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NOVEMBER 2023

Services of Worship

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am
- Spencer 6:30pm

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www.facebook.com/Riplingerchurch/

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

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Deadlines

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

EXCITING NEWS FOR RIPLINGER!

The chair lift is fixed and ready for use! Thank you for your patience while it was down. And a huge thank you shout out to everyone who contributed to the cost of repairs! We appreciate all of you!

Winter Sports Blessing on Sunday, November 12th, 9am worship.

Community Thanksgiving Choir Practice, Sunday, November 5 & 19, 5pm, Faith Journey Church, 108 Burnett St and November 22, 6pm, St. John's, Spencer. Everyone is invited to join.

Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm at St. John's in Spencer.

NEW Contemporary Worship Service on Sundays at 6:30pm in Spencer.



Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24

9am Spencer Hymn Sing
Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

2pm Riplinger
4pm Spencer
6pm Spencer

Christmas December 25th

9am Spencer



Hospital
VISITS

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like Pastor Jeff to know, please contact him via phone call or text message at 715-615-2458. The hospital will not share information regarding your admission to the hospital.

Readings (AM Worship)

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

November 5

Baptism

Acts 2:32-41

Romans 6:1-7

Matthew 3:13-17 + 28:18-20

November 12

Winter Sports Blessing

**Baptism of Tilly Weiler at
Riplinger and Communion.**

Communion (Part 1)

I Corinthians 10:14-20

John 6:28-29, 35, 40, 51-

56,60-63

Luke 22:14-23

November 19

Communion (Part 2)

I Corinthians 11:17-34

Revelations 19:6-9

Mark 14:17-26

November 26

Before Jesus Returns

2 Thessalonians 2:1-15

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Matthew 24:9-27



Dear friends,

Thanksgiving is upon us!

As we gear up to be thankful for the exceptional cooking talent being used by the loving people around us on Thanksgiving . . . Hahaha, like that playful twist on Thanksgiving?

When our hearts are thankful, we are free to use our gifts and talents for the well-being of others and see their use of their gifts and talents as being good for our well-being too! With grateful hearts, there is no need to be competitive because gratitude creates win/win experiences! The better others become, the more I benefit, so why not support their growth and use of their gifts?

When we let the Holy Spirit bring forth the loving use of our gifts and talents for others from a grateful heart, the circle of thanksgiving and love produces a very sweet dessert, joy! To me, joy is the expression of liberation from selfishness, fears, shame, hostilities, etc. Joy can be contagious. The joy with which little Mary and Elizabeth gratefully received the gift of baptism on October 8 put a smile on everyone's face - thank you, girls!

This November, as we prepare for and indulge in bountiful feasts over Thanksgiving, let us do so with grateful hearts, filled with love for others so that our joy might be as full as our bellies! Cherish both time-honored family recipes and the new recipes our expanding family members bring to the table! The more you eat, the longer chores can wait for you to digest it all, right!?

Sometimes we forget that we partake in a meal of thanksgiving all year long. The meal we think of as the Lord's Supper or communion has also been called the Eucharist, which means *giving thanks*. *During our communion services, we express our thankfulness for the 'once for all' sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. His death and resurrection in our place are the food and drink that fills our hunger for immortality and thirst for love and forgiveness. This is why Jesus is the bread of life! Through the communion process, God's love comes to us and nudges us into service for others as a gift, freely and lovingly offered from a thankful heart that is loved and forgiven by God, and promised a feast that will never end when Jesus comes again in glory!*

As we journey into the future, my prayer is that we will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and experience a growing joy as the Spirit moves more of us into using our gifts and talents for the Lord, our church family, and those beyond. Anytime anyone is building up the body of Christ, we all win. My prayer is that our "pie" of joy from this will be a sweet sound in our ears!

Lastly, I am thankful for you all,

Pastor Jeff



WORSHIP SERVICES:

Spencer's, Sunday, 9am worship service offers a mix of hymns accompanied by the organ and video songs along with liturgy and a sermon. Communion is offered weekly.

Riplinger's, Sunday, 11am worship service offers a traditional service, with hymns accompanied by the organ, liturgy and a sermon. Communion is offered the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Spencer's 6:30pm contemporary worship service offers video music and a Bible teaching instead of a sermon.

