

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**
- Monthly Newsletter: **Monthly on the 20th**

Connect

July 2026

July 1, 8, 15, 6-8pm, Wild West VBS

July 9, 10am, Board Meeting

July 9, 8pm, Mission Trip Meeting

July 12, 9am, Mission Trip Commissioning

July 12: Riplinger outdoor worship and potluck, rain date July 26

July 14, 6:30pm, Parish Worship Team Meeting

July 15, 1pm, Riplinger Ladies Circle

July 19, Special Congregational Meeting following 9am worship to vote regarding the new proposed Cemetery Constitution.

July 19, Riplinger Quarterly Meeting following worship.

July 19 to 24, Mission Trip to Barnesville, MN. Pastor Ritchie is out of the office.

July 26: Spencer Mission Trip sharing.

July 26, Kuester Family Reunion at Riplinger.

July 28, COME Meal, 5 to 6pm.

July 28, 6:30pm, Monthly Bible Study

August 3 to 15: Pastor on vacation

Praise the Lord!



9am Worship at Spencer
11am Worship at Riplinger

July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
 Romans 7:14-25
 Matthew 11:25-30

July 12

Spencer: Mission Trip Commissioning
 Riplinger: Outdoor Worship & Potluck
 at Riplinger Park
 Isaiah 55:10-13
 Romans 8:12-17
 Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

July 19

Pastor Bill Rice will share the message
 Spencer: Special Congregation Meeting
 following worship
 Riplinger: Quarterly Meeting following worship
 Isaiah 44:6-8
 Romans 8:18-27
 Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

July 26

Spencer: Mission Trip will lead worship
 Riplinger: Kuester Family Reunion
 Deuteronomy 7:6-9
 Romans 8:28-39
 Matthew 13:44-52



Weekly Email Link

If you do not currently receive our Wednesday weekly email, newsletter and other electronic communications and would like to, please email the office for the link; sjlcoffice13@gmail.com
 Thank you!!

Greetings in Christ!
 Another month has come and gone and we begin July 2026. 250 years ago, our forefathers signed a piece of paper that stated these 13 colonies to be united and independent of the British Empire. A major step. England was THE superpower of the day. They had by far the largest and best navy and possibly the best army in the world. They could draw on resources from all over the world. There is a reason, the statement, “the sun never sets on the British Empire” came into being, because it was literally true. This paper began with perhaps, outside of Scripture, the most important words ever put on paper. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The paper concludes with the sentence: “We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States.” If we look at other founding documents of colonies, (for example the Mayflower Compact) within the new world, we could see from them that all of these documents bear references to God. The Declaration of Independence specifically says we are “endowed by (our) Creator” with unalienable rights. A right is something which cannot be taken away from us. God gave us these rights; mankind did not. Our nation was founded with the understanding that this is a Christian nation. John Adams, one of the founding fathers said this about our Constitution: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and

religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” We, as people of faith, need to tell others about Jesus Christ, “in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

Go with God,
Pastor Ritchie



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— We can move mountains!



Pam Hardrath, Parish Secretary will be in the office on July 1 instead of July 2.



June 9
10am



July 14, 6:30pm
Parish Worship
Team Meeting

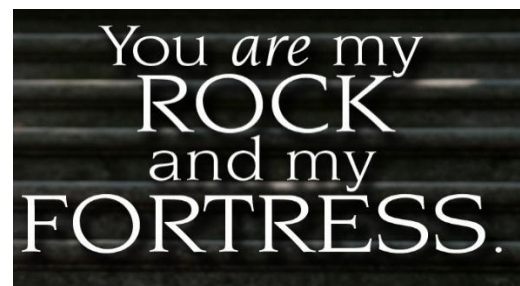


July 15
1pm

July Summer Fun Nights

**Wednesdays, July 8,
15 & 29 at 8:15pm.**

All 5th-12th graders and their friends are invited for bonfires, games, and a short outdoor worship. Bring a lawn chair, wear shoes to run/play games in and dress according to the weather.





