

Services of Worship

Sundays

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am

Mondays

- Spencer 6:30pm

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Deadlines

- Weekly email: Tuesdays 9am
- Sunday announcements:
Wednesday 5pm



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St. John's Conflict, Healing and Health Survey

The survey is live and will close on Sunday, March 1, at 9pm. It has been emailed to everyone on our contact list. If you have not received it or do not have an email on file, please set up a time to complete the survey with the Parish Secretary. Thank you!

The goal of this survey is to provide information to the Preparing for Amazement Ministries team in order to assess the following:

- the nature of conflict at St. John's
- the nature of and need for healing at St. John's
- the current health of St. John's as it relates to conflict and healing.

ONLY Preparing for Amazement Ministries staff will see this information. The results are only sent to our team. In addition, nothing you write here will be directly quoted in public

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Schedule an appointment time [here](#) or on the bulletin board.

Based on this input, our Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson, will present his observations and recommendations to the congregation in person at a later date.

Opportunity to serve St. John's Lutheran Church.

The Church Board is searching for 1-2 individuals with a passion for service to the church as Treasurer. The responsibilities are as follows: Work with the Church Windows program which generates the following:
- Bills and Payroll—Quarterly taxes for employees -Annual W-2 forms for employees. The monthly shared costs for Riplinger are calculated monthly using a spreadsheet. Currently the time involved is 10-12 hours per month. Treasurer is reimbursed \$150 per month. Anyone interested or having questions, contact any of the church board members Glenda Fellenz, Nancy Vaughan, Gail Jicinsky, Wayne Hagen, Peggy Labrensz, Faye Lang or Cindy Weiler. Teri Schorer will gladly answer questions and intends to provide support as necessary to keep things running smoothly after the initial training.



FROM PASTOR RITCHIE

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6
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Scripture:

Wednesdays

The Sufferings and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To The Four Evangelists

By: John C. Lawrenz

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8;13-17

John 3:1-17

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-30 (39-42)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-11

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-45 (46-53)

Palm Sunday

March 29

Isaiah 50:4-9

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:1-27;66

Iron Sharpens Iron

Building Relationships That Strengthen Our Faith

Scripture tells us, "Iron sharpens iron." Faith was never meant to be lived in isolation. We grow deeper in our understanding of God's Word, stronger in prayer, and steadier in discipleship when we walk alongside one another. And that is why St. John's Parish, Spencer and Riplinger together need a men's group and a women's group. We need to do this together, and this is an important next step for us.

If we desire healing, unity, and spiritual growth within our parish, it begins with intentional relationships. It begins with spending meaningful time together — in Scripture, in prayer, and in shared experiences that build trust and fellowship.

The women's group will gather for time in Scripture and prayer, along with fellowship and activities chosen by the women themselves. What those activities look like will be decided by the group. The goal is simple: create space for spiritual growth and authentic connection.

In the same way, the men's group will gather to build brotherhood through prayer, Scripture, and shared experiences. That may include activities such as attending a ball game, camping, fishing, or other opportunities to spend time together in meaningful ways. The purpose is not just activity — it is relationship.

Jesus modeled this kind of intentional discipleship. He invested deeply in His disciples, spending focused time with them — teaching, praying, walking, and living alongside them. That example still guides us today. Men's and Women's Group for our parish is something we cannot let fade away. If we are serious about growing in faith and moving forward together, we must be intentional about investing in one another.

God created us for relationships! As we commit to mentoring, encouraging, and sharpening one another, we will grow stronger — both individually, as a congregation, and as a parish.

Iron sharpens iron. Let's begin!

Go with God,
Pastor Ritchie

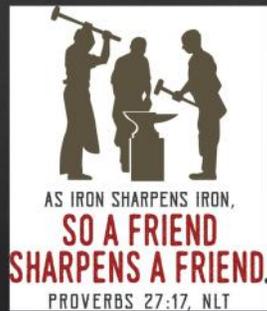


LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Praising God, building relationships, and sharing the love of God. Together! This is a powerful foundation for our churches, and continues to guide and strengthen us as we move toward our future calling. Together—

PARISH MENS GROUP.
March 5,
6:30pm.

