

Generous

When we consider the word “generous” we usually attach it to a person or an amount of money. We say “Grandma is generous with her grandchildren” or “St. John’s received a generous offering from one of its long time members.” However, let us use the word to describe God. God is generous. There is no greater truth than those three words. God is generous. God so loved the world that God gave....you know the rest of it (John 3:16-17). God gave us Jesus to let us know that God is forgiving and loving.

Gifted...with Time

If we believe that God is generous, then it follows that we are gifted. We are the recipients of God’s generosity. In fact we might say that everything we have is a gift from God. Traditional stewardship language uses the words time, talents, and treasures. Even if they seem dated, they still hold a solid Lutheran understanding of our relationship with God. Every day we have 24 hours in which to work, play and learn. We have certain choices about how we use those 24 hours. We hope the choices give glory to God.

Gifted...with Talents

In addition God gives us talents, skills and interests which make us who we are....unique individuals created in the image of God. It is not unusual to hear people say that they have no talents. This is not true. In fact it is never true. Maybe her specific talent will not land her a place on “America’s Got Talent” but it will earn her a place in the hearts of countless children who love her storytelling skills. Or how many of us had fathers and grandfathers who could fix any woodworking, electrical or plumbing problem? God-given skills and talents. The apostle Paul spoke to this when he wrote to the church in Corinth. Even though we have various gifts, Paul said, it is the one God who

bestows these gifts to be used for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:1-4-7).

Gifted...with Treasures

Biblical scholars tell us that Jesus spoke more about treasures (possessions and money) than anything else except the kingdom of God. So it follows that our Christian faith informs our offerings to the church. Sometimes we use the word “tithe” which means that we give 10% of our income. Or we can use the idea of proportionate giving which indicates a specific percentage. ELCA Lutherans give on average about 2% of income to their congregations. Whatever the amount or percentage we give because God first gave. It is startling to learn that we give not because the church needs our treasures but because we need to give.

Grateful

The next time someone asks you “How are you?” respond with “I am grateful.” While the look of surprise is still on the person’s face and she is at a loss for words, continue to voice what you are grateful for. Perhaps it is the thirty minutes you spent learning how to navigate the latest piece of technology and your learned it from your grandchild! Or maybe you are grateful for the talent of listening because it helped you to ease a co-worker’s burden. And what gratitude you hold in your heart as you sent the church an extra fifty dollars to cover expenses for the mission trip.

God is generous. We are gifted and grateful.

Nancy Amacher is a retired ELCA pastor living in Withee, WI. She serves on the Synod Stewardship Team and helps congregations in the areas of giving and generosity. She is working with St. John’s, Spencer as they look forward to retiring the mortgage and reviewing annual giving practices.

Sharing Christ With All

Worship Times

9:00 am Sunday @ Spencer
11:00 am Sunday @ Riplinger

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Mission Statement (Spencer)

LIVE Daily in God's grace
GROW in our discipleship
SHARE Christ with all

Communication Deadlines

Help us keep people informed by submitting your information to the church office before the following deadlines:

- Weekly e-mail:
Tuesday 9 am
- Sunday bulletin
Thursdays 9 am
- Monthly Newsletter:
20th of each month



God's Work. Our Hands / "Be The Church" Sunday

WHAT IS "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY? "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

"The world can be a dangerous place. But there are some who, when disaster strikes, run toward the danger. These are first responders, firefighters, police and EMTs, who live out their baptismal vocation in service to their communities in times of intense need. They do God's work with their hands," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

"The Rev. Stephen Bouman, executive director for ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission and former bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod at the time of Sept. 11, recounts this story. He had a pastor in his synod who was a chaplain to the fire department. When the first plane hit the first tower, the chaplain rushed to the site where firefighters were mustering. He prayed with them and then took oil and marked their foreheads with the cross. Then the firefighters rushed into the building. The people who survived said they

could see the crosses shining on the foreheads of the firefighters.

"In baptism we have been marked with the cross. We are the ones who go into the broken places of the world. We are the ones who, by showing up on 'God's work. Our hands.' Sunday, shine the light of the cross in our communities," she said. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether your congregation prepares and delivers meals to people rendered homeless to thanking emergency responders, your service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

The idea for this dedicated day of service is this: ELCA members are called to plan a service activity in their neighborhood, surrounding community or designated area. The idea is to deepen a congregation's and the member's experience in their communities and offer a way for congregations to play a critical part in addressing community needs.

