

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



Connect

April 2026



MAUNDY
Thursday

Join us for
Maundy Thursday Worship
Riplinger
6:30pm



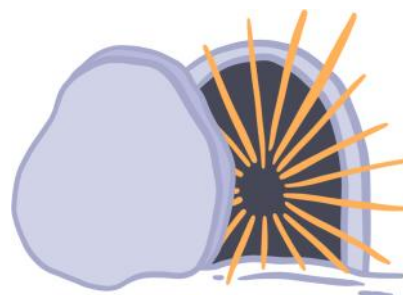
GOOD
Friday

Join us for
Good Friday Worship
Spencer
6:30pm



EASTER
Sunday

Join us for
Easter Worship
Spencer 9am
Riplinger 11am



Hope is Alive



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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April 2 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 24:3-11
Hebrews 9:11-22
Matthew 26:17-30

Good Friday

Matthew 26:20 -
Matthew 27:60

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Colossian 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12

Acts 5:29-42
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19

Acts 2:1-4; 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



Sign up for our

Weekly Email Link

If you do not currently receive our Wednesday weekly email, newsletter and other electronic communications and would like to, please use this [link](#) to sign up. If you need the link emailed to you, please let the office

sjlcoffice13@gmail.com know.

Thank-you!!

Greetings in Christ!

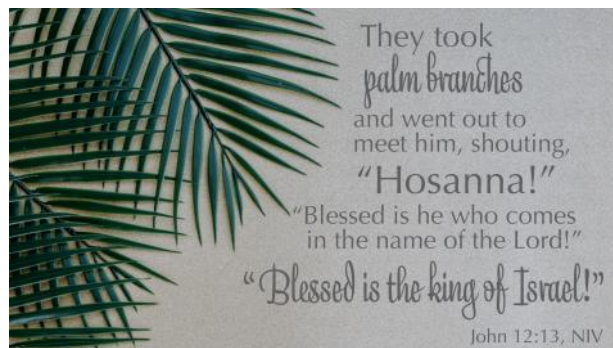
The month of April is always about rebirth. The ground thaws from its' winter freeze. The trees are budding out. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning! We all know this, but we often just take it for granted. We often don't live our lives as though we know this to be true. God doesn't want us to be afraid; He doesn't want us living our lives as though we are defeated! We are on the side that wins!

We already know the ending, it has been written and it will come to pass! The Easter worship service is simply a reminder of what is already true. When Jesus rose on the first Easter death was defeated once and forever! Satan no longer has any authority on earth, or in heaven. He will work really hard to make you think that he has great power and authority, but if we speak something to be done, and do it in the name of Jesus Christ, Satan and his demons MUST obey. The reason for this is given to us in Philippians 2:5-11, "⁵ ... which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Satan and his demons must obey because Jesus humbled himself, because Jesus was obedient even unto death. Because Jesus did this, God has made Jesus' name exalted and above every other name!

Jesus has already won! Be joyful, life begins anew when we realize this truth! Life becomes an eternal springtime because Jesus lives!

AMEN!



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—




Youth Lock In
April 3rd following
Good Friday worship.

Contact Jenny to register
715-613-3636

PARISH MENS GROUP.


April 9
6:30pm.

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



AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,
SO A FRIEND SHARPENS A FRIEND.
PROVERBS 27:17, NLT

RIPLINGER LADIES



Beginning April 15
at 1pm
Riplinger Church
Meeting the third
Wednesday
monthly.

St. John's Lutheran Church, LCMC
210167 State Highway 13
Spencer, WI 54479

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL FOR EVERYONE



Menu:
Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Veggies
Fruit Salad
Bars

Tuesday,
April 28, 2026
5 to 6pm




RIPLINGER QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 19 AFTER WORSHIP!



APRIL 20 TO 23.
PASTOR WILL BE ATTENDING THE WE PRAY, PASTOR PRAYER SUMMIT IN GREEN LAKE.

