

Services of Worship  
Sundays

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am



# Connect

## MAY 2025

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**Minister of Faith Formation**

Jenny Nieman

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**Parish Secretary**

Pam Hardrath

Wednesday 5:30 to 9 pm

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To contact our emergent need pastor or for immediate assistance, call or text Pam at 715-507-0549

**Deadlines**

- Weekly email: Tuesdays 9am
- Sunday announcements: Wednesday 5pm
- Monthly newsletter: 20th of each month

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



**Date:** May 11, following worship.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the bids for the completion of the roof project, red cross and road sign projects.

**Funding:** The projects will be funded through the Building Fund and free-will offerings collected during the Fellowship Pancake Breakfasts. If necessary, a loan will be taken out to complete the projects.

**Questions:** Please reach out to Travis Hardrath, Buildings and Grounds Director, [tpkrh4@gmail.com](mailto:tpkrh4@gmail.com) or 715-507-0548.

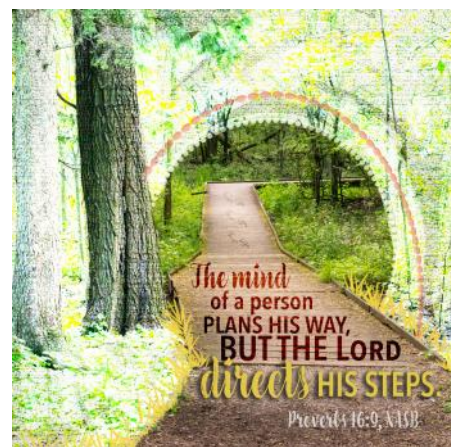
The estimated cost and roofing options can be found on page 2.

The estimated cost to redo the red sign on the building is \$9,425.

The estimated cost to fix the road sign and fix the lighting is \$5,125.



After using the stove, please ensure the burners are turned off. We have had a few instances where burners are on and no one is in the building. Thank you!



## Readings

May 4

Acts 9:1-22

Revelation 5:8-14

John 21:1-14

May 11

Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 18

Acts 11:1-8

Revelation 21:1-7

John 16:12-22

May 25

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:9-14; 21-27

John 16:23-33

June 1

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53



If you would like to help mow the church lawn, please let Travis know. Lawn mower and training are provided. 715-507-0548.

This is a comparison of 3 different types of roofing materials. Each one is color coded.

| Shingle #1                     | Shingle #2      | Vertical Steel #1  | Vertical Steel #2  | Vertical Steel #3  | Steel Shingle #1   | Steel Shingle #2**   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Malarky Legacy 50-year shingle | 40-year shingle | Lifetime Interlox German Crimp Standing Seam 26-gauge copper bearing LFQ steel, 4 mil acid resistant | Seam Steel 28-gauge 1.5-inch rib hidden fastener seam steel Thinner than 26. | Vertical Seam steel roofing.   | Decra Stone Coated 26 Gauge Steel Shingle 50-year limited warranty | Decra XD Stone Coated 26 Gauge Aluminum Shingle 50-year limited warranty. 120-mile wind warranty for 50 years. Class 4 impact resistant, did not have damage from 4 to 5 inch hail stones. |
| \$71,800                       | \$76,250        | \$161,500  | \$165,000  | \$185,228  | \$153,900  | \$163,381  |
|                                |                 | Teflon/kynar coating, double dip galvanized base   |  | This estimate includes a 2" IC-lad snow retention that will prevent the gutters from being torn off when the ice and snow fall off the roof. | Synthetic Felt   | 100% synthetic polymer Run a buggy up the side of the building for direct clean up. Less chance of debris on the ground.   |

### Consideration Information:

**Metal roofs offer superior durability, longevity, and energy efficiency, but come with a higher upfront cost and potential for noise, while shingle roofs are more affordable and easier to install but have a shorter lifespan and require more maintenance.**

## May 2025

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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Updates will be included in the Sunday announcements and Wednesday Email. Events are at Spencer unless otherwise specified.