Mark the day on your calendar and be part of this day of service on Sept. 18.

Let's go out and Be the Church!

Worship



God Didn't Say That! Clichés & 1/2 Truths

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian – like something you might even find in the Bible: We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth – yet they also miss the point in very important ways. Join us as we look at these common clichés and discover God didn't say that.

- 7/31 Everything happens for a reason. Really?
- 8/7 God won't give you more than you can handle
- 8/14 God must have needed another angel
- 8/21 God said it, I believe it, that settles it
- 8/28 God helps those who help themselves
- 9/4 Love the sinner hate the sin



Backpack Blessing

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on August 28 for a blessing before they begin school.

Readings

July 31

Romans 8:28-39

August 7

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

August 14

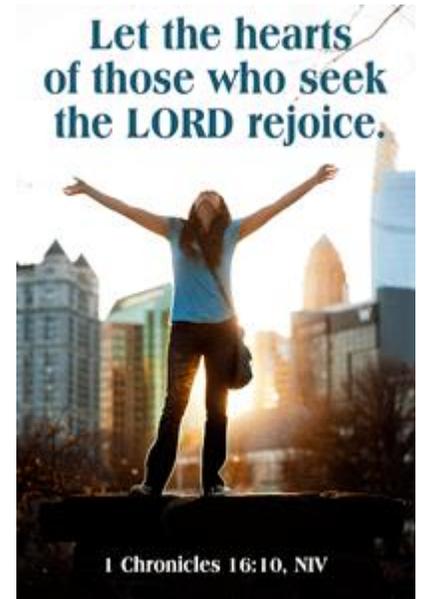
John 11:1-4,17-27,32-44

August 21

Hebrews 4:12-13

August 28

2 Corinthians 1:8-11



Spencer Attendance

Wed June 29 5

9 am Sunday Worship

June 26	63
July 3	40
July 10	64
July 17	85
July 24	79

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays at Spencer 9 am
Sundays at Riplinger 11 am

No Worship on Wednesday

Riplinger Attendance

June 5	28
June 12	24
June 19	44
June 26	18

Faith Development



Bible Camp Fun

It's been a great summer! Twelve kids have been to Luther Park Bible Camp, the pictures above capture a taste of the activities the day campers were a part of on July 20.



Christmas Program Planning Team Wanted

We realize that it seems extremely early, but it's necessary to begin putting together a planning team now to select a program and dreaming about set coordination and much more. If you are interested in being on the team, contact Jenny Nieman in the church office.

2016-2017 Sunday school teachers needed

Do you have a passion to share the love of Christ with kids? Why not consider being a Sunday school teacher? Curriculum and training is provided, talk with Jenny Nieman if you have questions or would like to learn more.

Teachers
Needed



Concession Help Needed

St. John's will be helping at the Brad Bauer Tournament this year in the concession stand. We are looking for people to work a four hour shift on Aug. 19, 5-9 pm; Aug 20, 4-8 pm; or Aug 21, 12-4pm.

Anyone able to help out can sign up [online](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094eacac22aa8-brad): (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094eacac22aa8-brad>) or on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Heart for Luther Park Quilt Auction

Join Luther Park for their annual quilt auction, Heart for Luther Park, on August 13. Browsing will begin at 10 am, the live auction will begin at 12:30 pm. Enjoy the day at Luther Park enjoying delicious food, ice cream, live auction, silent auction and more. Bring out the whole family to come along! Heart for Luther Park is the annual fundraiser to support the ministry of Luther Park Bible Camp. If you have any questions, please contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215. Visit www.lutherpark.org/heart-for-luther-park to view a variety of quilts up for auction.

Are the Kids Bored? Too hot to do anything?

Check out all of the videos that are available on RightNow Media. You can view these great videos from your phone, tablet or computer.

You can access RightNow Media directly from our website: www.stjohnsspencer.com, just click on the link and set up your account. Feel free to send your friends over to the website so they can have access to this fabulous resource too.



Adult Faith Development

Via de Cristo Weekend

What is VIA de CRISTO?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

What happens on a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

A VIA de CRISTO weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending the following Sunday evening. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily. Fourteen talks are given, nine by lay people and five by clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main points of the talk and a poster is done. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. VIA de CRISTO gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer.