July 19, following 9am worship

We will vote regarding the newly proposed Cemetery Constitution. Printed copies are available; a copy of the Constitution can be [read here](#), a copy of the bylaws can be [read here](#).



August 3 to 15.

We pray Pastor Ritchie's time away will be refreshing and relaxing!

Pastor Bill Rice will share the message on August 9.

**Church
Constitution
& Bylaws
Team**



Please pray for the team of 5 members, reviewing our constitution and bylaws.



July 19, following 11am worship

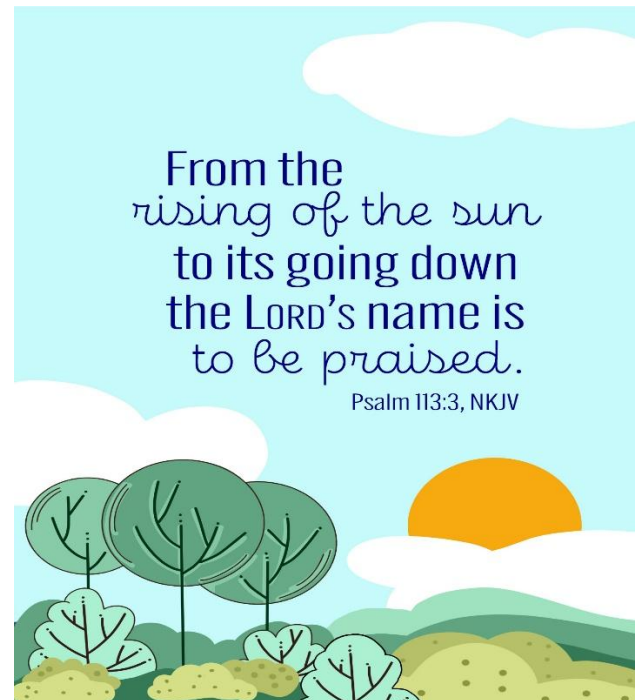
St. John's Lutheran Church, LCMC
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**FREE COMMUNITY
MEAL
FOR EVERYONE**



Menu:
Brats & Hotdogs
Baked Beans
Broccoli/Cauliflower
Salad
Potato Chips
Ice Cream

[Sign up here](#), if you would like to donate food or volunteer to serve.



From the
rising of the sun
to its going down
the LORD's name is
to be praised.

Psalm 113:3, NKJV



Psalm 23:2-3, NIV

SHARE YOUR GIFTS!



COME Meal Coordinator Needed

After many years of faithfully leading and organizing the COME Meal ministry, Mary Seefeld will be stepping down following the August meal. A binder containing the year-long rotating menu plan, recipes, and supply information is available to help guide the next leader. The ministry also uses Sign Up Genius to coordinate food donations and additional volunteers, with community groups providing support each month. If you are interested in serving in this role or would like more information, please [contact Pastor Ritchie](#). Questions are welcome.

Board Member Vacancies



Spiritual Care Board Members, Glenda Fellenz, Nancy Vaughan and Gail Jicinsky have resigned. If you are interested in being a Spiritual Care Member on the church board, please let a member of the board or [Pastor Ritchie](#) know.



If you are interested in being the Recording Secretary on the church board, please let a member of the board or [Pastor Ritchie](#) know.



Please sign up on the bulletin board or online using [sign up genius](#) if you would like to mow the lawn this summer. Contact Wayne Hagen if assistance or training is needed. 715-207-7040 or wehagen55@gmail.com



MINISTER OF FAITH FORMATION

Questions, contact our Minister of Faith Formation, Jenny Nieman,
jennyfaith659@gmail.com or 715-613-3636

Wild West Vacation Bible School
Wednesdays July 1, 8, 15
6 to 8pm.