***As always you as a member will have the opportunity to attend which ever service suits you best.** The goal is to offer various worship styles to appeal to everyone.



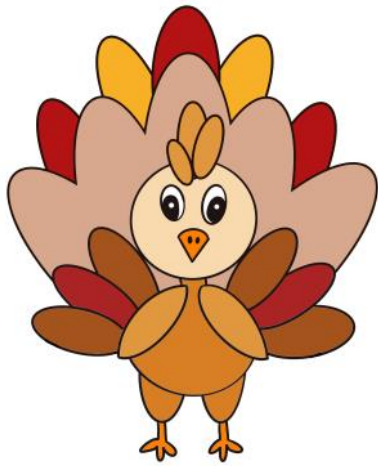
Sunday, November 12th, 9am worship.

All students and coaches involved in "winter sports" - basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, hockey, dance, etc. and some we may have forgotten, come to church with your "jersey" or uniform on and take part in a special prayer for your protection and strength through the upcoming season. Please spread the word!



Halloween Bible Style





Community Thanksgiving Choir Practice, Sunday, November 5 & 19, 5pm, Faith Journey Church, 108 Burnett St and November 22, 6pm, St. John's, Spencer. We invite anyone who would like to share their gift of music to please join us. Call Seth Johnson at 715-659-9309 if you have any questions. Thank-you!



It's time for those Orange Bags! As we are nearing Thanksgiving, it's time again to pick up an Orange collection bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and bring it with you to the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Volunteers are needed to provide meals, serve and clean up on Wednesday's, 6pm for our Cross Training and LIVE students. Please [sign up here.](#)

JAM for youth age 3 to Grade 5, Sundays, 10 to 11am. Feel free to invite a friend or two! JAM is a fun filled hands on way to introduce kids to Jesus, learn about loving our God and have fun!

Upcoming Schedule:

November 1: Tracy Weber
November 8: Amanda Gronski
November 15: Nick & Krystle Tomczik
November 22: NEEDED
November 29: NEEDED

STEP OUT!!

JANUARY 12-14, 2024
KI CONVENTION CENTER
INGREEN BAY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

LET'S GO!!

DISTRICTS is a growth level conference with outreach potential, where the gospel is clearly presented. This plug and play event for students in Junior & Senior High challenges and equips students to live on mission with God and take the next step in their relationship with God. The goal of this conference is to create an environment through large group rallies & seminars where students can experience God together and have adult leaders who can walk alongside of their students as they go home. Afternoon seminars are offered that address four specific purposes for students to choose from: Equip, Grow, Stretch & Hot Topics. Additionally, prayer is a central part of the weekend. It saturates everything that is done. Registration is open! Cost is \$90 per person. There is LOTS of scholarship money available, do not let money be the reason that you do not go. TALK to Jenny about scholarships and to reserve a spot today.



Cross Training for Middle Schoolers,

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, optional supper at 6pm. During Cross Training, middle schoolers spend time diving deeper into faith topics and relating them to their everyday life and forming relationships with a small group of peers and adults, inspiring them to develop a faith of their own. Encourage your middle schoolers to invite their friends!

LIVE for High Schoolers,

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, optional supper at 6pm. LIVE is a time for youth in High School to explore their faith while building a faith that lasts, ask questions and form relationships with their peers and adults. All youth in high school are invited and we would love for you to bring a friend or two!



SHUT IN ADDRESSES:

Grace Maines
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Marshfield, WI 54449

Marshfield, WI 54449

Marshfield Health Services
Linda Marchinek
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Marshfield, WI 54449

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GIVING TREE

Holiday Shopping with Love - The Giving Tree

Spencer will be participating in the Giving Tree. What a great way to share love and compassion for others in our community. Watch for the tree to be up later in November.



Pastor's Ponderings with Pastor Jeff

Wednesdays, 7pm

Questions contact Pastor Jeff 715-615-2458. There will not be a session on November 22.



November 2, 16 & 30, 6:30pm,
Travis Hardraths shop-
213462 State Highway 13.