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### Calendar of Events

May 1

7am-6pm Rummage Sale

May 2

7am-4pm Rummage Sale

May 4

Affirmation of Baptism Spencer

May 5

6:30pm Doorway Prayers

May 7

8pm Mission Trip Meeting

May 10

Parents Day Away

May 11

Graduate Recognition  
Special Congregational  
Meeting

Pancake Breakfast

May 27

5pm COME Meal

Rising Dance Academy  
Recital 2025  
Presents

## The Elements of Dance

May 18th

Performances Begin @ 12:30  
Lafayette Truck Center for the Arts  
400 N. School Street  
(715) 470-4205

General Admission \$12 in advance \$15 at door 6 and under free  
risingdanceacademy1@gmail.com  
Raffle tickets, Door prizes, Flowers, and More!  
risingdanceacademy1@gmail.com

Purchase tickets today to attend the recital for the dance group who practices at St. John's by calling 715-470-4205.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7



### Rummage Sale May 1 & 2

Volunteers are still needed to help run the sale. There is a Sign Up Genius [online](#) and on the bulletin board if you would like to sign up to help, we would greatly appreciate the extra help.

Affirmation  
of Baptism



### Affirmation of Baptism, May 4, 9am

Affirmation of Baptism We will be celebrating with high school students who will be affirming their faith. Please join us for worship to support these young adults as they proclaim and take ownership of their faith.



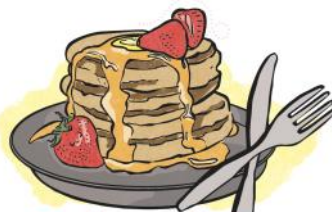
### Doorway Prayers, May 5, 6:30pm

We will pray in each doorway of our building. Everyone is welcome to participate.



### 2025 High School Graduates

On May 11 we will be celebrating high school graduation with 9 (7 at Spencer and 2 at Riplinger) of our high school students. We'll be gifting each of them a quilt made by a congregation member, so they have a little piece of St. John's to take with them as they venture out on their own. Make every effort to be in worship that Sunday to help them celebrate.



Fellowship  
Sunday Breakfast

### Raise the Roof Pancake Breakfast-

May 11- What a great opportunity to have some fellowship and enjoy breakfast. A free will offering will be collected for our new roof. We will be offering breakfast the 2nd Sunday monthly.

Sign up to volunteer to help on the bulletin board, [using this link](#), or using the sign up genius link on our website.

C.O.M.E.



### COME Meal, April 22, 5 to 6pm

We will be serving Italian chicken sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, cherry and blue berry dump cake and ice cream. Please sign up using this [link](#) or on the bulletin board.

# MINISTER OF FAITH FORMATION

You who are young, be happy while you are young,  
and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Ecclesiastes 11:9 NIV  
Questions contact Jenny: [jennyfaith659@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfaith659@gmail.com) or 715-613-3636



## JAM

The last Sunday for this school year will be May 4. Thank you to Jeremy Lewis, Tracey Ackman, Wyatt Karl and Rachel Nieman for teaching this year.



## Cross Training & LIVE

will conclude for this school year on May 14 with a party! We hope that everyone (students and parents) will come and not skip out because it's "just" a party. Parties are important to relax and have fun together, it's a huge part of continuing to form relationships with one another. Thank you to our small group leaders: Brad Helsten, Joshua Zvolena, Nick Tomzcik, Noah Schultz, Penni Cloud, Krystle Tomzcik, and Jenna Zahn.



## VBS

Save the dates! VBS will be on June 11, 18, 25, July 9 and 16. Stay tuned for more information! If you are interested in helping out, please let Jenny know!

# MISSION TRIP—SCRANTON, PA, JULY 19-27, 2025

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in every way, always having all sufficiency, you may abound in every good work" 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

Questions: Please contact our Minister of Faith Formation Jenny Neiman [jennyfaith659@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfaith659@gmail.com) or 715-613-3636



## The Basket Raffle

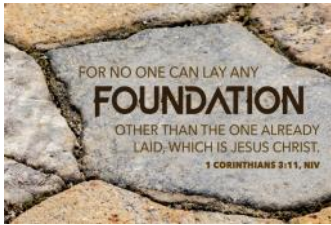
Thank you to everyone who donated baskets or pieces of themed baskets and who bought tickets, the total raised from the basket raffle was \$1215 thank you!! We are so grateful for all of your support! The names of the winners were drawn on Easter Sunday, April 20.