Building relationships that sharpen our faith! All men are invited for a fun night of fellowship.



Spencer
Soup Suppers begin at 5:30pm.
Worship begins at 6:30pm.

[Sign up here](#), or on the bulletin board.

Did you know that St. John's gifts high school graduates a twin size quilt that is made by members of St. John's? There will be a quilting event on March 7, 10 am-4 pm at St. John's for anyone who knows how to quilt AND anyone who would be interested in learning the process. **If you have any of the following items please bring them along to the event: sewing machine, fabric scissors, pins, neutral color thread (beige and/or black), rotary cutter, cutting mat, iron, ironing mat or board.** You may have noticed that the event will be a few hours; we'll also have a potluck meal- so please bring your favorite dish to share with others. **If you are interested but not able to stay for the whole day, please know you are welcome to come for as long as you are able.** We pray this event will be a multi-generational event to share in fellowship as well as the hobby of sewing and creating. Any questions please contact Jan Kops, 715-613-0691. So Jan can prepare, please [sign up here](#) if you are planning to attend.



C.O.M.E.

MEAL

COME Meal

March 24, 5 to 6pm

We are serving beef stroganoff, blended veggies, bread, dump cake and ice cream. Please help spread the word. Thank you!



April 2 Riplinger 6:30pm	April 3 Spencer 6:30pm	April 5 Spencer 9am Riplinger 11am
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HELP WANTED

MINISTRY COORDINATOR TEAMS

As our new year begins, so begins the search to fill our Ministry Teams.

Newly interested people are encouraged to join in the fun and all past team members are encouraged to sign up.

The info below is snapshot of each area and we certainly encourage new and exciting ideas as your teams develop...

Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team

Description: A Beyond Our Doors Team shall help members of the congregation have an outward focus to understand and respond to the needs within the community, the nation, and throughout the world so that the congregation can demonstrate God's love and serve those in need.

Provides a monthly report for the Spiritual Care members.

C.O.M.E.	Food Pantry
World Hunger	Outreach

Food, Fellowship & Fun Team

Description: The Food, Fellowship and Fun Team shall initiate, plan, coordinate and strengthen activities that build stronger relationships within the congregation.

Provides a monthly report for the Spiritual Care members.

Hospitality	Soup Suppers
Funerals	Social Events

Congregational Care Ministry Team

Description: The Congregational Care Team shall work with the pastor to provide care for membership of the congregation, especially lapsed members, and those in times of need or transition; connect with visitors and un-churched. As well as assisting with orientation and assimilation of new members.

Provides a monthly report for the Spiritual Care members.

Membership Care	Shut-in Visits
New Members	Visitor Follow Ups

Worship Ministry Team

Description: The Worship Ministry Team includes the organist, and the person responsible for writing the order of worship. The team works with the pastor to prepare and organize meaningful worship services that inspire, uplift, and encourage both believers and non-believers. This includes communications and coordination of the various elements of worship including training and scheduling of persons serving in worship; communion setup; technology; music; decorating and worship arts; helping with the planning and coordination of ecumenical worship services; and maintenance of musical instruments.

Provides monthly reports to the Spiritual Care members.

Music	Worship Arts
Worship Services	Ecumenical worship service

Buildings & Grounds Team

Description: The Buildings and Grounds Team shall work closely with the Liaisons and be responsible for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the church's facilities and grounds to ensure a safe and well-maintained facility.

Provides a monthly report to the Liaisons.

Maintenance	Equipment
Technology Equipment	Cleaning Staff
Lawn Care	Snow Removal
Outdoor Sign	Improvements

Please sign up on the bulletin board, [online here](#), or connect with a board member. Glenda Fellenz, Wayne Hagen, Nancy Vaughan, Gail Jicinsky, Peggy Labrensz, Faye Lang, or Cindy Weiler for more information or to volunteer.



