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## SEPTEMBER 2023

### Services of Worship

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am

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### YouTube

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

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Pam at 715-507-0549

### Deadlines

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

### The CREEDS!

Hi fantastic friends! I wanted to share a few thoughts about the creeds because many people have asked :).

The Nicene Creed was formulated in 325AD in Nicaea by the leaders of the whole church to keep clergy from teaching critical errors. It has been seen as the core of Christian faith by most denominations until recent times. It was eventually used in church services when communion was served to show common faith.

The Apostles' Creed began as a confession of personal faith at baptisms and took on a Q&A format. Around the 5th century AD, the wording looked like ours and was used for baptisms and personal prayer.

In 2002, the Catholic Church authorized the use of the Apostles' Creed during Mass. Protestant Churches have tended to use the Apostles' Creed in church due to it being shorter, easier to understand, and because communion is often not a part of the church service.

The "holy catholic" church refers to those with true personal faith in Jesus. Holy means 'set apart with' and 'catholic' means 'common faith' (Jude 3).

The "communion of saints" refers to the bond of AGAPE love between God and his people and his people with each other. It includes those with faith, living and dead.

The "descended into hell" or "to the dead" phrases are a reference to Jesus proclaiming his victory to the disobedient dead (I Pe. 3:18-20/Col. 3:15) and not to his suffering, which was finished on the cross (Jn. 19:20).

The creeds are like guardrails on a windy mountain road with drop offs. They keep us from spiritual disaster and focus us on the road God has for us to travel down :).

**Pastor Jeff—Please keep the questions coming :)**

# Readings

## September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

## September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:1-10  
Matthew 18:1-20

## September 17

### Joint worship at 10am in Spencer

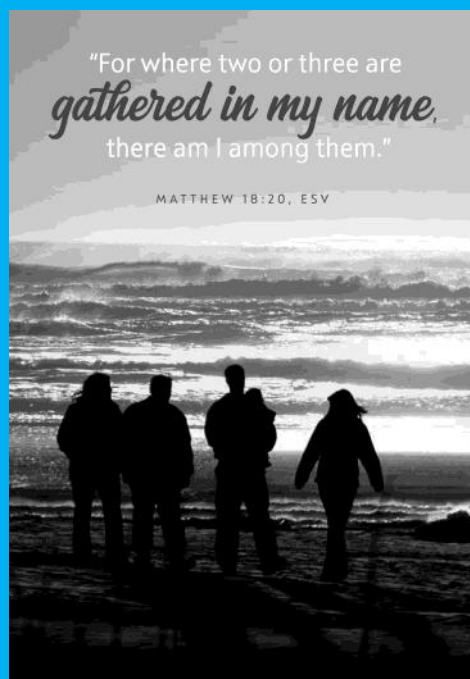
Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

## September 24

Isiah 55:6-9  
Philippians 1:12-14; 19-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

## October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32  
Philippians 2:1-4; 14-18  
Matthew 21:23-27



# UPCOMING Events

**September 7 & 21:** Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (page 6)

**September 13: Hebrews Bible Study** 9am (page 6)  
**Cross Training and LIVE** resume (page 5) along with **Pastor's Ponderings with Pastor Jeff.** 6:30pm start with optional supper at 6pm (page 7).

**Back to Church on September 17 at 10am for both Spencer and Ripplinger. Fall Sports Blessing:** We are holding a special prayer during worship for all those involved in "fall sports" - football, volleyball, cross country, soccer, cheer, dance, etc. We are asking students in any of these sports, and any that we may have forgotten, to 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.

**Backpack Blessing:** All students and teachers, from preschool to college, are invited to bring their backpacks, chrome books, etc to worship for a blessing as a new year of education begins!

**Potluck:** Bring your favorite dish to share for a potluck following worship.

**FUN!** Bounce in the bounce house, ride horses, participate in games, crafts and additional activities being planned.

**FELLOWSHIP!:** Most importantly, join in the fellowship connecting with Pastor Jeff and your church family.



**September 24—** join us for the 9am worship service — our congregation seeks to place the holy scriptures in the hands of our children in order to encourage children, parents, and other caring adults to read and study the Bible on a regular basis. Those who are first year attendees of JAM and students beginning 3rd grade will receive their Bibles during worship. **JAM resumes at 10am** (page 5).