Meets every other Thursday.
No experience necessary, all men are welcome to come and grow in their faith. Jump in anytime. 715-507-0548 for more information.
BRING A FRIEND!



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If you are having eye problems, Al can get you devices to help you read.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

For where two or more are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

FOREST SPRINGS

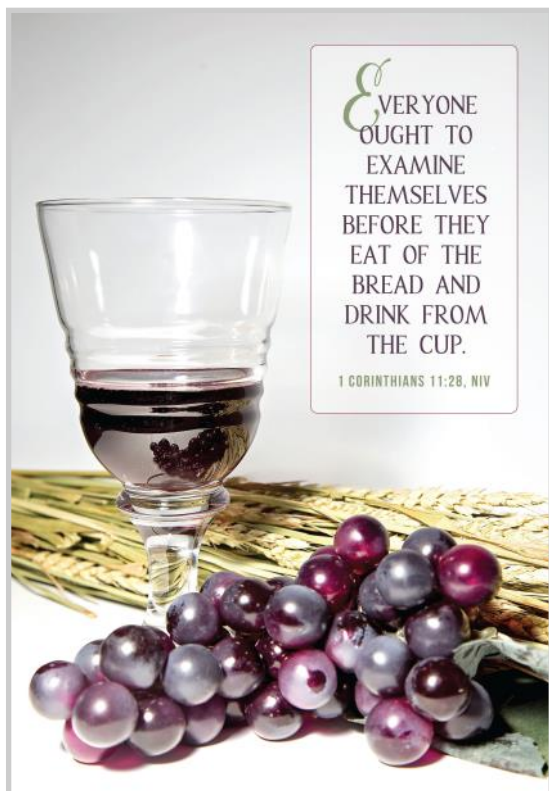


WINTER CAMP FOR YOUTH

It's action-packed. It's snow-filled. It's fuel for your faith. It's just what you've been looking for in an action packed, faith stretching weekend! After a day in the outdoors, you can grab a gourmet hot chocolate and hang out with friends in front of one of our fireplaces.

Wintertainment: Grades 8-12:
Jan 5-7 OR Meltdown: Grades 6-9:
Feb 16-18

Visit forestsprings.us for more information!



Feeling Called to Serve God's Kingdom?

Consider completing a Time and Talent form. There are many opportunities available that include a wide range of talents including serving in worship, helping around the building or grounds, assisting with specific events that occur through the year, and serving on council among many other opportunities. For more information, check it out [online](#) or paper copies can be found in the brochure rack.

Prayerfully consider where God is leading you to serve in our congregation.

Looking for a volunteer or two to steer head an older generations ministry. A few ideas – game days, Bingo, cards, wood working, crafts, gather at church and visit shut ins, cooking day (split the meal & share with each other) organize a day trip or overnight trip. We just need a group of people interested in getting together and making it happen. The possibilities are endless. If this person is you, reach out to Pastor Jeff.





November

BIRTHDAYS



November

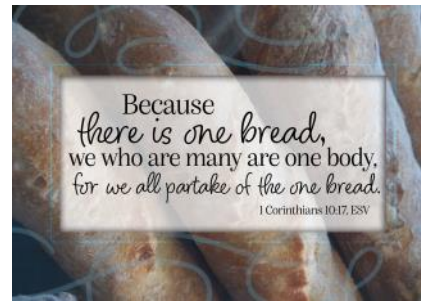
ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Pam Kilty | 24 Gail Burns |
| 3 Milton Viergutz | Rudy Nieman |
| 8 Gracie Burns | Caelyn Vogel |
| 10 Penny Vinnedge | 26 Matthew Leezer |
| Alexa Weber | 27 Alyssa Bezenyei |
| 12 Alora Nieman | Jan Kops |
| 13 LaVilla Schilling | Heather Vogel |
| 14 Treyton Ackman | 28 Ashton Ackman |
| 18 Aiden Bauer | Amanda Knecht |
| Nora Bauer | 29 Darla Newman |
| 20 Bill Martens | Dennis Reckner |
| 22 Donna Bychinski | Sophie Schultz |
| 23 Jenny Center | 30 Jim Christopherson |

May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 Joan & Brad Bruss | 37 years |
| 11 Cindy & Jim Weiler | 12 years |
| 15 Denny & Teri Schorer | 43 years |
| 16 Denny & Janell Kopp | 38 years |

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



You are invited ...