The Basket Raffle winners are: Grill basket-Jenny Leonhardt; Sewing/Craft basket- Glenda Fellenz; Spring basket- Peggy Labrensz; Walleye/Bass Fishing basket -Jeff Snortheim; Travel basket- Rudy Nieman; Packer basket- Rori Gerber; Bluey basket- Betty Jensen; Dinosaur basket- Derek Cline; Camping basket- Kelly Lawrence; Crochet basket- Heather Krueger; Jersey girls basket- Pam Hardrath; Wildlife pillows- Kyler Hardrath; Pan Fish basket- Marsha Martens; Power XL basket- Janika Helsten; Favorite Things basket- Heather Vogel; Bathroom basket- Rachael Schuette; Kitchen basics basket- Rachel Nieman; Kitchen basket- Alyssa Friedl; Dog Basket- Jacob Gardner.



## MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING, May 7, 8pm

for anyone middle school and older interested in going on the Mission Trip to Scranton, PA, July 20 to 26.



**Foundations of Faith** youth who would like to begin working through the Foundations of Faith packet with their parents at home, the packet is available in the brochure rack outside of the church office. Any of the youth who have been working through the packet and would like to schedule a meeting with Jenny, the Google Form has been updated with available May & June dates. The [link](#) has been posted in the Band app and will be on the church website.



**Riplinger Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help with Altar Committee (communion set-up), readers and communion assistant. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Brenda Newman if you are interested in helping us out. 715-212-5886

MINISTRY  
SITE  
PROFILE

**Update**

The Ministry Site Profile team continues to meet and is asking you to complete [this survey available online](#) or a paper copy can found next to the parish office. All surveys are anonymous, online surveys are NOT linked to your email address.



**Spencer MARCH RECAP**

Income: \$8774.38  
Expenses: \$6204.56  
Thank you to everyone who is financially supporting the mission of our church.

IF THIS BELONGS TO YOU PLEASE LET [PAM](#) KNOW OR STOP IN THE OFFICE.



**Update**

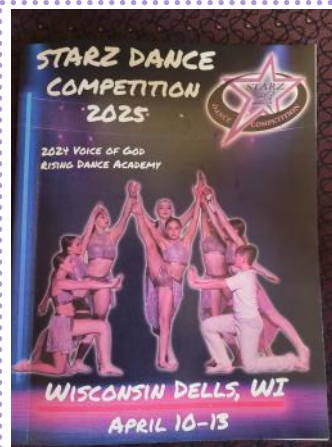
The group has met and is making good progress.



**Spencerama Parade**

Are you creative? We're looking for a team to help create/decorate a float for the Spencerama parade on June 15. Contact Jenny to volunteer, think tank meeting dates will be set in the very near future.

**June 15, 8:30am, Spencerama Worship** featuring King's Conquest. Instead of worship here, join us at the Lions Park and bring a lawn chair. If you are interested in ushering and taking the offering please let Pam in the office know. Thank you!



The dance group that meets here was on the cover of the competition magazine. Check out their featured song, "Voice of God." Before they came here, they did not use Christian music. This year they are dancing to "Church Clap" and "Jericho." God works in mysterious ways!



### **Viola Marie Dommer**

Daughter of Thomas Dommer and Tanya Beyerl.

Graduating from Colby High School.

I plan to go into the work force and attend tech school after graduation.

There are so many memorable events to choose, one is impossible to pick. Sunday School in the Riplinger basement was something I looked forward to as a child, playing cards, games and learning with Deana. Another event is when we did the Christmas play at Riplinger. I wanted to be an angel so badly but was too young. Lastly, going to a church concert with Jenny.



### **Jenelle Lilliann Ertl**

Daughter of Todd and Jessica Ertl.

Graduating from Colby High School.

I plan to work into taking over the family farm.

A very memorable Cross Training that I remember is a game we played. We were given little squares of paper and had to find 2 people in the Sunday school rooms that had candy. It was fun because all the lights were off. I remember I was so close to finding one of the people. Then Rich grabbed me and flipped me upside down, then took my squares.



### **Kyler DuWayne Hardrath**

Son of Travis and Pam Hardrath.

Graduating from Spencer High School.

I plan to continue working at Colby Chrysler Center as a mechanic.

My most memorable experience is going to Luther Bible Camp and swimming. Another fun experience was spending a week at the Boundary Waters church camp, catching fish and cutting down a fallen tree to make camp fires. One morning it was really cold and I burnt a hole in my boot because I was too close to the fire.

MAY GOD  
BE GRACIOUS TO US  
AND BLESS US  
AND MAKE HIS FACE  
SHINE ON US.

PSALM 67:1, NIV



## Wyatt Arnold Henry Karl

Son of Lori Karl and Jeff Stiglich.