**September 30—October 5-** Pastor Jeff will be attending the LCMC Annual Conference in St. Charles, Missouri.

September 17  
10am



St. John's  
Back to Church  
Sunday

210167 Hwy 13  
Spencer



**FUN FOR  
THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!**



**BLESSING**  
**Welcoming Pastor Jeff Siegel**

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# Winona Avenue

Free Show!

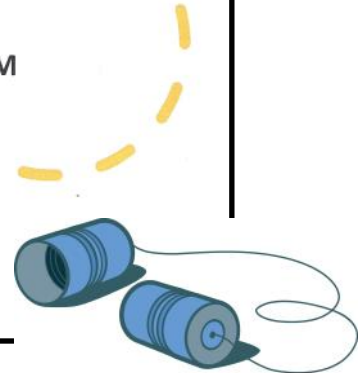
Uplifting Alternative Rock and Pop Music

Toured with Skillet, Casting Crowns, and Crowder

Free Show!



- Spencer Lions Park
- Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M
- Bring your own chair
- Concessions on site! *lpm*



Spread the Word



### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER!

We would like to schedule small groups so we can get to know Pastor Jeff and his wife, Chris (when she is available) better. If you are willing to open your home to a small group of congregation members and provide hospitality sometime in October, please contact the [office](#). Please include if morning, afternoon or evening work best for you. THANK YOU!

**October 22**– joint worship at 10am in Spencer. Polka Sunday and Silver Sunday celebrating everyone 60 and older.

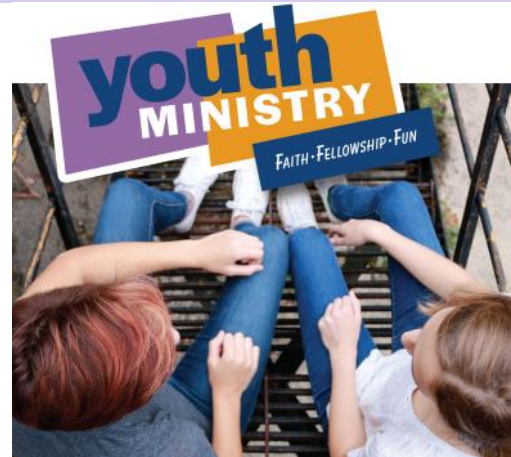
**October 29**– 4:30pm to 6:30pm Trunk or Treat

# 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



**JAM kicks off September 24th**, following worship (10 to 11am) for all youth age 3 to Grade 5. 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! [sign up online](#)



Cross Training will resume September 13th. 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. We'll be offering a meal beginning at 6pm. Cross Training begins at 6:30pm. Encourage your middle schoolers to invite their friends. [sign up online](#)

**JAM Teachers/Leaders Needed** Adults or older youth are needed to serve as teachers/leaders for each age group, materials, and training (as needed) will be provided. Anyone interested or wanting to know more information contact Jenny Nieman 715-613-3636.

**Small Group Leaders Needed** We want adults who are willing to spend time with middle or high schoolers and invest their time and faith in them sharing the love of Jesus with them weekly. Job descriptions will be on the bulletin board please contact Jenny 715-613-3636 or [jennyfaith659@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfaith659@gmail.com) with questions.

LIVE will resume September 13th, beginning at 6:30pm. An optional supper will be served 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! No preregistration required.



**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](#).**

## rightnow MEDIA

Busy with fall activities? Take advantage of the faith resources at your fingertips. This free app has thousands of videos for every age. You can search by a topic that you're interested in and there is a special Kids Channel too, then you know your kids are watching safe material. Take a look at the RightNow Media resource [here](#) and sign up for a free account. Once you have your account created, you can download the app to your favorite mobile device. If you have questions contact Jenny at [jennyfaith659@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfaith659@gmail.com).