"Rugged and Serene" – the artwork of Tim Hinrichs inspired by the Polish Beskid mountains, and the beauty of the upper Midwest.




Lucille Tack Center for the Arts
400 N. School Street
Spencer, WI 54479

Profits from any art sales goes towards Christian ministry in Ukraine!

Friday, November 3, 5-7 p.m.



 St. John's Lutheran Church
210167 Hwy 13, Spencer



Menu

- Cranberry/Apricot
 - Pork Loin Roast
 - Rice
 - Squash
 - Assorted Bars
- Free Community Meal for Everyone.

Prayer List

Those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities:

Kathy Dietsche, Barb Dommer, Grace Maines, Linda Marchinek, Pat Miller, Muriel Oelrich, LaVilla Schilling

Those with health concerns: Amanda Gronski's father in law, Lois Block, Dale Fehrenbach, Wayne Hagen, Audrey Heldt, Elroy Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Andy Hendrickson, Mandi Herron, Susan Howe, Shaun Kornusky, Sandy Lemens, Phil Lopez, Bill Martens, Kris

Ovans, Tammi Schiferl, Doris Seefeld, Gary Smith, Nancy Smith, Darin Thompson, Rich Wilke.'

Those with cancer:

Judi Andrew, Nikki Duranceau, Ruth Fleischman, Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Parker Klimmer, Tim Komarek, Kathy Pieper, Tom Steiner, Heather Widmann

Those serving in the military: Tyler Klemment

Please contact the office if you are available to serve in open spaces. Thank-you!
sjlcoffice13@gmail.com

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 22 TBD	November 26	December 3
Greeter	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Randi Thompson	Luanne Schwarze		Lori Kops	Jan Ammons
Usher	Brad Helsten	Travis Hardrath	Allen Jicinsky		Wayne Hagen	Travis Hardrath
Usher	Keith Schmidt	Kyler Hardrath	Brad Helsten		Harry Vogel	Jim Christopherson
Tech	Adryan Schmidt	Pam Hardrath	Tracey Ackman	Tracey Ackman	Rachel Nieman	Kyler Hardrath
Sound	Qwyntyn Schmidt	Ryan Hardrath	Teri Schorer	Teri Schorer	Camdyn Vogel	Pam Hardrath
Reader	Glenda Fellenz	Penni Cloud	Gail Jicinsky	XXXXXXXXXX	Mary Seefeld	Jim Christopherson
Communion Assistant	Lori Helsten	Teri Schorer	Lori Helsten	XXXXXXXXXX	Jule Vogel	Jenny Nieman
Acolyte	Danica Weber			XXXXXXXXXX		
Hospitality	Pam Hardrath	Jan Ammons	Gail Jicinsky	XXXXXXXXXX	Charla Hagen	Jan Ammons
Riplinger Reader	Trish Porter	Heidi McBride	Ertl Family	XXXXXXXXXX	Dave Newman	Joan Miller

**Sermons Are
Online**

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

Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
September 3	54	12
September 10	82	20
September 17	81	Joint worship
September 24	62	14



November

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		
29 9:00am Worship at Spencer 10:00am JAM 11:00am Worship at Riplinger 3:30pm Trunk or Treat 6:30pm Worship at Spencer	30 9:00am Pastor Jeff in Office 6:00pm YOGA 6:30pm Meet the Pastor (Schorer's hosting) 6:30pm Minor Prophets Study	31 4:30pm Rising Dance	1 9:00am Hebrews Study 5:30pm Pastor Jeff in Office 5:30pm Secretary in Office 6:00pm Optional Supper 6:30pm Cross Training/LIVE 7:00pm Pastor Ponderings 8:00pm Mission Trip Meeting	2 6:30pm Men's Group	3	4
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November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Matthew 22:36-38	2 1 Chronicles 29:10-14	5 James 1:16-17	1 Psalm 9:1-2
5 Hebrews 13:15	6 Psalm 95	7 Psalm 100	8 Psalm 103	9 Psalm 105	10 Psalm 136	11 Romans 1:20-21
12 Daniel 2:19-23	15 Psalm 25:9-10	14 Matthew 14:17-21 Matthew 15:32-38	15 Luke 22:14-19	16 John 11:41	17 1 Corinthians 15:56-57	18 2 Corinthians 4:13-18
19 Psalm 138:1-5	20 Colossians 2:6-7	21 1 Thessalonians 5:18	22 Ephesians 5:3-4; 5:19-20	25 Philippians 4:6-7	21 Luke 17:11-19	25 Colossians 3:15-16
26 Philippians 1:3-5 Colossians 1:3	27 Ephesians 1:15-16 1 Thessalonians 1:2	28 Revelation 7:11-12 Revelation 11:16-17	29 Philippians 4:11-12	50 2 Corinthians 9:15		