Who should attend a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

VIA de CRISTO is intended for lay people from every walk of life, for pastors, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them. VIA de CRISTO is open to married couples, and single men and women.

Summary

Keep an open mind and heart in making your decision to attend VIA de CRISTO. Many of those who have attended also wondered whether they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from God. Please understand that their experience attending VIA de CRISTO was unique, and all the conversations in the world will not become a substitute for your weekend. You need to experience a weekend yourself to obtain it's full and life enriching value.

If you would be interested in attending a weekend, you can find an application in the brochure rack.

There are two weekends a year one in the spring and in the fall. The fall weekend date is Nov. 3-6, 2016.



Lay School of Ministry

What is Lay School? It is a two-year program offered by our Synod (the Northwest Synod of WI) to assist lay people to a deeper Christian identity and participation in the mission of the whole church.

When does it meet? During the school year September-May. Sessions are held on Friday evening and Saturday morning the weekend of the second Saturday of the month.

Where are these sessions held? At Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls.

What are the class topics? Courses are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, Worship, Spirituality, Christian History and Lutheran Theology.

Where can I find out more information? <http://www.layschoolofministry.org/>

How do I sign up? Get a registration form here: <http://www.layschoolofministry.org/LSMRegistrationForm.pdf>

Action Teams with Thrivent

Are you a Thrivent member or do you know someone who is? Did you know that there are resources readily available to you that you might be missing out on? These resources are part of the Thrivent Action Teams. Every Thrivent Benefit member is eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year and Associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year. Don't miss out on the opportunity to put the Thrivent Action resources to use. Don't leave money laying on the table.

Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Find a group of people to work with you. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved (and so far every project has been approved), you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner
- Invitations and thank-you cards
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts for your whole team
- A **\$250 Visa Card** you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

It all starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about.

Apply today!!!

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>



Thrivent Choice®: Strengthening communities. Changing lives.

Thrivent Choice, the member-advised charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial, continues to be a welcome funding source for churches and nonprofit organizations nationwide.

Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are an eligible Thrivent member, you likely are aware of this easy, convenient way to help make a difference for organizations you care about. The Thrivent Choice program offers a way for eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable grant funds each year.

Eligible Thrivent benefit members can direct their designated Choice Dollars® to enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including St. John's Lutheran Spencer and St. John's Lutheran Riplinger.

If you are eligible to participate in Choice Dollars, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or contact your local Thrivent Financial representative.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Dorene Matter
- 3 Jasmine Ertl
- Andrew Hendrickson
- 4 John Meacham
- Caden Schillinger
- Jim Schmutzler
- 5 Hannah Lehman
- 6 Rhonda Marcott
- Gloria Seefeld
- 7 Josie Tremelling
- Abby Wilke

- 10 Trevor Ertl
- Inez Fosberg
- 11 Paige Lawrence
- 12 Paul Habeck
- Jessie Rhodes
- Daniel Wilke
- 13 Reagan Lehman
- Melissa Strupp
- 14 Rhonda McBride
- Bobbi Suckow
- 15 Brody Hendrickson
- 16 Gail Jicinsky
- Jenny Leonhardt
- 17 Alec Cook
- 18 Frank Hendrickson
- 19 Ray Miller Jr.
- 20 Larry Hamus
- Eliza Hendrickson

- 21 Lois Block
- Amy Schmidt
- 23 Nancy Dietsche
- 24 lilee Pederson
- Scott Shupe
- 25 Ryan Griepentrog
- Corrine Kettleborough
- 28 Donna Hendrickson
- Rachel Nieman
- Clint Vaughan
- Rhonda Weix
- 31 Jordan Bonnar
- Kyler Hardrath

August Anniversaries

- 1 Cyndi & Bill Aden 5 yrs
- April & Rod Smazal 7 yrs
- 2 Jeremy & Ashley Vogel 8 yrs
- 7 Justin & Emily Hagen 6 yrs
- Jim & Audrey Hopfensperger 45 yrs
- Ryan & BethAnn Skattebo 13 yrs
- 10 Dawn & Dennis Davis 14 yrs
- Dave & Mary Gaetz 53 yrs
- 17 Neil & Connie Schauer 20 yrs
- 18 Carmin & Craig Elsinger 26 yrs
- 19 Clark & Suzie Reynolds
- 20 Jeff & Holly Weyer 11 yrs
- 21 Dan & Michele Foth 35 yrs
- Alan & Mary Seefeld 34 yrs
- 24 Penny & Tom Vinnedge 14 yrs
- 26 Jim & Peggy Christopherson 27 yrs
- Julie & Larry VanArk 10 yrs
- 27 Randy & Dorene Matter 28 yrs
- 28 Nate & lilee Pederson 6 yrs
- 31 Terry & Cheryl Gallion 31 yrs
- Amy & Matthew Schmidt 14 yrs

