

## Services of Worship

Sundays

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am



# Connect

## APRIL 2025

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### Minister of Faith Formation

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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:

Due to the numerous activities occurring in the building we are asking that the first person to arrive after it snows, please shovel a few swipes in front of the door and at least one side of the sidewalk by the bell tower. Thank you for your cooperation.

### WRITTEN IN SAND AND STONE

Two friends were walking through the desert and got into an argument. One friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept walking until they found an oasis. Thirsty, they stopped for water. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire, fell in, and started drowning. His friend saved him.

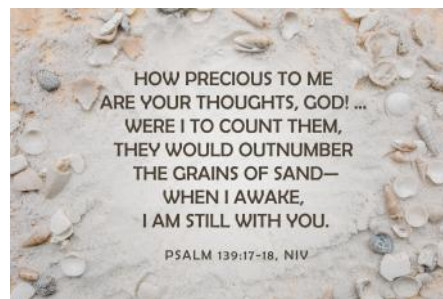
That evening, he wrote on a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone. Why?"

He replied: "When someone hurts us we should write it in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where it will long be remembered."

Learn to write your hurts in sand and carve your benefits in stone. Someone observed that it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them.

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### January Council Minutes Correction:

Old Business: Raise the Roof: The correct proposed loan amount is \$100,000 not \$1000,000.

# WORSHIP

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. **Matthew 18:20**

## Readings

April 2, Spencer 6:30pm  
Matthew 16:13-20

April 6

Isaiah 53:1-3  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:8-14  
Luke 20:9-20

April 9, Spencer 6:30pm  
Luke 19:29-40

April 13, Palm Sunday  
Deuteronomy 32:36-39  
Psalm 118:19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:1-23:56

April 17, Maundy Thursday,  
Spencer 6:30pm  
Matthew 4:1-11

April 18, Good Friday,  
Riplinger 6:30pm

April 20, Easter  
Spencer  
He's Alive  
John 20:1-18  
Riplinger  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12

April 27  
Acts 5:12-20  
Revelation 1:4-18  
John 20:19-31

May 4  
Acts 9:1-22  
Revelation 5:8-14  
John 21:1-14



Wednesday Lenten  
Worship at Spencer  
6:30pm



Lenten Soup Suppers continue on April 2 & 9.  
Please [use this link](#) or sign up on the bulletin board to  
volunteer to help or provide soup or bars.



April 13  
Palm Sunday  
Spencer 9am  
Riplinger 11am



April 17  
Spencer  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
6:30pm



April 18  
Riplinger,  
Good Friday Worship  
6:30pm



April 20  
Easter Worship  
Spencer 9am  
Riplinger 11am  
Basket Raffle Ends



May 4  
Affirmation of Baptism  
Spencer 9am

May 11  
Graduate Recognition  
at both congregations

## April 2025

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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

April 2 & 9

Soup Supper 5:30pm

Worship 6:30pm

April 2

Mission Trip Planning Meeting

8pm

April 8

Spencer Council Meeting 6:30pm

April 11

High School Lock In 8pm to 6am

April 13

Riplinger, Quarterly Meeting

April 17

Maundy Thursday Worship

6:30pm

April 18

Riplinger, Good Friday Worship

6:30pm

April 20

Easter Worship

Spencer 9am; Riplinger 11am

Basket Raffle Ends

April 22

COME Meal 5-6pm

April 25

Middle School Lock In 8pm-6am

April 28

Grubbies Day

April 30

“before amen” begins

May 1 & 2

Rummage Sale

## 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



### QUARTERLY MEETING

Riplinger Quarterly Meeting  
Following worship on April 13.



COME Meal, April 22, 5 to 6pm

We will be serving ham & scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, bread and assorted bars.



Grubbies Day, April 27

Wear comfy clothes to church, grab a rag and help pitch in refreshing our building and cleaning the winter blues away following worship. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Wednesdays April 30th, May 7, 14, & 21,

9 to 11am. This four-session video based study reveals how connecting with God each day can be as simple as five short sentences. "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen." He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest. Cost of book and study guide is \$22. All are welcome! Let Gail Jicinsky know if you plan to participate. 715-650-0720.

