

Connect February 2021

Services of Worship

- Spencer in-person 9am Sunday
- Riplinger in-person 11am Sunday
- Facebook Live 9am Sunday or when it works for you after that time.
- Online @ www.stjohnsspencer.com/onlineworship

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Deadlines

- Weekly email and Sunday bulletin
Tuesdays 9am
- Monthly newsletter
20th of each month

Singing to Resume at Spencer

The Congregation Council decided at its January 5 meeting to resume singing by the assembly in services of worship starting January 31. Come to church to raise your voices to God!

Boy Scout Sunday on February 14

The Spencer troop, which meets at the church, will present a brief message on the relationship between their oath and religion. Come to this service of worship to witness the work of our Scouts!

Prayer for Christian Unity on February 7—The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in prayer for visible Christian unity. While other churches commemorate this as a part of the week of January 18-25, this special emphasis will be commemorated here on February 7 to coincide with the last transition dynamic of connections to explore the relationships a congregation/parish shares beyond itself.

Ash Wednesday on February 17—Spencer at 6:30pm and Riplinger at 8pm. Lenten supper at Spencer at 5:30pm. During Lent the people of God reflect on the meaning of the sign of the cross on the brow received in baptism.

Jesus Gets Personal with Zacchaeus theme of Spencer Lenten Services—This series on the Wednesdays from February 24 to March 24 looks at the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus, pulling from it a list of five questions that we can ask others to show them care and value and really get to know them in a personal way. Supper at 5:30pm and service at 6:30pm.

Foundations of Our Faith theme of Riplinger Lenten Services—During the time of the early Christian church, the forty days of Lent was a time of preparation for the candidates to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. People new to the faith would spend this time fasting, praying, and studying in anticipation of their baptism. With that tradition in mind, we use the midweek Lenten services to focus on the basics of our belief using symbols. The symbol for Ash Wednesday will be the cross. Other symbols will include: two tablets – Ten Commandments; fish – Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior; triangle – Trinity; shell – Baptism; chalice – Lord's Supper. Lenten services on Wednesdays at 8pm.

From the Pastor

Together We Make a Difference

The following thought for the day is provided by the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin as a part of the call process:

Scripture Romans 10:8-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Paul writes to the Romans about the dynamics of faith. Faith comes by hearing! Hearing comes by Christians speaking words of truth and faith! Who are the ones sent to speak? Only pastors? Pastors are called to public ministry and leadership. Paul writes to encourage Timothy about his public ministry and leadership. A congregation in the call process is called to focus on its ministries and the pastoral leadership it needs for those ministries to survive and thrive. What are your key ministries? How could a pastor encourage and enable those ministries?

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Announcements

Parish Leadership Deliberating Overture from Trinity of Unity for Possible Shared Ministry

The following letter from Rev. Amy Heinz of Trinity of Unity articulates a desire for conversation:

Our Trinity council voted at our November meeting to open the discussion of a shared ministry with Spencer/Riplinger. We understand that no promises are being made at this time, and the discussion may not bear fruit or may bear unexpected fruit. However, we acknowledge the responsibility all Christian congregations have for developing new avenues of communication and ministry so that all people may come to know and trust God's love made manifest in Jesus Christ. We trust that God's Holy Spirit will guide our efforts and enable us to develop deep and productive relationships in ministry.

The Riplinger Congregation Council at a January 10 meeting indicated their openness to conversation and brought it before the members at the January 17 annual meeting. The Spencer Executive Committee at a January 12 meeting indicated their openness to conversation and will bring it before the members at the January 24 annual meeting. The Spencer council will take this matter up further at the February 2 council meeting, and the Riplinger council will convene as needed.

Transition Dynamics

Reflection

Heritage Past Where have we been?

Appreciate how the past of the congregation informs the present

Identity Present Where are we at?

Discover who congregation is in current context

Vision Future Where is God leading?

Discern what it is this congregation understands God is calling the congregation to be

Action

Mission Definition What is God's purpose?

