

Connect August 2022

Sunday Services of Worship

- Spencer at 9am
- Riplinger at 11am

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Deadlines

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

Thank you for your participation in and support of the life and mission of this parish.

Invite others to services of worship and pray that those who do not know Jesus may come to know him. The risen Christ commands his followers to share the good news.

Summer fun nights—will be on Wednesday nights. Join Jenny at 6:30 Wednesday evenings during the summer months for some fun and activities.

August 7—Bruss Baptism

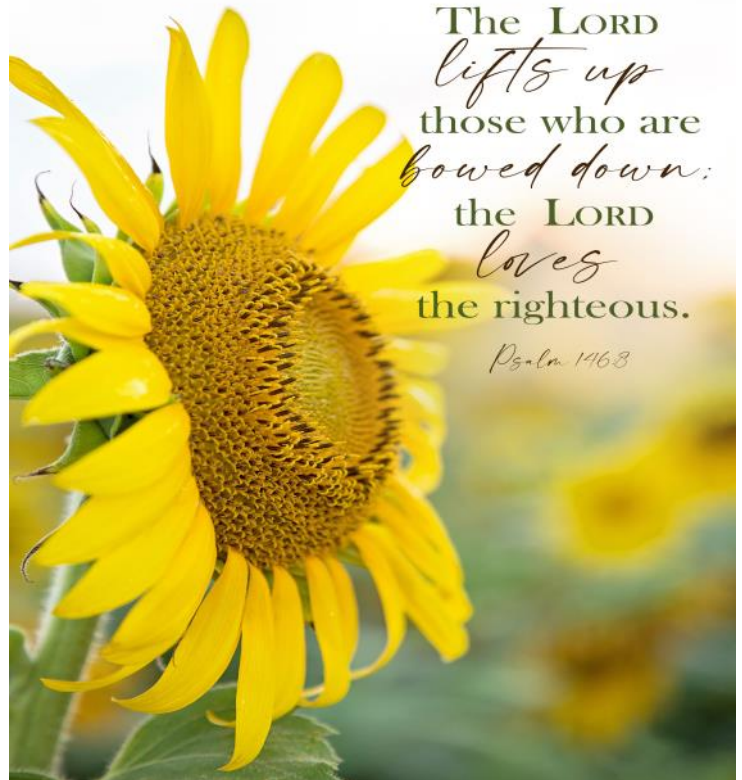
August 9— Spencer Council Meeting

August 10—No Summer Fun night!

August 13—Baby Shower

August 21—VBS!!!

August 23—C.O.M.E Meal



FAITH FORMATION



Summer Fun Nights All 5th-8th graders and their friends are invited to come on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm for bonfires, games, and a short outdoor worship. Youth should bring a lawn chair, wear shoes to run/play games in and dress according to the weather. The one date we will NOT have Summer Fun Night is August 10. The last Summer Fun Night is August 24.



Cross Training will resume on September 14, 6:30 pm. We will offer an optional supper at 6 pm again as well.



RightNow Media- Check out RightNow Media, 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 on our website: http://www.stjohnsspencer.com/right_now_media_29.html 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 about RightNow Media contact Jenny at jennyfaith659@gmail.com.

Small Group Leaders Needed We want adults who are willing to spend time with middle schoolers and invest their time and faith in them sharing the love of Jesus with them weekly. Job descriptions can be found on the bulletin board please contact Jenny 715-613-3636 with questions.



JAM will resume on September 25, 10 am. JAM is for kids age 3 years old-5th grade. This year we will return to a classroom-based model. We will group grades as needed for size. 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.



Vacation Bible School August 21, 5-8 pm we're hosting Fruits of the Spirit VBS for kids age 3 years-5th grade. We are hoping that this one day event will be a fun event for all elementary kids to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Spread the word and invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Registration forms are on the bulletin board at church or on our website: stjohnsspencer.com under the ministries, children tab.

Notes From Our Council

St. John's, Spencer congregation has officially been released from the ELCA.

Our pastor job description was added to the LCMC website effective July 7.

We received an application from a Pastor available for part time work. We are not considering his application because we prefer someone full time. Continue to pray God leads the right Pastor to our congregations.

