

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY SPIRIT

April 25, 2021

Sunday Worship Schedule via Zoom:

8:50 am Zoom Worship Room opens and remains open

8:57 am Children's Music

9:00 am Family Worship

9:20 am Kids Connections

9:30 am Readers and Assisting Ministers Log on

9:50 am Gathering Music

10:00 am Spirit Worship

11:00 am Center for Faith and Life (CFL) and CAT Class

2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits BINGO!!! and connections

You can join us on Facebook Live Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/LCHSEmmaus/>

Please remember to have bread, grape juice or wine available and ready for digital communion which will be offered at both services.

CENTER FOR FAITH AND LIFE (CFL) How Can You Be More Green? In honor of Earth Day, LCHS member Chuck Coe will talk about aspects of food and water sustainability. Please join us as Chuck has planned an engaging discussion filled with fun facts. Our goal is to heighten everyone's awareness that simple, small changes to "reduce/reuse/or not buy" can make a big impact to improve our sustainability footprint.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LOIS ROBERTS can be downloaded:

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[bhpQemteC3_v04oVzLAFbv8Y9vByZ6VQvKP2i4.BkfoCDqGlbGW9YrA](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/v8AmlzJGKH4v3qeUmvmdGO2FS-bhpQemteC3_v04oVzLAFbv8Y9vByZ6VQvKP2i4.BkfoCDqGlbGW9YrA) Access Passcode: 10F@A+bP

REJOICING SPIRITS The Rejoicing Spirits team invites you and your family and friends to join them this afternoon for BINGO!!! and a time of Connection.

FLY TO ABE On April 26th, at 10AM, we will discuss another timely subject - the border issue and immigration in the book: American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Please feel free to join us via the church zoom site and bring along your ideas of continuing the discussion on mental health issues as well. - Marilyn Egner

PRIME TIMERS On Wednesday, April 28th Prime Timers will hold their Zoom meeting at 9:30 AM on the regular church Zoom connection. There will be fun stories, trivia, tips on living well and always time for reminiscing and fellowship. Join us at 9:30AM. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY VBS Volunteers are needed to make our Family VBS a success. Family VBS will be held on Monday, June 21, Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 beginning at 6:15 pm. Leaders are needed to plan and lead the following areas: science, games, and storytelling. Materials are provided to aid in the planning process. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact Karin Kahler at kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS On May 2nd at 6:00pm we are having a **Youth Group night** at the church. Youth are invited to use the sign up genius at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084cacac2aa6fe3-back>

May 15th is the Confirmation Banquet: This will be held on Zoom at 6:00pm. This Banquet is for the family and youth who will be Confirmed at the Affirmation of Baptism service Sunday May 16th. The youth will be presenting their faith journey projects with their peers. **Please remember to send a picture of your Confirmand to Pastor Spencer.**

On Sunday, May 16th we will be honoring the youth of the congregation who for the last three years have diligently encountered the Holy Scriptures and the traditions of the Lutheran Church through study, service and community. On this Sunday we celebrate their commitment to Christ as they become fully ratified voting members of the congregation. Please join in supporting them during Spirit Worship on May 16th.

Interested in electronic giving as a way to automate a regular donation on a weekly or monthly basis – contact Terri Hinderliter at finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org with your contact information. Terri will contact you to give you step-by-step guidance.

Financial Results and Discussion for March 2021

Operating Performance: Operating cash to begin the month was \$238,800. March operating income of \$86,096 was \$16,324 lower than expected due to the timing of one large pledge and several giving units who have pledged and not yet given for the first quarter of the year. March operating expenses of \$66,382 were \$957 higher than expected. Our net income for March was below projections by \$17,282 (\$19,714 actual rather than the expected \$36,995). Most mission areas were close or under budget for March with the exception of Resources for Ministry and Worship. With the March operating results our operating cash reserve is \$258,514.

Spirit Led, Spirit Alive Capital Campaign Cash: The current total in our Spirit Led, Spirit Alive account is \$675,535. Total donations for the month of March were \$55,167. The expenses for the month were for interest on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the HVAC (\$76), a picture for the organ (\$233), documentation prep fee (\$850), engineering fees/drawings (\$8,000), land development app fee/escrow (\$11,000), permit fees (\$4,849) and plan review (\$300).

HVAC System: The balance on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the HVAC system is \$30,000.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$5,570 during the month of March. Donations totaled \$2,104. There were no expenses during March. Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund!

OUTREACH APPEAL FOR THE EASTER SEASON: FROM PANDEMIC TO OPPORTUNITY, sponsored by the Health Care and Global Missions Teams: As we come out of the shadow of this difficult year, we hope we can celebrate those on the front lines in the health care system here, whose education was so very important to them and to those they served. By combining two opportunities for mission, educating nurses and giving girls the opportunity for nurse's training, we can, in effect, double our impact in Arusha, thus giving them the medical personnel they need. Please join us in April and May in donating to scholarships to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing.