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES SPENCER

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer Council Meeting Minutes,
September 12, 2023, 6:30pm Approved on October 10, 2023

Attending: Rudy Nieman; Wayne Hagen; Pam Hardrath; Jenny Nieman,
Travis Hardrath; Mary Seefeld, Heather Vogel, Marsha Martens
Absent: Teri Schorer

Call to order by Rudy Nieman at 6:36pm
Opening Prayer led by Pastor Jeff
God sightings shared by council members.

New Business:

James and Sharon Schiszik requested to transfer their membership
to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, ELCA.

New member: Jacob Gardner; Travis made a motion, Heather
seconded, motion carried.

Christmas Eve and Day worship times. Pam is going to check into
what we did in the past and attendance. Discuss in October.

Homecoming Bonfire will take place at church. This is not
organized by the school but by some families of Spencer
school.

Old Business

Meet the Pastor visits will be set up for October. Information was
included in the September newsletter. Al & Gail Jicinsky (Oct
23 OR Oct 26); Denny & Teri Schorer; Brad & Lori Helsten;
Travis & Pam Hardrath, Gwen Thomas & Wayne Hempel.

Hymnals review Marsha, Pastor, and the Worship Committee.

October 22, Riplinger ok'd 10am worship time. Are
refreshments being provided include brats, chips, root beer
floats and cake or cupcakes.

Globe funds will be sent to Heifer international,

REPORTS:

PASTORAL MINISTRY

4 Sunday Services & messages at both congregations

* Posting message scripts and videos weekly

2 Hospital Visits with planned follow up

12+ Shut-in Visits

1 Premarital session & 2 phone conversations

SERVING ALONGSIDE PEOPLE

1 COME MEAL

1 Men's Group

1 Tween mom conversation

2 Meetings with Jenny re: Youth Program & partnership

3 Meetings re: special services (Thanksgiving/Pet Blessing/Polka
Service)

* Reworked the Jesus statue area (multiple conversations)

* Restarted choir for special music and leading hymn singing

IN THE WORKS

Weekly Wed. Night Fellowship Group for Caregivers & Adults
starting 9/13

Attending the LCMC Annual Gathering Oct. 1-4 (*Thanks Jenny for
covering 10/1*)

MISC. & OUTREACH

2 Meetings with Pastor Tim

Many calls to area clergy re: Community Thanksgiving service

Many calls to area clergy re: Winona Avenue outreach event

Many contacts with members, visitors, and drop-ins

Supported Dance Studio moving to St. John's

Gifts "inventory" activity in both churches

Secretary (Pam Hardrath)

Heather made a motion to approve the August Council Minutes; Marsha
seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer (Teri Schorer)

Attached. Recap August income \$8322.24 expenses \$10,571.96
Difference of **-\$2,249.72** General Fund balance \$53,029.93

Minister of Faith Formation (Jenny Nieman)

Jesus And Me

The plan is to have two "classrooms" one for all younger kids to
kindergarten and then another for 1st -5th grade. Tracey Ackman

will teach the older class, Rachel Nieman has offered to teach the
youngest class, looking for a couple of adults to help with the
youngest class as well as there is great potential for large number of
kids.

Bibles for preschoolers and 3rd graders will be presented on Sept. 24
during worship

Cross Training

Resumes Sept 13 with a parent/youth meeting followed by some fun
activities to begin the year, optional supper at 6 pm and large group
begins at 6:30 pm

Small group leaders are: Penni Cloud, Nick Tomczik, and Brad Helsten
We are short a female small group leader also looking for another
male to fill in on the weeks that Brad is unable to.

