



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

June 2019

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

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

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit invites all children to 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. This out-of-this-world adventure will begin on June 24 and ends June 28. VBS is held from 9:15 am – 12:00 pm.

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!

The overall theme verse is from Ephesians 3:20- "*God is able to do much more than we ask or think through God's power working in us.*" Each day the students hear a daily theme that connects to the Bible story of the day. The phrase helps to make the key teaching of the day easier to remember. In order to add to the excitement and build community at VBS, we ask our participants to wear a special color each day.

Monday (GREEN) Go Beyond with Faith!

Tuesday (YELLOW OR PURPLE) Go Beyond with Boldness!

Wednesday (BLUE) Go Beyond with Kindness!

Thursday (RED) Go Beyond with Thankfulness!

Friday (ORANGE OR WHITE) Go Beyond with Hope!



To be part of the excitement at To Mars and Beyond VBS, call Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107 or visit the church's website at www.lchsemmaus.org. There is still time to register and volunteer. Group leaders (adults who shepherd children to each of the pre-planned stations) and storytellers are needed. All Forms may be returned to Karin Kahler.

[Registration Form](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

VBS Volunteer Meetings: Wed, June 5 at 7:00 pm and Mon, June 10 at 6:30 pm. If volunteering, please plan on attending one of these meetings. Child Protective Services Law/Protection of Minors compliance requires VBS volunteers to have current background clearances on file. Please contact Fred Schlerf at clearances@holyspirit-emmaus.org to inquire about the process.

VBS Decorating Sessions: Join us to decorate the church facility for VBS. The children are always excited to see how we have transformed the space for this exciting week.

Thurs, June 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Sun, June 23rd from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.



Karin Kahler



Summer Worship Schedule

beginning Sunday, June 9th

- 7:30 am- Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 8:45 am- **Spirit Alive!** Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am- Summer Breakfast begins June 9th
- 10:15 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion (Child Care Available)

June 2 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Teacher Appreciation

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

June 9 - Festival of Pentecost

Wear Red for Pentecost

Summer Worship Schedule
Install Stephen Ministers

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:15 am- Adult Choir
- 12:30 pm- Healing Worship
- 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



June 16 - Trinity Sunday/ Father's Day

Feast of Love Sunday

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

June 23 - 2nd Sunday in Pentecost

Install VBS Staff

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

June 30 - 3rd Sunday in Pentecost

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

Thanks for Sharing your Talents

A special thanks to our Musicians and Choirs at Holy Spirit. Thank you for your dedication and praising the Lord with your talents. Our church is musically blessed!

Praise Kids
Spirit Ringers
Rejoicing Ringers

Children's Bell Choir
Adult Choir
Soloists

Music Circle
Spirit Alive Singers
Instrumentalists

Drum Music Team
Praise Band
Festival Choir



Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Rejoicing Spirits

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

Join us as we celebrate Father's Day!

FATHER'S DAY



Healing Worship

Sunday, June 9th at 12:30 pm

Healing Worship: Hope + Wholeness will be offered on Sunday, June 9th at 12:30 pm in the All Saints' Room.

Come and slow down. Listen for God's voice. Be anointed with oil. Pray for healing, hope and wholeness.



FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

FLY to ABE will meet on Monday, June 17. We will be discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet downstairs in room 1 / 2.

Please enter by the downstairs parking lot. Please sign-up in the lobby.

We will not meet in July or August. We will resume in September.



Health Ministry Team

June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month
Details to follow on the team bulletin board!!



M&M's Too

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

We meet on Wed, June 19 at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Café. Park and enter by the downstairs door.



VBS Set-Up

VBS set up will take place on
Thurs, June 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sun, June 23rd from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Join us as we prepare to blast off!

VBS Volunteers

Please attend one of these meetings
Wed, June 5 at 7:00 pm
Mon, June 10 at 6:30 pm



Snack Donations

VBS is asking for donations of snacks and paper products to help make VBS out-of-this-world. There is a poster in the lobby for people to select items to contribute.

Please place the items in the collection boxes in the lobby by June 16th. Thank you!

VBS Snacks Needed



Summer begins on June 21st



EHS Chamber Orchestra Concert

Members from Emmaus High School Chamber Orchestra will perform a community concert at LCHS on Tues, June 4th at 7 pm.

Please join us for this wonderful concert.