Membership Notes

Anniversary

OOPS! Tom & Rhonda Marcott's 33rd wedding anniversary was omitted from the July newsletter. Their anniversary was July 23.



Thrivent Celebrates Hope on the 400 Block!

Presenting Francesca Battistelli Sunday, August 7th at the 400 Block in downtown Wausau! Bring your blankets or chairs for this free concert starting at 5 pm.

Fun family activities in the Kid Zone begin at 2:30 pm. There will be face painting, tattoos, a painting craft and a photo booth. Live generously and bring a backpack or school supplies for Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need and have a chance to win a cool back to school prize package.

Social Concerns

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Through Lutheran World Relief School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

School supplies are on sale now, consider donating the items listed below. Place items in the container under the mailboxes in the lobby at Spencer.

Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or a group's name. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



-  70 sheet notebooks wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" X10"
-  30 centimeter ruler (it can have inches on it also)
-  Pencil sharpener
-  Blunt scissors
-  Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
-  Black or blue ballpoint pens
-  Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
-  2 1/2" eraser

Happy 10th Anniversary COME!

Can you believe it? As of this August meal it has been 10 years that we have been offering the Community Outreach Meal for Everyone. Time sure flies!



You may have wondered why we offer this free meal every month.

As Christians, it is "our" job to remember those in our society who are left out, who lack certain resources continuously and not just at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is what God calls us to do, to help others, helping others can provide a great sense of joy, and it can influence other people's lives.

The mission of providing this meal is to serve nutritious hot meals to anyone who chooses to attend. The meals are intended to feed our bodies with good food and our souls with hospitality and community. All who gather together are welcomed by a hot meal, fellowship, unconditional love and support in Christ Jesus' name.

Through this outreach ministry, we have had the pleasure of taking part in providing a free meal to members of our community. We get to know them and share Christ on a personal level, walk alongside our neighbors and grow together in fellowship.

Without the love and care of all the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do this. Those who volunteer often get more from the experience of serving than the people they provide the meals to. THANK YOU to all who have offered their time and gifts so far over the past 10 years!

Thank You!

Thank you to family and friends of Denny Thomas for memorial gifts to purchase some new lighter weight tables for the fellowship hall.



Spencer Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2016

Present: Dennis Kopp; Cindy Weiler; Jenny Nieman;
Heather Vogel; Amy Schmidt; Pastor Rebekah Tarras;
Glenda Fellenz, David Knecht

Absent: Jody Scidmore, Roxie Wetterau, Amy Weber

Call to Order : Dennis called to order at 6:30 pm

Devotion - led by Pastor Tarras discussed Chapter 4 in
Ask, Thank, Tell "Portrait of a Biblical Giver"

Prayer: led by Pastor Tarras

Secretary Report: MSA Amy Schmidt/Cindy Weiler
to approve May 2016 council minutes

Treasurer Report: Pastor shared report in absence of
Roxie.

Worship:

1. 9 am blended service is going well.
2. Discussed putting a hold on Wednesday night services for summer months.
3. Checking on Special Music Services

Faith Development:

1. Sunday school: Evaluating curriculum, to be sure it fits with mission and goal.
2. VBS: crew leaders trained June 7, other leaders will train. Decorating party June 14. Registration packets mailed to families.
3. Bible Camp: 8 registered, scholarship money \$990.
4. Cross Training: study group, meets June 22. Purpose of group: evaluate and study the current program and offer suggestions for all.
5. High School: graduate recognition May 15, they received quilts. Bruce told Pastor on June 9, that they will not be leading the high school youth group this fall. Pastor & Jenny compiled a list of adults to ask if they would be interested in leading HS youth group. Jenny will contact them.
6. Mission trip: again the congregation won't be asked for funds to cover the cost of the chaperones. Mission trip is July 9-16, Nashville, TN.
7. Adult Education: Where Moms Connect meet monthly June 8 a bonfire at church; July 20 trip to Munson Bridge Winery; August 10 a bonfire at church. Life Group (small groups) Team is being formed with plans to kick off Life Groups in the fall.

