



Moving with the Spirit

Inspired for Ministry in Daily Life

February 2020

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Emmaus, PA

Ordination and Installation

February 16 at 4 pm

On Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 pm, Tami K. Reichley will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA, will be here to preside at the service. Tami has been serving our congregation as a Vicar during her extended internship with us. That internship ended in December and Tami was subsequently approved as a candidate for ordination by the synod and called as Associate Pastor by our congregation on Sunday, December 8.



As Associate Pastor, Pastor Tami will share in the full pastoral ministry of the congregation, along with Pastor Spencer and Pastor Ric. However, Pastor Tami will specifically relate to the Member Care, Outreach and Church Growth Mission Teams. Under Member Care Team, she will serve as the staff liaison to our Stephen Ministry Program and along with Parish Nurse, Edie Gliem, guide our Eucharistic Ministry. With Church Growth Team, Pastor Tami will serve as the staff liaison to help our efforts in evangelism and welcoming and integrating new members. And finally, as part of Outreach, Pastor Tami will work to reform an Outreach Mission Team to coordinate our benevolence ministries as well as encourage all our members to live out their baptismal call through their ministry in daily life.

Please join us on February 16th to celebrate and thank God for this opportunity to strengthen and expand our ministries as together we serve Christ. Please also remember Pastor Tami and her family during this time of significant change in her life.

Pastor Ric

Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created.

~Esther 4:14

February Worship and Music



- 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
- Fellowship in 117/119 or Speary Café (Snacks in FC Lobby)
(Child Care Available)
- 10:45 am- Traditional/Blended Liturgy with Holy Communion
(Child Care and Word for God's Children)

Feb. 2 - Congregational Meeting

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

Feb. 9 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

- Install Church Council
- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
Boy Scout Sunday
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir
- 2:30 pm- Rejoicing Spirits



Feb. 16 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir
- 4:00 pm- Ordination & Installation

Feb. 23 - Transfiguration Sunday

- 7:30 am- Traditional Music
- 8:45 am- Praise Ensemble
Praise Kids
- 10:45 am- Adult Choir/Spirit Ringers
String Ensemble



Wednesday,
February 26th

Join us in the Worship Center for the imposing of ashes and Holy Communion.

- 7:00 am - Morning Worship
- 12:00 pm - Afternoon Worship
- 7:00 pm - Evening Worship with Adult Choir

Dust you are and to dust you shall return.
-Genesis 3:19

Lenten Worship and Study

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.

Monday at 7pm, Wednesday at Noon.

We will also offer a Lenten study after worship.
Monday in ASR, Wednesdays in 117/119.

We will discuss *Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Water Marks* by Diane L. Jacobson.

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Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit



Love is in the air; Love is everywhere! Please join us on February 9th at 2:30 pm, as we celebrate God's love.
(And...wear Valentine colors!)



Praise Kids Rehearsals

Each Sunday@ 9:45 am

In February, our preschool and K classes prepare for participation in Worship on Feb. 23.

Children can be dropped off and picked up at their Sunday School classroom.

In March, Grades 1-2 preparing for Palm Sunday Worship- April 5th@ 8:45 am.

Grades 3-5 preparing Easter Drama for Easter Worship- April 12th @9:45am.



FLY to ABE (Adult Book Energy)

FLY to ABE will meet next on Monday, February 24 to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict.

Please park and enter by the downstairs door. We meet in room 1/2. Please sign-up at the Event Center in the lobby.



Coffee @ 9:45 am

Fellowship every Sunday in Room 117/119 upstairs or the Speary Café downstairs.

Refreshments and snacks are now located in Fellowship Center Lobby.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 2nd

A light lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Center following the 10:45 am Worship Service.

Then after the luncheon, come to the Congregational Meeting in the Worship Center.

It is important for members to attend and be a part of the decisions pertaining to the future of our church.

Congregational Meeting



Childcare will be available.

M&M's Too

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

Join us on Wed, Feb. 19th at 9:30 am in Speary Café downstairs. Park and enter by the downstairs door.



Souper-Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

Please bring a can of food or monetary donation to help the local people in need of a meal. Our youth will be collecting before and after the worship services.

Donations will be sent to Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.