**SHUT IN ADDRESSES:**

The Waterford at Colby  
Corrine Kettleborough  
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Touch of Home  
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Marshfield Health Services  
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Marshfield, WI 54449

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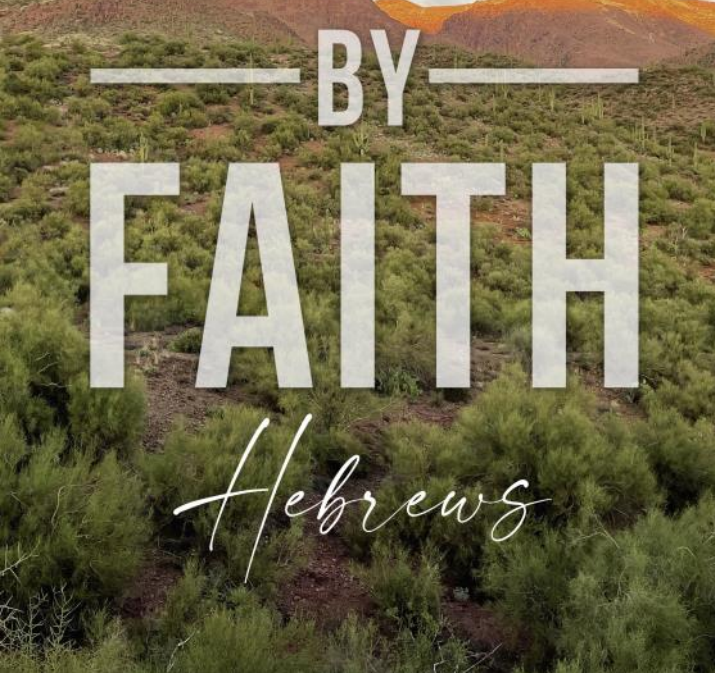
Doris Seefeld  
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Colby, WI 54421

Pat Miller  
N9934 Groveside Ave  
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**Military Address:**

Tyler Klemment  
11422 105TH Avenue SW Apt L1  
Lakewood, WA 98498

Wednesday morning Bible Study begins September 13, 9 to 11am. We will be digging into the Book of Hebrews which highlights 2 contrasting realities. Jesus is supreme yet approachable. We will be combining the DVD and book study by Lisa Harper along with the video teachings of Pastor Gary Hamrick to cover chapter by chapter of the New Testament book. The cost of the study is \$16. Please let Gail Jicinsky know if you plan to participate so she can get enough books ordered. 715-650-0720



Adult **BIBLE Studies**

Pastor's Ponderings with Pastor Jeff - beginning Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm. Optional supper at 6pm. Questions contact Pastor Jeff 715-615-2458

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Next date is September 7, 6:30pm, Travis Hardrath's shop- 213462 State Highway 13. Meets every other Thursday. No experience necessary, all men are welcome to come and grow their faith with other men. Jump in anytime. 715-507-0548 for more information.



# 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



### MAN CAMP- September 22-24

Man Camp is a three-day experience where men of all ages can find that time and space, to be challenged - spiritually and physically. Time to be equipped to lead at home. At church. At work. Man Camp offers men the chance to experience brotherhood, and learn what God expects of us as men.

### LADIES DAY- October 20- 8:30am to 4pm

Ladies' Day at Forest Springs is all about being encouraged, equipped, and transformed by God's Word. Each year, ladies from throughout Wisconsin come to Forest Springs to enjoy uplifting worship, learn from exceptional speakers, experience wonderful food, and benefit from Christian fellowship. It's a must add to every calendar.

### 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 to 12: January 5-7 OR Meltdown: Grades 6 to 9: February 16-18

Visit [forestsprings.us](http://forestsprings.us) for more information!



## Marriage Announcements

Congratulation to Jayson and Vicki Dekarske who were united in marriage on August 5.

Walk in  
love

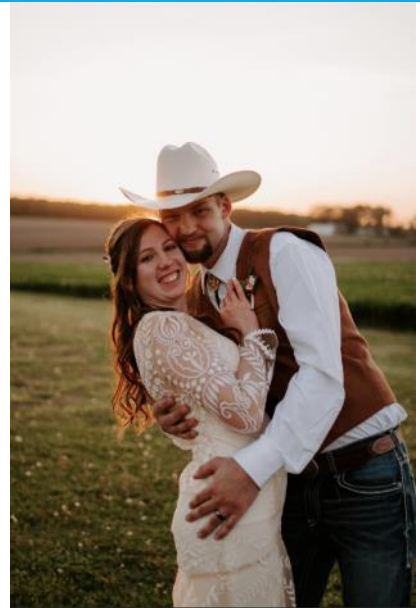
Ephesians 5:2

Welcome new member,  
Jacob Gardner to our  
church family!