Stewardship

1. Will be meeting with Pastor.

Social Concerns .

1. Pampered Chef kitchen party was well attended
2. August COME meal will celebrate 10 years.
3. Oct. 8 quilting day to finish quilts from the first event.
4. Working on monthly mission projects
5. Shirley's House of Hope will be a mission project.

6. July mission, King Veteran Home, coordinator will be Teri Schorer.

Fellowship & Care

1. No report.

Building & Grounds

1. Ceiling fell down in Preschool classroom from water damage. Insurance will cover this.
2. A & A Sealcoating & Stripping will be resurfacing the parking lot. Cost will be \$7,000. Short of money.
3. Lawn mowing schedule is up.
4. Projector will be adjusted to fit screen for worship.

Pastor

1. Shared monthly report.
2. Will be going on mission trip July 9-16. Jeff will preach for July 10.
3. Will be gone July 24 as she is baptismal sponsor for her niece Ingrid. Possibly taking a week of vacation at that time. Roxie Wetterau to share message.
4. Mission trip participants will share their experiences from Nashville, TN on July 17.

Old Business

1. Capital Campaign Team. Pastor Rebekah, Dennis Kopp, Brandon Kopp, Gary Grieser, Teri Schorer, Nadine Willett, Heather Vogel, Wayne Hagen
2. Tables: Table samples from Menard's & Complete Office will be displayed in the dining room. Please let Pastor know which one you prefer.
3. New Church Directory picture dates are Sept. 20-24. Jody Scidmore will organize.
4. Discussion on our mission statement.

New Business:

1. ELCA God's Work Our Hands Sept. 18 need team to organize.
2. Annual Meeting: changed to October 30 at 9 am when we have elections.
3. Spending plan (budget) numbers need to be to Roxie by August council meeting.
4. Discussed 2017 Spencer Community Days
5. Pancake Dinner Oct. 2

Additional Action #1: Deductible of \$2,500 for roof damage not in budget. Pastor moved to use that amount from Thrivent Choice funds, Dennis seconded. Council approved via email vote.

Additional Action #2: Capital Campaign: Consultant Pastor Nancy Amacher is hired for \$2,000. Expense also not in budget. Heather Vogel moved to use money from Thrivent Choice funds Dennis seconded. Council approved via email vote.

Next Meeting: July 18, 7 pm

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Spencer Serving Schedule

If you cannot serve when you are scheduled please find a replacement and then contact the church office with the change so it can be **noted** and printed correctly in the bulletin. Thanks!

August Schedule

9:00 am	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Greeter	Jan Ammons	Dorene Matter	Theresa Kenyon	Jesse Klement
Technology	Roxie Wetterau	Nadine Willett	Allen Jicinsky	Tracey Ackman
Sound	Randi Thompson	Paige Lawrence	Dennis Kopp	Nadine Willett
Assisting Minister	Brandon Kopp	Cindy Weiler	Gail Jicinsky	Janell Kopp
Ushers	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Jesse Klement Jim Christopherson	Jan Ammons Ed Bruger	Travis Hardrath Milt Viergutz
Communion Assistants	Jan Ammons Alexis Tremelling	Milt Viergutz Amy Weber	Penni Cloud Inez Fosberg	Jesse Klement Teri Schorer
Reader	Cindy Weiler	Jody Scidmore	Janell Kopp	Jim Christopherson
Acolyte	Gavid Kilty	Danika Griepentrog	Leah Nieman	Brooke Suckow
Basket bearer	Dani Soback	Nathan Kieffer	Bridget Cloud	Ryan Hardrath
Hospitality	Penny Vinnedge	Jesse Klement	Neil Schauer	Pam Hardrath
Counters	Brandon Kopp Travis Hardrath Teri Schorer	Lori Helsten Larry Labrensz Patty Behrens	Teri Schorer Paul Christopherson Jerry Marden	Brandon Kopp Teri Schorer Wayne Hagen
Communion Set up for the month: Paige Lawrence				
Communion bread baker for the month: Jesse Klement				