VBS 2020: Knights of North Castle

Quest for the King's Armor

June 22-26th

9:15 am - Noon



Iron Pigs Game

All Invited

Friday, June 5th

7:05 pm

Ticket Sign Up Soon



LCHS Weather Cancellation Policy

If LCHS worship or activities need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be announced the following ways:

- [LCHS Facebook page](#)
- WFMZ or WFMZ.com
- Our website: <http://lchsemmaus.org/>
- If there is a heavy snowstorm and the roads are passable, there will be one worship service at 10:45 am
- During the week, the church office follows East Penn School District Policy



Church News...

December 2019 Financial Results and Discussion

Operating Performance: We finished 2019 on a very strong note, thank you! Revenue for December was \$113,849 while our forecast was \$112,315. Expenses for December were budgeted for \$104,291 and ended up totaling \$94,586. Most of the savings on the expense side came from Resources for Ministry, which ended the month \$7,547 under budget. The very strong revenue in December helped us to end the year with a surplus. Our total net income was \$8,140 vs. a budgeted deficit of \$26,204.

Thrivent totals were \$8,631 for the year versus \$7,500 budgeted.

Total Benevolence for 2019 was \$110,589

- Budgeted benevolence was \$65,000
- Non-budgeted benevolence was \$45,589*

*Does not include in-kind donations such as Angel Network, Sixth Street Shelter, Christmas Ingathering, VBS, school supplies, etc.



Operating Cash Balance: At year end we have a cash balance of \$128,283. We thought we'd have a cash balance of \$95,754.

Spirit Led- Spirit Alive Capital Campaign Cash: The total at year end in our Spirit Led- Spirit Alive account is \$271,469. Total donations for the month of December were \$121,423. The largest expenses were for capital campaign fees from Kirby-Smith Associates.

HVAC System: The balance on our Mission Investment Fund loan for the HVAC system is \$123,030.

Building Fund: Our building fund increased to \$11,703 due to donations totaling \$2,556. Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund!

New Member Welcome

Explorers Open House with Q & A (choose one)

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 9:45 am - Pr. Ric's office

Sunday, March 1 at noon - All Saints Room

Childcare provided

Welcome during Worship Services

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Childcare provided

Annual Welcome Dinner for all who have joined in last 1 ½ years.

Sunday, March 22, 2020 4 pm - Fellowship Center

Childcare provided

Connections – Getting Involved

Individually meet with staff to connect, share talents, ask questions.



Upcoming Events...

Jesus and Jammies

Sunday, February 9th at 9:45 am

Our Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School students are invited to find their favorite pair of pajamas and join us for Jesus and Jammies. The children will hear a faith related story presented by guest readers. A snack of cookies and milk will be provided. You will not want to miss out on the fun, so join us for Sunday School on Sunday, February 9th.



Prime Timers Breakfast

The Prime Timers will resume their monthly breakfasts on Wed, Feb. 26th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Center.

Chase away those winter blues by joining a group of fun-loving people for a light breakfast, fellowship and fun. Try our trivia challenge and learn what activities we have planned for March. All are welcome! Try us...



Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is created to extend our circle through intentional fellowship opportunities with other people of Holy Spirit. We have four Circle of Friends styles. Whatever the style of the gathering, the goal is to connect, share a meal or experience, and expand their Circle of Friends.

- Family Adventure Circle of Friends
- Adults Venture-In Circle of Friends
- Adults Venture-Out Circle of Friends
- Ladies Night Out Circle of Friends



The gatherings may be as creative, traditional, formal, or casual as each Circle prefers. The style is initially determined by the hosts. It may be a dinner, picnic, appetizers with desserts, breakfast, brunch, play date, swim party, game night, or costume night.

Each circle sets their own dates for their convenience. Hopefully, each circle can complete their rotations within 6-9 months. You are welcome to keep meeting after the first full rotation. Please sign-up by Feb. 17th. Your new circle of friends will be notified by March.

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

Ministry News...

Join us for CAT Club

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

CAT club is a special time to focus on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. It is held during the Sunday morning Faith Formation time for 4 consecutive Sundays. Each elementary class will study a different portion of Luther's *Small Catechism* during CAT club. Here are a list of the classes and topics:

First Grade: The Lord's Prayer

Second Grade: The 10 Commandments

Third Grade: Learning to Use My Bible

Fourth Grade: The Apostles' Creed

Fifth Grade: Sacraments of Baptism and Communion



First Communion

Sunday, March 1st, marks an important milestone in the faith formation journey for our 5th Grade CAT club students at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. After completing a series of four lessons about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, they will receive their First Communion.

As a community of faith we rejoice with these young people as they join in sharing the meal of Holy Communion.

