



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

April 2019

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

Walking With Jesus To The Cross, To The Tomb, To An Abundant Life

Many folks get up early and go for a walk each morning for exercise - sometimes on a treadmill and, even better, sometimes outdoors. All indications are that such walking is good for your heart. In just a few days, here at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, we will once again be invited to walk with Jesus through the events of Holy Week. Unlike walking on a tread mill, walking with Jesus during Holy Week is a walk that takes us places. And ultimately, it is a walk that is not only good for your heart- it is good for you body, soul and spirit. It is a walk that ultimately gives new life.



- We will walk with him as he rides on the back of a young donkey into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of "Hosanna" and waving palm branches.
- We will walk with Jesus to the upper room where he shares a final meal, and yet a new and life giving meal with his closest friends.
- We walk with an agonized Jesus to the garden to watch and pray, and later that night to be arrested.
- We walk with a humble, silent Jesus as he is paraded to Caiaphas, the high priest, to Herod, and to Pilate for questioning, mocking and judgment.
- We walk with Jesus down the Way of Sorrows as his tortured and abused body drags and carries the cross on which he ultimately dies.
- We walk with Joseph of Arimathea and the women who carry Jesus' body to Joseph's tomb and begin burial preparations there.
- We walk with Mary Magdalene and the other women as they left early in the morning following the Sabbath to Joseph's tomb to finish the burial of Jesus only to find that Jesus is not there.
- We walk (no actually we run) with Peter and John to the tomb to discover the folded grave clothes and Easter message, "He is Risen, he is risen indeed!"

So lace up those walking shoes and join us throughout Holy Week as we walk with our Lord again through the sights, sounds, and events of the most sacred and life-giving days of history. It's good for your heart, good for your soul and truly life transforming! Come walk with us, come walk with Jesus!

Pastor Rec



April Worship Schedule

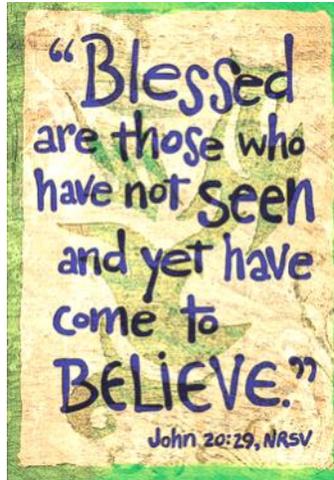
- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion
(Child Care and Word for God's Children)
- 9:45 am- Faith Formation: Sunday School, Catechism, Sr. High and Center for Faith and Life
- Coffee in Room 117/119 or Speary Café
(Child Care Available)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

April 7 - 5th Sunday in Lent

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

April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday

- 7:30 am- See Page 4
- 8:45 am- See Page 4
- 10:45 am- See Page 4
- 2:30 pm- See Page 4



April 21 - Easter Sunday

- 7:15 am- See Page 4
- 8:30 am- See Page 4
- 9:45 am- See Page 4
- 11:00 am- See Page 4



April 28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter Grand Sunday

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



Lent Worship and Lent Study 2019

Lenten Taizé Worship- Meeting God at the Cross

- Mondays at 7 pm in FC
- Wednesdays at Noon in FC

Lenten Study- Book of Faith: Beyond Question

- Mondays at 7:30 in the All Saints Room
- Wednesdays at 12:30 in the All Saints Room

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

Our next Rejoicing Spirits Worship is Sunday, April 14th at 2:30 am in the Worship Center with Rejoicing Ringers.

Join us for our Easter Pageant and Egg Hunt!



Lenten Devotional

Devotions for Lent 2019 are still available in the lobbies.

Faith Formation for Adults will offer two as gifts:

- With Our Savior Family Devotions
- The Saving Passion Devotions



Prime Timers Upcoming Events

April 11th- Book Club at 10 am
 April 24th- Breakfast at 9 am
 April 30th- Game Day 1-3 pm



Coffee @ 9:45 am

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

Take time to connect with your church family.



Easter Fundraiser

Youth will be selling Easter chocolate in April to support 2021 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Enjoy some Easter Treats!