Riplinger Serving Schedule

Date	Reader	Communion	Counters
August 7	Gail Burns		Brenda Newman Wayne Hendrickson
August 14	Don Newman	Gail Burns	Gail Burns Jane Meacham
August 21	Dorene Newman		Joy Miller Wayne Hendrickson
August 28	Deana Parker		John Meacham Scott Parker

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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 12:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	1 6:15 PM Yoga	2 7:30 AM Fitness Class	3 7:00 PM Pancake Dinner Planning Team	4 1:00 PM Riplinger WELCA	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger	8 Jenny on vacation 6:15 PM Yoga	9 Jenny on vacation 7:30 AM Fitness Class	10 Jenny on vacation 7:00 PM Where Moms Connect	11 Jenny on vacation	12 Jenny on vacation	13 Stroetz/Kuhlka Wedding 
14 9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger	15 6:15 PM Yoga	16 7:30 AM Fitness Class 7:00 PM Children of the Day Study	17 6:00 PM Capital Campaign Meeting	18	19 5:00 PM -9:00 PM Concessions at Bauer Tourney	20 8:30 AM Stamp Class 4:00 PM -8:00 PM Concessions at Bauer Tourney
21 9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 12:00 PM -4:00 PM Concessions at Bauer Tourney 6:00 PM Council Meeting	22 6:00 PM Council Meeting 6:15 PM Yoga	23 7:30 AM Fitness Class 5:00 PM COME	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:00 PM Cub Scout Parent/Leader Meeting	29	30 7:30 AM Fitness Class	31	1 1:00 PM Riplinger WELCA	2	3

Make sure these dates on your calendar

New Picture Directory at Spencer Pictures will be taken September 20-24 for a new picture directory and we want to see your smiling faces. Watch for more information & make sure to sign your family up for a time slot.

Pancake Dinner Fundraiser to help support our Seminary Student We will be having a Pancake Dinner Fundraiser with a raffle on Sunday October 2. Interested in helping to coordinate this event? There is a planning meeting Wed. Aug 3, 7 pm.

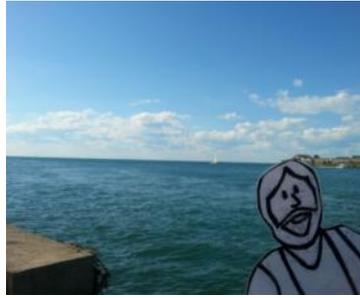
Spencer Annual Meeting will be October 30 at 9 am Each fall there is a congregational meeting for the purpose of elections. This year the council has set this meeting to be our annual meeting as well. In addition to elections we will also approve the 2017 budget. All voting members should plan to attend.

Quilting Event There are a number of quilt tops that need to be tied and finished so we have planned a work day for Oct 8. No experience necessary. The primary focus will be on tying and finishing quilts to send out to Lutheran World Relief. There is a box of fabric that needs to be cut into squares if anyone is interested in helping to do that prior to the Oct. 8 event. Questions? Talk to Pastor Rebekah or Jenny Nieman.

Flat Jesus Has Been Busy



Chicago O'Hare Airport, Illinois



Niagara on the lake in Ontario, Canada



Toronto/ Mississauga Canada



Ontario lake in Rochester, New York



Mission trip group in Paducah, Kentucky

Flat Jesus

Join in the fun this summer and take this Flat Jesus wherever you go! As summer sets in we find ourselves in and out of the church building for worship. So to help us stay connected during the summer months and to help remind all of us to share God's love with everyone we meet. Simply take Flat Jesus with you this summer, then take pictures of Flat Jesus throughout the summer while you're playing, adventuring, on vacation or just hanging out at home!

Then email your pictures to the church office (sjlcoffice@frontier.com), post them on the church Facebook page. Let's see where Flat Jesus will all go this summer.

Buildings & Grounds

There WAS a Hole in the Roof

The hole in the roof has been repaired, the ceiling in the preschool room is re-dry walled, re-insulated and the room will be repainted soon.

Parking Lot Fill & Seal

A bid has been accepted and we are on the list to have the parking lot cracks filled and the entire parking lot seal coated. We anticipate this happening any day. Thank you to everyone who has provided the financial support to make this happen.

Lawn mowing

We could use lawn mowers for the months August and September sign up [online](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094eacac22aa8-lawn) (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094eacac22aa8-lawn>)

