	The Prodigal Son
First Grade:	Jesus Heals the Sick
Second Grade:	The Prodigal Son
Third & Fourth Grade:	God' Covenant with Abraham
Fifth Grade:	Lent

Join us for **BOOK BINGO TODAY** at 3:30 pm. We invite our preschool and elementary age children and their families to join us for an afternoon of fun. Faith related books will be distributed as Bingo prizes. Please sign up at the Event Sign Up Center. Refreshments provided.

YOUTH EVENT: TODAY from 6pm-8pm in the Speary Café, we are having a youth event planning meeting and game night. This is a special meeting where we will be discussing and scheduling youth events for this year. If you have any great ideas, come and share them. Pizza will be provided.

FLOWER ORDERS TO DECORATE THE NAVE ON EASTER are now being accepted. Lilies \$8.50; Tulips \$7.00, Daffodils \$7.00. The deadline for ordering is April 1st.

SPIRIT WEEK FOR HOLY SPIRIT'S NURSERY SCHOOL at Chick-Fil-A

(Trexlerstown): use the flyer insert and take it to the Chick-Fil-A restaurant anytime from March 18 – 23. Chick-Fil-A will donate 10% to the preschool on all sales that present the flyer.

EASTER SUNDAY 9:45 AM HAND BELL CHOIR – Children ages kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to play hand bells at the 9:45 am worship service on Easter Sunday (April 21.) Rehearsals are Wednesday, April 3, April 10 and April 17 at 6:00 pm. Please see Mrs. MacCabe to let her know of your interest. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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, Ray Karoly, Don Krall, Joan Lauffer, Christopher Limpar, Midge Mosser, Glenn & Norine Shafer, Bob Shovlin, Al and Billie Stubbman.

In Times of Illness for God's healing, Stephanie Ashford, Cherie Baird, Lea Bertha, Sue Block, Sylvia Bobbit, Christopher Booth, Jim Bott, Jace Brensinger, MaryPat Brewer, Family of Mario Cagnetti, Courtney Cappelluzzo, Hank Cassler, Kitty Chandler, Terry Cole, Kevin Coleman, Linda Coughlin, Alma Deibert, Fran Derhammer, Dorothy and David Diehl, Mark Dismuke, Donna, Anne Dordal, Scott Engelter, Carol Eroh, Sarah Foose, Glenn Fretz, Susan Friend, Lisa Galucia, Harry Gesner, Dick and Doris Giles, Reinhold Guignet, Max Horst, Andrew James, Heather James, Dianne Justesen, Kevin, Kimberly, George Kirchner, Joel Kleckner, Chris Kline, Diane Koerber-Wycoff, Paula Kosciolk, Dorothy Kovaks, Don Krall, Grace and Francis Kratz, Paul and Irene Lasagna, Brian Lippai, Carolyn Long, Kathleen Lutz, Pr Susan Lynch, Brad MacCabe, Miller family, Helen Morris, Ryan Musser, Ann Neitz, Mitchell Niland, Ryan O'Donnell Huff, Craig Onori, Kailee Pauley, Barbara Punzi, Meridy Rachor, Thomas Ritter, Rosalie Rodriguez, Helena Rosati, Michael Rosazza, Walker Schantz, Wendy Scheetz, Fred Schlerf, Jean Schoemaker, Heidi Slansky, Wilma Stewart, Ricki Stringfellow, Todd, Gretchen Timmcke, Visili Tsamoutalict, Kathy and Robin Walbert, Maureen and Glen Wescoe, 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:

March 16/17, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924
March 23/24, Pastor Spencer Steele, 949-374-2090
March 30/31, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:45	10:45
Worship Coordinator		Kitti Berkheimer
Crucifer		Chuck Coe
Acolytes		Charlie Kenney Nic Reggie
Assisting Minister	Lorie Stout Sherman	Alex Kibrik
Reader	Andrew Dordal	Girl Scouts
Communion Assistants	Jo Ellen Rooney, Linda Devine	Nancy Anderson, Vi Ballard Louise Davis Angie Tobey
Ushers	Pete and Marian Schneck Christine and Bob Bolen	Brandie Barndt Tom Eichelberger Bruce Zimmerman Nate Zimmerman Girl Scouts
Greeters	Claudia Hokanson	Jackie Tucker, Girl Scouts
Nursery Care	Joanne Volkert and Amy Pirrotta	
Praise Band:	Chris Kline, Frank Mattes, Justin Schaffer, Mackenzie Schaffer, Bob Schuchart, Joe Tobey	
Altar Care	Julie Timmcke, Linda Letts, Deb Stevens, Joie Wenner, Vee McClain, Nancy McClain, Laura Fetzer, Rich and Marlene Feulner	

OUR STAFF

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MEETING GOD AT THE CROSS/LENT STUDY 2019 - Experience the beauty and simplicity of Taizé at weekly services Mondays at 7pm and Wednesdays at Noon. We are also offering a Lenten study, *Book of Faith: Beyond Question*, after worship in the All Saints Room. The book is \$8, and is available from Deacon Jane.