Define purpose and direction in God's mission

Leadership Operation

How is God's purpose to be carried out?

Engage people of God in God's mission

Connections Cooperation

Who are the partners in mission God provides?

Explore relationships a congregation shares beyond itself

Transition Task Force at Spencer convened January 11 to start work on the Ministry Site Profile and met again on January 25. Members include Joan Bruss, Travis & Pam Hardrath, Allen Jicinsky, Rudy Nieman, Penny Vinnedge. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Part-time Church Secretary—St. John's, Spencer WI is seeking a self-motivated individual with prior office experience. 20 hours per week. Wage \$14 per hour depending on experience. This position requires computer experience with Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel. This position includes answering phones, greeting visitors, preparing weekly church bulletins and monthly newsletters, maintaining membership records, maintaining church website and Facebook page and monitoring building maintenance needs to schedule repairs. Send resume to: Attn: Roxie Wetterau, St. John's Lutheran Church, 210167 State Hwy 13, Spencer WI 54479 or sjlcbbooks@gmail.com

Remembering those who are homebound or in care facilities

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Faith Formation

Winter FUN! Tubing, Skiing, Skating everyone is invited to join us at Forest Springs, Westboro on Jan. 31, 1-5 pm for an afternoon of winter activities. Come and play or come watch the fun and make memories.

Mission Trip Upcoming Fundraiser The Basket raffle will begin February 17 - the mission trip participants would be extremely grateful to you if you would consider putting together a themed basket for the raffle.

Baptism Class The next class will be February 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 1 pm. Anyone wishing to schedule a baptism must take the set of classes before scheduling a baptism. Questions about the class contact Jenny Nieman.

ButterBraid Sale will begin on February 17. 6th-8th graders will have order forms available in the entry way at Spencer on Wednesdays during Lent. All proceeds will go to the Bible Scholarship Fund to help send kids and youth to Bible Camp this summer. If you miss the opportunity to order from a youth, you may contact Jenny Nieman 715-613-3636.

RightNow Media

Have you been feeling disconnected from God? Give RightNow Media a try. There are a ton of videos on all sorts of topics. Access this resource on our website:

www.stjohnsspencer.com/right-now-media. OR you can text Rightnow SJLCS to 41411, and you will automatically be prompted to create your login to gain access to RightNow Media.



No Regrets Men's Conference February 6

No Regrets Men's Ministry exists to empower the local church to develop its men into an army to reach the world for Christ. Through the annual No Regrets Men's Conference, we are helping equip churches to build men into discipling leaders who develop and disciple other leaders.

Sometimes incredible opportunities are born from extraordinary circumstances. The pandemic of 2020 has changed so many ways in which we live and lead our lives and the No Regrets Men's Conference is no exception. We are pivoting to a new format for the 2021 experience that will be live and virtual on February 6th.

This new format will expand our capacity to reach more men in more locations with more content and customization than ever before. We are excited about our world-class speakers and how this conference will change men into the leaders God intended them to be.

You can attend an in person No Regret's Conference at Faith Fellowship, Marshfield on Feb. 6, 8:30 am. The in person conference will include the break out sessions OR you can live stream it to a location that best suits you— find the info for live stream: <https://www.noregretsconference.org/individual-streaming/>. The live stream does not include the break out sessions.

ShopWithScrip®



Scrip Cards

Scrip (gift) cards will be sold following worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We were able to donate a gift card to a family struggling with breast cancer this month. Thank you all so much for support!

Faith Formation



Via de Cristo (VDC) is a Spanish phrase meaning “Way of Christ.” VDC is a highly structured three — day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God’s grace.

It’s three days in length, beginning on Thursday, March 11 and ending on Sunday, March 14. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily. Fourteen talks are given, nine by lay people and five by clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main points of the talk and a poster is done. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer.

This spring, Via de Cristo is held at Forest Springs, Westboro. Applications are in the brochure rack. Questions: talk with Jenny Nieman, Travis Hardrath, Allen or Gail Jicinsky.