Emmaus HS Angel Network

We invite you to support Emmaus High School Angel Network spring collection by bringing in items to share with students and their families who are in need. The EHS Angel Network expects to serve 140 families this spring.

- We are still in need of
- 99 bottles of liquid laundry detergent
- 81 cans of corn
- 89 cans of green beans

Please bring the items no later than Sunday, April 7th and put your gifts in the Fellowship Center Lobby. Thank you!

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ~Matthew 25:37



VBS 2019: To Mars and Beyond

Explore Where God's Power Can Take You
 Mon, June 24th - Fri, June 28th
 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Link to [Registration Form](#)

Link to [Volunteer Form](#)



Congregation Baseball Night

Friday, June 14th

7:05 pm - Gates open at 5:45 pm - Fireworks after the game

IronPigs vs. Columbus Clippers

Group Rate: \$11 per person for field level seat on 3rd base side with \$2 to spend at vendors included in ticket barcode

\$5 for parking- paid at the ballpark



Only 90 tickets available. Sign-up at the Event Center. Make checks payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Please mark "IronPigs" in the memo line. Payment may be placed in the offering, taken to the office, or made at the Kiosk by Sunday, May 1st.

Project HELP 2019

Friday, July 26 to Saturday, August 3

- Annual housing ministry mission trip to Starks, Maine
- All current 9th - 12th grade Youth and Adults of all ages are welcome to lend a helping hand and connect with the Starks community.
- All Team Meeting- Sunday, April 7th, 12:00-1:15pm, Speary Café, Lunch is included
- Contact Chris Carter if interested. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Project HELP

Join us for Holy Week at Holy Spirit

Palm Sunday - Life Celebrated - April 14th

7:30 am- Traditional Palm Sunday Celebration with Holy Communion

8:45 am- *Spirit Alive!* Palm Sunday Celebration with Holy Communion, the Palm Procession, Strings, and Praise Ensemble

9:45 am- Faith Formation for all ages

10:45 am- Traditional Palm Sunday and Passion of Our Lord Celebration with Holy Communion, the Adult Choir, Spirit Ringers, Strings, and Wind Ensemble

2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits Easter Pageant

Lenten Taizé Monday - April 15th

7:00 pm- Meeting God at the Cross Worship in Fellowship Center

Lenten Taizé Wednesday - April 17th

12:00 pm- Meeting God at the Cross Worship in Fellowship Center

Spy Wednesday - Life Betrayed - April 17th

7:00 pm- Worship with Taizé songs and Communion in Fellowship Center

Maundy Thursday - Life Forgiven - April 18th

12:00 pm- Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm- Worship with Holy Communion and the Adult Choir

Good Friday - Life Interrupted - April 19th

Lay our Burdens at the Cross

12 and 7 pm- Interactive Reflection in the Fellowship Center

8:00 pm- Prayer Vigil begins in the All Saints' Room

Holy Saturday - Life Waiting - April 20th

Prayer Vigil Continues in the All Saints' Room

Easter Sunday - Life Fulfilled - April 21st

7:15 am- Traditional Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

8:30 am- *Spirit Alive!* Easter Celebration with Holy Communion and the Praise Ensemble

9:45 am- Family Easter Celebration with Holy Communion, the Easter Choir, Percussion and Easter Drama: *The Colors of Easter*

10:30 am- Annual Children's Egg Hunt- meet in the Fellowship Center

11:00 am- Festival of the Resurrection celebrated with Holy Communion, the Adult Choir, Spirit Ringers, Brass, Strings, and Tympani

Good Friday - Life Interrupted
Friday, April 19th at Noon and 7 pm

On Good Friday, we will again have an interactive worship service with questions and time for reflection with videos and images. We will be using the Gospel of John's version of Jesus' crucifixion which will highlight prayer, betrayal, death and re-visioning.

Come experience the nails which he bore for us, our betrayal of Jesus, his death and our re-visioning on Good Friday in the Fellowship Center. We die a hundred times before we die our final death. Death is no stranger to us. Come see and experience it from Jesus' perspective and Jesus' death.



Prayer Vigil
April 19th-20th

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.



Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 21st

All children Fifth Grade and younger
10:30 am (Immediately following 9:45 am worship service)
Meet in the Fellowship Center for a blessing and get bags for the hunt
Hunt Outside (or in the Fellowship Center in case of inclement weather)



You can help

- take a bag of empty Easter eggs from the lobby, fill the eggs, and return them to the lobby
- donate items to fill eggs
- bring filled eggs and egg fillers to the appropriate bins in the lobby by Sunday, April 7th.

The eggs may be filled with candy (nut free), small packages of snacks, stickers, small toys, etc. Please be aware of choking hazards when filling eggs for children less than 3 years old.

Please indicate the age group on the filled eggs:

Under 3 / Ages 3-5 and Kindergarten / Grades 1- 5

Please sign-up for filling the eggs on Sunday, April 14th!

If you have questions, please see Heather Hetrick, Jen Day-Roth, or Karin Kahler.

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.

Spirit Led – Spirit Alive Campaign Update

On Sunday, March 17, the congregation authorized the Congregation Council to solicit funds “for the expansion/renovation of the Worship Center, Lobby, lower classroom level and additional items as outlined in the Spirit Led-Spirit Alive proposal”.

Those objectives are:

- Bring the Worship Center and Lobby up to 2020 style, technology and code.
- Provide space to accommodate the needs both our worship life and our music ministry
- Provide suitable space for both expansion of and increased security for our Nursery School Ministry
- Allow the upper level of the building to be utilized by the community as part of our outreach ministry.



The vote was 230 in favor of the motion and 21 opposed.

In light of the congregation's strong support of the motion, Council at the regularly scheduled March meeting entered into a contract with Kirby Smith Associates to assist in our campaign. Kirby Smith is the same Christian fundraising agency that successfully assisted in our All Are Welcome campaign a few years ago.

Early planning indicates that the remainder of March and April will be used to plan the campaign, prepare materials and lay the foundation for a mid-year campaign.

Every effort will be made to keep the congregation informed as plans unfold. Council encourages the members of our congregation to keep the campaign and its objectives in your prayers as we move forward.

On behalf of Larry, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, phone calls, meals, flowers, and cards. The Preschool and Sunday School cards especially made his day and he loved getting them. Your love and support was greatly appreciated.

~Yvonne Gilbert



Who were Sts. Joachim & Anne?

On Sunday April 28th at the 8:45 worship service, learn a bit about them as we celebrate Grand Sunday. On this day, we will celebrate Grandchildren and Grandparents. The service will focus on this Grand relationship so we encourage all of the grandparents to bring their grandchildren and the children to ask Gramma and Pops to come along.

Readings and the worship leaders will follow this theme. Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Center for a Grand Fair celebration. Perhaps the theme has given it away, but if not Google Sts. Joachim & Anne.



Celebration of Music Concert Series

Saturday, May 11th at 4 PM
Jon Satrom

Sunday, July 21st at 3 PM
Summer Harmony



Friday, August 23rd at 7 PM
The Royalties

Sunday, November 3rd at 4 PM
Requiem by Mack Wilberg



A free-willing offering will be taken.

VBS 2019: To Mars and Beyond

Mon, June 24th - Fri, June 28th
9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Explore Where God's Power Can Take You

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine
by his power at work within us! ~ Ephesians 3:20*

Needed: VBS Leaders who want to explore the word of God with children!

In a few short months, we will be greeting our "voyagers" for the first day of Vacation Bible School. During the week, we will help children explore where God's power can take them. **Volunteers are vital** to the success of Vacation Bible School. We need adults and youth to serve in a variety of ways. Youth helping at VBS counts as Catechism service hours. Exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities exist in a wide variety of areas. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve.

- assist in one of the activity areas- crafts, games, storytelling, snacks, or music
- group leaders- guide a group of children through the preplanned rotational stations
- help set-up Thurs, June 20th (6:00 – 8:00 pm), Sun, June 23rd (11:30 am– 1:30 pm) prior to VBS.

Sign-up for a Vacation Bible School volunteer role and join in an incredible week of engaging stories that will encourage our children to discover ways to be like Christ. VBS would not be possible without the role of the dedicated volunteer. [Volunteer forms](#) are available at the Info Desk, in the church office and on the website. Forms can be returned to Karin Kahler.