Kids ages 3 years to grade 5 are invited to join us on a rowdy Western adventure! We continue learning about some “outlaws” from the Bible and God’s faithfulness to them and his faithfulness to us today. So far, 15 kids have been enjoying VBS. Pass the word to your friends, family and neighbors. Families can register their kids online here:

<https://forms.gle/LQ8Ukw2U6do4eQhL8>

Cost is \$5 per VBS date attended.



Mission Trip 2026

The group of 9 (5 high school youth and 4 adult leaders) will leave for Barnesville, MN on July 19 and return to Spencer July 25. We will have a small commissioning to send them off on July 12 during worship. Please hold this group and their travels in your prayers.



July 19 to 25!
Barnesville,
MN

Attending: Tahneya Anderson, Rachel Nieman, Adryan Schmidt, Wylie Seefeldt, Camdyn Vogel, Pastor Ritchie, Penni Cloud, Jenny Nieman and Nick Tomezik

Pastor will be out of the office.

July 9

Last meeting

July 12, 9am

Commissioning in worship

July 26, 9am

Mission Trip sharing

Experience the excitement radiating off of our mission trip participants!!



GO.

SERVE.

LOVE.

REPEAT.

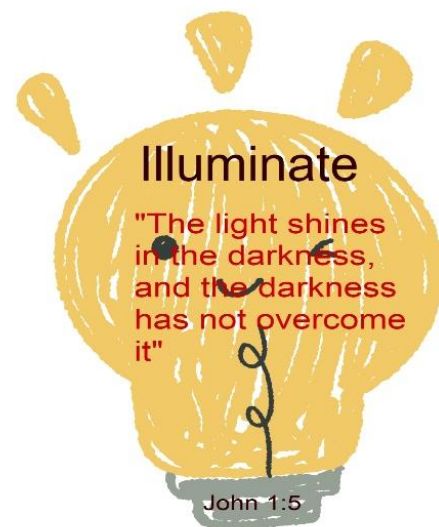
30 Day Mission Trip Prayer Guide

- **Day 1 (July 1) — Pure Motives:** Pray that all 9 mission trip participants serve out of love, not pride (Philippians 2:3–4).
- **Day 2 (July 2) — Spirit of Humility:** Ask God to give the team a learning posture, respecting Barnesville's local culture.
- **Day 3 (July 3) — Deepening Unity:** Pray for seamless communication and strong bonds among our 9 travelers (John 17:21).
- **Day 4 (July 4) — Spiritual Protection:** Cover the group in prayer against spiritual warfare or distractions (Ephesians 6:12).
- **Day 5 (July 5) — Boldness in Faith:** Ask for the courage to share testimonies and biblical truths boldly (Acts 4:31).
- **Day 6 (July 6) — Servant's Hearts:** Pray for a willingness to do any task assigned, no matter how small.
- **Day 7 (July 7) — Flexibility:** Ask God to grant patience when plans, schedules, or weather change unexpectedly.
- **Day 8 (July 8) — Personal Devotion:** Pray that Tahneya, Penni, Rachel, Jenny, Adryan, Wylie, Camdyn, Nick and Pastor maintain consistent quiet times with God before leaving.
- **Day 9 (July 9) — Overcoming Fear:** Pray against anxiety regarding public speaking, hard labor, or meeting new people.
- **Day 10 (July 10) — Local Church Leadership:** Pray for pastors and staff at local churches in Barnesville like Hope Lutheran Brethren and Assumption Catholic Church .
- **Day 11 (July 11) — Breaking Spiritual Ground:** Pray that the hearts of Barnesville residents are softened to receive our group and the other youth groups who will be serving.
- **Day 12 (July 12) — Families and Youth:** Intersecting a community with many young

families; pray for the local kids, schools, and youth ministries.