Secretary wanted:

If you or someone you know is interested in working in the church office as a secretary, please contact Pam Hardrath at 715-507-0549 or send your resume to tpkrh4@gmail.com. This position is 16 hours a week with flexibility. We would even consider 2 people each working 8 hours a week.



- 15 Brody Hendrickson
- 16 Gail Jicinsky
Jenny Leonhardt
- 17 Alec Cook
Jaylee Kohl
Gerald Neumann
- 18 Frank Hendrickson
- 19 Jacob Sandley
- 20 Ramsey Schjoneman
Larry Hamus
- 21 Sophia Bant
Amy Schmidt
Lois Block
- 23 Nancy Dietsche
Lisa Delis
- 24 Jace Cattanaach
Scott Shupe
- 25 Ryan Griepentrog
Corrine Kettleborough
- 26 Roger Shupe
- 27 Wyatt Bauer
- 28 Rachel Nieman
Aaric Spencer
Rhonda Weix
Donna Hendrickson
- 31 Kyler Hardrath
Leroy Burns

- 1 Wayne Hempel
- 2 Dorene Matter
Rachel Wash
- 3 Cindy Weiler
Jasmine Ertl
Andrew Hendrickson
- 4 Caden Schillinger
John Meacham
Jim Schmutzler
- 7 Abigail Wilke
- 9 Lauren Ponter
- 10 Inez Fosberg
Devyn Schmidt
Trevor Ertl
- 11 Paige Lawrence
- 12 Amanda Schjoneman
Daniel Wilke
- 14 Rhonda McBride
Mary Ott-Kilty
Bobbi Suckow



- 2 Jeremy & Ashley Vogel 14 years
- 7 James & Audrey Hopfensperger 51 years
- 10 David & Maria Seefeld 4 years
Mary & Dave Gaetz 59 years
- 13 Travis & Ashley Stroetz 6 years
- 14 David Kilty & Mary Ott-Kilty 4 years
- 18 Carmin & Craig Elsinger 32 years
- 19 Clark & Suzanne Reynolds 44 years
- 20 Jeff & Holly Weyer 17 years
- 21 Alan & Mary Seefeld 40 years
- 24 Penny & Thomas Vinnedge 20 years
- 26 James & Peggy Christopherson 33 years
- 27 Randal & Dorene Matter 34 years
- 31 Terry & Cheryl Gallion 37 years
Amy & Matthew Schmidt 20 years



Remember these lost loved ones
Elsie Schmutzler



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

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

Cyndi Ackerman, Dick Berger, Kathy Dietsche, Barb Dommer, Corrine Kettleborough, Larry Labrenz, Jean Mellenthin, Pat Miller, LaVilla Schilling.



Those with ongoing health concerns: Lois Block, Kristy Fellenz, Todd Frahm, Audrey Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Michael Howe, Susan Howe, Paul Kilty, Jodi Krause, Sandy Lemens, Scott Kollmansberger, Dylan Maki, Linda Marchinek, Bill Martens, Adam Miller, Kris Ovans, Dylan Rottscheit, Tammi Schiferl, Adryan

Schmidt, Doris Seefeld, Joanne Seefeld, Jon Soderberg, Kimberly Tate, Darin Thompson, Michael Weigel, Rich Wilke, Lenore Williams.

Those with cancer: Judi Andrew, Brenda Gardner, Sue Johnson, Parker Klimmer, Dennis Krause, Jeff Miller, Michelle Oelke, Kathy Pieper, Tom Steiner, Barb Wachsmuth, Francis Wash, Emily Weiler.

Those serving in the military: Tyler Klement

If you have any updates on these prayer requests or any additional prayer concerns, please contact the office.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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|--|-----------|--|---|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 31 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger | 1 | 2 | 3 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:00am Worship at Spencer w/ Bruss Baptism 11:00am Worship at Riplinger | 8 | 9 6:30pm Spencer Council | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Baby Shower |
| 14 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger | 15 | 16 | 17 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger 5:00pm VBS  | 22 | 23 5:00pm COME (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone) | 24 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

August Spencer Serving Schedule

| | 7th | 14th | 21st | 28th |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Message | Pastor Bill | Gail Jicinsky | Jenny Nieman | NEEDED |
| Assisting Minister | Pastor Bill | Allen Jicinsky | | |
| Technology | Teri Schorer | Rachel Nieman | Kyler Hardrath | Savana Weyer |
| Sound | Tracey Ackman | Leah Nieman | Ryan Hardrath | Lydia Nieman |
| Reader | Glenda Fellenz | Bill Martens | Mary Seefeld | Jim Christopherson |
| Hospitality | Teri Schorer | Charla Hagen | Jan Ammons | Gail Jicinsky |