A reception will be held on March 1st at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Center to honor this milestone.



Affirmation of Baptism and Catechism Camp

- Affirmation of Baptism for our current 8th grade students Sunday, May 17th at 10:45 am, with the banquet on Saturday, May 16th.
- Cat Camp 2020: August 21st – 23rd at Bear Creek Camp All youth entering 6th-9th grade in the fall are invited.



Center for Faith and Life

Our Adult Sunday School program to deepen our faith
Sunday mornings at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Center
No Sign-up Required. All are Welcome!



Feb. 2nd - Philadelphia Flower Show by Denise Rohrbach

Come escape to the Philadelphia Flower Show: Riviera Holiday! Inspired by the world's exotic Mediterranean gardens, the 2020 Philadelphia Flower Show invites you to fall in love with gardening all over again. It is the largest indoor Flower Show in the world and Denise Rohrbach, a perennial competitor, will talk about how to enter, the judging, the rule book, best times to go and ways to get there. Spring is only a few weeks away in Philadelphia.

Feb. 9th - Worship 101: The Liturgical Year, Calendar, Seasons by Deacon Jane

This is the first of a three-part "Worship 101" series focusing on a review of the Lutheran Liturgical Calendar which details the primary annual Sunday worship, festivals and commemorations that are celebrated liturgically by Lutheran churches. Deacon Jane Elliott will highlight and explain the purpose and meaning of the liturgical calendar, seasons and year. What's your favorite season and color of the church year?

Feb. 16th - Your health by our Health Ministry Team

Come to hear the Health Ministry Team's questions to your answers! Can you guess what game we may play? You too can be a winner!


Feb. 23rd- Worship 101: The Sacraments as a Means of Grace by Pastor Ric

Pastor Ric Elliott will lead the second session of our "Worship 101" series. He will present about the ELCA Means of Grace which we receive through the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

More Upcoming Events...

Project HELP 2020
Friday, July 31 to Saturday, August 8

Annual housing ministry mission trip to Starks, Maine
The trip is open to all 9th grade+ youth and all adults
Meeting: Sun, Feb 23rd@ Noon, Tues, Feb 25th@ 7pm in 117/119
Contact Chris Carter if interested
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Project HELP

Spring 2020 LDR Mission Trip
April 26th – May 1st

Plans are underway for our spring 2020 LDR mission trip. We will be returning to New Jersey to continue assisting families who still have not returned to their homes following damage from Hurricane Sandy. This will be our fifth trip to this area.

We will be leaving Sunday, April 26th and return Friday, May 1st. This location is only two hours away allowing people to participate for a portion of the week if they can't schedule being away for the entire week. We are involved in a wide variety of projects so don't be concerned if you are not overly skilled in any particular area. There will be plenty of work for everyone.

These trips have proven to be very rewarding and our group always has an enjoyable time during the work day and in fellowship in the evenings at our host facility. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Bob Mueller at 610-442-7892.



Upcoming Congregational Calendar

Sunday, March 1st Monday, March 2nd Wed, March 4th Sunday, March 8th Monday, March 9th Wed, March 11th Sunday, March 15th Monday, March 16th Wed, March 18th Sunday, March 22nd Sunday, March 29th Monday, March 30th Wed, April 1st	Lent 1, First Holy Communion & Reception New Members Q&A @Noon Lenten Taizé Worship @7pm & Lenten Study Lenten Taizé Worship @Noon & Lenten Study Lent 2, Daylight Saving Time Girl Scout Sunday @8:45 am Rejoicing Spirits 12th Anniversary Celebration @10:45 am Lenten Taizé Worship @7pm & Lenten Study Lenten Taizé Worship @Noon & Lenten Study Lent 3 45th Nursery School Celebration @8:45 am Healing Worship @12:30 pm Lenten Taizé Worship @7pm & Lenten Study Lenten Taizé Worship @Noon & Lenten Study Lent 4 New Member's Welcomed during Worship Services New Member's Dinner @4pm Lent 5 Lenten Taizé Worship @7pm & Lenten Study Lenten Taizé Worship @Noon & Lenten Study
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Looking Ahead to Lent...

Lent Worship and Lent Study 2020

Meeting God at the Cross is a new experiential time of Taizé worship to help us focus on Christ during Lent. It will be held on Mondays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at noon in the Fellowship Center.