- **Day 13 (July 13) — Community Leaders:** Pray for wisdom for the local government, first responders, and civic organizers.
- **Day 14 (July 14) — Lonely and Isolated:** Pray for the elderly population and single-person households in the area.
- **Day 15 (July 15) — Local Partner Prep:** Pray for the specific organizations or families hosting or guiding your projects.
- **Day 16 (July 16) — Vehicle & Travel Prep:** Pray for the safety of the vehicles transporting your group from Wisconsin.
- **Day 17 (July 17) — Rest:** Pray that all Tahneya, Penni, Rachel, Jenny, Adryan, Wylie, Camdyn, Nick and Pastor get deep, rejuvenating rest right before the travel day.
- **Day 18 (July 18) — Final Anticipation:** Pray for a night of peace and excitement across the whole group also pray for the families of all our mission trip participants staying behind.
- **Day 19 (July 19) — Departure & Travel:** Pray for safety along I-94, minimal traffic, and smooth transitions into Barnesville.
- **Day 20 (July 20) — Physical Stamina:** Pray for strength, energy, and work endurance during project days.
- **Day 21 (July 21) — Divine Appointments:** Ask God to orchestrate specific, unscripted encounters with people who need encouragement.
- **Day 22 (July 22) — Mid-Week Perseverance:** Pray against fatigue; ask the Holy Spirit for an extra dose of joy and vigor.
- **Day 23 (July 23) — Spiritual Breakthroughs:** Pray for deep spiritual conversations and life-altering moments of ministry.

- **Day 24 (July 24) — Finishing Well:** Pray for safety and focus as construction, ministry, or community projects wrap up.
- **Day 25 (July 25) — Goodbyes & Gratitude:** Pray for emotional health as our mission trip participants leave their new friends and express gratitude to hosts. Pray for safe travel back to Wisconsin and smooth transition debriefs for the 9 team members.
- **Day 26 (July 26) — Witness & Sharing:** Pray that the mission trip participants share their personal and spiritual experiences with St. John's as they lead worship.
- **Day 27 (July 27) Processing the Experience:** Pray that the mission trip participants process what they saw, felt, and learned effectively.
- **Day 28 (July 28) — Fighting Post-Trip Blues:** Pray against spiritual letdown or fatigue as everyone re-enters normal routines.
- **Day 29 (July 29) — Continuous Mission:** Pray that the experience fuels a lifestyle of service right back home in Wisconsin.
- **Day 30 (July 30)- Lasting Impact:** Pray that the participant's short-term trip planted seeds that produce long-term spiritual fruit.





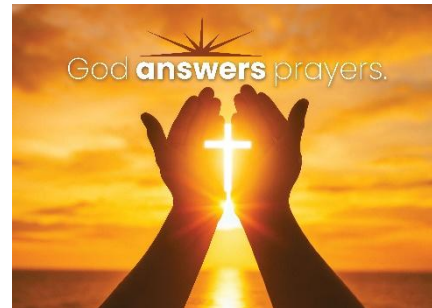
JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Annalee Burns
Glenda Fellenz
- 2 Heidi Shupe
Hannah Rossow
- 4 Kaylee Vogel
Luanne Schwarze
Marilyn Bruger
- 5 Jacob Gardner
Pam Hardrath
- 6 Jackie Soback
- 8 Mitch Rossow
Dawn Buse
- 9 Jenny Nieman
Joan Bruss
- 10 Bowen Jacobson
Amanda Nieman
- 11 Josh Kaiser
Cheryl Gallion
- 12 Danielle Soback
Jeremy Vogel
- 14 Josh Reynolds
- 15 Jenny Reynolds
Bob Burns
- 16 Montana Tomczik
Will Gorst
- 17 Nancy Halverson
- 19 Marion Haas
- 22 Ariana Krueger
- 24 Tom Dommer
- 25 Trenton Weiler
- 28 Edward Bruger Jr
- 29 Jenna Zahn
- 31 Mindy Burns



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Tim & Amanda Gronski 16
- 12 Scott & Heidi Shupe 23
- 18 Eric & Julia Craft 11
- 19 Michael & Susan Howe 57
- 28 Charlie & Sandy Bruesewitz 33



PRAYER LIST

Those with short-term health concerns:

Adryan Schmidt, LeRoy

Dommer, Nancy Dietsche, Dale Fehrenbach, Wayne Hempel, Susan Howe, Brett Kloth, Mia Maddox, Jim Miller.