Spencer’s SEL word for the month of February is EMPATHY.

Empathy is the ability to put yourself in someone else’s shoes and share that person’s emotions and feelings.

Research has shown that empathy is essential to building healthy and happy relationships with family and friends and to doing well at work (and, for kids, at school).

Here are some ways parents and caregivers can work on empathy:



- Ask, "How would you feel?" When a preschooler hits a sibling or a friend, or takes away a toy they are playing with, for instance, a parent needs to try saying something like, "How would you feel if someone took your toy away?" or "How would you feel if someone hit you?" The same holds true for older children. Ask the question, “How would you feel if?”
- Name that feeling. To help your child understand emotions and feelings, identify and label them as much as possible. If your child behaves kindly toward someone, such as by trying to comfort a crying baby or friend, say, "That was very nice of you to be so worried about your friend; I'm sure it made him feel much better when you were so kind to him." If your child behaves in an unkind way, say, "I know you may feel angry but it made your friend sad when you took his toy from him."
- Talk about good and bad behaviors around you. We are constantly exposed to examples of good and bad behavior in real life and in books, TV, and movies. Talk with your child about the behavior you see, such as someone making another person sad or, on the other hand, someone helping others and making people feel better about themselves. One of the best ways to encourage empathy is to make children conscious of what they have in common with others.
- Set a good example. Your child learns about how to interact with people by watching you and other adults in their life. Show what it means to be a kind and loving person. Help family members and neighbors. Support friends and others who are in need or having a hard time. Kids are heavily influenced by what we actually do, and less by what we say.

“If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you’ll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.” – Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Leadership Minutes for December 1, 2020

Chair- Dennis Kopp, Vice Chair- Vacant, Secretary-Teri Schorer, Treasurer-Roxie Wetterau, Worship Director - Luanne Schwarze, Minister of Faith Formation-Jenny Nieman, Beyond Our Doors-vacant, Food, Fellowship & Fun- Lori Cook, Congregation Care Director Sharon Schiszik, Buildings & Grounds Director- Rich Wilke, Pastor Lowell Bolstad.

(Some members participated via Zoom)

Call to order at 6:30pm by Chair Dennis Kopp

Opening Devotions led by Pastor Bolstad

Secretary Report October Minutes were tabled until all could review for approval.

November minutes - no meeting took place.

Treasurers Report October 31, 2020 general balance \$5,648.51

November 30, 2020 general account balance \$10,972.08

The 2021 budget will be reviewed at the Jan meeting for recommendation to the congregation for the annual meeting.

The funds in the globe for World Hunger will be counted for year end.

Worship Report by Luanne Schwarze

Pastor Bolstad attending the November meeting for a "Meet- N- Greet"

Worship budget items for 2021 were submitted to the council treasurer.

Organ board is being repaired in the Netherlands for a cost of \$2,600.

Update on the virtual Thanksgiving service.

In-person and virtual church services will continue.

Sign-up Genius will be created for a count of attendees for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service times.

Blue Christmas service was canceled for this year.

Buildings and Grounds by Rich Wilke

The church roof is in need of repair. There was a leak identified in the corner between the secretary and pastor's office. Shingle replacement may need to be considered in the near future.

The faucet in the kitchen island needs to be replaced.

Will check into pumping the food trap.

Landscaping by the bell tower needs to be considered, possibly removing the rocks.

Keith Lenss has been contracted to snowplow the church parking lot.

Minister of Faith Formation: Jenny Nieman

Cross Training, LIVE, JAM classes will be resuming in January.

Winter Fun Day at Forest Springs is planned on January 31 from 1-5pm.

Baptism Class is schedule for February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1pm.

2021 Mission Trip to Charleston, S.C. is in the planning stages. Next meeting January 6.

Fellowship and Fun- Lori Cook

No Report

Congregational Care Director- Sharon Schiszik

St. John's participated in the Giving Tree program again this Christmas season.

Pastor's Report

Made calls to the homebound congregation members.