Graduating from Spencer High School.

I plan to attend Mid State Technical College for Diesel Engine Tech.

My favorite experience was the Wednesday summer fun nights, playing a game and leading Rachel around to get the colored balls and winning.



## Theresa Joan Knecht

Daughter of Dave and Amanda Knecht.

Graduating from Spencer High School.

I plan to attend Winona State University for elementary education.

Vacation Bible School was always my favorite activity within church. I loved the music that we always sang during the week.



## Ariana Krueger

Daughter of Michelle Krueger and Nate Krueger.

Graduating from Spencer High School.

I plan to attend Mid State Technical College to study nursing.

My most memorable experience is attending Districts in 2024 and 2025 and going on the Mission Trip last year.

CLASS OF  
**2025**



## Hunter Reynolds

Son of Josh and Jenny Reynolds.  
Graduating from Colby High School.



## Qwyntyn Lee Schmidt

Son of Keith and Danielle Schmidt.  
Graduating from Spencer High School.  
I plan to attend North Central Technical College for  
Mechanical Design Engineering  
My favorite memory is playing gaga ball all night at the  
lock in.



## Keely Schuh

Daughter of Missy and Shane Schuh.  
Graduating from Spencer High School.  
I plan to attend North Central Technical College to get my CDL to drive  
dump trucks.  
I really enjoyed districts with the music and great messages. I also enjoyed  
the lock-in last year and all the games.



## Spencer Council Contact Information

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## Riplinger Council Contact Information

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Member 3: Judine Block - 715-383-8025



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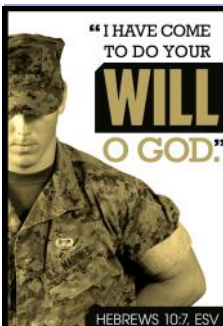
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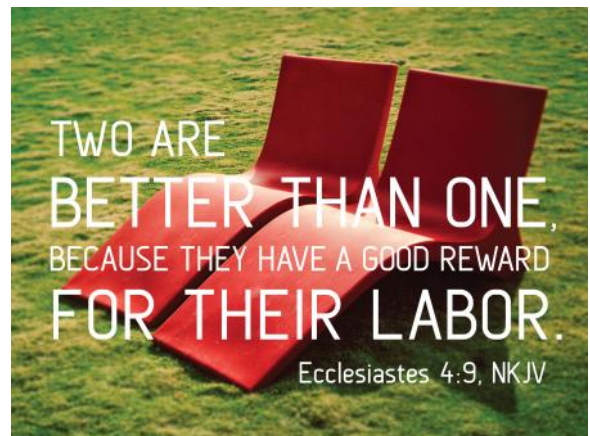


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| 1 Teri Schorer   | 15 Michelle Krueger |
| Karen Grieser    | 18 Tilly Weiler     |
| Jasper Berres    | 21 Janice Neumann   |
| 3 Darlene Shupe  | Sharon Hamus        |
| Travis Hardrath  | 22 Dawn Reckner     |
| 4 Harry Vogel    | 23 Mogan Schjoneman |
| Jaci Cook        | 24 Jeremy Oelrich   |
| Leah Cook        | 27 Gayle Dommer     |
| 5 Liam Plugger   | Steve Gaetz         |
| Karly Kilty      | 29 Trish Porter     |
| Bob Helsten      |                     |
| Bryce Fleischman |                     |
| Tanya Kilty      |                     |
| 7 Lori Kops      |                     |
| Mike Schuette    |                     |
| 9 Shawn Ottum    |                     |
| 10 Ema Schultz   |                     |
| 13 Karrie Kaiser |                     |

**May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!**

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|----------------------------|----------|
| 1 Tanya & Adam Manicke     | 15 years |
| 3 Travis & Carri Weiler    | 17 years |
| 10 Chad & Jackie Soback    | 22 years |
| 13 Travis & Pam Hardrath   | 19 years |
| 18 Robert & Marion Haas    | 56 years |
| 20 Dave & Brenda Newman    | 47 years |
| 26 Rachel & Kurt Blanchard |          |
| Tammie & Mike Lehman       | 41 years |
| 27 Jacob & Leah Gardner    | 2 years  |

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



**PRAYER**  
*list*

**A special prayer for the family and friends of Tom Bauer** who went home to his heavenly Father.

**Those with short term health concerns:** Susan Howe, Brett Kloth, Mia Maddox, Jim Miller, Jim Rau.

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

**Those with cancer:** Judi Andrew, Candyce DeNoble, Nikki Duranceau, Ruth Fleischman,

Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Michelle Oelke, Tom Steiner, Wayne Vaughn.