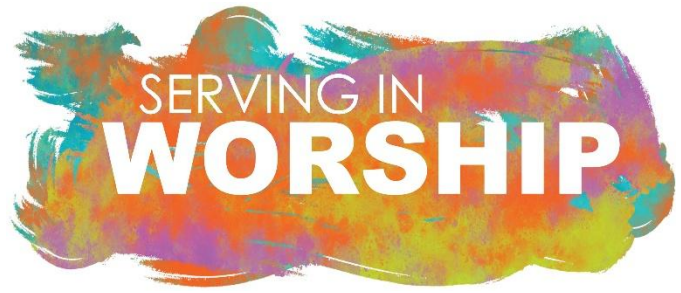
Those with long-term health concerns: Audrey Heldt, Elroy Heldt, Sandy Lemmens, Bill Martens, Tammi Schiferl, Darrell Schillinger.

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

Those who are homebound or in care facilities: Lois Block, Audrey Helsten, Grace Maines, Doris Seefeld.

Please contact the office if you are available to serve in open spaces. Thank you!

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	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2	August 9	August 16
Message Sharer	Pastor Ritchie	Pastor Ritchie	Pastor Bill Rice	Mission Trip Group	Pastor Ritchie	Pastor Bill Rice Assisting Ashley Stroetz	Pastor Ritchie
Greeter	Bob Haas	Lori Kops	Randi Thompson	XXX	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Faye Lang	Inez Fosberg
Usher	NEEDED	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz	XXX	Brad Helsten	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz
Usher	Paul Leezer	Brad Helsten	Alan Seefeld	XXX	Paul Leezer	NEEDED	Alan Seefeld
Tech	NEEDED	Tracey Ackman	Tracey Ackman	XXX	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
Sound	NEEDED	Janika Helsten	Mary Seefeld	XXX	Janika Helsten	NEEDED	Mary Seefeld
Reader	Hannah Rossow	Lori Kops	Milt Viergutz	XXX	Glenda Fellenz	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz
Communion Assistant	NEEDED	Lori Helsten	NEEDED	XXX	Lori Helsten	NEEDED	NEEDED
Basket Bearer	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	XXX	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
Hospitality	Hannah Rossow	Lori Kops	Hannah Rossow	XXX	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
Riplinger	Ertl Family	Dave Newman	Heidi McBride	Brenda Newman	Trish Porter	Ertl Family	Dave Newman

YouTube


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



Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
May 3	63	21
May 10	118	28
May 17	39	18
May 24	39	19
May 31	36	17

Save the Date!



<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Worship at Spencer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 6:30pm Monthly Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Secretary in office 6:00pm VBS</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Worship at Spencer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm VBS 8:15pm Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mission Trip Meeting 10:00am Church Board Meeting 6:00pm Secretary in office</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger, Communion, Outdoor Worship, Potluck</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Worship at Spencer</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting 7:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00pm Riplinger Ladies Circle 6:00pm VBS 8:15pm Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Secretary in office</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away 9:00am Worship at Spencer, Special Congregation Meeting 11:30am Worship at Riplinger, Quarterly Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away 6:30pm Worship at Spencer</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away 6:00pm Secretary in office</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Mission Trip, Barnesville, MN: Pastor Away</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Kuester Family Reunion 9:00am Worship at Spencer, Led by Mission Trip 11:00am Worship at Riplinger, rain date Outdoor Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Worship at Spencer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 5:00pm COME Meal 6:30pm Monthly Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:15pm Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Secretary in office</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>