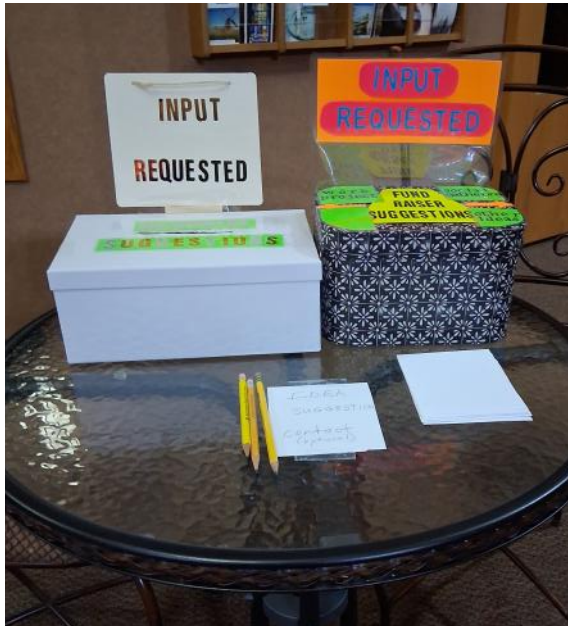


But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8, NIV

LEADERSHIP BOARD

"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 cleanses us from all sin." | John 1:7 Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL 1529 NIV®



Input Requested

These suggestion boxes are in the Narthex, please take a moment to share your thoughts. The Church Board is seeking your input on how memorial funds might be designated or saved for future use. We welcome ideas for meaningful additions or improvements within our church.

In addition, the Church Board is exploring future fundraising efforts. These events can also be a means to encourage fellowship within our church family. Some of the needs identified include a new refrigerator, stove, and dishwasher; soup bowls; vacuums; kitchen flooring; improved Narthex lighting; carpet replacement; and repairs to the wall near the tech area. If you have fundraising / fellowship ideas or would like to help support these projects, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the life of our church.

Getting together and doing something for the good of all!

MISSION Spotlight

Quarter 1: Spencer Kids Group

MISSION: To Promote and Help Provide a Nurturing Community for Kids. Spencer Kids Group (SKG), a local nonprofit 501(c)(3), has been able to provide a safe, fun, and supervised environment for kids to enjoy year-round for over 29 years. Our center provides the following programs: daily youth center, summer recreation, and Spencer Homework

Improvement Program (SHIP). SKG also provides a nightly meal to kids. SKG is dedicated to building the foundations for the success of local youth by developing programs that work to build social skills, academic confidence, and community pride. Attendance at SKG continues to grow with positive additions and continued improvements. Spencer Kids Group runs on a very tight budget. We receive a portion of our annual funding from Marshfield Area United Way and Marathon County United Way. However, these funds only cover about 30% of our annual expenses. The remaining 70% is brought in through fundraising, contributions, and grants. A few of our fundraising events include: • Spring Fever Dance - April • Brat Fry - July • Music in the Park - August • Golf Outing - September • Mother's Day Bingo – May. We use these funds to provide activities, plan trips, run a 3-week summer recreation program, make improvements to the building, and to help pay for wages for our director and staff that help supervise the youth. SKG operates under the guidance of a volunteer Board of Directors. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Diana at 715.659.4969.

Quarter 2: On April 19, Marilyn Seidl-Kramer will share information regarding Marshfield Area Respite Care Center (MARCC).

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.

Youth Faith Formation Contact
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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 U

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JAM — Jesus and Me

May 10, will be the last Sunday for this school year.

Save the dates!

VBS You're invited!

PLAY
LEARN
CREATE

June 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15
6 to 8pm



Vacation Bible School
For ages 3 years old-5th grade The theme will be announced very soon!

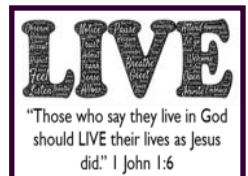
CLASS OF 2026

2026 Graduate Recognition Sunday
We will be celebrating with high school graduates in worship on May 10. We'll be gifting the soon to be graduates and their families with a twin-size quilt made by volunteers of St. John's.