MISSION TRIP, BARNSVILLE, MN JULY 19 TO 25

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew." 5:14-16

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2026 Mission Trip

Currently there are 9 registered for the trip. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this summer's trip.

Next planning meetings: March 4 and April 1, 8 pm in the youth room.



2026 Basket Raffle

The Basket raffle began February 18. The baskets are displayed in the fellowship hall, there's something for everyone. You may purchase tickets before or after Sunday, Monday or Wednesday worship services. Thank you for helping to support the trip.



Rummage Sale

May 7 & 8 will be the Mission Trip Rummage Sale. We will not be accepting donations until later April.



Club 52

Looking for an easy, flexible way to support youth ministry at St. John's. As its name implies, Club 52 members are asked to contribute \$1 per week for one year or whatever amount the donor chooses. Club 52 members will be invited to a special VIP brunch hosted by the students to recognize each member's contribution. Club 52 donation forms are on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute.



Ready for a Summer Adventure You'll Never Forget?

Options for camp Forest Springs.

Grades 1-3 June 15-18 (\$125)

Kid's Quest (2nd-5th gr) June 10-13 (\$275)

Junior Camp (3rd-6th gr) June 14-20 (\$589)

Take 7 (Grades 6-8) June 21-27 • \$589

Junior High (Grades 7-9) June 28-July 4 \$589

Super High (Grades 9-12) July 5-11 \$589

Adult & Family Camp Opportunities are also available; St. John's will contribute toward the cost of these camps as well!

You can find more details about each camp on Forest Springs website and you can register: [Register Online](#)

Call: 715-427-5241

Once you register your youth, contact Jenny so that Scholarship money can be sent to Forest Springs.

St. John's will pay 1/3 of the cost of summer camp. St. John's will pay Forest Springs directly. **If the cost of Bible Camp presents a financial hardship for families, please contact Jenny, there may be additional funds available.** St. John's does not want the cost of Bible Camp to be the reason that you cannot attend.



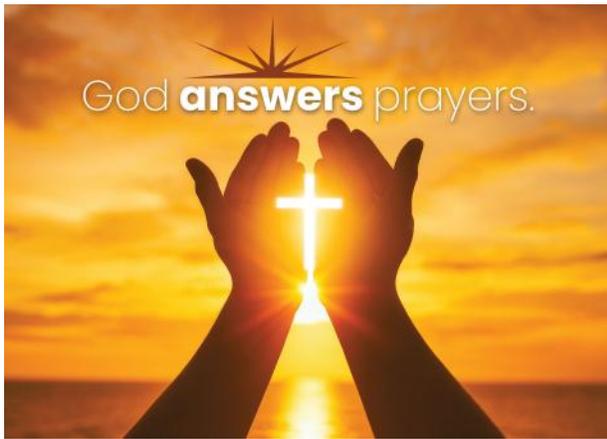
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| Mike Lehman | Krystle Tomczik |
| 3 Keith Kettleborough | 24 Zellianna Hady |
| Sylvia Buse | 25 Dennis Krause |
| 4 Bryan Kilty | 26 Kaitlyn Schmidt |
| 6 Bob Fellenz | 28 Bruce Luepke |
| Sookie Heeg | Wayne Vaughn |
| Jemma Jacobson | Jace Zahn |
| 7 Trenton Knecht | 30 Courtney Fleischman |
| 8 Wayne Hagen | |
| Daxton Stroetz | |
| 9 Doris Seefeld | |
| Mason Gilmore | |
| 10 Wylie Seefeldt | |
| 14 Lacey Berres | |
| 16 Addison Knecht | |
| 18 Tracey Ackman | |
| Madilyn Miller | |
| Veronica Miller | |

- May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!**
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| 10 Bob & Glenda Fellenz | 48 years |
| 17 Bryan & Tanya Kilty | 25 years |
| Rich & Kelly Wilke | 30 years |

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

Baptism

On February 15, we celebrated the baptism of Cameron Bant. Welcome to our church family!