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

**Those in the military:** Leah Gardner, Caden Schillinger

**If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or have an emergent need, for any updates on these prayer requests or additional prayer concerns,** please get in touch with the office at [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com) or text/call Pam at 715-507-0549

Please contact the office if you are available to serve in open spaces. Thank-you!  
[sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com)



Please contact the office if you can fill in any of the blanks! Thank you! [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com)

|                          | May 4            | May 11            | May 18           | May 25  | June 1          | June 8           |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Message                  | Todd Brinkman    | Pastor Bill Rice  | Rudy Nieman      | Pastor Pat Langreck                             | Jenny Nieman    | Pastor Bill Rice |
| Assisting Minister       | Ashley Stroetz   | Penni Cloud       |                  | Ashley Stroetz                                  |                 | Ashley Stroetz   |
| Greeter                  | Faye Lang        | Inez & Susan      | Randi Thompson   | Gwen Thomas                                     | Lori Kops       | Bob Haas         |
| Usher                    | Milt Viergutz    | Travis Hardrath   | Todd Brinkman    | Jim Christopher-son                             | Travis Hardrath | Brad Helsten     |
| Usher                    | Paul Leezer      | Ryan Hardrath     | Harry Vogel      | Janine Luepke                                   | Paul Leezer     | Milt Viergutz    |
| Tech                     | Teri Schorer     | Kyler Hardrath    | Rachel Nieman    | Bruce Luepke                                    | Kyler Hardrath  | Tracey Ackman    |
| Sound                    | Jenny Nieman     | Bruce Luepke      | Wyatt Karl       | Camdyn Vogel                                    | Ryan Hardrath   | Mason Gilmore    |
| Reader                   | Milt Viergutz    | Amanda Nieman     | Ashley Stroetz   | Gwen Thomas                                     | Lori Kops       | Milt Viergutz    |
| Communion Assistant      | Jule Vogel       | Janine Luepke     | Teri Schorer     | Jule Vogel                                      | Penni Cloud     | Lori Helsten     |
| Acolyte or Basket Bearer | Brooklyn Stroetz | Aurora Gerber     | Brooklyn Stroetz | Cohley Vogel                                    | Aurora Gerber   | Janika Helsten   |
| Hospitality              | Penny Vinnedge   | Pancake Breakfast | Ashley Stroetz   | BAKER<br>Gwen Thomas<br>SERVER<br>Heather Vogel | Lori Kops       | Ellen Brinkman   |
| Riplinger Reader         | Heidi McBride    | Brenda Newman     | Trish Porter     | Ertl Family                                     | Dave Newman     | Heidi McBride    |



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

| Attendance | Spencer | Riplinger |
|------------|---------|-----------|
| March 2    | 56      | 34        |
| March 9    | 54      | 24        |
| March 16   | 50      | 29        |
| March 23   | 48      | 20        |
| March 30   | 29      | 16        |



# May

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>27</b><br>Garage Sale Set Up<br>9:00am Worship at Spencer<br>10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect<br>11:00am Worship at Riplinger  | <b>28</b><br>Garage Sale Set Up<br>6:30pm Psalms Bible Study               | <b>29</b><br>Garage Sale Set Up  | <b>30</b><br>9:00am before amen Study<br>6:00pm Optional Supper<br>6:30pm Cross Training & LIVE  | <b>1</b><br><br>7:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale | <b>2</b><br><br>7:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale | <b>3</b>  |
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| <b>11</b><br>9:00am Worship at Spencer; Graduate Recognition<br>10:15am RaiseRight Card Sale<br>10:45am Pancake Breakfast<br>11:00am Worship at Riplinger, Communion, Graduate Recognition | <b>12</b><br>6:30pm Psalms Bible Study                                     | <b>13</b><br>4:30pm Rising Dance<br>6:30pm Spencer Council Meeting   | <b>14</b><br>9:00am before amen Study<br>6:00pm Optional Supper<br>6:30pm Cross Training & LIVE  | <b>15</b><br>5:30pm Secretary in Office<br>6:30pm MSP Meeting   | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b> |
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# SPENCER COUNCIL MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer Council Meeting  
Minutes, March 18, 2025, 6:30 pm.