OUTREACH COLLECTION - Books to the Rescue



For the month of April, Holy Spirit will help gather **children's books** to support the efforts of the Allentown Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter for adult males. **Books to the Rescue** is a program operated by the men of the Allentown Rescue Mission to acquire, through donations, **early learning books** and distribute them to our local elementary schools for the teachers to pass along to their youngest and most needy students. The men in the Transformation Program collect, catalogue, classify, and organize donated books for distribution. **Books to the Rescue** provides a way for homeless men to give back to the community that has so generously blessed them.

Please leave pre-school and elementary school level books that are in good and new condition in the collection bin located outside at church under the center alcove from April 1-April 30. Our previous Allentown Rescue Mission and 6th Street Shelter collections are currently suspended but will start up again in the summer. Thank you for supporting our homeless neighbors!

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

The needs for care are greater than ever before. Perhaps God has been preparing you for this moment to serve God, help others and grow spiritually. Stephen ministry is a powerful source of Christian community and as a Stephen Minister you can make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting and ensure that no one suffers alone.

Stephen ministry training will equip and empower you with everything you need to effectively care for others. It gives you the opportunity to use your spiritual gifts, deepen your own faith as you see God at work through your ministry, and become part of a community of people who can lift one another up as they strive together to provide the best possible ministry.

To learn more about the Stephen Ministry program and plans for a training program targeted for the fall, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Kitti Berkheimer - 610-509-1674
Mike Berkheimer - 610-509-1673
Bill Derhammer - 484-553-3010
Fran Derhammer - 610-217-5885



Please take a few minutes to click on the link below to watch a video produced by Stephen Ministries, Saint Louis, MO, entitled "The Stephen Ministry Training Experience."

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1759>

Please join our information session on May 10th at 7pm (main church zoom link 511 504 8051)



SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS AT CHURCH

Saturday, **May 15 and 22** from 9:00 am to Noon.

Volunteers are needed to help weed beds, trim the bushes and shrubs and spread mulch after the weeding is done.

Please bring your own garden tools.

Contact Mike Epperly at 484-626-3490 to Sign up.



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL continues registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes are available for children age 3, 4, and 5 years old. Additional information can be found by visiting the website at <https://lchsemmaus.org/nursery-school/> or calling Karin Kahler at 610-967-2220 ext. 107.



*** PICNIC -n- PRAYER ***
Outdoor Worship on Wednesday 5/5/21
Gather for picnic dinner or snacks @ 6:30pm
Prayer Service @ 7pm

Come join us for a time of 'socially distanced' fellowship and prayer!

Grab a blanket, lawn chair or pop the trunk of your car. Bring along some dinner fixings or snacks to enjoy a picnic on the church lawn. Or simply come join us for a time of prayer outside on the church grounds.

Picnic -n- Prayer is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with God and one another...but we do ask your understanding of restrictions. Please heed the following guidelines to keep health and safety our top priority:

- Bring your own mask and keep safe space – if you are outside your vehicle, please always wear your mask and maintain 6ft social distance guidelines
- Prayer service will be led without verbal response participation or singing. Closed mouths - but wide-open hearts!!
- All food/drink is for individual consumption – “no sharing is caring”
- A box will be available to accept contributions
- Limited access to church building (restroom facilities)
- No trash receptacles available - “If you bring it – take it with you when you leave”
- Any cancellation decision due to inclement weather will be made by 5pm via church website and email distribution list

CALENDAR

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| Sun. | 4/25 | 2:30 PM | Rejoicing Spirits Bingo & Connections (Zoom) |
| Mon. | 4/26 | 10:00 AM | Fly to A.B.E. (Zoom) |
| | | 11:30 AM | Staff Meeting (Zoom) |
| | | 12:30 PM | Stitch & Chat (117/119) |
| Tues. | 4/27 | 12:30 PM | Stitch & Chat (117/119) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Staff Support (Zoom) |
| Weds. | 4/28 | 9:30 AM | Prime Timers (Zoom) |
| Sun. | 5/2 | NOON | Angel Network Prom Setup (FC) |
| | | 6:00 PM | Youth Group Night at Church |
| Mon. | 5/3 | 11:30 AM | Staff Meeting (Zoom) |
| | | | Angel Network Prom Event (FC) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Stephen Ministers (Zoom) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Building Project Leadership Team (Zoom) |
| Tues. | 5/4 | 6:30 PM | Nursery School Board Meeting (Zoom) |
| Weds. | 5/5 | 11:45 AM | Nursery School Staff Meeting (Fellowship Center) |
| | | 6:30 PM | Picnic / 7:00 PM Prayer Service (Parking Lot) |
| Sun. | 5/9 | 2:30 PM | Rejoicing Spirits Mother's Day Celebration (Zoom) |
| Mon. | 5/10 | 11:30 AM | Staff Meeting (Zoom) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Stephen Ministers Info. Session (Zoom) |
| Tues. | 5/11 | 7:00 PM | Faith Formation for Children (Zoom)] |
| Weds. | 5/12 | 6:00 PM | Building Re-Opening Team (Zoom) |
| Thurs. | 5/13 | 7:00 PM | Building AVL Team (Zoom) |
| Sat. | 5/15 | 9:00 AM | Church Grounds Spring Clean-up |
| | | 6:00 PM | Confirmation Banquet (Zoom) |