PRAYER list

IN OUR PRAYERS

Those with short-term health concerns: Nancy Dietsche, Skylee, Wayne Hempel, Susan Howe, Brett Kloth, Mia Maddox, Jim Miller, Sharon Schizik.

Those with long-term health concerns: Audrey Heldt, Elroy Heldt, Sandy Lemmens, Bill Martens, Tammi Schiferl, Darrell Schillinger.

Those with cancer: Judi Andrew, Candyce DeNoble, Ruth Fleischman,

Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Penny Pieper, Michelle Oelke, Ross Rucker, Cliff Taylor, Tom Steiner, Teresa Zahn.

Those who are homebound or in care facilities: Lois Block, Audrey Helsten, Grace Maines, Dorene Newman, Muriel Oelrich, Doris Seefeld.

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, or would like to update these prayer requests, please get in touch with Pastor Ritchie 920-216-4292; sjlc13pastor@gmail.com or Pam Hardrath at 715-507-0549; sjlcoffice13@gmail.com

Please contact the office if you are available to serve in open spaces. Thank-you!



<p>March 1 Greeter: Bob Haas Usher: Brad Helsten Usher: Paul Leezer Tech: Jenny Nieman Sound: Janika Helsten Reader: Lori Kops Communion: Lori Helsten Basket Bearer: Cohley Vogel Hospitality: Lori Kops Riplinger: Dave Newman</p>	<p>March 4 Greeter: Lori Helsten Usher: Brad Helsten Usher: Tech: Sound: Janika Helsten Reader: Mary Seefeld Acolyte:</p>	<p>March 8 Greeter: Randi Thompson Usher: Harry Vogel Usher: Alan Seefeld Tech: Tracey Ackman Sound: Darin Thompson Reader: Mary Seefeld Communion: Mary Seefeld Basket Bearer: Adeline Nieman Hospitality: Penny Vinnedge Riplinger Reader: Abigail Ertl</p>
<p>March 11 Greeter: Mary & Natalie Seefeld Usher: Usher: Tech: Adryan Schmidt Sound: Mason Gilmore Reader: Wylie Seefeld Acolyte:</p>	<p>March 15 Greeter: Nancy Dietsche Usher: Milt Viergutz Usher: Joe Weix Tech: Rachel Nieman Sound: Wyatt Karl Reader: Ashley Stroetz Communion: Ashley Stroetz Basket Bearer: Zoey Hardrath Hospitality: Ashley Stroetz Riplinger Reader: Brenda Newman</p>	<p>March 18 Greeter: Wayne Hagen Usher: Usher: Tech: Nick Tomczik Sound: Rachel Nieman Reader: Wayne Hagen Acolyte:</p>
<p>March 22 Greeter: Bob & Glenda Fellenz Usher: Harry Vogel Usher: Paul Leezer Tech: Mason Gilmore Sound: Camdyn Vogel Reader: Glenda Fellenz Communion: Jule Vogel Basket Bearer: Zoey Hardrath Hospitality: Jenny Nieman Riplinger Reader: Trish Porter</p>	<p>March 25 Greeter: Robert Haas Usher: Usher: Tech: Sound: Reader: Glenda Fellenz Acolyte:</p>	<p>March 29 Greeter: Faye Lang Usher: Jim Christopherson Usher: Brad Helsten Tech: Tracey Ackman Sound: Darin Thompson Reader: Jim Christopherson Communion: Lori Helsten Basket Bearer: Cohley Vogel Hospitality: Heather Vogel Riplinger Reader: Ertl Family</p>

Please let the office know if you can volunteer to serve on Easter Sunday, April 5. Someone is needed to usher, run sound, and serve communion.



YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsSpencer>

Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
January 4	70	20
January 11	55	23
January 18	60	30
January 25	57	22



MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Worship at Spencer 10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	2 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Acts Bible Study 6:30pm Worship at Spencer	3 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	4 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Secretary in Office 6:30pm Lent Worship at Spencer 8:00pm Mission Trip Meeting	5 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 6:30pm Mens Group	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 Pastor's Day Off Preparing For Amazement Ministries 10:00am Quilting Event
8 Preparing For Amazement Ministries 9:00am Worship at Spencer 10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect 11:00am Worship at Riplinger, Communion	9 Preparing For Amazement Ministries 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Acts Bible Study 6:30pm Worship at Spencer	10 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	11 5:30pm Soup Supper 5:45pm Secretary in Office 6:30pm Lent Worship at Spencer	12 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 10am Church Board Meeting	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 Pastor's Day Off
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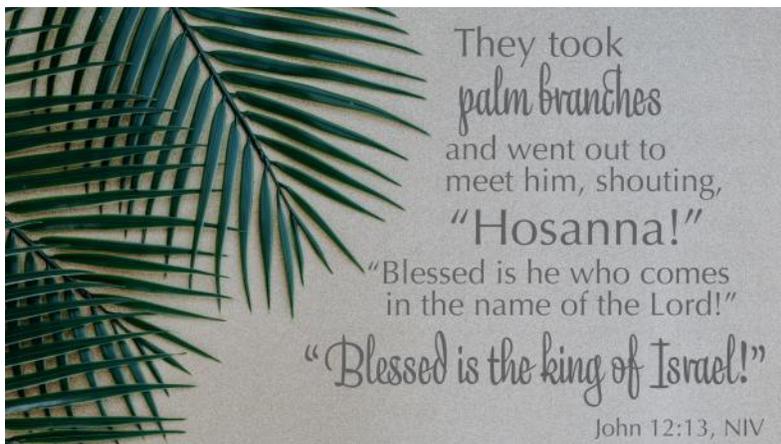
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Lenten Reading Plan: A Countdown of Hope

Get ready for Easter with this family Bible Reading Plan. From Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday, read a promise from God each day. May God bless you as you discover his love and faithfulness through Scripture.

- The **Promise** of a Savior, *Genesis 3:15*
- The **Promise** to Never Again Flood the Earth, *Genesis 9:13-15*
- The **Promise** to Bless Abraham, *Genesis 12:1-3*
- The **Promise** to Multiply Abraham's Offspring, *Genesis 22:17-18*
- The **Promise** of Deliverance, *Exodus 3:7-8*
- The **Promise** of God's Presence, *Exodus 33:14*
- The **Promise** of Blessing for Obedience, *Leviticus 26:3-12*
- The **Promise** to Raise Up a Prophet, *Deuteronomy 18:15*
- The **Promise** of Strength Through God, *Joshua 1:6-9*
- The **Promise** of an Everlasting Covenant, *2 Samuel 7:12-16*
- The **Promise** of a Shepherd, *Psalms 23*
- The **Promise** of Wisdom, *Proverbs 2:1-6*
- The **Promise** of a Messiah, *Isaiah 9:1-7*
- The **Promise** to Strengthen and Help, *Isaiah 41:9-10*
- The **Promise** of a Suffering Servant, *Isaiah 53*
- The **Promise** of Restoration, *Jeremiah 29:10-14*
- The **Promise** of a New Covenant, *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
- The **Promise** of Renewal, *Ezekiel 37:1-14*
- The **Promise** of the Spirit, *Joel 2:28-29*
- The **Promise** of Jesus, *Luke 2:1-20*
- The **Promise** of Provision, *Matthew 6:25-34*
- The **Promise** of Rest, *Matthew 11:28-29*
- The **Promise** of Eternal Life, *John 3:16-17*
- The **Promise** of Christ's Return, *John 14:1-3*
- The **Promise** of Peace, *John 14:27*
- The **Promise** of Answered Prayer, *John 15:7*
- The **Promise** of Guidance, *John 16:13*
- The **Promise** of Power from on High, *Acts 1:8*
- The **Promise** of Grace, *Romans 6:14*
- The **Promise** of Freedom from Condemnation, *Romans 8:1-4*
- The **Promise** of Adoption, *Romans 8:15-17*
- The **Promise** of Purpose, *Romans 8:28*
- The **Promise** of Victory Over Death, *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*
- The **Promise** of Comfort, *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*
- The **Promise** of New Life, *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- The **Promise** of God's Faithfulness, *2 Thessalonians 3:3-5*
- The **Promise** of Eternal Glory, *2 Timothy 2:11-13*
- The **Promise** of Perseverance, *James 1:2-4*
- The **Promise** of a New Heaven and a New Earth, *Revelation 21:1-4*