**Attending:** Rudy Nieman, Teri Schorer, Jenny Nieman, Penni Cloud, Pam Hardrath, Todd Brinkman, Travis Hardrath, Nick Tomczik

**Absent:** Marsha Martens, Randi Thompson

**Guests:** none

**Call to Order by Rudy at 6:38 p.m.**

**Opening Devotional:** Psalm 121; played song: Praise you in the Storm

**God Sightings/Gratitude outside of church:** 58<sup>th</sup> medallion award which was recipient's brothers football number; VDC

**New Business:**

**Members:** Motion made by Travis Hardrath to accept Doug Leonhardt as a member with second by Nick Tomczik; motion carried.

Nancy Jonas transferred member status to Riplinger.

**Tech computers:** power supply on order; laptop quotes, anonymous donation for laptop  
Teri made motion not to exceed \$1300 to purchase new laptop for technology through Northside computers; second by Pam Hardrath; motion carried.

**Back to Church Sunday (change name):** in fall- find someone to lead. Combine with small lively church, to worship in park pavilion- community draw, live music, kids games, Cross fire with games, teens, ask other churches to join us

**Spencerama-** Was not followed up with.

Pastor Bill and Pastor Pat will share messages monthly.

**Old Business:**

**Raise the Roof:** If pancake breakfast is a fundraiser, Thrivent will contribute \$250 towards groceries. Heather will co-lead with Pam Hardrath. Peggy Labrensz, and Joe Weix will buy groceries and help make pancakes. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, and egg bake. Will be on May 4, 2025. Of note, was since moved to May 11, 2025.

**2025 Goals:** community presence and involvement, call committee

Jenny Nieman will participate in Spencerama parade. Discussed Be The Church provided good community involvement.

**Council position votes:**

Food, Fellowship, and Fun: vacant. Congregational Care: Marsha Martens; Teri Schorer motioned to nominate Marsha Martens to Congregational Care Director and Todd Brinkman seconds; motion carried. Buildings and Grounds: Travis Hardrath; Todd Brinkman motioned to nominate Travis Hardrath to Buildings and Ground Director, Penni Cloud seconds; motion carried.

**Council restructure:** handout

Restructure Committee- we need 11 people, currently have 9 (Rudy Nieman as ex officio), Teri Schorer, Danielle Schmidt, Harry Vogel, Peggy Labrensz, Joe and Rhonda Weix, Petie and Gerald Marten, Todd Brinkman, Nick Tomczik, ? Dave Lucht vs Penni Cloud

**Memorial Funds pamphlet-** add that Council will approve memorial funds/donations and take care of purchasing items.

**Roofing options-** handout

All quotes and information to be provided by 4/1/25. All estimates to have tear off estimate included.

Council meeting on 4/8/25 we will finalize roofing options and bids. Take to congregation to vote May 11, 2025 during special congregational meeting.

REPORTS:

**Secretary's Report (Penni Cloud)**

Motion was made by Nick Tomczik to approve secretary minutes with corrections, second by Travis Hardrath; motion approved.

**Treasurer Report (Teri Schorer)**

Income: \$8,715.81 Expenses: \$6,172.42 Gain: \$2,543.39

**Minister of Faith Formation (Jenny Nieman)**

**Jesus And Me**

The plan for Palm Sunday is a large group activity about Holy Week/Palm Sunday and Easter= all hands- on activities.

**Butter Braid Fundraiser**

Youth sold 186 Butter Braids. Approximate profit is \$1550 to go to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund.

Butter Braids will be delivered on March 19, 2025.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser.

**Cross Training/LIVE**

Community service projects were the focus the last Wednesday of February.

Quilts for graduates are in the hands of the quilters. We'll celebrate with this year's graduates on May 11, 2025.

**2025 Mission Trip**

Basket Raffle started on March 9, 2025.

The rummage sale will be May 1 & 2, 2025.

Trip participants are headed to Scranton, PA on July 19-26, 2025.

The group has been actively raising funds outside of St.

John's, they currently have raised \$1740 in two fundraisers.

**Worship (Randi Thompson)**

**Buildings and Grounds (Travis Hardrath)**

**Congregational Care (Marsha Martens)**

**Beyond our Doors (Nick Tomczik)**

Next Meeting: 6:30pm on April 8, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Travis Hardrath Second by Teri Schorer Motion Approved.

