

God won't give you more than you can handle?

Really?



POP clichés  
paper.org

## Talk It Over

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Use the following questions to begin your conversation:

- Read 1 Corinthians 10 (a recount of the Exodus story). [note that as Paul recounts the history, he is quick to point out where the people failed, and where God remained faithful.] Why do you think Paul tell this kind of story?
- Corinth was known as the “Sin City” of the ancient world, and the new converts to Christianity struggle constantly with living this new Christian way of life. Imagine taking your current lifestyle and suddenly changing it completely, adopting another way of living. How would that work for you? Where would you struggle?
- Paul’s reminder of the Exodus is a great example to the people of Corinth and us today that the struggle of temptation and unfaithful living is real. BUT, God is faithful, we are NOT alone. How does God’s faithfulness in our past inform our present? Can we learn anything from history? Can we apply the experiences and stories we find in the Bible to our own lives, and learn from them? What do they tell us? How has God been faithful to you?
- What if we rephrased the cliché “God doesn’t give us more than we can handle” TO “God helps us handle what we’ve got” so that we can recognize and remember our dependence on God and others in our communities (family, friends, etc)? How would that change our perspective on life and how we handle life situations?

## St. John’s Lutheran Church

B3750 State Hwy 13, Spencer, WI 54479

[www.stjohnsspencer.com](http://www.stjohnsspencer.com)

715-659-5158

**God won't give you more than you can handle? Really?**

**Prayer for this week:** Lord, You are always present to give us courage, hope, strength, and peace when life overwhelms us. Help us to be your assistants here on earth as we offer hope to others. We pray for grace and mercy enough to share. In you holy name and service. Amen.

### Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: Romans 8:31-39

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Day 4: Philippians 4:10-20

Day 5: Exodus 14:30-31

Day 6: 2 Corinthians 12:9

Day 7: Proverbs 10:22

Because of what we have heard/learned from 1 Corinthians 10, consider this as your next step of faith. In the coming week, become an instrument of God’s peace for someone else who is struggling through a difficult season in their life.

“Though we are subject to pain in this life, we have the promise that God will work for our good in all things (Romans 8:28). Our task is to avoid the stubborn individualism that separates us from God, and join in the community of God’s people.”

*Spencer's Mission is to Live daily in God's grace, Grow in our discipleship, Share Christ with all*

### **New Spencer Photo Directory**

happening soon, schedule your session in the entry this morning or from the church website.

**August Mission Project** is school kits for Lutheran World Relief—notebooks, scissors, crayons, etc.

**Life is \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Study** begins Sept. 11, 9 am. Contact Cindy Weiler 715-252-3422 for info.

**Reminder Spencer Folks** two Sunday worship times resumes Sept. 11, 8 am & 10 am

**Sunday School** resumes Sept. 11, 9 am at Spencer and 10 am at Riplinger

**CrossWays Bible Study** resumes Sept. 12, 7 pm.

**Cross Training** resumes Sept. 14, 6:30 pm for 6th-9th grade

**Wed AM Bible Study** resumes Sept. 14, 10 am with a study on Romans

**God's Work Our Hands Sunday** Sept. 18 Gather for pizza following 10 am worship and join others to do one of several service projects for an hour or two.

**Riplinger Potluck** Sept. 18 following worship. Hope everyone can come!

**Financial Peace University** class begins Sept. 21, 6:30 pm. Sign up on church website or contact church office.

**Online giving** now accepts debit and credit cards. Check it out.

### **LIFTING UP IN PRAYER**

Rhonda Marcott, Dyllan Griepentrog, Val Bychinski, Art Halverson, John Ovans, Karen Larson (Nancy Dietsche's sister), Doug Oelrich, Gail Jicinsky, Linda Wunrow, Darlene Dommer, Jon Soderberg, Audrey Heldt, Cathy & Jessica Buss

### **Serving Today**

**9:00 am Spencer**  
Greeter: Jesse Klement  
Tech: Tracey Ackman  
Sound: Nadine Willett  
Assisting Minister: Janell Kopp  
Ushers: Travis Hardrath  
Milt Viergutz

Reader: Jim Christopherson  
Communion: Jesse Klement,  
Teri Schorer

Acolyte: Brooke Suckow  
Basket bearer: Ryan Hardrath  
Hospitality: Pam Hardrath  
Counters: Brandon Kopp,  
Teri Schorer, Wayne Hagen

### **11:00 am Riplinger**

Reader: Deana Parker  
Counters: John Meacham  
Scott Parker

### **Next Sunday, August 28**

#### **9:00 am Spencer**

Greeter: Bob & Audrey Helsten  
Tech: Randi Thompson  
Sound:  
Assisting Minister: Jenny Nieman  
Ushers: Bill Martens, Jan Ammons  
Reader: Roxie Wetterau  
Communion: Cindy Weiler,  
Acolyte: Kylie Smazal  
Basket bearer: Kyler Hardrath  
Hospitality: Luanne Schwarze  
Counters: Lori Helsten,  
Larry Labrensz, Jackie Soback

#### **11:00 am Riplinger**

Reader: Joy Miller  
Counters: Tom Dommer  
Sherry Schmutzler

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Worship w/Baptism  
& Backpack Blessing  
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger  
6:00 PM Cub Scout Parent/Leader  
Meeting

#### **MONDAY**

#### **TUESDAY**

7:30 AM Fit Club

#### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **THURSDAY**

1:00 PM Riplinger WELCA

#### **FRIDAY**

Pastor's Day off

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger

#### **MONDAY**

### **STAFF**

Rev. Rebekah Tarras, pastor  
Office: 715-659-5158  
Cell: 715-897-5393  
Email: sjlcpastor@frontier.com

Jenny Nieman, secretary and  
faith development director  
Office: 715-659-5158  
Email: sjlcoffice@frontier.com