Try the bonus activities to make Lent more meaningful

Family Lenten Activities

Make promise stones. Paint and display small stones that remind you how God keeps his promises.

Fill a jar with blessings. During Lent, jot down ways that God is faithful to you. On Easter, read aloud the slips of paper as a family.



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SPENCER BOARD MINUTES

February 12, 2026

Call to Order at 1004 with opening prayer

Attendance: Pastor Ritchie Cole, Glenda Fellenz; Gail Jicinsky, Nancy Vaughan, Wayne Hagen, Peggy Labrensz, Faye Lang, Cindy Weiler

Appointed positions and Term limits:

Spiritual Care: Chair is Glenda Fellenz 2-year term, Gail Jicinsky 1-year term, Nancy Vaughan 3-year term

Liaison: Vice Chair is Wayne Hagen 3-year term, Peggy Labrensz 2-year term, Faye Lang 1-year term

Approval of Minutes

- January minutes were approved at Joint Council/Board meeting on February 10th
- Minutes from the Joint Council/Board meeting on February 10th not available for review at this time

Reports from Ministry Teams

None at this time, need to form Committees going forward

Unfinished Business (Old Business)

- Acoustic panels in the fellowship hall: This was approved at the 2025 Annual meeting, will proceed with getting updated estimates and move forward. M/S/A
 - Cemetery concerns: Liaisons will direct this to Cemetery Committee for further investigation on the concerns brought up and will report back at next meeting. Gail Jicinsky excused herself from the discussion related to the cemetery concerns and left the room during this discussion
 - Church debit card for Pastor's expenses: Will have the Treasurer get a credit card with a spending limit up to \$3000. M/S/A
 - Conflict resolution contact person needs to be updated with new Board. Pastor Ritchie will be the primary contact person for the church for Amazement Ministries. First phone conference today at 3pm. M/S/A
- Treasurer wanting to step down. Will reword this indicating this is a paid position, not "volunteer". Liaisons will follow up with current Treasurer for clarification on her role going forward. Also discussed need for backup for this position in case of emergency

New Business

- Need to recruit for Ministry Teams. Will provide handouts to congregation and announcements in church. Will pass clip boards around for sign up and include sign up link in the weekly emails. If nobody signs up will conduct phone calls at that time to

facilitate filling the roles needed. You can sign up for more than one Committee

- o Soup Suppers are starting very soon and with nobody in place for this Congregation Ministry Team, Heather Vogel was asked and agreed to step in temporarily to assist with the Lenten Soup Suppers
- o Pastor Ritchie Cole to become a new member of our Congregation in Spencer. M/S/A
- o Review the constitution throughout the year and accumulate whatever changes are to be approved at the next Annual Meeting. Example: Pastor's pay being biweekly vs. monthly
- o Memorial Funds: Would like to see a "wish book" or "memorial binder" that has the needs of the church so that those who want to give memorial funds can look through it and pick what they want their funds to go towards. For all Memorial funds given, a Thank You card signed from Board members will be sent out.