Lord's Prayer Closing

Respectfully submitted: Penni Cloud

# SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Account #                              | Account Name                                      | Period Activity   | YTD Balance        | Annual Budget       |
|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                          |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 410.010                                | Tithes & Offerings                                | 8,064.00          | 23,716.92          | 130,000.00          |
| 410.011                                | Non-tithe Offerings General Fund                  | 230.00            | 725.00             |                     |
| 410.050                                | Riplinger Reimbursements                          | 480.38            | 1,577.29           | 6,500.00            |
| 441.060                                | Building use                                      | 0.00              | 250.00             | 2,500.00            |
|  | <b>Total Income</b>                               | <b>\$8,774.38</b> | <b>\$26,269.21</b> | <b>\$139,000.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                        |   |                   |                    |                     |
| <i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>           |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 500.010                                | Tithe   | 0.00              | 2,113.53           | 13,000.00           |
|  | <i>Total Wider Mission</i>                        | <i>\$0.00</i>     | <i>\$2,113.53</i>  | <i>13,000.00</i>    |
| <i>510.000 Worship</i>                 |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 510.030                                | Copyrights  | 0.00              | 0.00               | 1,000.00            |
| 510.050                                | Community Worship Services                        | 0.00              | 0.00               | 850.00              |
| 510.070                                | Instrument maintenance/service                    | 0.00              | 0.00               | 200.00              |
| 510.100                                | Worship Supplies                                  | 12.99             | 185.33             | 1,000.00            |
|  | <i>Total Worship</i>                              | <i>\$12.99</i>    | <i>\$185.33</i>    | <i>3,050.00</i>     |
| 510.020                                | Pulpit Supply                                     | 0.00              | 0.00               | 8,000.00            |
| 510.060                                | Worship - Music/Special Events                    | 0.00              | 0.00               | 750.00              |
| <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)          | 0.00              | 0.00               | 1,100.00            |
| 520.030                                | Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)        | 83.25             | 166.50             | 500.00              |
| 520.040                                | High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)     | 0.00              | 344.22             | 1,000.00            |
| 520.050                                | Adult Faith Formation                             | 60.90             | 60.90              | 250.00              |
| 520.070                                | Library Resources                                 | 0.00              | 0.00               | 100.00              |
|  | <i>Total Faith Development</i>                    | <i>\$144.15</i>   | <i>\$571.62</i>    | <i>3,250.00</i>     |
| <i>540.000 Fellowship &amp; Care</i>   |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 540.010                                | Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies                    | 44.30             | 98.19              | 650.00              |
| 540.020                                | Care Resources                                    | 77.34             | 397.34             | 500.00              |
| 540.030                                | Events  | 0.00              | 0.00               | 300.00              |
|  | <i>Total Fellowship &amp; Care</i>                | <i>\$121.64</i>   | <i>\$495.53</i>    | <i>1,450.00</i>     |
| <i>560.000 Office</i>                  |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 560.010                                | Office Supplies (shared)                          | 24.78             | 218.51             | 750.00              |
| 560.020                                | Telephone & Internet (shared)                     | 190.28            | 570.80             | 2,200.00            |
| 560.030                                | Postage (shared)                                  | 209.51            | 227.99             | 750.00              |
| 560.050                                | Copier Maintenance (shared)                       | 267.00            | 496.76             | 2,300.00            |
| 560.060                                | Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared) | 0.00              | 0.00               | 1,500.00            |
|  | <i>Total Office</i>                               | <i>\$691.57</i>   | <i>\$1,514.06</i>  | <i>7,500.00</i>     |
| <i>570.000 Administration</i>          |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 570.010                                | Offering Envelopes                                | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00                |
| 570.020                                | Vanco Electronic Giving Fees                      | 112.71            | 276.28             | 1,200.00            |
| 570.040                                | Insurance & Workman's Compensation                | 894.04            | 2,666.68           | 7,500.00            |
| 570.050                                | Mileage Reimbursement (shared)                    | 0.00              | 0.00               | 400.00              |
|  | <i>Total Administration</i>                       | <i>\$1,006.75</i> | <i>\$2,942.96</i>  | <i>9,100.00</i>     |
| <i>580.000 Buildings &amp; Grounds</i> |   |                   |                    |                     |
| 580.020                                | Electricity                                       | 306.60            | 948.67             | 4,500.00            |
| 580.030                                | Natural Gas                                       | 465.42            | 1,272.01           | 2,000.00            |
| 580.040                                | Holding Tanks                                     | 0.00              | 0.00               | 900.00              |