Host a Summer Breakfast

Every Sunday from June 9th - Sept 1st

Time to round up a few friends and practice your culinary skills on your church family. Please sign-up on the poster in the lobby to provide breakfast for one of the available Sundays. There is also an instruction page to lend guidance on navigating the kitchen and number of people to anticipate.

For those consuming the delicious breakfast, we seek a free-will offering. This year, our proceeds will benefit Project HELP.



April 2019 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: April net income turned out to be less than what we expected. Income was \$76,230 and expenses were \$76,814 which gave us a deficit of \$584. We had budgeted a surplus of \$3,658.

Thrivent totals were \$2,591 while we had budgeted \$1,895.

Total expenses were very close to budget, only over budget by \$914. They totaled \$76,814 while we had anticipated expenses to be \$75,900. Most mission areas were close or under budget.

Pledged revenue was \$7,219 less than plan and unpledged revenue was \$1,908 less than plan. Overall our income was \$76,230 while we had budgeted \$79,558, a \$3,328 difference.

Projected vs. budgeted cash balance: At this point it looks like we will end the year with a cash balance of \$82,221 but we thought we'd have \$95,754. Just a friendly reminder to please stay current on your pledges so we can make up this difference!

Capital Campaign Cash: Our capital campaign balance decreased during April to \$25,218 due to two expenses totaling \$2,741. These include interest on our Mission Investment Fund loan and the second invoice for our Capital Campaign fee from Kirby-Smith Associates. Donations totaled \$155.

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

Building Fund: Our building fund decreased to \$3,526 due to a \$1,660 expense for a PTAC replacement. Donations totaled \$1,299 for the month of April.



Summer Worship Ideas from the Stewardship Mission Team

The approach of summer brings thoughts of vacation! If you would like to visit an ELCA congregation for worship while away on vacation, you can locate one within a radius of any zip code at ELCA.org's website. Go to the home page of ELCA.org, and at the top right is a tab to 'Find a Congregation.' If you do visit a congregation while on vacation, we invite you to bring back a bulletin to post on our Stewardship Mission Team bulletin board. Simply drop it in our Stewardship mailbox at our canopy entrance. Safe travels!

Here's a fun way for you and your family to bring your faith to life on vacation this summer! Pick up a **Take Out Church** box in the church narthex (on the table under the Guest Register) when you leave for vacation. In the box are ways that you can Worship God, Grow Disciples, and Love Your Neighbors. Take pictures of you and your family with "Flat Jesus" wherever you go and share the fun with family and friends. Send some photos to the church at clark@holyspirit-emmas.org and we can post the pictures on the Stewardship Mission Team's bulletin board.



Evangelism Group

The word evangelism conjures up images of Bible thumping 18th and 19th century circuit riding evangelists preaching damnation, personal guilt, and the need for salvation. Believe it or not, that approach worked back then!

But 21st century evangelism is more about connecting with people at a personal level, building authentic relationships, valuing friendship and personal encounters, crossing social boundaries, and boldly speaking the truth. If you'd like to learn more, come to our first meeting on June 3rd at 7pm in the Speary Café or go to <https://ichthys.home.blog>



Celebration of Music Concert Series



Sunday, July 21st at 3 pm
Summer Harmony

Friday, August 23rd at 7 pm
The Royalties

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

A free-will offering will be taken.



Members and friends of Holy Spirit,

Words cannot express my deep appreciation for the wonderful retirement send-off I received April 28th in worship and at the luncheon. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support and the generosity of the gifts I received. I have always viewed my job at Holy Spirit as a ministry. To share in your joys and sorrows, to participate in the life of this congregation has strengthened my faith, given me a real sense of belonging in this special place called The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

It has been my honor to serve you. I will now join you in the pews on Sunday morning as just a member, looking for new ways to serve our Lord in this place.

Thanks be to God for Holy Spirit and for you, the people, who are the church.
~Alice E. Mudge



Project HELP 2019

Project Help Car Wash- Sat, June 1st, 9am to 1pm (Rain date: Sat, June 8th)

Please bring your cars to the church lower level and the Project Help Team will clean and dry them with care. This is a large fundraiser for our annual mission trip to Starks, Maine. Please come out and support this ministry and meet many of this year's attendees.

Project Help Team Meeting- Sun, June 2nd, 12:00-1:15 pm, lunch included.