Congratulations to Jacob and Leah Gardner who were united in marriage on May 27.



May  
God  
Bless  
Your  
Marriage





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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Mary Gaetz         | 19 Reuben Hendrickson |
| Adryan Schmidt       | Janine Luepke         |
| Raelene Schuette     | Dianne Vaughn         |
| Ashley Stroetz       | 20 Dawn Pagenkopf     |
| 5 Aaliyah Bezenyei   | Alan Seefeld          |
| Joan Miller          | 21 Amanda Gronski     |
| 6 Ashlyn Hendrickson | Cora Weiler           |
| 8 Zach Fleischman    | 23 Charla Hagen       |
| 10 Brooke Cloud      | Lori Helsten          |
| Nolt Dommer          | Carri Weiler          |
| Aubree Fleischman    | 24 Jenelle Ertl       |
| 13 Darin Thompson    | Audrey Helsten        |
| 14 Sadie Fleischman  | 25 Muriel Oelrich     |
| 15 Aurora Heeg       | 26 Elisha Blanchard   |
| Laurence Herman      | Travis Stroetz        |
| Logan Reynolds       | 27 Tony Bauer         |
| Cashton Vogel        | 28 Evan Blanchard     |
| 17 Layla Manicke     | Samantha Soback       |
| David Seefeld        | 29 Faye Lang          |
| 18 Tahneya Anderson  | Brenda Newman         |
| Jaxon Bruss          | Erica Schober         |
| Brad Helsten         | 30 Nicole Otero       |

- May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!**
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| 4 Dennis & Dawn Reckner     | 36 |
| 11 Troy & Luci Hardrath     | 19 |
| 14 Ryan & DeAnn Griepentrog | 27 |
| 17 Joseph & Patty Matter    | 46 |
| 21 Jonathon & Lacey Berres  | 10 |
| 25 David & Dawn Buse        | 41 |
| David & Amanda Knecht       | 19 |
| 28 Keith & Danielle Schmidt | 21 |
| Mike & Jewel Schuette       | 32 |

Welcome new members, Robert & Marion Haas to our church family.



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

**Prayer List**

**Those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities:** Cyndi Ackerman, Kathy Dietsche, Barb Dommer, Corrine Kettleborough, Grace Maines, Linda Marchinek, Pat Miller, LaVilla Schilling

**Those with health concerns:** Lois Block, Laurie Doepke, Beth Erickson, Todd Frahm, Wayne Hagen, Cindy Hayes, Audrey Heldt, Elroy Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Andy Hendrickson, Mandi Herron, Michael Howe, Susan Howe, Shaun Kornusky, Jodi Krause, Larry Labrensz, Sandy Lemens, Phil Lopez, Bill Martens, Adam Miller, Don Newman, Muriel Oelrich, Kris Ovans, Tammi

Schiferl, Justin Schmidt, Doris Seefeld, Joanne Seefeld, Karen Seefeld, Gary Smith, Nancy Smith, Stacy Smith, Bob Soback, Roy Sobeck, Jon Soderberg, Darin Thompson, Rich Wilke, Lenore Williams.