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



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

**Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the roof bids for the completion of the roof project.

**Bids:** Bids were accepted until April 1 and will be shared with the congregation for review prior to the meeting. All bids included tear-off to ensure any damaged areas are properly repaired.

**Insurance Requirement:**

To meet church liability requirements, the hired company provided proof of commercial insurance.

**Funding:**

The project will be funded through the Building Fund, along with free-will offerings collected during the Fellowship Pancake Breakfasts. If necessary, a loan will be taken out to complete the project.

**Questions:**

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



# 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

We will not meet on Easter. May 4 will be the last Sunday for this school year.  
Keep an eye out for Vacation Bible School information coming soon.



## Palm Sunday Large Group Event

Everyone is invited to join in a large group Palm Sunday event on April 13, following worship. Join in the fun with our JAM youth and families.



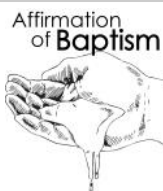
## Cross Training & LIVE

We're getting close to the end of the school year, the last Wednesday is May 14.  
April 2 & 9 is soup supper at 5:30pm & worship at 6:30pm. April 16 we will not meet.  
April 23 we will go back to a meal at 6pm & group beginning at 6:30pm.



## Lock Ins Scheduled

High school Lock In will be 8pm April 11 to 6am on April 12.  
Middle school Lock In will be 8pm on April 25 to 6am on April 26.



## Affirmation of Baptism— May 4, 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 they proclaim and take ownership of their faith.



PARENTS DAY AWAY

## COMING SOON! PARENTS DAY AWAY

Planning is in the works for a Saturday very soon! This will be a day for parents to bring their kids to St. John's for a few hours while they have some time to themselves. Youth will be providing fun activities for kids to stay busy while their parents take time to relax, do some shopping or a day date. Watch for emails/social media posts, flyers etc.




## Butter Braid Sale Update

Middle schoolers sold 186 Butter Braids. Approximate profit is \$1159 to go to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought to help raise funds to send kids to Bible Camp and other faith-based events.


**Cross Input Needed**

When the roof is replaced, the cross will be taken down. Please let Travis Hardrath know your thoughts or opinions on where it should go. Do we want it back on the roof, on the bell tower, on the south side of the building, etc?

tpkrh4@gmail.com  
705-507-0548



**Council Restructure Team**




**Update**

Teri Schorer will be connecting with interested volunteers to set a meeting date to share information and discuss how to proceed.

**MINISTRY SITE PROFILE**

**Update**

The Ministry Site Profile team met on March 25.



Support Spencer Schools FFA program and purchase an Easter Lily in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of loved ones before April 6. Cost is \$17 each and can be taken home on Easter. Order forms are available in the brochure rack or by contacting Pam 715-507-0549.




**Spencer Message Update**

In addition to our wonderful lay leaders who are providing powerful messages, two pastors have agreed to share their wisdom and experience. Beginning April 27, Pastor Pat Langreck will be sharing the message on the 4th Sunday monthly. Pastor Pat recently retired from Spencer's Cross Fire Church. Beginning May 11, Pastor Bill Rice will be sharing the message on the 2nd Sunday monthly. Pastor Bill is a retired LCMC Pastor. A huge shout out and prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude to our lay leaders and all of the volunteers pitching in and helping with worship!




**Tech Computer Update**

The tech computer died on March 15. On March 18, the council approved the purchase of a Lenovo Laptop from Northside Computers. Thank you for being patient!

**Spencer**

<b>JANUARY RECAP CORRECTION</b>	Income: \$8,779.02	Expenses: \$7,813.36	Positive balance of: \$956.66
<b>FEBRUARY RECAP</b>	Income: \$8,715.81	Expenses: \$6172.42	Positive balance of: \$2543.39

# 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



**MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING, April 2, 8pm**  
for anyone middle school and older interested in going on the Mission Trip to Scranton, PA, July 20 to 26.