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SPENCER BOARD MINUTES

Board Minutes for St John's Lutheran Church,
Spencer WI

June 11th, 2026

Call to Order at 0957 with opening prayer

Attendance: Pastor Ritchie Cole, Gail Jicinsky, Peggy

Labrensz, Faye Lang, Cindy Weiler

Absent: Wayne Hagen

Guests: Teri Shorer, Kris Ovans, Barb Lucht

Approval of Minutes

May minutes were approved via email

Special congregational meeting minutes: M/S/A

Unfinished Business (Old Business)

Treasures job update: Teri Shorer presented information and clarification on Brotherhood Mutual for payroll and taxes: M/S/A

Memorials: Will put together a list. All suggestions welcomed

Fundraiser laws: after further investigation, we do not need any special license for this

Credit card for Pastor: We will get getting a prepaid credit card from scrip when needed: M/S/A

Acoustics in fellowship hall will be ordered and installed: M/S/A

Cemetery constitution: approved proposed cemetery constitution to be presented to the congregation: M/S/A

Dishwasher inspection completed. Could be plumbing issues, will get estimates for this

Insurance waivers from outside groups using the facility. Form letter to be sent out: M/S/A

Constitution committee to be scheduled to start review: M/S/A

Still trying to recruit new board members

New Business

Parish secretary job description to be modified to include input for Brotherhood Mutual and \$1/hour wage increase implemented: M/S/A

Financial secretary looking for clarification account and fund categories. Will address at next board meeting

Signers for checks: The three liaisons will be the signers going forward: M/S/A

Resignations from the board:

o Gail Jicinsky, Spiritual Care, effective June 28th, 2026

o Cindy Weiler, Recording Secretary, effective June 12th, 2026

o Nancy Vaughan, Spiritual Care, effective June 3rd, 2026

Reports from Ministry Teams:

Treasurers report (May 2026):

o Received: \$15,478.41

o Disbursements: 12,272.64

o Difference: \$3,205.77

o Year to date: (\$23,606.22)

Beyond our Doors: No report given

Food, Fellowship and Fun: Haystack dinner planning going well

Congregations Care: No report given

Worship committee: No report given

Buildings and Grounds: No report given

Adjournment

Next Meeting: July 9th at 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 1130

Submitted by: Cindy Weiler, Recording Secretary

Special Congregation Meeting

Meeting Minutes

A special congregational meeting was held following worship on June 7, 2026 to discuss the second phase of 'Amazement Ministries.'

Number of voting members present: 36.

Due to his inability to attend the meeting, Wayne Hagan had asked Pastor Ritchie to lead the meeting.

Pastor Ritchie opened with a prayer.

Pastor Ritchie gave highlights from:

1. The Amazement Ministries Report from May 3rd..

2. The board is working on a CONFLICT RESOLUTION COVENANT that all leaders will be asked to follow.

3. The constitution will be updated..

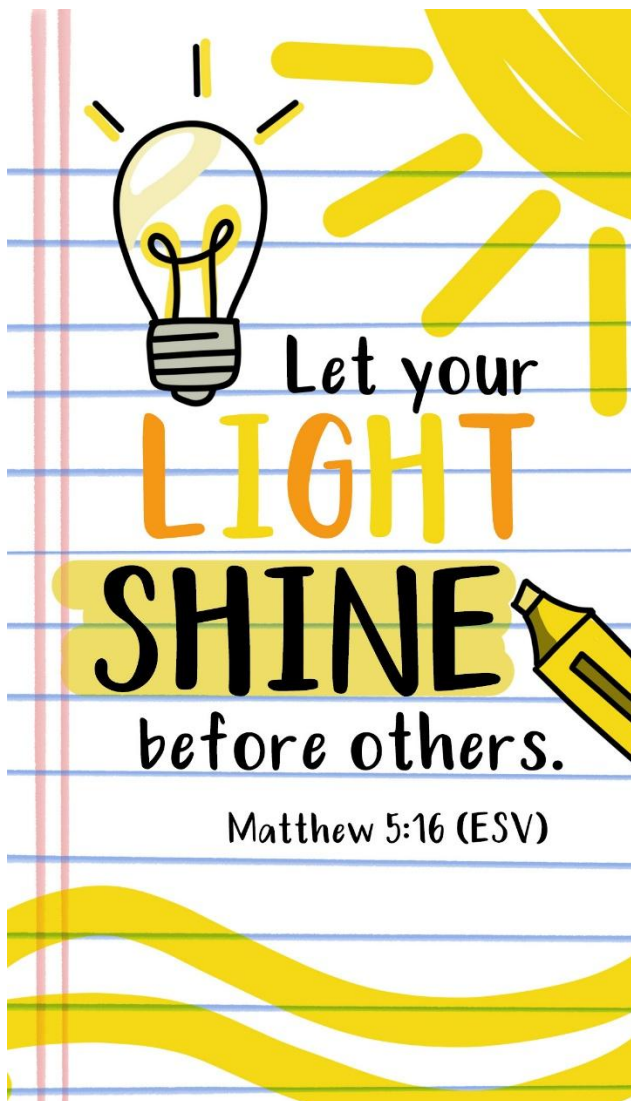
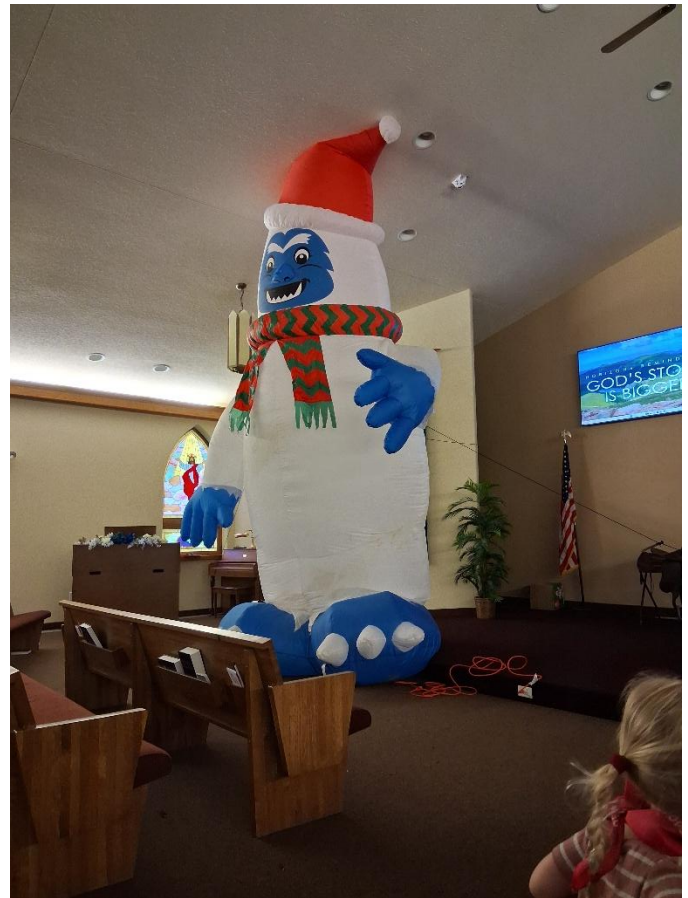
4. An anonymous donation of \$5,000 was received, designated toward extending the Amazement Ministries contract.

Acting as chair, board member Gail Jicinsky asked for a motion to extend the contract to Amazement Ministries. Motion was made to vote by yes/no or by show of hands. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Motion was made by Penny Vinnedge to extend the contract to Amazement Ministries. Motion was seconded and passed.