Met with Jenny w/Faith Formation.

Attended Council and Worship meetings.

Pastor Bolstad reviewed the heritage of St. John's.

A team of 4-5 people will be needed for the Transition Task Force to work on the Ministry Site Profile to prepare for the pastoral call process.

New Business:

New council member installation will be January 3, 2021

Council Vice Chair- Nick Wash

Council Secretary- Nadine Willett

Worship Director- Luanne Schwarze

Food, Fellowship and Fun Director- Heather Vogel

Congregational Care Director- Teri Schorer

Buildings and Grounds Director- Travis Hardrath

Annual meeting will be held January 24, 2021 following the 9am service.

Old Business

Cindy Weiler has prayerfully decided to decline acceptance of the position as the Council Chair for 2021.

Replacement for the Council Chair position will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Cleaning company will be contacted to return after the new year.

Internet service options for the church were discussed. It has been determined to try Country Wireless until another option becomes available.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next month meeting will be held January 5, 2021

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Teri Schorer, Council Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Leadership Minutes for October 6, 2020

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Absent: Sharon Schiszik

Call to order at 6:30pm by Chair Dennis Kopp

Opening prayer led by Teri Schorer

Secretary Report September Minutes, MSA

Treasurers Report September 30, 2020 general account balance \$1,523.28

Worship Report by Luanne Schwarze

Current practices for church service will continue.

Pulpit supply options will be reviewed to allow for communion.

Buildings and Grounds by Rich Wilke

Still looking for helpers to straighten the church sign.

Reviewed the Lakes Asphalt bids the survey sent to the congregation came back to approve the bid for \$15,255 with crack sealing to be completed this fall and seal coating in the spring.

Kitchen sink project is still pending.

The well test has been approved. A plumber will be contacted to review/test the faucets in the kitchen for bacteria content.

Minister of Faith Formation by Jenny Nieman

Baptism Class will be scheduled

Curriculum will be researched for JAM, LIVE and Cross Training.

Fellowship and Fun- Lori Cook

Pastor send off was held September 20, with fellowship after church.

Congregational Care Director by Sharon Schiszik – No Report

Pastor's Report

Baptisms in September

Easton Stroetz 9/6/2020

Sylvia Buse 9/13/2020

Elijah Wash 9/19/2020

Rachel Wash 9/19/2020

Emily Wash 9/19/2020

Jeremiah Wash 9/19/2020

Old Business

Motion made to purchase a new computer from Computer TR in Abbotsford for the church office. MSA

Nominations for the council positions reviewed.

Voting will be in person or drive-up voting on October 18 from 10am-10:15am.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted, Teri Schorer, Council Secretary

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 1. Emily Vaughan | 15. Wayne Hendrickson
Mary Schuette |
| 2. Heather Miller | 16. Constance Opsal |
| 3. Hailey Miller | 17. Barbara Lucht
Jacob Soback |
| 4. Penni Cloud | 18. Beckam Schultz |
| 5. Theresa Kenyon | 19. Preston Mertins |
| 6. Danielle Schmidt | 20. Rachel Blanchard
Brooklynn Stroetz |
| 8. Owen Buse | 21. Jesse Klement |
| 9. Jason Meacham | 22. Betty Soltow
Nadine Willett |
| 10. Randall Stroetz
Savana Weyer | 23. Jude Pagenkopf |
| 11. Cadyn Hardrath
Janika Helsten
Gwen Thomas | 24. Susan Howe
Theresa Knecht
Suzanne Reynolds |
| 12. Patty Matter | 25. Janell Kopp
Lydia Nieman
Easton Stroetz
Nick Wash |
| 13. Gwen Schmidt
Tom Pagenkopf | 26. Peggy Ottum |
| 14. Brooke Suckow | 27. Keith Porter |
| | 28. Jewel Schuette |

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the office so we can update our records.