Consider the value of sharing the good news with children.



First Communion

Ten CAT Club students marked an important milestone in their faith formation journey. After completing a series of lessons about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, they received their First Communion. As a community of faith, we rejoice with these young people as they join in sharing the meal of Holy Communion. We welcome them to the Lord's Table.

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| Alexander Ervin | Elizabeth Patterson | Madison Peters |
| Laura Justesen | Luke Patterson | Brandon Powell |
| Charles Kenney | Quinn Peck | |
| Joshua Nesfeder | William Peck | |



We also welcome Riley Nemitz to the Lord's Table on April 28th.

VBS 2019: To Mars and Beyond

Mon, June 24th - Fri, June 28th
9:15 am - 12:00 pm

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Blast off with Vacation Bible School! VBS: To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources.

Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

[Registration Forms](#) may be returned to Karin Kahler.

Making VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing our decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Speary Café downstairs.

There are various projects. Artistic talents are not required. Older elementary children, youth and adults may help. It is a great way to join the VBS experience.

- Thurs, April 11 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Mon, April 29 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Tues, May 14 9:15 – 11:15 am
- Thurs, May 30 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Easter Choir

- Children (K-5th grade) are invited to sing and play chimes in the Easter Choir for the 9:45 am Family Easter Worship Service on April 21st.
- Rehearsals are Wed, April 3, 10, & 17 at 6-7 pm in the Worship Center.

Please contact Sharon MacCabe if interested. See you there!



Sunday School Upcoming Schedule:



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| Sunday, April 14th | Lenten Piggy Bank Collection |
| Sunday, April 14th @ Noon | Easter Egg Filling |
| Sunday, April 21st @10:30 am | Children's Easter Egg Hunt/No Sunday School |
| Sunday, May 26th | Last Day of Sunday School |
| Sunday, June 2nd @9:45 am | Teacher Appreciation Breakfast |
| Friday, June 14th @7:05 pm | IronPigs Game |

Confirmation 2019

Attention all 8th graders planning on being confirmed this spring! Please mark your calendars!

- Sat, April 6th: Confirmation Meeting @ Noon in 117/119 (one parent/guardian with their youth)
- Sat, May 4th: Confirmation Banquet, Fellowship Center (ALL family and friends are invited)
- Sun, May 5th: Confirmation at 10:45 am Worship Service



Cat Camp 2019: August 16th – 18th!

All youth in 6th-9th grade in the fall are invited to attend Cat Camp. Cat Camp is a weekend retreat where the Cat Class youth join together for a weekend of games, fellowship and worship.

Please keep an eye out for more information.



Youth Event

Saturday, April 6th from 9am-2pm

We will be making chocolate to help raise funds for the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Much like last year, this will be a fun and exciting event. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Pr. Spencer.



Service Hours for VBS Decorations

We are busy preparing our decorations for our upcoming VBS. We meet in the Speary Café downstairs. Older elementary children, youth, and adults may help. It is a great way to join the VBS experience.

- Thurs, April 11 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Mon, April 29 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Tues, May 14 9:15 – 11:15 am
- Thurs, May 30 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Graduation Recognition Sunday: A Celebration of Vocation

The members of Holy Spirit will be celebrating all recent graduates during the 8:45 am and 10:45 am worship services and during Fellowship at 9:45 am on Sunday, May 19th. If a graduate wants to be included, please send the following information for the presentation.

- Any size graduation or recent photo (electronic photo preferred)
- Your preferred name for the Bulletin & Power Point
- The school name, degree and major if applicable
- Any Honors or Awards you received
- Your future Plans or Dreams
- Any other information you would like us to include

All information can be sent to Pr. Spencer PrSteele@holyspirit-emmaus.org by May 5th.



Lent Worship followed by Lent Study 2019

Mondays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at Noon during Lent.

Meeting God at the Cross is a new experiential time of Taizé worship which we are creating to help us focus on Christ during Lent in the Fellowship Center. We also offer a Lenten study, *Book of Faith: Beyond Question*, after worship in the All Saints Room.