LIVE

Resumes Sept 13 same schedule as Cross Training

We have 2 female leaders and are looking for male leader

Other Activities:

The senior class at Spencer was looking for a location to have a class
bonfire they asked if they could host it at St. John's it will be on
Sept. 25, after 7 pm. I will be "chaperoning" the event.

Back to Church Sunday Sept. 18- an inflatable obstacle course has been
reserved from D&T rentals in Stratford, we'll have BINGO
available for everyone to play, Cornhole boards, gaga, sidewalk
chalk, horse rides, Potluck meal will follow worship.

Fall Sports Blessing will be offered in worship on Sept. 17 for everyone
who is playing a fall sport, folks (adults/kids) should come wearing
their jersey, uniform, outfit etc.

Backpack blessings is Sept. 17 during worship, instead of ordering the
premade tags, I created one and laminated them.

Worship (Mary Seefeld)

August 6: 63

August 13: 48

August 20: 55

August 27: 57

August 17: Worship Committee Met: Mary Seefeld, Charla Hagen, Gail
Jicinsky, Pastor Jeff

Discussed upcoming events and answered questions.

Jenny & Rudy are in charge of concerts outside of the church.

Worship Committee is in charge of in-house worship

Training for serving in worship needs to be scheduled. Suggested to
bring Brian Hayes to do this training (council discussed and it was
decided to do in house as Brian is not familiar with the worship program
we use).

Choir- Pastor would like choir to lead songs during worship. Most
members enjoy the balance of hymns and Iworship.

Closed with a prayer.

August 18, Community Thanksgiving Service Committee: Mary
Seefeld, Kathy Burnett, Charla Hagen & Pastor Jeff

Kathy shared past information.

Mary will meet with Tack Center Committee to see if the Tack Center is
available.

Church vs. Tack Center was discussed. Pros and cons for each.

Pastor will contact surrounding churches and reps to see if they want to
participate.

Kathy will lead choir and set up rehearsal dates.

Building and Grounds (Travis Hardrath)

There was a plug in the water line between the restrooms. Reigel

Plumbing was called to resolve the issue.

The diaper changing table has been installed in the men's restroom.

Hinges have been ordered and will arrive September 20, to repair inside
entrance doors.

The outside center door is not properly latching. When leaving, it needs
to be pushed shut and checked.

Wayne is checking into the excess water in the refrigerator. After the
meeting, Travis checked and discovered the refrigerator needed

defrosting.
Food, Fellowship and Fun (Heather Vogel)
 Back to Church
Congregational Care (Marsha Martens)
 Sent out cards, visited shut ins.
Beyond Our Doors (vacant)
 \$50 Scrip Cards sent to Sven & Brittany Casper (their son Hayden was born prematurely and passed away). The family has incurred a large amount of time off. \$50 sent to Tim Komarek, diagnosed with

throat cancer.
 Issues for Birnamwood family were taken care of by his employer.
Vice Chair (Wayne Hagen)
 Shared information he heard on the radio.
Chair (Rudy Nieman)
 Next Meeting: October 10, 6:30pm
 Motion to Adjourn by Wayne, Travis seconded; motion carried.
 Lord's Prayer Closing
 Respectfully submitted: Pam Hardrath

St. John's Lutheran Church - Spencer WI
 Treasurer's Report as of September 2023 for General Operating Fund