Riplinger Attendance

| | |
|--------|----|
| May 1 | 8 |
| May 8 | 43 |
| May 15 | 9 |
| May 22 | 9 |
| May 29 | 12 |

Riplinger Readers

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| August 7 | Trish Porter |
| August 14 | Dave Newman |
| August 21 | Joan Miller |
| August 28 | Sherry Schmutzler |

Spencer Attendance

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| June 26 | 58 |
| July 3 | 27 |
| July 10 | 57 |
| July 17 | 34 |
| July 24 | 60 |

Worship Team

We are working on putting up a TV on the back wall of the sanctuary for worship leaders to see what is being projected on the screens up front and investigating what is needed to livestream worship. Also working with those who are leading worship.

SCRIP

Start Raising Funds Today To Help Our Communities!

Consider purchasing gift cards from our RaiseRight program for all of your back to school needs!

In addition to linking a bank account (Presto Pay), families now have the option to pay for gift cards using a Visa or Mastercard (fees apply). Best of all rebates are not impacted in any way.

If you would like to purchase Kwik Trip gift cards (they can be used to pay at the pump too) on Sunday before or after worship, please let Pam Hardrath know or contact her at 715-507-0549.



All other gift cards are available for purchase using the order form in the brochure rack and then placing it in Travis and Pam Hardrath's mailbox.

\$200 was distributed in July to families in need. If you know of a family in need, please let Pam Hardrath know.

Treasurer's Report: June 2022

Treasurer's Report For General Operating Fund

| INCOME | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Balance |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$6,022.00 | \$28,567.11 | \$75,000.00 |
| Non-tithe General Fund | \$2,350.00 | \$28,004.83 | \$45,000.00 |
| Riplinger Reimbursement | \$0.00 | \$3,471.58 | \$8,000.00 |
| Shared Exp. | \$490.00 | \$515.00 | \$500.00 |
| Building Use | \$490.00 | \$515.00 | \$500.00 |
| Total Income | \$8,862.00 | \$60,558.52 | \$128,500.00 |
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| EXPENSES | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Balance |
| <i>Supporting the Wider Mission</i> | | | |
| Tithe (10% to NW Synod/ ELCA) | \$0.00 | \$1,362.15 | \$7,500.00 |
| Total | \$0.00 | \$1,362.15 | \$7,500.00 |
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| <i>Worship</i> | | | |
| Copyrights | \$0.00 | \$649.00 | \$700.00 |
| Community Worship Services | \$750.00 | \$750.00 | \$850.00 |
| Instrument Repair | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Worship Supplies | \$144.00 | \$381.33 | \$1,500.00 |
| Pulpit Supply | \$140.00 | \$280.00 | \$500.00 |
| Music/Special Events | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$750.00 |
| Total | \$1,034.00 | \$2,060.33 | \$5,300.00 |
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| <i>Faith Development</i> | | | |
| Birth to 3 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Children's Ministry | -\$20.00 | -\$136.27 | \$1,000.00 |
| Middle School (shared) | \$0.00 | -\$20.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| High School (shared) | \$0.00 | \$100.60 | \$1,000.00 |
| Adult Faith Formation | \$38.30 | \$177.89 | \$300.00 |
| Library Resources | \$0.00 | \$6.49 | \$200.00 |
| Right Now Media | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,320.00 |
| Total | \$18.30 | \$128.71 | \$5,120.00 |
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| <i>Fellowship & Care</i> | | | |
| Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies | \$0.00 | \$145.09 | \$500.00 |
| Care Resources | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Events | \$0.00 | \$60.31 | \$600.00 |
| Total | \$0.00 | \$205.40 | \$600.00 |
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| <i>Office</i> | | | |
| Office Supplies (shared) | \$65.95 | \$494.07 | \$600.00 |
| Telephone & Internet (shared) | \$122.97 | \$737.82 | \$1,475.00 |
| Postage (shared) | \$0.00 | \$214.26 | \$1,000.00 |
| Copier Maintenance (shared) | \$0.00 | \$896.16 | \$1,100.00 |
| Subscriptions, Software (shared) | \$20.00 | \$1,129.69 | \$2,100.00 |
| Total | \$208.92 | \$3,472.00 | \$6,275.00 |
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| <i>Technology - all areas</i> | | | |
| Offering Envelopes | \$0.00 | \$35.00 | \$250.00 |
| Vanco Electronic Giving Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 |
| Vanco Electronic Giving Fees | \$90.51 | \$562.85 | \$1,200.00 |
| Insurance & Workman's Com- pensation | \$753.94 | \$2,979.45 | \$4,500.00 |
| Milage Reimbursement (shared) | \$0.00 | \$470.55 | \$700.00 |
| Conference Dues | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| Leadership Study Materials | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Synod Assembly Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Total | \$844.45 | \$4,047.85 | \$6,900.00 |