The Lenten Study will be after worship. On Mondays it will be in ASR and on Wednesdays in room 117/119. We will discuss *Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Water Marks* by Diane L. Jacobson. Water marks our natural lives from our mother's womb to our daily bathing and the quenching of our thirst. Water marks our sacramental lives in God as we die and rise with Christ in our baptisms. And so it is with Scripture: from the first chapter of the Bible to the last, God's Word is water marked. All three pastors will share in the Lenten study. The cost of the book is \$8. each. Please sign-up in the Event Center in the lobby.

Lenten Devotions

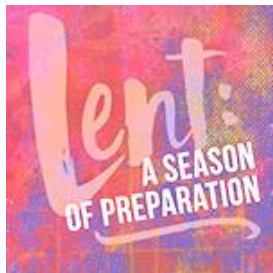
Devotions for Lent 2020 will be available prior to Lent in the lobby entrances.

From Suffering to Salvation inspired from spiritual thinker Henri Nouwen. We will recall how Jesus willingly suffered to open the door to our Salvation. Each Lent, we are called to prayerfully consider that sacrificial love, to receive it, share it and demonstrate it to others. In these pages, Nouwen excerpts are accompanied by Scripture passages and original reflections composed by author, Christopher Klofft.



They are gifts to each household from the Faith Formation for Adults Mission Team.

Holy Week Worship Services



- Palm Sunday – April 5th @7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am
- Lenten Monday – April 6th @7 pm
- Spy Wednesday – April 8th @Noon & 7 pm
- Maundy Thursday – April 9th @Noon & 7 pm
- Good Friday – April 10th @Noon & 7 pm
- Holy Saturday – April 11th Prayer Vigil
- Easter Sunday – April 12st @7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11 am

Live Generously

God's generosity to us is shown most clearly in the gift of baptism, where God claims and names us as God's own. Understanding that we belong to God reminds us that we are all called to be stewards, not just to "do stewardship." All that we have, even our very lives, have been entrusted to us by God for the sake of the well-being of the world.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton likes to remind us that "we are church, we are Lutheran, we are church together, we are church for the sake of the world." Stewardship comes clearly from this understanding.

What shall we return to the Lord? Everything! There will be enough because God is the giver. As stewards, we lean into this promise for our own sakes and for the sake of our neighbor, eager that all might know God's generosity and be freed by grace and gratitude to follow Jesus.



Our Church, Our Community, and Our World...

Holy Spirit Nursery School Registration

It's registration time for the 2020-2021 school year at the nursery school! Holy Spirit Christian Nursery offers programs for three-year-old, four-year-old, and five-year-old, Lunch Bunch and an extended day option. Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School has been proudly serving the community since 1975.

Please contact Karin Kahler at the preschool office (610)965-5208 with any questions or to arrange a tour. Limited openings remain for the current school year.



Youth Plaster House Mission Trip

Did you know that a parent and teen can take part in a service trip to The Plaster House this June? Organizer Gail Gettler says the trip offers parents with teenagers an opportunity to volunteer and also explore the cultural and natural beauty of Tanzania.

"There are only 12 places available, that's six parents and six teens," she said. "I have a number of bookings already, but there are still some places available so if anyone is interested they should contact me immediately." Gail's email address is ggettler@gmail.com.

For more information go to theplasterhouse.org/service-trip-2020T and explore the brochure with details, photos and stories from all last year's participants.



Neighborhood Outreach

The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to give and to receive ministry from one another in and as the body of Christ. The following outreach ministries are some of the ways we try to fulfill this call. The donation boxes are in the Fellowship Center Lobby.

Allentown Food Bank

collected 1st Sunday of month
We help supply the Food Bank with non-perishable food items.



Pathways Program

collected 2nd Sunday of month
-Toiletries and Personal Care items are needed

Sixth Street Shelter

collected 3rd Sunday of month
-Toiletries, Gently Used Baby Items
Toothpaste, Napkins, Shampoo, Toilet Paper,
Medium Disposable Diapers are needed.

Allentown Rescue Mission

collected 4th Sunday of month
-Men's Personal Care items are needed including single bed sheets & cleaning supplies

The following ministries of caring are carried out with complete confidentiality.
Please see a Pastor when you have a need.

Pastoral Counseling

Our pastors are available to be with you in times of spiritual, emotional and physical stress.



Stephen Ministry

Confidential Christian one-on-one support to members and non-members who are facing difficult challenges in life.



Sunday, February 9th



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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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 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
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Newsletter

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