Cross Training & LIVE

We're getting close to the end of the school year, the last Wednesday for this school year is May 13. A Lock In will be April 3, 8 pm- 6 am April 4 for youth 6th-12th grade. Cost is \$5 per person; friends are invited to attend!



Butter Braid Sale Update

Cross Training and LIVE youth sold 217 Butter Braids. Approximate profit is \$1519 to go to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought to help raise funds for all ages to attend Bible Camp and other faith-based events.

Affirmation of Baptism



Affirmation of Baptism May 3, 9am

We will be celebrating with high school students who will be affirming their faith. Be sure to be in worship to support these young adults as their proclaim and take ownership of their faith.

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: April 8 & 29, 8 pm in the youth room.

Fundraisers outside of St. John's

The mission trip group has been providing lunch for a free will offering at a local manufacturing company on Tuesdays since December, so far, the group has raised \$1153.



2026 Basket Raffle

Get your tickets soon! The Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5 following worship. Winners will be contacted by phone. A full list of winners will be printed in the May newsletter.



Rummage Sale

The Mission Trip participants will be holding the Rummage Sale this year on May 7 & 8. They would greatly appreciate donations of gently used items. Items can be placed in the trailer in the back of church beginning mid-April. Reminder- we do not take large appliances, TVs or exercise equipment. If you have any questions about items you'd like to donate, please check with Jenny (715-613-3636) before you drop it off.

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to help the youth set up the sale beginning April 29 and the days following or running the rummage sale during the school day, please sign up on the bulletin board or find the online sign up on our website. Thank you in advance!

[Sign up here!](#)



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.



April 18, 9am at Grace Lutheran Church
11284 Highway 10, Marshfield. Lunch is included.
Please RSVP to Lisa by April 10. 715-305-1291 or
naspac8@gmail.com

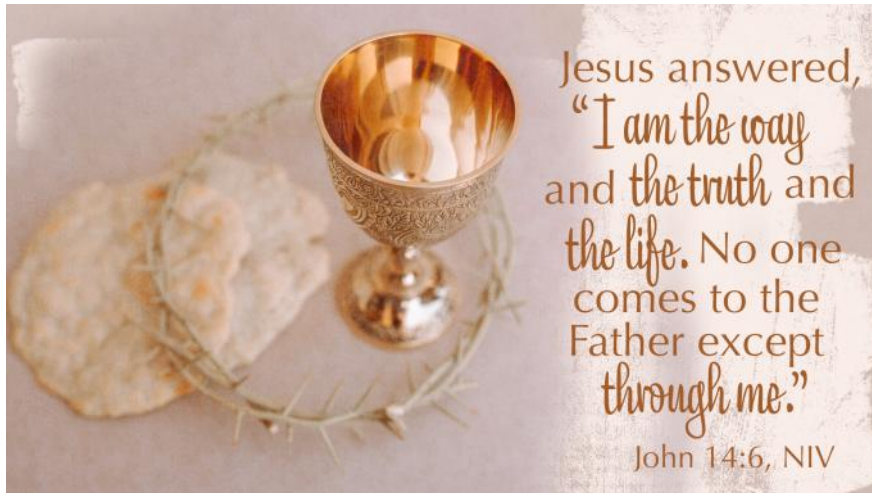


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| 3 Larry Labrensz | 19 Doug Ackman |
| Levi Dommer | 21 Addison Ertl |
| Emerick Berres | 23 Julia Craft |
| 4. Hazel Craft | 24 Lillyan Kildahl |
| Cameron Bant | 25 Nicole Buse |
| 6 Brittney Sebold | Hunter Reynolds |
| Jordan Vogel | Ryan Hardrath |
| 7 Ronald Seefeldt | 27 Nancy Vaughan |
| Jule Vogle | Aliyah Anderson |
| Bryan Helsten | Harper Craft |
| Lizzie Fehrenbach | 28 Bobbi Schneider |
| 8 Sawyer Kilty | Conner Kildahl |
| 12 Melissa Stueber | |
| 14 Kristin Ovans | |
| 15 Randy Matter | |
| 17 Tammie Lehman | |
| 18 April Smazal | |
| Tara Nigon | |

May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!