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

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| 12 | Harry & Juleen Vogel | 39 years |
| 14 | Les & Barbara Dommer | 35 years |
| | Joseph & Rhonda Weix | 40 years |
| 21 | Victor & Carol Sandley | 68 years |

Remembering in Prayer

Those under hospice care—Woody Schmutzler

Those with cancer including—Judi Andrew, Linda Bauer, Keith Borchardt, Brenda Gardner, Dean Hanson, Sue Johnson, Mark Kilty, Parker Klimmer, Dennis Krause, Michelle Oelke, Kathy Pieper, Brian Reise, Tom Steiner, Barb Wachsmuth, Francis Wash, Mark Zimmerman, Emily Weiler

Those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities—Cyndi Ackerman, Alice Brandt, Darlene Dommer, Grace Maines, Linda Marchinek, Jean Mellenthin, Pat Miller, Dorothy Neuman, Phyllis Premau, LaVilla Schilling, Earl Schiszik

Ongoing Health Concerns—Lois Block, Dick Berger, Todd Frahm, Audrey Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Michael Howe, Jodi Krause, Scott Kollmansberger, Betty Muehlbauer, Dylan Rottscheit, Tammi Schiferl, Joanne Seefeld, Jon Soderberg, Jean Steiner, Kimberly Tate, Darin Thompson, Michael Weigel, Lenore Williams, Richard Zugier

Those dealing with COVID-19 or anxiety related to the virus

Those that are in the health care field

Military—Tyler Klement

Sympathies Extended to family of Daniel S. Foth who died January 2. Funeral on January 9, at Spencer.

If you have any updates on these prayer requests or any additional prayer concerns, please email the office. Pastor Bolstad is available for home visits upon request. Contact the church office at 715-659-5158 or contact the pastor at 715-226-0163, interimpastor1953@gmail.com

**Opportunities to Grow
as a Disciple at St. John's
WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!**

One sheet per person please. Please return this form to church by Feb. 28; place it in the basket in the entryway labeled "We are the Church Together". Thanks so much for offering your time and gifts!

Name: _____

Help us make sure our church records are up to date by completing the following information.

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

Please check any/all of the areas you would be interested in being a part of:

Worship Disciple

Member participation is essential to help with planning and leading worship. Indicate below how you are willing to help out. This is a brand new list, please sign up even if you have in the past. Currently, we only have a 9am service. Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Luanne Schwarze.

Greeter- arrive 30 minutes before worship to welcome people as they arrive for worship

Usher- arrive at least 30 minutes before worship to make sure doors are open and lights are on, collect the offering (when we return to this), guide people for communion, and provide direction for visitors and any other assistance as needed.

Communion Assistant- serve as needed

Run Technology- after training, run the worship computer for projection during worship. Need to arrive 30 minutes early in order to run through the worship service making sure everything is ready, allowing time to trouble shoot and be prepared for anything special that may be planned for the service.

Sound- after training, operate the sound board during worship adjusting settings as needed.

Tech Prep- set up the weekly worship presentation in the computer from a script provided by the pastor.

Communion Set Up- includes filling the candles, changing altar cloths and paraments as needed, setting up communion for one month.

Arts in Worship- help with enhancing the worship space through visual arts and seasonal decorations.

Share Your Musical Talents- sing, instruments, special group, etc. My musical talent is

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service- represent St. John's in the planning of this community event.

Spencerama Days Worship Service- be part of the planning team and group that carries out this community event.

Worship Planning Team- I would like more information about participating in this team.

Faith Formation Disciple

Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Jenny Nieman.

Provide a meal on Wednesday for Cross Training and LIVE groups (ready by 6 pm)

Help serve meal on Wednesday for Cross Training and LIVE groups (6-6:30 pm)

Vacation Bible School planning team

Vacation Bible School- help out during the week of Vacation Bible School

Make a quilt for high school graduates

Teach or lead an adult Bible Study or small group

Plan an adult retreat or special event

Youth lock in- planning team

Youth lock in- help out during the lock in

Building and Grounds Disciple

Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Travis Hardrath.