All attendees should plan to attend this mandatory meeting. For more information please contact Chris Carter.



Project HELP



Thank You Teachers/Mentors

As the Faith Formation year draws to a close, it is time for us to show our appreciation for those individuals who are serving in our faith formation programs. On Sunday, June 2nd, a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held in their honor. It is a time for us to let our Sunday School, Catechism, and CAT Club teachers know how much we value their ministry.

Here at Holy Spirit, we are blessed to have a fantastic group of teachers who have dedicated lots of time and energy helping to form the faith of the children and youth. Our Catechism, Sunday School, and CAT Club teachers have devoted many hours of time planning lessons, gathering materials for class each week, and forming relationships with our youth and children.

Congregation, please make time to thank and affirm the difference our teachers and parents are making in forming the faith in our children and youth. We are all vital to fulfilling the promises we make at baptism- as together we nourish seeds of faith so that we all know God, experience love and forgiveness, and share it with the world in need.



Faith Formation Staff 2018-2019

3 Year Olds - Elsie Anderson, Katie Bashus, Paul Bashus, Pearl Bashus, Amy Scott

4 Year Olds - Tanya Herring, John McClain, Mark Stanzola

Kindergarten - Michele Doherty, Emma Fermier, Terri Lehr, Leigh-Anne Wimmer

First Grade - Carolyn Croy, Lauren Sands, Michelle Schumaker

Second Grade - Paige Mathieu, Sue Mathieu, Tena Rapp

Third Grade - Audrey Erb, Jeff Erb

Fourth and Fifth Grade - Denise Rohrbach, Candi Rosazza

CAT Club - Marcey Binkley, Michelle Borzok, Debbie Burke, Cindy Clark, Marian Harrison, Heather Hetrick, Eric Kahler, Karin Kao, Becky Neitz, Jenn Powell, Deb Smith, Jeannine Sokolofski, Melanie Wiltrout, Melenie Zsigovits

Catechism - Kristin Ervin, Adam Fermier, Christine Fermier, Sue Kibrik, Marian Schneck, Pete Schneck, Amanda Steele

High School - Bill Smith, Angie Tobey

Attendance - Kathy Everleth, Nina McNally, Joe Tobey

Music - Sharon MacCabe, Rachael Tobey

Pastoral Staff - Pr. Ric Elliott, Pr. Spencer Steele, Vicar Tami Reichley

Director of Faith Formation for Children - Karin Kahler



Please prayerfully consider helping to form faith in our youth and children for the upcoming year. You and the life of a child or youth will be changed.

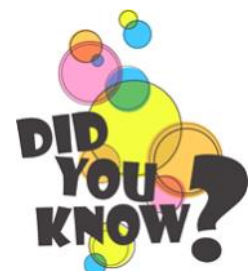
Dates to Know...

June 9th- Begin Nursery Care at 10:15 am Worship only
Word for God's Children on break

Aug. 25th- Nursery Care at 8:45 and 10:15 Worship resumes

Sept. 1st- Last Sunday for Summer Worship and Breakfast

Sept. 8th- Regular Worship Schedule Resumes
Word for God's Children Resumes
Faith Formation Kicks-off



Youth Events

Youth Events will continue throughout the summer.

Stay tuned to your email to find out the fun things being planned!



Cat Camp 2019

August 16th – 18th!

All youth in 6th-9th grade in the fall are invited to attend Cat Camp. We will be at the Burg Haus Retreat Center, Lebanon PA with the theme of Holy People and Holy Food in Exodus! If you don't know what that means then come find out. It is sure to be a lot of fun and a great chance to learn together.



Cat Camp is a required part of the Catechism program and we encourage everyone to come. Those who are entering or now in High School are welcome to come as Camp Leaders. The experience and leadership of each of you is valued and welcomed in this experience.

VBS Youth Volunteers

We invite our incoming and current middle school and high school youth to serve in a variety of ways during VBS.

- Storytellers
- Group guides
- Help set-up
 - Thurs, June 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 - Sun, June 23rd from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm



Helping at VBS counts as Catechism service hours. Please consider how you might serve. [Volunteer Form](#) or contact Karin Kahler.

VBS Volunteer Meetings are scheduled on

- Wed, June 5 at 7:00 pm
- Mon, June 10 at 6:30 pm

If you are volunteering at VBS, please plan on attending one of these meetings.