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| 2 Dan & Meghan Wilke | 2 year |
| 12 Ronald & Karen Seefeldt | 57 years |
| Larry & Peggy Labrensz | 40 years |
| 20 Duane & Corrie Bauer | 35 years |
| 21 Allen & Gail Jicinsky | 47 years |
| Wayne & Nancy Vaughan | 36 years |
| Paul & Jodi Leezer | 25 years |
| 26 Edward & Marilyn Bruger Jr. | 51 years |
| 27 Gerald & Jane Neuman | 58 years |

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



PRAYER list

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

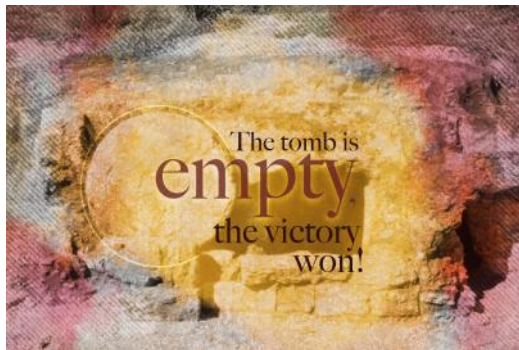
Those with cancer: Judi Andrew, Candyce DeNoble, Ruth Fleischman, Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Penny Pieper, Michelle Oelke, Ross Rucker, Cliff Taylor, Tom Steiner, Teresa Zahn.

Those who are homebound or in care facilities: Lois Block, Audrey Helsten, Grace Maines, Dorene Newman, Muriel Oelrich, Doris Seefeldt 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>April 2 Riplinger Reader: Dave Newman</p> <p>April 3 Greeter: Faye Lang Usher: Joe Weix Usher: NEEDED Tech: Adryan Schmidt Sound: NEEDED Reader: Glenda Fellenz, Gail Jicinsky, Wylie Seefeld, Brenda Newman, Gwen Thomas, Jim Christopherson Communion: Mary Seefeld Basket Bearer: NEEDED</p>	<p>April 5 Greeter: Inez Fosberg; Susan Howe Usher: NEEDED Usher: Milt Viergutz Tech: Jenny Nieman Sound: Tracey Ackman Reader: Hannah Rossow Communion: Ashley Stroetz Basket Bearer: Brooklyn Stroetz Hospitality: Hannah Rossow Riplinger Reader: Trish Porter</p>	<p>April 12 Greeter: Bob Haas Usher: Jim Christopherson Usher: Joe Weix Tech: Rachel Nieman Sound: Janika Helsten Reader: Milt Viergutz Communion: Jenny Nieman Basket Bearer: NEEDED Hospitality: Penny Vinnedge Riplinger Reader: Brenda Newman</p>
<p>April 19 Greeter: Lori Kops Usher: Brad Helsten Usher: Paul Leezer Tech: Mason Gilmore Sound: Janika Helsten Reader: Lori Kops Communion: Lori Helsten Basket Bearer: Adeline Nieman Hospitality: Lori Kops Riplinger Reader: Trish Porter</p>	<p>April 26 Greeter: Ranid Thompson Usher: Harry Vogel Usher: Alan Seefeld Tech: Tracey Ackman Sound: NEEDED Reader: Ashley Stroetz Communion: Mary Seefeld Basket Bearer: Brooklyn Stroetz Hospitality: Ashley Stroetz Riplinger Reader: Ertl family</p>	



Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
February 1	43	24
February 8	58	24
February 15	83	33
February 18	75	13
February 22	55	27
February 25	56	XXXXX