Lawn mowing

Snow removal-from sidewalks in front of doors

One sheet per person please.
Please return this form to church by Feb. 28; place it in the basket in the entryway labeled "We are the Church Together". Thanks so much for offering your time and gifts!

___ **Janitorial work weekly or biweekly basis-** vacuuming, mopping, sweeping and cleaning bathrooms, emptying garbage cans, cleaning windows and doors. The goal is to have a few people and divide it up on a rotating schedule instead of hiring the cleaning company back.

___ **Painting-** as needed

___ **Plumbing-** as needed

___ **Building maintenance-** as needed

___ **Electrical work-** as needed

___ **Pulling weeds** and/or caring for flower beds around the building

___ **Help coordinate St. Grubby's Day.**

___ **Help coordinate meal for St. Grubby's Day**

___ **Any other maintenance gifts or talents you can share?** _____

Beyond Our Doors Disciple

At this time, this area does not have a director.

COME (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone) Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Amy Schmidt.

___ **Help leadership** oversee the operation of the monthly COME meal.

___ **Help recruit** people to help with a COME meal.

___ **Help serve/box** the COME meal.

___ **Help cook** for a COME meal. Recipes are provided.

___ **Become Food Service Licensed** (NTC 2 session course)

One sheet per person please. Please return this form to church by Feb. 28; place it in the basket in the entryway labeled "We are the Church Together". Thanks so much for offering your time and gifts!

Other areas: Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Pam Hardrath.

___ **Scrip seller-** Sell scrip (gift) cards before and after worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) on a rotational basis.

___ **Help coordinate/lead Kings Food Pantry Collection** and drop off on Mondays.

___ **Help coordinate/lead Operation Christmas Child Shoe box** gifts (October)

___ **Help coordinate/lead Christmas Giving Tree** (November/December)

___ **Help coordinate/lead Spencer Kid's Group** food needs.

___ **I would be interested in coordinating/leading** _____

Examples of past projects include: World Hunger Mission, Feed My Starving Children Mission, Community Care Walk (September), Lutheran World Relief Kits, ARK (Acts of Random Kindness), School backpack kits, coat collection at Spencer School and open to any new ideas.

Food, Fellowship and Fun Disciple

Questions about any of these areas, please talk to Heather Vogel.

___ **Help take down or set up chairs** as needed.

___ **Help serve** at a funeral.

___ **Make bars** for a funeral.

___ **Set up crew for Soup Suppers** arrive at 4pm to set up serving line, heat soup, put out bread, cheese, beverages etc. (Wednesday's, February 17 to March 24) The rest of the soup supper needs will be out on sign up genius soon.

___ **Help with planning special events** such as receptions, dinners, or other congregation celebrations.

___ **Take communion monthly to a shut in** and visit, training will be provided.

___ **Give rides** to someone who would like a ride to church.

___ **Shut in meal team-** work with other on an occasional basis to make and deliver meals for shut ins.

___ **Make sure kitchen** is stocked with supplies.

___ **Make sure bathroom baskets** are stocked with supplies.

___ **Other-** I would like to offer the following to care for others in our congregation:

Office Assistance Disciple

Questions about these areas, please talk to Jenny Nieman or Nadine Willett

___ **Be the person representing St. John's** during funerals and other events, in case of an issue.

___ **Fill in** when the secretary is out of the office, on vacation or when we are between secretaries

___ **Make phone calls** for special situations or needs.

___ **Sign Changer-** someone to change the message on the outdoor sign 2 to 3 times a month.



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9AM Worship Spencer 9:45AM JAM 11AM Worship Riplinger	1	2 6:30 PM Spencer Council	3 9 AM Bible Study 6 PM Supper 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE	4	5	6
7 9 AM Worship Spencer 9:45 AM JAM 11AM WorshipRiplinger 1 PM Baptism Class 6 PM Cub Scouts	8	9	10 9 AM Bible Study 6 PM Supper 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE	11	12	13 7 AM Via de Cristo Training
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