## Mission Trip Fundraisers

### 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 \$850. The group also volunteered at Morgan's Mission on March 15, the group will receive \$1000 toward the cost of the mission trip for the hours they volunteered.



### Basket Raffle

Get your tickets soon! The Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Easter Sunday, April 20 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 1 & 2. 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.

### Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to help the youth set up the sale beginning April 26 and the days following or run the rummage sale during the school day, please sign up on the bulletin board, [use this link](#) or find the online sign up on our website. Thank you in advance!



IF THESE ARE YOURS PLEASE LET [PAM](#) KNOW



OR STOP IN THE OFFICE!



# Living Our Mission

Let's live our mission together, Praising God, building relationships, and sharing His love, together! This mission is a powerful foundation for our churches, and continues to guide and strengthen us as we move toward our future calling. Together! We can move mountains!



## Share your thoughts!

Is there anything in particular you're looking forward to as our church family embarks on this journey? Whether it's new programs, outreach, or specific ways the congregation will grow, it's exciting to think about the possibilities ahead!



Do we have the manpower to resurrect "Be the Church"? Be the Church was a program where we provided acts of service on the fifth Sunday. A few things we did included painting at Spencer Kids Group, the Arc Park, Shirley's House of Hope, yard work, cleaning up area parks, and making freezer meals to share with our shut ins.

Are you interested in planning and sharing with the Spencer community a September Sunday bash with food, worship, music, games?

Do you have ideas for sharing our ARK funds by performing Acts of Random Kindness? In the past, we have paid for popcorn during half time at the football games, bought coffee during the morning hours at Kwik Trip, shared a pizza meal with the Spencer Fire Fighters, etc.

The possibilities are endless, please reach out to a council member and let them know what you think. Thank you!



## Breakfast! YUM!

Invite Mom or the mom figure in your life to breakfast on May 11, following the short congregational meeting after worship. The menu is being developed, but it will include PANCAKES and SAUSAGE! A freewill 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.



Brad Helsten

Marsha Martens

Rudy Nieman

Todd Brinkman

Penni Cloud

Travis Hardrath

Jenny Nieman

Nick Tomczik

Kris Ovans

Teri Schorer

Randi Thompson

## 2025 Council & Committees

Not pictured:  
Paul Leezer  
Allen Jicinsky

## Spencer Council Contact Information

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Food, Fellowship & Fun Director: vacant

## Riplinger Council Contact Information

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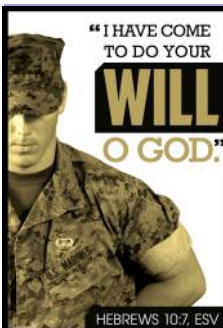
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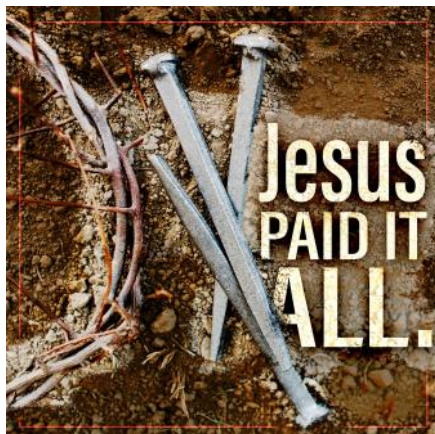


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| 3 Emerick Berres     | 18 Tara Nigon      |
| Levi Dommer          | April Smazal       |
| Larry Labrenz        | 19 Doug Ackman     |
| 4. Hazel Craft       | 23 Julia Craft     |
| 6 Jordan Vogel       | 24 Lillyan Kildahl |
| 7 Lizzie Fehrenbach  | 25 Hunter Reynolds |
| Bryan Helsten        | Ryan Hardrath      |
| Jule Vogel           | Nicole Buse        |
| Ronald Seefeldt      | 27 Aliyah Anderson |
| 8 Sawyer Kilty       | Harper Craft       |
| 14 Kristin Ovans     | 28 Bobbi Schaefer  |
| 15 Randy Matter      | Conner Kildahl     |
| 16 Cheryl Bruesewitz |                    |
| 17 Kristin Engevoid  |                    |
| Tammie Lehman        |                    |