Jesus asks questions throughout the Gospels. These are not easy questions with easy answers. They are transformative questions that challenge us, reposition us, change us, and draw us into deeper faith and discipleship.



What are you looking for?

Where is your faith?

Who do you say I am?

What do you want me to do for you?

Do you love me?

How will you believe what I say?

Whom are you looking for?

We will explore these and other questions from Jesus.

Table Talk

Table Talk will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm in the Speary Café. Please park and enter by the lower entrance. Join us for the Lutheran perspective on the next Sunday's Bible readings which are for Palm Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11

Sign-up in the lobby to bring an appetizer or dessert. Bring your favorite Bible translation. All are welcome!



Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is created to extend our circle through intentional fellowship opportunities with other people of Holy Spirit. The new circle of friends will be notified in April, 2019.

For more information or questions, please contact

Jennifer Day Roth, coordinator, jendayroth@yahoo.com

Pattie Bisbing, coordinator, psbisbing@verizon.net

Deacon Jane Elliott, staff liaison, Jelliott@holyspirit-emmaus.org, 610-967-2220 x 108



M&M's Too

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

We will meet on Wed, April 17th at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Café.

Park and enter by the downstairs door.



Fly to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

Fly to ABE will meet on Monday, April 29th at 10 am. 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 sign-up on the Event Center in the lobby.



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!



April 7th- Grief, Sue Block

This is the second week of a two week discussion on grief. In both sessions we will look at what the grieving individual may be experiencing and also explore what our role might be as a member of our Holy Spirit family. On March 31, the focus was on Anticipatory Grief – the grief that comes with a terminal diagnosis or a long-term debilitating illness. On April 7, we will focus on the grief we experience at the death of a loved one.

April 14th- Journey to the Bible Lands, Vicar Tami Reichley

Come learn and explore the 'Promised Land' of Abraham, the terrain where Jesus walked his earthly ministry and the modern day conflict that exists in the 'land of the Bible'. Join Vicar Tami as she shares her experiences of her recent trip to Israel/Palestine/Jordan. Engage in discussion of the political, religious, and cultural significance of the land of the Bible...both then and now.

April 21st- Easter, No CFL. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

April 28th- A Grand Fair Celebration

On this day, our church will be celebrating Grandparents, Grandchildren, and Grand relationships during the 8:45am service. Come continue the celebration of this gift from God and share your blessings, challenges, and experiences, learn about resources in the Lehigh Valley, participate in activities for all ages, and enjoy the fellowship over light refreshments.

Lenten Devotional

Devotions for Lent 2019 are available in the lobbies. Faith Formation for Adults offer two as gifts:

- *With Our Savior Family Devotions* is an opportunity every day of Lent to bring yourself and your family closer to the joy of Easter through scripture, reflection, prayer and activities.
- *The Saving Passion Devotions* has excerpts from Henri Nouwen, a spiritual thinker, whose engaging insights are paired with original reflections and prayers about the saving passion of God's Son in a way that captivates and inspires us.



NEPS hosting May Play Day at Bear Creek Camp

Sunday, May 5th @ 2-7 pm

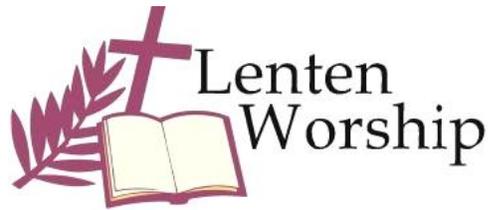
Come explore Bear Creek Camp, play games, hike, sing, enjoy dinner and smores!!

Everyone is invited!! All ages welcomed! Cost is \$4.00 for children under 12 \$8.00 for everyone else. Registration Deadline is April 22nd.

Make check payable to Bear Creek Camp and mail registration form with check to: Debbie Frey, c/o Northeastern PA Synod, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109

This is a rain or shine event. Camp is fun even in the rain!!





Monday, April 22nd



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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.

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 Phone: 610-967-2220



Newsletter

The May Newsletter deadline is Monday, April 15th.
 It will be issued by Wed, April 24th.
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!