



### Taking It Home

**Prayer:** God, help us to understand how loves draws us into relationship with you, and one another. Never let us stand at a distance and point a finger at those we perceive to be more sinful than us. Show us how we can enter into each other's reality, and hold one another close, even when we may not agree with each other's words and actions. Guide us, O God.

#### Daily Bible Readings

Sunday :	Matthew 7:1-5	pg. 1505
Monday:	1 Timothy 1:12-16	
Tuesday:	Romans 3:9-12	
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 13:4-7	
Thursday:	Matthew 22:37-40	
Friday:	John 8:1-11	
Saturday:	Luke 18:9-14	
Sunday:	Genesis 2:4-7,15-17 & 3:1-8	

What does it really mean to love one another? What does that look like?

What does it feel like to show love, rather than carry a grudge?

Does Jesus tell us to judge other people? Who? And how do we know?

What would change if we made the word 'Christian' synonymous with 'acceptance' and 'love' instead of 'judgement'? What would that be like?

We are called to love sinners, because there's no one else on the planet. We're all sinners! And we are called to hate sin, because sin is destructive to life and stands in opposition to God's dream for all of creation. But whose definition of "sin" are we using? Are we without sin, ourselves? And how often do we hide behind this cliché while we judge, instead of love, one another?

# 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

**New Spencer Photo Directory** happening soon, schedule your session from the church website.

**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

**Sunday School Helpers Needed** we are looking for folks to help in the Preschool-Kindergarten class who love Jesus and are willing to share that love with the kids through holy play. Interested? Talk with Jenny Nieman.

**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.

**Cross Training Small Group Leaders** we are in need of 3 male small group leaders for Wednesday nite Cross Training. Training and materials are provided. Interested or want to know more, talk to Jenny Nieman.

**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.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY

Church Office Closed  
Labor Day

#### TUESDAY

7:30 AM Fit Club

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Cross Training Small  
Group Leaders  
6:45 PM Where Moms Connect

#### THURSDAY

6:00 PM Capital Campaign  
Team Meeting  
6:30 PM Cub Scout Parent/  
Leader Meeting

#### FRIDAY

Pastor's Day off

#### SATURDAY

8:30 AM Stamp Class

#### 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  
6:00 PM Council Meeting

### **Serving Today**

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

Greeter: Bob & Audrey Helsten  
Tech & Sound: Randi Thompson  
Assisting Minister: Jenny Nieman  
Ushers: Bill Martens, Jan Ammons  
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

### **Next Sunday, September 11**

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

Greeter: Inez Fosberg  
Tech: Randi Thompson  
Ushers: Ed Bruger,  
Jim Christopherson  
Reader: Janell Kopp  
Communion: Dennis Kopp  
Acolyte: Sawyer Kilty  
Hospitality: Julie VanArk  
Counters: Teri Schorer, Travis  
Hardrath, Patty Behrens

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

Greeter: Lori Cook  
Tech: Brandon Kopp  
Sound: Bruce Luepke  
Assisting Minister: Jody Scidmore  
Ushers: Alexis Tremelling,  
Josie Tremelling  
Communion: Amanda Knecht, Kelly  
Lawrence, Janine Luepke  
Acolyte: Jaci Cook  
Basket bearer: Sam Soback

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

Reader: Sherry Schmutzler  
Communion: Scott Parker  
Counters: Jody Viegut  
Sue Wallace

### **STAFF**

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### **LIFTING UP IN PRAYER**

Theresa Seehafer, Rhonda Marcott,  
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