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| 580.050   | Waste Disposal                            | 156.98            | 467.78             | 1,800.00            |
| 580.065   | Cleaning                                  | 96.56             | 205.87             | 700.00              |
| 580.070   | Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses    | 136.50            | 672.36             | 2,000.00            |
| 580.080   | Snow Removal                              | 1,220.00          | 2,400.00           | 2,500.00            |
| 580.090   | Lawn Mowing- Church                       | 0.00              | 0.00               | 450.00              |
| 580.100   | Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care                  | 0.00              | 0.00               | 500.00              |
|           | <i>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>      | <i>\$2,382.06</i> | <i>\$5,966.69</i>  | <i>15,350.00</i>    |
| 590.000   | <i>Staff</i>                              |                   |                    |                     |
| 590.110   | Pastor Compensation                       | 0.00              | 0.00               | 26,555.00           |
| 590.120   | Housing Allowance (Pastor)                | 0.00              | 0.00               | 11,550.00           |
| 590.130   | Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)     | 0.00              | 0.00               | 100.00              |
| 590.140   | Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)      | 0.00              | 0.00               | 750.00              |
| 590.150   | Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)      | 0.00              | 0.00               | 4,350.00            |
| 590.160   | Social Security Allowance (Pastor)        | 0.00              | 87.74              | 3,395.00            |
| 590.170   | Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared) | 0.00              | 0.00               | 750.00              |
| 590.210   | FICA                                      | 131.15            | 448.63             | 2,600.00            |
| 590.230   | Organist Payroll                          | 0.00              | 0.00               | 2,600.00            |
| 590.240   | Treasurer Payroll                         | 150.00            | 450.00             | 1,800.00            |
| 590.250   | Secretary Payroll (shared)                | 1,228.50          | 3,948.00           | 15,600.00           |
|           | <i>Total Staff</i>                        | <i>\$1,509.65</i> | <i>\$4,934.37</i>  | <i>70,050.00</i>    |
| 590.280   | Minister of Faith Formation Payroll       | 335.75            | 1,466.25           | 7,500.00            |
|           | <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | <b>\$6,204.56</b> | <b>\$20,190.34</b> | <b>\$139,000.00</b> |
|           | <b>Difference</b>                         | <b>\$2,569.82</b> | <b>\$6,078.87</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>       |

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| Account #    | Account Name                      | Beg Balance         | Receipts           | Disbursements     | Transfers/JE's | End Balance         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 301.000      | <i>General Fund Balance</i>       |                     |                    |                   |                |                     |
| 301.100      | General Balance                   | 42,044.30           | 8,774.38           | 6,204.56          | 0.00           | 44,614.12           |
| 302.000      | <i>Special Funds Balance</i>      |                     |                    |                   |                |                     |
| 302.001      | ARK Balance                       | 1,071.64            | 29.00              | 0.00              | 0.00           | 1,100.64            |
| 302.102      | Globe Money Balance               | 654.28              | 37.76              | 0.00              | 0.00           | 692.04              |
| 302.120      | Technology Balance                | 5,271.32            | 1,170.00           | 1,155.00          | 0.00           | 5,286.32            |
| 302.138      | Bible Camp Balance                | 3,010.87            | 2,464.00           | 1,609.00          | 0.00           | 3,865.87            |
| 302.145      | Mission Trip Balance              | 584.09              | 850.00             | 0.00              | 0.00           | 1,434.09            |
| 302.155      | Kitchen Equipment Balance         | 306.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00           | 306.00              |
| 302.180      | COME Balance                      | 341.08              | 112.00             | 8.99              | 0.00           | 444.09              |
| 302.800      | Seminary Fund Balance             | 2,039.91            | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00           | 2,039.91            |
| 302.100      | Memorial Gifts Balance            | 5,751.70            | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00           | 5,751.70            |
| 302.105      | Building Fund Balance             | 178,075.32          | 940.00             | 0.00              | 0.00           | 179,015.32          |
| 303.000      | Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance   | 6,504.74            | 124.61             | 0.00              | 0.00           | 6,629.35            |
| 304.000      | Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance | 1,386.47            | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00           | 1,386.47            |
| <b>Total</b> |                                   | <b>\$247,041.72</b> | <b>\$14,501.75</b> | <b>\$8,977.55</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$252,565.92</b> |