**Those with cancer:** Judi Andrew, Nikki Duranceau, Ruth Fleischman,, Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Parker Klimmer, Tim Komarek, Dennis Krause, Jeff Miller, Michelle Oelke, Kathy Pieper, Tom Steiner, Francis Wash, Heather Widmann

**Those serving in the military:** Tyler Klement



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

	September 3	September 10	September 17 10am	September 24	October 1
Greeter	Penni Cloud	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Gwen Thomas	Randi Thompson	Luanne Schwarze
Usher	Alan Seefeld	Travis Hardrath	Wayne Hempel	Keith Schmidt	Teri Schorer
Usher	Janine Luepke	Ryan Hardrath	Janine Luepke	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz
Tech	Bruce Luepke	Kyler Hardrath	Bruce Luepke	Qwyntyn Schmidt	Tracey Ackman
Sound	Camdyn Vogel	Rachel Nieman	Jenny Nieman	Devyn Schmidt	Tracey Ackman
Reader	Bill Martens	Glenda Fellenz	Joan Miller	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz
Communion Assistant	Mary Seefeld	Jenny Nieman	Teri Schorer	Penni Cloud	Inez Fosberg
Hospitality	Heather Vogel	Pam Hardrath	Provided	Teri Schorer	Penny Vinnedge
Riplinger Reader	Heidi McBride	Dave Newman	No worship	Brenda Newman	Trish Porter

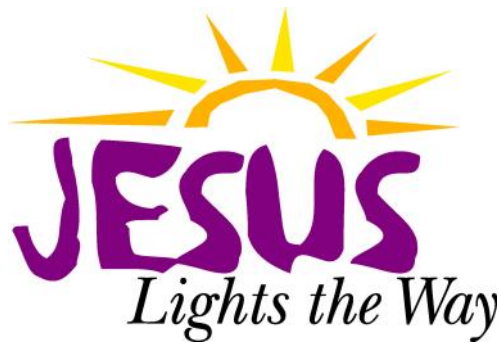


Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
July 2	36	11
July 9	49	6
July 16	72	16
July 23	57	19
July 30	65	18



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	<b>28</b> 9:00am Pastor Jeff in Office	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:00pm Pastor Jeff in Office 5:30pm Secretary in Office	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>10</b> 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger, Communion	<b>11</b> 9:00am Pastor Jeff in Office	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Spencer Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Jeff in Office 5:30pm Secretary in Office 6:00pm Optional Supper 6:30pm Cross Training/LIVE/ Pastor Jeff Insight	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Concession Stand Opens <b>7:00pm Winona Avenue Concert</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00am Back to Church Worship & Potluck at Spencer; Backpack & Fall Sport Blessing 11:00am NO Worship at Riplinger	<b>18</b> 9:00am Pastor Jeff in Office	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Jeff in Office 5:30pm Secretary in Office 6:00pm Optional Supper 6:30pm Cross Training/LIVE/ Pastor Jeff Insight	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Men's Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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**Friday, September 1, 2023:** Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12  
**Saturday, September 2, 2023:** Psalm 105:1-6, 45b; Jeremiah 15:10-14; Matthew 8:14-17  
**Sunday, September 3, 2023:**  
**Monday, September 4, 2023:** Psalm 83:1-4; 2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2023:** Psalm 83:13-18; 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13  
**Wednesday, September 6, 2023:** Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32  
**Thursday, September 7, 2023:** Psalm 149; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21  
**Friday, September 8, 2023:** Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21  
**Saturday, September 9, 2023:** Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023:**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023:** Psalm 121; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2023:** Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13;  
Romans 13:1-7  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023:** Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023:** Psalm 114; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16  
**Friday, September 15, 2023:** Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16  
**Saturday, September 16, 2023:** Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15  
**Sunday, September 17, 2023: Proper 19 (24)**  
**Monday, September 18, 2023:** Psalm 77; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023:** Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023:** Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023:** Psalm 105:1-6; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4  
**Friday, September 22, 2023:** Psalm 105:37-45; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
**Saturday, September 23, 2023:** Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30  
**Sunday, September 24, 2023:**  
**Monday, September 25, 2023:** Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023:** Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2023:** Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5  
**Thursday, September 28, 2023:** Psalm 78:1-4; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16  
**Friday, September 29, 2023:** Psalm 78:12-16; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41  
**Saturday, September 30, 2023:** Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33



# JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES SPENCER

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer Council Meeting Minutes,  
July 11, 2023, 6:30pm

Approved August 8, 2023

Attending: Rudy Nieman; Wayne Hagen; Pam Hardrath; Teri Schorer; Travis Hardrath; Marsha Martens

Absent: Jenny Nieman, Mary Seefeld, Heather Vogel

Call to order by Rudy Nieman at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer led by Rudy Nieman

New Business:

Pastor Jeff will need a new computer. Pastor Rebekah's was given to Jenny. Rudy is contacting Northside Computers.