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



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29 9:00am Worship at Spencer 10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	30 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Acts Bible Study 6:30pm Worship at Spencer	31 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 6:30pm Monthly Bible Study	1 5:45pm Secretary in Office	2 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship at Riplinger	3 Pastor's Day Off 6:30pm Good Friday Worship at Spencer 7:30pm Youth Lock In	4 Pastor's Day Off
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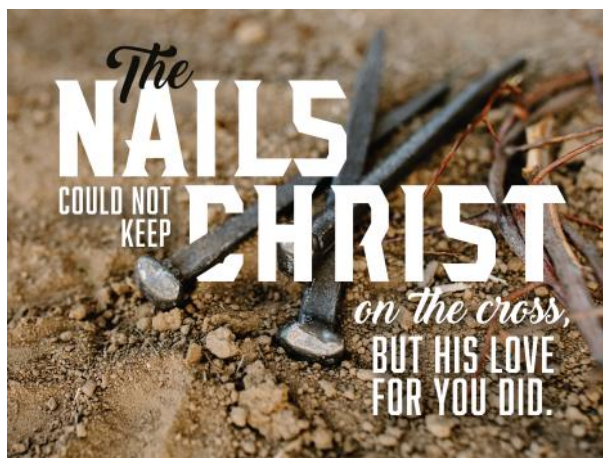
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Holy Week



Palm Sunday Triumphant Entry

- Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
- Activity: Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.



Monday Cleansing the Temple

- Reading: Mark 11:15-18
- Activity: Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.



Tuesday Speaking in Parables

- Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
- Activity: Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

Wednesday Silent Wednesday

- Reading: Psalm 46
- Activity: Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.



Thursday The Last Supper

- Reading: John 13:1-20
- Activity: Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.



Good Friday The Crucifixion

- Reading: Isaiah 53
- Activity: Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.



Holy Saturday Day of Preparation

- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.



Easter Sunday Jesus Is Risen!

- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.



SPENCER MINUTES

Council and new Board Joint Transition Meeting

February 10, 2026

Present: Previous Council – Rudy Nieman, Jenny Nieman, Penni Cloud, Marsha Martens & Randi Thompson

New Board – Glenda Fellenz, Cindy Weiler (by Phone), Faye Lang, Wayne Hagen, Gail Jicinsky, Nancy Vaughn & Peggy Labrenz

Others in Attendance: Pastor Ritchie Cole, Pam Hardrath, Melissa Stueber

Called to order at 6:35 pm by Rudy Nieman

Pastor Ritchie read the church's purpose statement and guiding principles followed with prayer.

MSA – Approval of January council minutes.

Treasurers Report was reviewed with no questions.

New Business:

Guest brought forth concerns with cemetery charges and billing. New Board will follow up.

Board discussed acoustic panels for the fellowship hall which had been approved at the 2025 annual meeting will be followed up on by new board. Sound equipment maintenance was also discussed.

Treasurer Position is still open however Teri has not resigned.

General discussion about the new board structure and the need for coordinators and volunteers going forward.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Amended Minutes submitted by W. Hagen

Board Minutes March 12, 2026

Call to Order at 1001 with opening prayer by Pastor Ritchie

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

Absent: Nancy Vaughn

Approval of Minutes

February minutes were approved via email

Unfinished Business (Old Business)

- Acoustic panels in the fellowship hall: Estimate will be provided at next council meeting
- Cemetery concerns: met with Cemetery Committee to address concerns. Discussions ongoing at this time. Gail Jicinsky excused herself from the discussion related to the cemetery concerns and left the room during this time
- Conflict resolution with Amazement Ministries: ongoing Zoom interviews being conducted
- Treasurer wanting to step down. Still needing to find someone to cover this position
- Ministry team: sign up reviewed and Spiritual Care and Liaisons will be reaching out to the

volunteers to follow up

• Memorial funds “wish book” will be put together. Please bring suggestions forward to a member of the board or pastor

Fundraiser: Will look into seeing if any laws pertain to this. Will have a Fundraiser calendar so we can better organize fundraisers going forward.

