



*For the grace of  
God has appeared,  
bringing salvation  
for all people.*  
Titus 2:11, ESV

### Taking It Home

**Prayer:** Wondrous God, open our hearts and minds so we may hear once again the angels' song and know that Christ is born for us and for all. Touch the world with joy and fill us with peace and childlike wonder. Surprise us and bless us with the simple miracle of the birth of the Christ child. Amen.

#### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sunday :</b>	Luke 2:8-20	pg. 1591
<b>Monday:</b>	Luke 2:21-24	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Luke 2:25-35	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Luke 2:36-40	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mark 10:17-25	
<b>Friday:</b>	Philippians 3:1-21	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 43:14-21	
<b>Sunday:</b>	Psalm 27	

#### LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Dawn Stauske (Kelly Lawrence & Dorene Matter's cousin), Grace Wunrow, Jordan Bonnar, Karen Mellenthin, Deborah Fowler (Amanda Gronski's step-mom), Ken Kenyon, Dennis Seefeld, Donna Arvelo (Linda Marchinek's sister), Gary Thompson, Theresa Seehafer, Art Halverson, Karen Larson (Nancy Dietsche's sister), Doug Oelrich, Linda Wunrow, Darlene Dommer, Jon Soderberg, Audrey Heldt

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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### We're glad you're here! Welcome

At Spencer, everything is projected on the screen up front. Hearing devices are available, ask an usher.

Activity bags are available in the back.

### Announcements

**December COME meal** Dec. 27, 5 pm. Everyone is invited for a great meal and company to eat with.

**Be a part of Worship Planning Team** we are looking for someone to be the Altar Care Organizer, interested or have questions, talk with Nadine Willett or call the office.

**Do you like to decorate?** We are looking for folks to help with Seasonal Decorating here at the church building, if you're interested or have questions, talk with Nadine Willett or call the office.

**The Latest Investing in Our Future Results** As of Dec. 23, 72 pledges were received for a total of \$109,660 for 2017 regular offering. 72 pledges were received for a total of \$118,768.72 over a three year period for the capital campaign to retire the mortgage.

**Glory Days Bible study** begins Jan 17, 7 pm. Do you feel stuck in a spiritual rut? Are you constantly battling the same temptations? With Max Lucado's trusted insights, you'll stop going through the motions; leave fear and worry behind; demolish unhealthy mindsets; recognize Scripture as the ultimate authority; and more. This is a 6 session, once a month Bible study that meets at church. The cost is \$20 per person includes Glory Days book and study guide. All are welcome! Contact Gail Jicinsky, 715-659-4053.

**New Sunday Morning Study** Do you feel trapped in a tomb of regret, doubt, or fear? Are you tripped up by patterns and behaviors you need to leave behind? Just as Jesus called Lazarus from darkness, He is calling you to come out of the false beliefs and habits that keep you from receiving His unconditional love. He is calling you to know deep in your spirit that God not only loves the world—He loves *you*. It's time to "come forth!" Join us starting Sunday January 15 for Lazarus Awakening: Finding Your Place in the Heart of God. This Bible study will run 9 weeks, approximate cost is \$10.00. Please contact Cindy Weiler at 715-252-3422 to join us or for questions.

**Christmas Program** Sunday, January 1, 9 am

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

### **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 AM Fitness Class  
5:00 PM COME meal

**WEDNESDAY**  
NO Cross Training  
6:30 PM Christmas Program Practice  
6:45 PM Where Moms Connect

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**  
Pastors Day Off  
3:00 PM Bruss/Buse Rehearsal Dinner  
6:30 PM Bruss/Buse Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**  
3:00 PM Bruss/Buse Wedding

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 AM Worship w/Christmas Program at Spencer  
11:00 AM Worship w/Christmas Program at Riplinger

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 AM Fitness Class

**WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 AM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cross Training



### **Serving Today**

#### **8:00 am Spencer**

Greeter: Bob & Audrey Helsten  
Tech: Tracey Ackman  
Sound: Ashton Ackman  
Ushers: Joan Bruss,  
          Josie Tremelling  
Communion: Cindy Weiler  
Reader: Jim Christopherson  
Acolyte: Trey Ackman  
Counters: Teri Schorer, Larry  
Labrenz, Brandon Kopp

### **Next Sunday, January 1**

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

Greeter: Gary & Randi Thompson  
Tech: Dennis Kopp  
Sound: Nadine Willett  
Assisting Minister: Brandon Kopp  
Ushers: Jim Christopherson,  
Bob Helsten  
Acolyte: Kylie Egner  
Hospitality: Luanne Schwarze  
Counters:

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

Acolyte: Levi Dommer  
Counters: Dawn Pagenkopf,  
Brenda Newman

### **Announcements Continued**

**Thank you** to Luanne Schwarze and Joy Heeg for making the Christmas banner.

**No Sunday School** on December 25 or January 1.

**2017 Offering Envelopes** are in mailboxes, please do not use them until January 1.

**Cross Training** we will not meet on December 28, enjoy your Christmas break.

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