Meet the Pastor nights, an article will be included in the August newsletter for volunteers to open their homes.

Memorial donation wish list: green paraments correctly sized for our altar, choir mics and stands, hymnals.

A drawing will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup>, for 2 sets of tickets and a parking pass for Midwest Unity Fest.

Teri made a motion to approve new members Robert & Marion Haas, Marsha seconded; motion carried.

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report (Vacant)

Pastor Jeff will begin on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary (Pam Hardrath)

Marsha made a motion to approve the June Council Minutes; Travis seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer (Teri Schorer)

Attached. Recap June income \$8066.90 expenses \$5499.00

General Fund balance \$57796.68

Minister of Faith Formation (Jenny Nieman)

**Vacation Bible School**

July 5 was the first Wednesday of VBS, 18 kids attended.

The rest of the Wednesdays of July will also be a VBS night.

**Mission Trip 2024 to Hamilton, Ohio**

Participants left June 17; we stayed at Miracle Revival Church and went to a Skillet concert. The group had a great time at the concert and loved worshipping with Miracle Revival. The Workcamp had 132 participants from 5 states, there were 23 crews that worked at about 20 different sites in the area of Hamilton. We spent our fun day at King's Island Amusement Park. The group returned home on June 24 and led worship and shared their experiences at Spencer on June 25.

**Treasured**

A 6 week "study" for moms and tween girls begins on July 11, 6:30 pm; it will continue the following 5 Tuesdays. Currently there are 2 sets of moms/tweens registered. Another mom reached out to request for the materials to do at home since they aren't able to attend.

**Fathers/Sons**

I've been researching an option to offer for fathers and sons similar to the Treasured "study." So far, I'm not finding much or when I've received samples the content isn't what I thought it would be or some of the content doesn't seem to be a fit for our demographics.

**Baptism**

Two families have inquired about baptism classes.

**Fall Planning**

Continuing to look for options for both middle and high school curriculum.

Worship (Mary Seefeld)

New handheld mic was purchased and will be here in 6 to 12 weeks, \$350.

June 4: 83

June 11: Spenceroma 70

June 18: 47

June 25: 68

Building and Grounds (Travis Hardrath)

- A donation was given in memory of Jerry Marden to properly install the parking lot light poles. Wayne made a motion to hire Anderson Electric because they can complete the project now, Teri seconded; motion carried.
- Marathon County Security Conference, June 22, Wayne Hagen, Bruce Luepke, and Mary Seefeld scheduled to go. Due to unforeseen circumstances no one was able to attend. There is a FEMA grant for protecting houses of worship, Rudy will contact them to possibly repair or replace the kitchen door, so it properly latches in the winter months.
- Office chair wheels were fixed, new chair was moved to the Pastor's office.
- Furnace filters were changed.
- Furnace air damper was fixed in early June. Called Mitch to repair the kitchen furnace that is blowing the fuse.
- Ceiling fan repair was discussed. Reminded by Travis that they are oddly wired and would need to be rewired to be replaced. Decided to table for another point of time.

Food, Fellowship and Fun (Heather Vogel)

- Back to Church Sunday will be September 17. Jenny, Heather, and Pastor Jeff will plan the event.

Congregational Care (Marsha Martens)

Discussion regarding Senior Club for congregation members, will refer to Pastor Jeff.

Sympathy cards sent out.

Visited with shut ins.

Beyond Our Doors (vacant)

Winona Ave-Rudy will contact to set up a date of September 15. Reaching out to LTCA to see if it can be held there. Church members are giving donations to lock in a concert, \$200 small profit, and \$500 living wage they said. Will take a free will donation at the concert. Concession stand for building fund, possibly using a Thrivent Action Fund? Queso is in the freezer.

There is a considerable amount of money in the ARK fund, a notice will be put in the newsletter for ideas from the congregation.

Vice Chair (Wayne Hagen)

Chair (Rudy Nieman)

Executive team for Riplinger and Spencer met to discuss Pastor Jeff's compensation and benefit package.