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

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2 Dan & Meghan Wilke           | 1 year   |
| 3 Ronald & Karen Seefeldt      | 56 years |
| Larry & Peggy Labrenz          | 39 years |
| 17 Tom & Dawn Pagenkopf        | 43 years |
| 20 Duane & Corrie Bauer        | 34 years |
| 21 Allen & Gail Jicinsky       | 46 years |
| Paul & Jodi Leezer             | 24 years |
| 26 Edward & Marilyn Bruger Jr. | 50 years |
| 27 Gerald & Jane Neuman        | 57 years |

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



**WELCOME**  
*New Member*

Doug Leonhardt

**PRAYER LIST**



**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 Seefeldt.

**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)

	Wednesday, April 2	Sunday, April 6	Wednesday, April 9	Sunday, April 13	Maundy Thursday	Sunday, April 20	Sunday, April 27	Sunday, May 4
Message	Jenny Nieman	Joan Bruss	Jenny Nieman	Heather Vogel	Jenny Nieman	Rudy Nieman	Pastor Pat Langreck	Todd Brinkman
Assisting Minister		Ashley Stroetz		Ashley Stroetz			Rudy Nieman	Ashley Stroetz
Greeter	Evan Blanchard	Bob Haas		Lori Kops		Bob Haas	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Faye Lang
Usher		Travis Hardrath		Milt Viergutz		Jim Christopherson	Brad Helsten	Milt Viergutz
Usher		Alan Seefeld		Joe Weix		Harry Vogel	Travis Hardrath	Paul Leezer
Tech	Adryan Schmidt	Kyler Hardrath	Adryan Schmidt	Teri Schorer		Tracey Ackman	Kyler Hardrath	Teri Schorer
Sound		Ryan Hardrath		Camdyn Vogel		Mason Gilmore	Ryan Hardrath	Jenny Nieman
Reader	Rudy Nieman	Gwen Thomas	Penni Cloud	Lori Kops	Joan Bruss	Jim Christopherson	Glenda Fellenz	Milt Virgutz
Communion Assistant				Jule Vogel	Joan Bruss	Teri Schorer	Lori Helsten	Jule Vogel
Acolyte		XXXXXX		XXXXXX		Tahneya Anderson	Janika Helsten	XXXXXX
Basket Bearer		Brooklyn Stroetz		Cohley Vogel		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	Brooklyn Stroetz
Hospitality	XXXXXX	Pam Hardrath	XXXXXX	Lori Kops	XXXXXX	Ellen Brinkman	Jenny Nieman	Penny Vinnedge
Riplinger Reader	XXXXXX	Heidi McBride	XXXXXX	Brenda Newman	Good Friday Trish Porter	Ertl Family	Dave Newman	Heidi McBride

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

Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
February 2	48	19
February 9	44	9
February 16	58	15
February 23	36	54



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# SPENCER COUNCIL MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer Council Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2025, 6:30 pm.

**Attending:** Rudy Nieman, Teri Schorer, Jenny Nieman, Penni Cloud, Pam Hardrath, Randi Thompson, Travis Hardrath, Marsha Martens, Nick Tomczik, Todd Brinkman, Charla Hagen

## **Call to Order by Rudy at 6:34pm**

Opening Devotional: 5 minutes for silent prayer and reflection focusing on gratitude, stewardship, compassion, encouragement, and unity

God Sightings/Gratitude outside of church: Charla's sister-reassured by God's presence and love; church directories finally came; Rudy house project; Teri's fall but a middle-aged man showed concern and kindness