New Business

Pastor to attend We Pray.com retreat in the Fox Valley April 20-23rd 2026. M/S/A

Community mission distributions discussed. We will ask each of these groups to come to a service to educate the congregation on their mission and will provide a educational write up for the newsletter

First quarter will go to the Spencer Kids Group
Second quarter will go to MARCC (Marshfield Area Respite Care Center)

Third quarter will go to Peter Hinrichs – Josiah Ventures

Fourth quarter will go to House of Mercy, Loyal
Missing items from Secretary's office. Lock intermittently working on kitchen door

Will be replacing the locks on the kitchen door and secretary's door to combination locks and getting an estimate of for changing locks to outer church doors. Discussed keeping a record of those given keys and combination access

New lawnmower for the cemetery. Will discuss with cemetery committee about funding for this
Time and Talent surveys: will not be doing there this year. Will be using previous year Time and Talent report as needs arise

Board meeting time change: Will continue to be the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Times will be adjusted as needed to accommodate
Pew bibles will not be changing to ESV version. Have not seen the congregation using the pew bible to justify the cost of the change over
Pastor Ritchie to lead an Adult Mission trip to Thailand January 2027. More information to follow

Reports from Ministry Teams:

Treasurers report (February 2026):

Income: \$9,085.70, Expenses: \$13,371.73,

Loss: \$4,286.03

Adjournment

•Next Meeting: April 9th 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer at: 1145

Submitted by: Cindy Weiler, Recording Secretary

SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

Saturday, March 7, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	8,885.70	15,123.70	150,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	200.00	400.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	0.00	724.32	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	0.00	50.00	2,000.00
	Total Income	\$9,085.70	\$16,298.02	\$158,500.00
Expenses				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe	0.00	1,771.29	15,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,771.29</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	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	158.20	369.70	500.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$158.20</i>	<i>\$591.70</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)	0.00	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)	52.40	63.90	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>\$52.40</i>	<i>\$131.88</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	0.00	180.05	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	100.00	100.00	500.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<i>Total Fellowship & Care</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$280.05</i>	<i>1,300.00</i>
540.040	Mediator	0.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	494.33	742.78	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	190.28	380.56	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	31.00	207.09	700.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	0.00	198.54	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	31.25	261.21	1,500.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$746.86</i>	<i>\$1,790.18</i>	<i>7,400.00</i>
<i>570.000 Administration</i>				
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	80.70	162.63	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	421.95	421.95	500.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$502.65</i>	<i>\$584.58</i>	<i>10,700.00</i>

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

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
580.000	Buildings & Grounds			
580.020	Electricity	380.42	788.24	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	723.48	1,348.27	2,500.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	195.00	390.00	700.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	194.04	390.90	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	25.77	193.65	600.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	0.00	6.00	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	770.00	1,610.00	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>	\$2,288.71	\$4,727.06	16,100.00
590.000	Staff			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,956.26	5,912.52	35,475.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	1,500.00	3,000.00	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	3,153.76	16,600.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	340.90	681.80	4,100.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	438.89	598.89	750.00
590.210	FICA	185.48	371.96	2,000.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	300.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,841.00	3,661.00	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	\$8,989.41	\$17,679.93	97,875.00
590.125	Pastor Phone Allowance	100.00	200.00	1,200.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	433.50	901.00	7,500.00
	Total Expenses	\$13,371.73	\$30,657.67	\$171,825.00
	Difference	(\$4,286.03)	(\$14,359.65)	(\$13,325.00)

St. John's Lutheran Church - Spencer WI
Consolidated Fund Activity Report for February 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
301.000	General Fund Balance					
301.100	General Balance	48,985.13	9,085.70	13,371.73	0.00	44,699.10
302.000	Special Funds Balance					
302.001	ARK Balance	698.87	9.20	0.00	0.00	708.07
302.102	Globe Money Balance	518.51	119.81	0.00	0.00	638.32
302.120	Technology Balance	2,485.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,485.90
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	2,930.66	145.00	0.00	0.00	3,075.66
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	1,157.41	1,088.25	0.00	0.00	2,245.66
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	306.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
302.180	COME Balance	2,679.52	50.00	348.66	452.00	2,832.86
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	100.00	0.00	0.00	5,551.89
302.105	Building Fund Balance	11,346.26	340.00	0.00	0.00	11,686.26
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,979.87	166.00	0.00	(452.00)	7,693.87
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,540.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,540.01
Total		\$88,119.94	\$11,103.96	\$13,720.39	\$0.00	\$85,503.51