Next Meeting: August 8, 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn by Teri, Wayne seconded; motion carried.

Lord's Prayer Closing

Respectfully submitted: Pam Hardrath

# JUNE TREASURERS REPORT SPENCER

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	8,157.00	50,688.51	120,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	1,370.00	10,773.57	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	0.00	4,174.83	8,000.00
441.060	Building use	250.00	1,175.00	500.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,777.00</b>	<b>\$66,811.91</b>	<b>\$128,500.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe	0.00	3,441.99	12,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$3,441.99</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	553.00	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	78.24	758.64	1,000.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$78.24</i>	<i>\$2,061.64</i>	<i>3,100.00</i>
510.020	Pulpit Supply	150.00	1,395.00	3,500.00
510.060	Worship - Music/Special Events	446.30	558.89	600.00
<i>520.000 Faith Development</i>				
520.010	Birth to 3	10.05	234.94	300.00
520.020	Children's Ministry (SS, VBS, GIFT, etc)	91.87	244.67	500.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	0.00	304.34	750.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	0.00	379.73	500.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	8.30	132.45	500.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$110.22</i>	<i>\$1,296.13</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	
	<i>Total Social Concerns</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$513.00</i>	
<i>540.000 Fellowship &amp; Care</i>				
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	27.06	103.17	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	34.99	34.99	100.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Fellowship &amp; Care</i>	<i>\$62.05</i>	<i>\$138.16</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	1,113.11	1,264.72	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	122.97	860.79	1,475.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	0.00	308.20	750.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	261.96	1,490.88	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	0.00	1,365.13	2,000.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$1,498.04</i>	<i>\$5,289.72</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	84.99	599.67	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	351.98	2,797.51	5,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	1,243.96	1,500.00
570.080	Leadership Study Materials/Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	100.00

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Menu

- Baked Ziti
- Corn
- Mixed Fruit
- Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Bars

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

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
		<i>Total Administration</i>	\$436.97	\$4,641.14
				8,050.00
580.000	<i>Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>			
580.020	Electricity	755.00	2,477.09	4,000.00
580.030	Natural Gas	16.91	2,374.93	2,000.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	0.00	175.00	1,000.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	315.98	984.57	1,250.00
580.065	Cleaning	0.00	0.00	750.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	331.26	1,243.56	1,500.00
580.080	Snow Removal	0.00	2,445.00	2,500.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	4.49	104.44	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
		<i>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>	\$1,423.64	\$9,804.59
				14,000.00
590.000	<i>Staff</i>			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	1,379.58	1,379.58	23,650.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	962.50	962.50	8,000.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	9.99	9.99	300.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	900.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	0.00	0.00	14,300.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	358.34	358.34	2,425.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	265.00	1,057.63	
590.210	FICA	318.43	1,333.63	2,700.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	304.50	1,740.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	300.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	2,138.50	9,179.94	15,600.00
590.260	Staff Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	200.00
		<i>Total Staff</i>	\$6,036.84	\$17,221.61
				72,475.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	1,419.50	5,312.50	7,680.00
590.285	Medical Insurance (Minister Faith Formation)	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,661.80</b>	<b>\$51,674.37</b>
				<b>\$133,500.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>			<b><u>(\$1,884.80)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,000.00)</u></b>

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for July 2023

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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	57,796.68	9,777.00	11,661.80	0.00	55,911.88
302.000	<i>Special Funds Balance</i>					
302.001	ARK Balance	1,155.73	33.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.73
302.005	Fall Harvest Dinner Balance	280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00
302.102	Globe Money Balance	502.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	502.58
302.120	Technology Balance	211.61	20.00	0.00	602.00	833.61
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	4,909.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,909.24
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	1,881.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,881.53
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
302.180	COME Balance	2,139.96	380.00	0.00	0.00	2,519.96
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	3,310.41	150.00	0.00	0.00	3,460.41
302.105	Building Fund Balance	39,199.74	13,146.08	0.00	0.00	52,345.82
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,100.37	0.00	500.00	(602.00)	5,998.37
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,099.96	135.07	0.00	0.00	1,235.03
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$121,653.72</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,641.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,161.80</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$133,133.07</u></b>