



# 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

**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.

**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.

**The Latest Investing in Our Future Results** As of Dec. 27, 72 pledges were received for a total of \$109,660 for 2017 regular offering. 74 pledges were received for a total of \$122,928.72 over a three year period for the capital campaign to retire the mortgage.

**New Sermon Series starts Jan 8:** Gaining a Fresh Perspective: Seeing Relationships through New Eyes. See January newsletter for more information.

## Taking It Home

**Prayer:** O God of love, you have brought us together today and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed with apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sunday :</b>	Psalm 27
<b>Monday:</b>	Genesis 1
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Genesis 2
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Genesis 3
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 51:1-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 139
<b>Saturday:</b>	Joel 1
<b>Sunday:</b>	Joel 2

### LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Prayers of sympathy to family and friends of Elle Sundell who died on Christmas Eve. and to Jan Kops, Lori Cook and families at the death of Pat Miller, Jan's brother and Lori's uncle.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **SUNDAY**

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

#### **MONDAY**

Church Office Closed

#### **TUESDAY**

7:30 AM Fitness Class

#### **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
5:30 PM Christmas Decorations Down  
6:30 PM Cross Training

#### **THURSDAY**

1:00 PM Riplinger WELCA

#### **FRIDAY**

Pastors Day Off

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Sunday school  
10:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday school at Riplinger  
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger  
12:00 PM Lula Roe Party  
12:30 PM Mentors & 10th gr Large Grp  
6:00 PM Cub Scout Parent/Leader mtg

#### **MONDAY**

Jenny at Youth Workers Network Meeting  
7:00 PM CrossWays Bible Study

#### **TUESDAY**

7:30 AM Fitness Class

#### **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cross Training  
6:45 PM Where Moms Connect

### **Serving Today**

#### **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 Egnor  
Hospitality: Luanne Schwarze  
Counters:

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

Acolyte: Levi Dommer  
Reader: Brenda Newman  
Counters: Dawn Pagenkopf, Brenda Newman

### **Announcements Continued**

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

**2017 Offering Envelopes** are in mailboxes.

**Poinsettias** may be taken home after worship today, thank you for helping decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

**Cross Training** resumes Jan. 4

**Sunday school** resumes Jan. 8

### **Next Sunday, January 8**

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

Greeter: Sarah Bychinski  
Tech: Roxie Wetterau  
Sound: Nadine Willett  
Ushers: Jan Ammons, Gail Jicinsky  
Communion: Jule Vogel  
Reader: Kelly Lawrence  
Acolyte: Bristol Engevoid

#### **10:00 am Spencer**

Greeter: Dorene Matter  
Tech: Randi Thompson  
Sound: Brandon Kopp  
Ushers: Cadyn Hardrath, Travis Hardrath  
Communion: Danika Griepentrog, Janine Luepke, Amanda Gronski  
Assisting Minister: Penni Cloud  
Acolyte: Carter Griepentrog  
Basket bearer: Christopher Schmidt  
Counters: Brandon Kopp, Patty Behrens, Larry Labrensz

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

Acolyte: Iva Schuette  
Reader: Deana Parker  
Communion: Bob Burns  
Counters: Gail Burns, Jane Meacham

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