Blessings to our Newly Confirmed Youth



June at a Glance

Sunday, May 26th	Last Day of Sunday School, Catechism, CFL
Saturday, June 1st	Project HELP Car Wash
Sunday, June 2nd	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Tues, June 4th	EHS Chamber Orchestra Concert
Sunday, June 9th	Summer Worship and Summer Breakfasts begin Healing Worship, Rejoicing Spirits Stephen Minister Commissioning, Pentecost
Friday, June 14th at 7:05 pm	IronPigs Game
Sunday, June 16th	Father's Day, Feast of Love Sunday
Monday, June 17th	FLY ABE (Adult Book Energy)
Wed, June 19th	M&M's Too
Sunday, June 24th	VBS Kick off and Set-up
Mon, June 24th - Fri, June 28th	VBS- To Mars and Beyond



Center for Faith and Life would appreciate your ideas for presentation recommendations for CFL. Please contact Deacon Jane Elliott with your ideas.

We heartily thank John Mosovsky for serving as CFL Board Chair for five years! What a servant he has been as CFL has thrived. Thank you John for all you have done and the blessing you have been to all participants in CFL!



Table Talk

Table Talk will not meet in June, July or August. Thank you for a wonderful season!

We will resume in September. Hope to see you all then.



Feast of Love Sunday

On June 16, will celebrate the many ways we experience God's love. This will include all loving relationships of partners, families, pets, and including couples who have been married for 50 years or more. We will project all photos of your love before worship in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Center.

Please submit your photo by June 2 to Deacon Jane Elliott. In submitting a photo you are giving us permission to project your photo. Electronic submissions of photos is preferred. Last year's wedding photos are still on file.



Prime Timers Social

The annual Prime Timer's Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 27th at Will and Gloria's summer cabin at Lake Hautau.

There will be swimming, boat rides, golf cart rides, food and fun. Call Will 610-434-8811 for directions and what food you'll bring.



Commissioning of our New Stephen Ministers- Sunday, June 9

The Stephen Ministry training class is in the home stretch. Our trainees Debra DePue, Michael Roeder, Al Setzer, Lynn Snyder and Leesa Wimmer have worked extremely hard and their dedication is paying off. The course involved pre-class reading assignments, in-class lectures, discussion and some dynamic role playing opportunities. It has been rewarding to see some real growth in knowledge and skills for all who have participated in the training sessions. During the skill practices, some real ministry has taken place as we minister to one another, which will help us all be better caregivers.



Through various exercises we focused on strengthening the characteristics of the caregiver to become more compassionate, faith-filled, skilled and trustworthy, and by reminding ourselves to place Christ at the center of all that we do. The training for Stephen Ministers will go beyond the training classes as we continue to enhance our skills and learn new ways to care through peer group supervision sessions twice a month along with continuing education opportunities. These activities will provide the best care possible for our care receivers.

We invite you to the commissioning of our new Stephen Ministers on Stephen Ministry Sunday, June 9 at all 3 services. Let us thank God for all they will bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.

~The Stephen Ministry Team

EHS Angel Network Thanks

Wow! Another year of wonderful support from everyone to make our food program successful! The spring baskets went out last month. Here are some numbers for the year for three sets of holiday baskets.

- 165 East Penn families helped
- Over 25 different items/box (multiples of most items)
- One flood that affected our fall baskets
- Over 1200 boxes of mac 'n cheese
- 350 bags of baby carrots
- 420 laundry detergents
- More than 1500 toothbrushes
- Over 400 gift cards to Weis or Giant
- Loads of clothing given - coats, hoodies, socks, dresses, etc.



We are so GRATEFUL for everyone's support!!! It takes all of us to make this happen and the East Penn community always steps up. Have a wonderful spring!!!

~EHS Angel Network

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is for the use and support of all people at Holy Spirit.

If you have a prayer concern or you would like others to join you in prayer, please email the church office at prayerchain@holyspirit-emmaus.org and your concern will be shared with members of the prayer chain.

If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for others, please contact the church office.





Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul

Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff)

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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

The July Newsletter deadline is Wed, June 19th.
 It will be issued by Wed, June 26th.
 Submissions may be emailed to Angie at newsletter@holyspirit-emmaus.org or placed in the Newsletter Mailbox. Thank You!