



Taking It Home

Prayer: Holy God, we thank you for this New Year that has begun. We are mindful that we do not know what the future holds, but we do know that you will be with us as we navigate through it and we are grateful for your presence along the way. As we begin this New Year, call us to repent of our sins, woo us from our idols, open our eyes to our neighbor in need, and guide us in the way of sacrifice. Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us to renew our hope, strengthen our faith and prepare us for a life of being your disciples. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

| Daily Bible Readings | |
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| Sunday : | Joel 2 pg. 1414 |
| Monday: | Joel 3 |
| Tuesday: | 1 John 1:1-2:6 |
| Wednesday: | 1 John 2:7-27 |
| Thursday: | 1 John 2:28-3:24 |
| Friday: | 1 John 4:1-20 |
| Saturday: | 1 John 5:1-21 |
| Sunday: | Matthew 5:23-24 & 18:21-35 |

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Duane Meacham, Karen Mellenthin, Deborah Fowler (Amanda Gronski's step-mom), Ken Kenyon, Dennis Seefeld, Gary Thompson, Theresa Seehafer, Art Halverson, Karen Larson (Nancy Dietsche's sister), Doug Oelrich, Darlene Dommer, Jon Soderberg, Audrey Heldt

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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

No Regrets Men's Conference The No Regrets Simulcast will be held at Highland Community Church, Wausau Campus on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Cost is \$25/person age 18 and older and \$15/person age 17 and under and includes sub sandwich lunch before January 29. Price increases to \$30/\$20 after January 29. To register: <http://www.highlandcommunitychurch.com/registration>

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*. Join us starting Sunday January 15 for Lazarus Awakening: Finding Your Place in the Heart of God. This study will run 9 weeks, approx cost is \$10.00. Contact Cindy Weiler at 715-252-3422 to join us or for questions.

Riplinger Quarterly Meeting is January 15 following worship.

Rock Your Marriage Annual Marriage Conference Feb. 25 at Highland Community Church, Wausau, see January newsletter for all the details.

Parent Summit a single day, premier training and equipping event for parents. A one day event to change the way you look at parenting and marriage. Feb 11 at Woodlands Church, Plover see January newsletter for details.

THIS WEEK

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY
Pastors Day Off

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10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday school at Riplinger
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger
12:00 PM Riplinger Quarterly Meeting
6:00 PM Spencer Council Meeting
6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting

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Serving Today

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: 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

Announcements Continued

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.

Poinsettias please take them home after worship today, thank you for helping decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Yoga & Paint Away Classes see bulletin board for details and how to register

Next Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Spencer

Greeter: Jan Ammons
Tech: Pam Kilty
Sound: Randi Thompson
Ushers: Bob Helsten, Tanika Reckner
Reader: Jim Christopherson
Acolyte: Carson Kilty
Hospitality: Aliyah Anderson

10:00 am Spencer

Greeter: Betty Muehlbauer
Tech: Brandon Kopp
Sound: Dennis Kopp
Ushers: Joan Bruss, Gavid Kilty
Communion: Penni Cloud, Amanda
Knecht, Jenny Nieman
Assisting Minister: Janell Kopp
Acolyte: Sam Soback
Basket bearer: Ryan Hardrath
Counters: Brandon Kopp, Teri
Schorer, Jerry Marden

11:00 am Riplinger

Acolyte: Dallas Dommer
Reader: Deana Parker
Counters: Joy Miller,
Wayne Hendrickson

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