## **New Business:**

Council expectations- Robert's rules of order to support parliamentary procedure

Robert's 4 rules:

1. Anyone can participate in discussion before anyone else can speak again
2. Everyone has the right to know what's going on and only urgent matters can be interrupted
3. Only one motion can be discussed at one time (first motion to be approved or disapproved)
4. General or majority decides (2/3 for our church)

President or chair person to be present at meetings

Any member can make a motion at a meeting

Amendment can be made to a motion but must have 2<sup>nd</sup>

New Business:

## **Council Expectations**

### **2025 Short-term goals:**

Complete ministry site profile

New visitors: cards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> visits; ? continue phone calls

### **Long-term goals:**

Reunite church family/congregational health/reconciliation  
We miss our members: send cards; phone calls; Charla's postcard

**Call committee:** 6 members from Spencer and 3 members from Riplinger and it is a voted committee

Todd shares we need to have time of reflection prior to call committee- time to grieve; ELCA had recommended 12-18 months for this process in past.

## **Open Council Positions:**

Todd Brinkman made a motion to propose to ask for Food, fellowship, and fun director and Buildings and grounds director volunteers so council can vote on March 11, 2025 meeting.

Marsha Martens seconds motion. Motion approved.

Motion to amend above motion by Randi Thompson to move vote to March 18, 2025 second by Nick Tomczik

## **Memorial Fund Binder**

Rudy tabled until we have the form in front of us

## **Heifer Project**

Options include Heifer Project, Charitywater.org, Randi Thompson's niece's foundation, etc.

Tabled by Rudy as we need more information on options.

## **Pancake Breakfasts**

Discussed if it would be for fellowship or fundraiser and if we should ask for volunteers to facilitate.

**Shut In Care Packages-** currently have 9. Discussed potential treat/gift ideas and who would be responsible for this.

## **Ministry site profile:**

Couples can be on team.

## **Council Restructure Force Task**

Spouses can be on the committees together as there's nothing in

the constitution stating they can't be.

Teri Schorer will advise team.

Discussed conflict list. Ultimately, we can't move forward if we can't make decisions.

Rudy has been in contact with LCMC who says we're sending you a pastor to deal with the conflict. Reports there is a pastor in Waupaca area who said they will come- no details determined.

Rudy will try to get them here for the special meeting.

Ministry site profile will move forward.

Council restructure task force will be tabled.

Marsha motions to accept Dorothy (Petie) Marten and Joe Weix as new members; second by Randi Thompson; motion approved.

## **Old Business:**

### **Raise the Roof**

Rudy reports Mom's group will be involved.

Petie Marten gave name of someone to contact; Travis contacted and they are no longer in business

Travis Hardrath reports Kulps is coming next Tues at 1000; they install steel shingles for commercial buildings.

Charla Hagen shares Over the top roofing company – steel shingles, repairs, etc

Teri Schorer reminds us that if Mennonite/Amish/private party that they need to provide certificate of insurance.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Secretary's Report (Pam Hardrath; Penni Cloud)**

Motion was made by Nick Tomczik to approve secretary minutes as written for January 7, 2025, second by Todd Brinkman, Motion approved.

### **Treasurer Report (Teri Schorer)**

Printed reports provided; Teri shares Thrivent savings account the \$1.63 did not come over

Income: \$8779.02 Expenses: \$7813.36 Gain: \$965.66

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

### **February Minister of Faith Formation Report**

#### **Bible Camp**

- Bible Camp Sunday is Feb. 23, we'll offer additional discounts to families who sign up for a summer Bible Camp opportunity on that date.

#### **Cross Training**

- Butter Braid fundraiser begins Feb 19 to raise additional funds for Bible Camp Scholarships.

#### **LIVE**

- Youth 10th grade and up who wish to affirm their faith have been working at home with an adult through the Foundations of Faith packet and then meeting with Jenny Nieman or Rudy Nieman to discuss the lesson they completed at home. Affirmation of Baptism Sunday will be May 4.