DEVOTIONS for LENT 2019 are available in the lobbies. *With Our Savior Family Devotions* and *The Saving Passion Devotions* which has excerpts from Henri Nouwen, a spiritual thinker. Large print versions also available.

M&M's, Too, an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together meets on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Cafe. The topic is love. Park and enter by the downstairs door.

PROJECT HELP 2019 Information Meetings – please plan to attend one of these information meetings if you would like more information on our annual youth/adult housing mission trip to Starks Maine. (Seasoned attendees need not attend) Information meetings are held in room 117/119 on Sunday, March 24th at 11:45am and Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm. The trip is open to all 9th graders and older (including adults too!). 2019 trip dates are Friday, July 26th through Saturday, August 3rd. Contact Chris Carter for more information at 610-392-4965 cecarter@aol.com. All are Welcome!

Fly to ABE (Adult Book Energy) will meet on Monday, March 25, 2019 when we will discuss *Promise Me, Dad* by Joe Biden. On Monday, April 29, 2019 (Please note it's a week later) we will discuss *Blinded by Hope* by Meg McGuire. Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1 / 2. Please signup on the Signup Center in the lobby.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING SESSIONS: Planning for VBS 2019 has begun. Come join us as we create decorations that will be used as part of VBS. It is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. We will again partner with St. John's Lutheran in Emmaus for the creation of decorations. We will meet downstairs in the Speary Café. The next March decorating session is Wed., March 27th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. No special artistic skills are required. **VBS 2019 – To Mars and Beyond** will be held the week of June 24 – 28th. Registration and volunteer forms are now available. **Save the date!**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME Sunday, March 31, 2019 during Worship Services. After worship - Tour of the facility and photo taking.

NEW MEMBER ANNUAL WELCOME DINNER is on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Deacon Jane Elliott.



ANGEL NETWORK BASKET COLLECTION: We invite you to support the EHS Angel Network for Easter. The Angel Network expects to serve 120 families this Easter season. Donations accepted through Sunday, April 7th and can be placed in the boxes outside the Fellowship Center. We need 120 bottles of liquid laundry detergent, 120 cans of corn and 120 cans of green beans.



**Good Friday
Prayer Vigil**

Whenever we mourn the death of a loved one, we pray for comfort for those who grieve that eventually their mourning may turn into dancing. We are offering **A PRAYER VIGIL** for us to pray about the sacrificial death of Christ for us which will be held following our Good Friday worship on April 19th from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm and then on Saturday, April 20th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm in the All Saints Room. Please sign up in the narthex to be a pray-er or a watch-er. A “watch-er” provides a safe place for the “pray-er”. For further reflection, devotional and prayer books including various translations of the Bible will be available. Anyone may submit a prayer request for the pray-er. Prayer Request forms are on the shelf near sanctuary entrance. There will be prayer shawls to wrap around you filled with the Holy Spirit and healing presence of God. Questions, please contact Deacon Jane Elliott.



BEAR CREEK CAMP GALA, to raise money for summer camperships, Saturday, March 30 at the Homewood Suites, Center Valley, PA. Tickets are available until Friday, March 22. Can't attend? No problem! Look for our One Day Give Campaign on Facebook on March 30.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE: Any changes to your family's listing in the church's phone directory, must be submitted to the church office by the end of this week, 3/22/19.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: Signup now for Venture In, Venture Out, Ladies Night Out, Family Adventure. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP.**

NATIONAL INTERPRETER GATHERING, Sat., April 6: Join us at Starlite Diner, Routes I-78 and 100, Allentown, 11:30am-2pm, to learn about Mission Interpreter ministry, telling the stories of the Synod and ELCA's wider ministries. Julia Menzo of Liberty Lutheran Congregation Services will share about her organization, which is supported by our mission support giving. Please call Charlotte Gross at 484-695-1641 to register. Seating is limited. Lunch will be provided.

February 2019 Financial Results and Discussion:

Operating Performance:

February turned out to be better than anticipated. Income was \$67,164 and expenses were \$80,371 which gave us a deficit of \$13,206. We had budgeted a deficit of \$14,268.

Thrivent totals were \$515 for the month while we had budgeted \$690.

Expenses were very close to budget coming in at \$80,371 while budget was \$80,080. Pledged revenue was \$1,432 more than plan and unpledged revenue was \$306 less than plan. Overall our income was \$67,164 while we had budgeted \$65,812, a \$1,352 difference.

Operating Cash Reserve: As a result of our February deficit, operating cash reserve decreased to \$129,958.

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during February to \$31,600 due to an expense for interest on our Mission Investment Fund loan (\$411). Donations totaled \$40.

HVAC System: The balance on our Mission Investment Fund for the HVAC system is \$124,030.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$6,845 due to generous donations totaling \$1,458. There was an expense for \$877 for our music room door.

QUALIFIED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION PARTICIPANTS: If you are taking advantage of this, please contact the Financial Secretary, Pam Harshey at finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org and let her know that you are doing so and what the amount will be that the church should be receiving. In several cases, we have received a check from a financial institution without information regarding what member has sent it. This makes it impossible for us to credit the donation towards the member's pledge. Thank you.

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