Fund raisers: would like to see more fund raisers for the good of the church being done

Adjournment

- Next Meeting: March 12 2026 at 10:00 am
- Meeting adjourned at: 1143

Submitted by: Cindy Weiler, Recording Secretary



SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

St. John's Lutheran Church - Spencer WI
Treasurer's Report as of January 2026 for General Operating Fund

Saturday, February 7, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	6,238.00	6,238.00	150,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	200.00	200.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	724.32	724.32	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	50.00	50.00	2,000.00
	Total Income	\$7,212.32	\$7,212.32	\$158,500.00
Expenses				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe	1,771.29	1,771.29	15,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$1,771.29</i>	<i>\$1,771.29</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	222.00	222.00	500.00
510.050	Community Worship Services	0.00	0.00	600.00
510.070	Instrument maintenance/service	0.00	0.00	200.00
510.100	Worship Supplies	211.50	211.50	500.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$433.50</i>	<i>\$433.50</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>
510.020	Pulpit Supply	0.00	0.00	500.00
510.060	Worship - Music/Special Events	0.00	0.00	500.00
<i>520.000 Faith Development</i>				
520.010	Birth to 3	0.00	0.00	300.00
520.020	Children's Ministry (SS, VBS, GIFT, etc)	67.98	67.98	1,000.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	0.00	0.00	500.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	11.50	11.50	1,000.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	0.00	0.00	400.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$79.48</i>	<i>\$79.48</i>	<i>3,300.00</i>
<i>530.000 Social Concerns</i>				
530.010	Kitchen License/COME	0.00	0.00	650.00
	<i>Total Social Concerns</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>650.00</i>
<i>540.000 Fellowship & Care</i>				
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	180.05	180.05	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	0.00	0.00	500.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<i>Total Fellowship & Care</i>	<i>\$180.05</i>	<i>\$180.05</i>	<i>1,300.00</i>
540.040	Mediator	2,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	248.45	248.45	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	190.28	190.28	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	176.09	176.09	700.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	198.54	198.54	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	229.96	229.96	1,500.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$1,043.32</i>	<i>\$1,043.32</i>	<i>7,400.00</i>
<i>570.000 Administration</i>				
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	81.93	81.93	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$81.93</i>	<i>\$81.93</i>	<i>10,700.00</i>

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
580.000	Buildings & Grounds			
580.020	Electricity	407.82	407.82	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	624.79	624.79	2,500.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	195.00	195.00	700.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	196.86	196.86	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	167.88	167.88	600.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	6.00	6.00	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	840.00	840.00	3,000.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	0.00	0.00	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	\$2,438.35	\$2,438.35	16,100.00
590.000	Staff			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,956.26	2,956.26	35,475.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	1,500.00	1,500.00	18,000.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	200.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	1,576.88	1,576.88	16,600.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	340.90	340.90	4,100.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	160.00	160.00	750.00
590.210	FICA	186.48	186.48	2,000.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	150.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,820.00	1,820.00	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	\$8,690.52	\$8,690.52	97,875.00
590.125	Pastor Phone Allowance	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	467.50	467.50	7,500.00
	Total Expenses	\$17,285.94	\$17,285.94	\$171,825.00
	Difference	(\$10,073.62)	(\$10,073.62)	(\$13,325.00)



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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
301.000	General Fund Balance					
301.100	General Balance	60,239.61	7,212.32	17,285.94	(1,180.86)	48,985.13
302.000	Special Funds Balance					
302.001	ARK Balance	694.87	4.00	0.00	0.00	698.87
302.102	Globe Money Balance	498.53	19.98	0.00	0.00	518.51
302.120	Technology Balance	2,485.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,485.90
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	3,338.82	253.00	661.16	0.00	2,930.66
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	821.41	336.00	0.00	0.00	1,157.41
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	306.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
302.180	COME Balance	1,579.52	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,679.52
302.800	Seminary Fund Balance	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.91
302.100	Memorial Gifts Balance	5,451.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,451.89
302.105	Building Fund Balance	9,493.02	672.38	0.00	1,180.86	11,346.26
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,527.87	452.00	0.00	0.00	7,979.87
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,539.81	0.20	0.00	0.00	1,540.01
Total		\$96,017.16	\$10,049.88	\$17,947.10	\$0.00	\$88,119.94