A point of order was called: Voting was not on the agenda, so the agenda needs to be amended before the motion to vote can be made per Robert's Rules. Motion was made by Brice Luepke to rescind the prior motion. Motion was seconded and passed. Motion was made by Rudy Neiman to add voting to the agenda. Seconded and passed. Motion was made by Penny Vinnedge to extend the contract to Amazement Ministries for a total of \$8,000. (\$5000 donated plus an additional \$3,000 from St. John's). Motion seconded and passed. Pastor Ritchie was asked if there was anything else to discuss. No further discussion. Motion by Harry Vogel to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Peggy Labrensz, acting as secretary of this meeting.



SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	14,267.24	45,735.97	150,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	200.00	1,050.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	1,011.17	4,675.52	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	0.00	200.00	2,000.00
	Total Income	\$15,478.41	\$51,661.49	\$158,500.00
Expenses				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe	0.00	3,212.89	15,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$3,212.89</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	703.80	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	0.00	434.70	500.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,138.50</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	73.73	1,000.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	0.00	0.00	500.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	0.00	63.90	1,000.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	0.00	60.90	400.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$198.53</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	23.28	266.88	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	0.00	100.00	500.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<i>Total Fellowship & Care</i>	<i>\$23.28</i>	<i>\$366.88</i>	<i>1,300.00</i>
540.040	Mediator	1,119.43	7,486.34	8,000.00
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	62.25	924.38	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	204.31	993.61	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	16.03	337.72	700.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	0.00	950.82	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	985.00	1,246.21	1,500.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$1,267.59</i>	<i>\$4,452.74</i>	<i>7,400.00</i>
<i>570.000 Administration</i>				
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	100.07	414.31	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	0.00	2,156.50	9,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	661.93	500.00
570.080	Leadership Study Materials/Subscriptions	0.00	39.80	
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$100.07</i>	<i>\$3,272.54</i>	<i>10,700.00</i>

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
580.000	Buildings & Grounds			
580.020	Electricity	299.20	1,764.27	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	219.02	2,702.04	2,500.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	0.00	780.00	700.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	217.15	1,010.78	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	16.46	410.05	600.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	0.00	20.75	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	0.00	2,730.00	3,000.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	165.60	165.60	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	<i>\$917.43</i>	<i>\$9,583.49</i>	<i>16,100.00</i>
590.000	Staff			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,956.26	14,781.30	35,475.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	1,500.00	7,500.00	18,000.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	16.99	38.46	200.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	1,576.88	7,884.40	16,600.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	340.90	1,704.50	4,100.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	295.00	1,168.89	750.00
590.210	FICA	146.31	851.25	2,000.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	750.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,414.00	8,099.00	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$8,396.34</i>	<i>\$42,777.80</i>	<i>97,875.00</i>
590.125	Pastor Phone Allowance	100.00	500.00	1,200.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	348.50	2,278.00	7,500.00
	Total Expenses	\$12,272.64	\$75,267.71	\$171,825.00
	Difference	\$3,205.77	(\$23,606.22)	(\$13,325.00)

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
301.000	General Fund Balance					
301.100	General Balance	31,285.69	15,478.41	11,374.59	(188.24)	35,201.27
302.000	Special Funds Balance					
302.001	ARK Balance	271.07	8.00	0.00	0.00	279.07
302.102	Globe Money Balance	214.26	9.00	0.00	0.00	223.26
302.120	Technology Balance	2,250.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.75
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	4,437.66	6.00	0.00	0.00	4,443.66
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	2,084.21	2,609.86	2,486.00	0.00	2,208.07
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	356.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	356.00
302.180	COME Balance	3,040.94	260.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.94
302.800	Seminary Fund Balance	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.91
302.100	Memorial Gifts Balance	5,393.94	300.00	0.00	0.00	5,693.94
302.105	Building Fund Balance	13,282.89	620.00	0.00	(4,934.14)	8,968.75
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,322.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,322.79
303.200	Youth Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,934.14	4,934.14
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,689.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,689.79
Total		\$73,669.90	\$19,291.27	\$13,860.59	(\$188.24)	\$78,912.34