Treasurer's Report: June 2022

| <i>Building & Grounds</i> | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Balance |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Electricity | \$309.10 | \$1,824.66 | \$4,000.00 |
| Natural Gas | \$277.56 | \$1,870.98 | \$1,500.00 |
| Holding Tanks | \$0.00 | \$330.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Waste Disposal | \$108.00 | \$621.00 | \$1,125.00 |
| Cleaning | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Repairs & General Maintenance | \$100.51 | \$291.07 | \$1,500.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$0.00 | \$2,695.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Lawn Mowing - Church | \$0.00 | \$93.63 | \$500.00 |
| Cemetery Assoc. Lawn Care | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Total | \$795.17 | \$7,726.34 | \$13,125.00 |
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| <i>Staff</i> | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Balance |
| Pastor Compensation | \$517.34 | \$8,794.86 | \$24,840.00 |
| Housing Allowance | \$175.00 | \$2,975.00 | \$8,400.00 |
| Books & Subscriptions (Pastor shared) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Continuing Education (Pastor Shared) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$900.00 |
| Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor) | \$0.00 | \$4,161.83 | \$14,303.00 |
| Social Security Allowance | \$52.96 | \$900.40 | \$2,542.00 |
| Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor Shared) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 |
| FICA | \$190.64 | \$944.93 | \$2,885.00 |
| Organist Payroll | \$348.00 | \$1,566.00 | \$2,600.00 |
| Treasurer Payroll | \$300.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,800.00 |
| Secretary Payroll (Shared) | \$1,470.00 | \$6,468.00 | \$15,600.00 |
| Staff Continuing Education | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Minister of Faith Formation Payroll | \$374.00 | \$3,417.00 | \$17,680.00 |
| Medical Ins. (Minister of Faith Formation) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$3,427.94 | \$30,128.02 | \$92,650.00 |
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| Total Expenses | \$6,328.78 | \$49,130.80 | \$137,470.00 |
| Difference | \$2,533.22 | \$11,427.72 | -\$8,970.00 |

| Consolidated Fund Activity Report | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Beginning Bal | Receipts | Disbursements | Transfers/JS's | End Balance |
| <i>General Fund Balance</i> | | | | | |
| General Balance | \$25,960.45 | \$8,862.00 | \$6,328.78 | \$0.00 | \$28,493.68 |
| <i>Special Funds Balance</i> | | | | | |
| ARK | \$220.72 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$220.72 |
| Fall Harvest Dinner | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Globe Money | \$70.82 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$70.82 |
| Technology | \$1,208.46 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,208.46 |
| Bible Camp | \$5,837.52 | \$308.00 | \$862.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,283.52 |
| Mission Trip | \$4,477.42 | \$0.00 | \$675.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,802.42 |
| Kitchen Equipment | \$24.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$24.00 |
| COME | \$3,687.49 | \$25.00 | \$1,720.36 | \$0.00 | \$1,992.13 |
| Fellowship Hall | \$2.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2.00 |
| Seminary Fund | \$1,584.99 | \$110.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,694.99 |
| Memorial Gifts | \$2,545.41 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,545.41 |
| Building Fund | \$39,082.55 | \$1,215.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,297.55 |
| Thrivent (Savings Account) | \$6,194.98 | \$301.82 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,496.80 |
| Sabbatical (Forward Financial) | \$1,099.39 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,099.39 |
| Total | \$92,196.20 | \$10,821.82 | \$9,586.14 | \$0.00 | \$93,431.89 |