Monday, October 23, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	6,788.00	63,201.51	120,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	1,420.00	13,613.57	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	50.00	5,402.07	8,000.00
441.060	Building use	250.00	1,425.00	500.00
	Total Income	\$8,508.00	\$83,642.15	\$128,500.00
Expenses				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe	2,422.50	5,864.49	12,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$2,422.50</i>	<i>\$5,864.49</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	632.00	750.00
510.050	Community Worship Services	0.00	750.00	850.00
510.070	Instrument maintenance/service	0.00	0.00	500.00
510.100	Worship Supplies	223.35	999.90	1,000.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$223.35</i>	<i>\$2,381.90</i>	<i>3,100.00</i>
510.020	Pulpit Supply	0.00	1,395.00	3,500.00
510.060	Worship - Music/Special Events	550.00	1,108.89	600.00
<i>520.000 Faith Development</i>				
520.010	Birth to 3	0.00	234.94	300.00
520.020	Children's Ministry (SS, VBS, GIFT, etc)	(160.00)	199.87	500.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	195.43	544.76	750.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	20.44	1,032.40	500.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	109.40	241.85	500.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	35.00	200.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$165.27</i>	<i>\$2,288.82</i>	<i>2,750.00</i>
520.080	Right Now Media	0.00	0.00	1,320.00
<i>530.000 Social Concerns</i>				
530.010	Kitchen License/COME	0.00	513.00	
530.020	Mission Projects expenses	502.58	502.58	
	<i>Total Social Concerns</i>	<i>\$502.58</i>	<i>\$1,015.58</i>	
<i>540.000 Fellowship & Care</i>				
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	0.00	103.17	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	0.00	34.99	100.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Fellowship & Care</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$138.16</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	20.97	1,285.69	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	122.97	1,106.73	1,475.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	0.00	780.80	750.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	401.36	1,892.24	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	181.30	1,588.62	2,000.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$726.60</i>	<i>\$6,654.08</i>	<i>7,225.00</i>
<i>570.000 Administration</i>				
570.010	Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	250.00
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	85.17	772.99	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	424.49	3,798.99	5,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	1,306.19	1,500.00

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Treasurer's Report as of September 2023 for General Operating Fund

Monday, October 23, 2023

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
570.080	Leadership Study Materials/Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$509.66</i>	<i>\$5,878.17</i>	<i>8,050.00</i>
580.000	<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>			
580.020	Electricity	526.71	3,435.99	4,000.00
580.030	Natural Gas	12.67	2,399.30	2,000.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	175.00	350.00	1,000.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	147.04	1,131.61	1,250.00
580.065	Cleaning	0.00	0.00	750.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	444.29	1,687.85	1,500.00
580.080	Snow Removal	0.00	2,445.00	2,500.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	0.00	228.23	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	<i>\$1,305.71</i>	<i>\$11,677.98</i>	<i>14,000.00</i>
590.000	<i>Staff</i>			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,759.17	6,897.92	23,650.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	1,925.00	4,812.50	8,000.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	0.00	9.99	300.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	900.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	1,812.15	1,812.15	14,300.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	358.34	1,075.02	2,425.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	0.00	1,591.92	
590.210	FICA	0.00	1,863.38	2,700.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	1,914.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	0.00	1,350.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	0.00	10,628.94	15,600.00
590.260	Staff Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$6,854.66</i>	<i>\$31,955.82</i>	<i>72,475.00</i>
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	0.00	5,780.00	7,680.00
590.285	Medical Insurance (Minister Faith Formation)	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenses	\$13,260.33	\$76,138.89	\$133,500.00
	Difference	<u>(\$4,752.33)</u>	<u>\$7,503.26</u>	<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2023

Monday, October 23, 2023

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
301.000	<i>General Fund Balance</i>					
301.100	General Balance	53,029.93	8,508.00	13,260.33	(615.51)	47,662.09
302.000	<i>Special Funds Balance</i>					
302.001	ARK Balance	900.73	63.00	0.00	0.00	963.73
302.005	Fall Harvest Dinner Balance	280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00
302.102	Globe Money Balance	502.58	19.65	0.00	(502.58)	19.65
302.120	Technology Balance	833.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	833.61
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	5,074.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,074.24
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	1,631.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,631.53
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
302.180	COME Balance	1,230.41	40.00	0.00	0.00	1,270.41
302.195	Fellowship Hall Balance	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
302.800	Seminary Fund Balance	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.91
302.100	Memorial Gifts Balance	3,460.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,460.41
302.105	Building Fund Balance	53,120.82	827.00	11,715.62	1,118.09	43,350.29
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	6,384.37	1.65	425.00	0.00	5,961.02
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,235.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,235.03
	Total	<u>\$129,749.57</u>	<u>\$9,459.30</u>	<u>\$25,400.95</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$113,807.92</u>