#### **2024 Mission Trip**

- Basket Raffle begins March 5; the drawing will be on Easter Sunday.

- Next meeting is March 5, 5:30 pm

#### **Worship (Randi Thompson)**

#### **Buildings and Grounds (vacant)**

Mics arrived with wrong ends- back on waiting list

Getting prices for sound panels

#### **Congregational Care (Marsha Martens)**

#### **Beyond our Doors (Nick Tomczik)**

**Next Meeting:** 6:30pm on March 18, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Nick Tomczik, second by Todd Brinkman, Motion Approved.

Lord's Prayer Closing

Respectfully submitted: Penni Cloud

# SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

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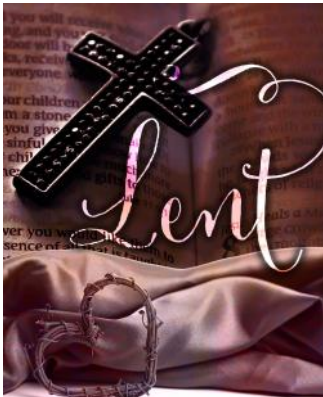
Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	7,930.27	15,652.92	130,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	230.00	495.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	555.54	1,096.91	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	0.00	250.00	2,500.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,715.81</b>	<b>\$17,494.83</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	172.34	172.34	1,000.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$172.34</i>	<i>\$172.34</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	83.25	500.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	218.98	344.22	1,000.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	0.00	0.00	250.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$302.23</i>	<i>\$427.47</i>	<i>3,250.00</i>
<i>540.000 Fellowship &amp; Care</i>				
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	53.89	53.89	650.00
540.020	Care Resources	220.00	320.00	500.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<i>Total Fellowship &amp; Care</i>	<i>\$273.89</i>	<i>\$373.89</i>	<i>1,450.00</i>
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	193.73	193.73	750.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	190.26	380.52	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	18.48	18.48	750.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	0.00	229.76	2,300.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$402.47</i>	<i>\$822.49</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	75.97	163.57	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	1,181.76	1,772.64	7,500.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	0.00	400.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$1,257.73</i>	<i>\$1,936.21</i>	<i>9,100.00</i>
<i>580.000 Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>				
580.020	Electricity	317.51	642.07	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	416.07	806.59	2,000.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	0.00	0.00	900.00

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580.050	Waste Disposal	155.63	310.80	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	40.69	109.31	700.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	220.00	535.86	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	660.00	1,180.00	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>\$1,809.90</i>	<i>\$3,584.63</i>	<i>15,350.00</i>
<i>590.000</i>	<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)	87.74	87.74	3,395.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.210	FICA	132.62	317.48	2,600.00
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)	1,218.00	2,719.50	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$1,588.36</i>	<i>\$3,424.72</i>	<i>70,050.00</i>
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	365.50	1,130.50	7,500.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,172.42</b>	<b>\$13,985.78</b>	<b>\$139,000.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$2,543.39</b>	<b>\$3,509.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



"Even now," declares the LORD,  
"return to me with all your heart."  
Joel 2:12, NIV



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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
<i>301.000</i>	<i>General Fund Balance</i>					
301.100	General Balance	39,500.91	8,715.81	6,172.42	0.00	42,044.30
<i>302.000</i>	<i>Special Funds Balance</i>					
302.001	ARK Balance	1,053.64	18.00	0.00	0.00	1,071.64
302.102	Globe Money Balance	647.28	7.00	0.00	0.00	654.28
302.120	Technology Balance	5,271.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,271.32
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	2,978.87	32.00	0.00	0.00	3,010.87
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	1,788.14	363.95	1,568.00	0.00	584.09
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	306.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
302.180	COME Balance	171.08	170.00	0.00	0.00	341.08
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	177,495.32	580.00	0.00	0.00	178,075.32
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	6,504.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,504.74
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,386.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,386.47
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$244,895.38</b>	<b>\$9,886.76</b>	<b>\$7,740.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$247,041.72</b>