June Spencer Council Minutes

Church Council Meeting
June 14, 2022 6:30pm
Approved July 12, 2022

Attending: Chair – Pam Hardrath; Vice-chair- Rudy Nieman; Minister of Faith Formation – Jenny Nieman; Worship Director – Bruce Luepke; Buildings & Grounds – Travis Hardrath; Congregation Care Director – Joan Bruss; Food Fellowship and Fun Director – Heather Vogel; Beyond Our Doors Director – Vacant Missing: Secretary – Cindy Weiler

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Opening Prayer was lead by Pam Hardrath

New Business:

- The Jesus statue has been moved back to the table in the corner of the sanctuary. On the table behind the altar, it was in the way. Worship leaders are unable to store extra communion, wine and the offering on the table. Also, the statue was blocked by the worship leader throughout the service.
 - Pastor David Noe applied for the position of Pastor. It was decided by the call committee that he is not a good fit for our congregation.
 - A comprehensive time and talent sheet will be put out in the fall to update our list of volunteers.
 - Heather is working on a list of local caterers available for catering during funerals. She is also working on finding someone to lead the volunteers during serving.
 - Discuss purchasing one new roaster (one quit working), roaster liners and a 100 cup coffee pot (never did figure out what happened to the correct stem).
 - A visitor recommended our building have a Family/disabled bathroom. Because of the set up of our plumbing and building, it is not feasible at this time.
 - Tom and Linda Brehm have asked to be removed from membership due to decision to leave ELCA. Pastor Tim Hinrichs who is officiating weddings and funerals for our congregations visited with our council.
- Old Business:

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report (Vacant)

Secretary (Cindy Weiler)

Attached Motion was made to accept the May meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer (Teri Schorer)

Receipts: \$11,332.89 Disbursements: \$4,245.16 Difference of : \$7,087.53

End Balance: \$25,960.46

Minister of Faith Formation (Jenny Nieman)

Vacation Bible School

- Met with Heather Vogel on June 7 to plan VBS this summer. There will be 3 different VBS opportunities- June 19, Putting on the Armor of God; July 24 Fruits of the Spirit; August 21 Run the Race of Faith
- We'll need volunteers both adult and older youth to help lead stations and be hands on interactive with the kids.

June Spencer Council Minutes

Cross Training

- The last Wednesday for this year was May 11, we played Gaga outside, had snacks and a really good time just being together.
- Met with a few families of 8th graders about LIVE and the mentor process on May 11.
- Wednesday Summer fun nights began on June 1. We've been playing games, having bon fires and having a ton of fun.

Four youth sat in the dunk tank at Spencerama June 12 and raised \$133 to help with Wednesday night activities.

Mission Trip 2022 to Sheboygan, WI

Participants leave June 26 and return on July 2; they will lead worship on July 3.

Worship (Bruce Luepke)

- Met with the worship leaders and made adjustments to order of worship.
- Attendance for May 1= 69, May 8=93, May 15=81, May22=56 and May 29=35

Building and Grounds (Travis Hardrath)

- Patching around the light poles in the parking lot is finished
 - Getting an estimate to crack seal before resealing the parking lot.
 - Water test came back clear
- The ELCA circle on the church sign will be replaced with a red cross. Estimated cost \$80.

Food, Fellowship and Fun (Heather Vogel)

- met with Jenny to work on 1st VBS
- organized and helped with Gary Thompson celebration of life

Heather is going to:

- find new person to organize funerals as Pat Miller is home bound
- create simple checklist of how to set-up meals at funerals (took photos)
- throw out old sugar packets
- wash salt, pepper and creamer containers; (note: covers can not go in the dishwasher)
- for now on we will be purchasing disposable salt and pepper shakers due to being unable to track date on seasonings and the inability to clean shaker covers. If they pop out of the basket they clog the dishwasher and it doesn't work.

Check for spoon rests in the kitchen.

Congregational Care (Joan Bruss)

No report

Beyond Our Doors (vacant)

Setting a day to help with service projects at Camp American Legion on Lake Tomahawk. It is a camp for Wisconsin Veterans, military and their families to come together in a safe place.

Vice Chair (Rudy Nieman)

Chair (Pam Hardrath)

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn

Closed with the Lord's Prayer