

Connect June 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.

Monday May 30—The office will be closed this day. **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!!!**

Summer fun nights—will begin Wednesday June 1. Join Jenny at 6:30 Wednesday evenings during the summer months for some fun and activities.

June 11—Celebration of Life for Gary Thompson at Spencer.

Spencerama June 10, 11 & 12—Worship for June 12 will be at Spencerama. Breaking Chains will be playing, join us Sunday morning at 8:30. We do need two ushers for this worship service, if you are able to help please sign up on Sign Up Genius.

June 18—Kyler Hardrath is doing a project for Boy Scouts and is looking for donations of items and time. Sign up is on the bulletin board.

June 19—Is the first of three VBS this summer. Check out Faith Formation for more information.




FAITH FORMATION



Summer Fun Nights Jenny will be hosting bonfires, games, and a short outdoor worship for all 5th-8th graders and their friends on Wednesday nights beginning June 1, 6:30 pm. Youth should bring a lawn chair, wear shoes to run/play games in and dress according to the weather. Two dates we will NOT have Summer Fun Nights- June 29 & August 10.




Small Group Leaders Needed We're almost to the end of another school year, that means we need to get started planning for the fall. 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. Applications can be found on our website or the bulletin board please contact Jenny with questions.




FREE GIFT
for everyone in our church!

RightNow Media- Summer is only DAYS away, school will be out and the kids will be looking for things to do and watch when they are hot and bored. Have you taken a look at RightNow Media yet? This free app has thousands of videos for every age. You can even search by topic! 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.



Vacation Bible School We are doing a one night VBS each of the summer months again this year. The dates are June 19, July 24, & August 28 the time frame for each date is 5-8 pm 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 be on the look out for posters and invites that you can share with family, friends, and neighbors. Volunteers are needed for each of the events. We'll need folks to help decorate, lead games, crafts, snacks, and Bible story stations. Questions about the roles, contact Jenny jennyfaith659@gmail.com or Heather Vogel hrrusby@hotmail.com



THANK you!

Cross Training & LIVE Wrap Up Thank you to our fabulous Small Group Leaders this year: Jeff Weyer, Travis Hardrath, Amanda Gronski, Jenny Nieman & Mary Seefeld; all Cross Training Small Group Leaders and Rich Wilke LIVE Small Group Leader. We appreciate all of the time and energy that these adults give each week to help our congregation form faithful and meaningful relationships with those in their groups.

Graduate Recognition Sunday- On Sunday, May 15 we celebrated with 8 graduates from St. John's, Spencer. Thank you so much to those who made the quilts for the graduates this: Glenda Fellenz, Joy Miller, Gail Jicinsky, Petie Marten, & Jan Kops.

A group of eight young people, four men and four women, are standing in a church sanctuary. They are all smiling and holding up colorful, handmade quilts. The quilts feature various patterns and colors, including red, yellow, green, and black. In the background, a large wooden cross is visible on the wall.

Notes From Our Council

Thank-you for supporting our assisting ministers and members leading the message by attending worship on Sunday mornings. It is great to see everyone here.

In an unanimous vote on May 8th at both the Riplinger and Spencer congregations it was approved to sever ties with the ELCA and associate with LCMC. Our applications are being reviewed by the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's Board of Trustees. I have contacted Pastors available in the state of Wisconsin and am looking into other job posting options.



Both congregations also voted to support contracting services with Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar, if the new Pastor is willing. Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar had an unanimous vote to contract Pastoral Services with our congregations.

A Special Note

EAGLE PROJECT

Kyler Hardrath is looking for your help!

Kyler is leading a landscaping project in the corner by the kitchen around the air conditioners on June 18 beginning at 8am for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. If you can volunteer some time or materials needed, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or contact Kyler at 715-507-0535.

Thank-you!



Building & Grounds

Please do not put holes in the walls unless you have received prior permission from Travis Hardrath.

There are table and chair holders behind the partition by the youth area. PLEASE DO NOT LEAN THEM AGAINST THE WALLS.

Please rinse clean all recycles and remove the lids or covers before placing them in the blue recycling containers located throughout the building.

Please check the front of the large dumpsters outside and place the garbage and recycles in the correct container. There can not be bags in the recycling container.



2 Kelly Wilke	18 Ashton Hebert
4 Alaina Knecht	19 Paul Christopherson
Brad Suckow	Dallas Dommer
6 Judy Weber	22 Kelly Lawrence
7 Abby Wash	24 Parker Manicke
10 DeAnn Griepentrog	25 Grace Maines
11 Davis Vinnedge	Betty Muehlbauer
Tonya Beyerl	26 Tyson Klement
Kaitlyn Hendrickson	27 Carson Kilty
12 Kinzie Mueller	David Newman
13 Viola Dommer	Billy Otero
14 Holly Weyer	29 Reagan Reynolds
15 Ryssa Sebold	Wade Hebert
17 Ethan Cloud	
Pamela Herman	



1 Gwen & Ronald Schmidt	48 years
2 Bruce & Janine Luepke	49 years
10 Bob & Audrey Helsten	55 years
Shawn & Kristy Kieffer	22 years
12 John & Jane Meacham	40 years
15 Jeremy & Jenni Oelrich	9 years
16 Shinae & Jake Reynolds	10 years
18 Justin & Mindy Burns	6 years
19 Laurence & Pamela Herman	29 years
24 Lisa & Rick Delis	28 years
25 Jenna & Jordan Buss	6 years
28 Zach & Courtney Fleischman	8 years
Josh & Jenny Reynolds	19 years
30 Amanda & Curtis Schjoneman	4 years



Phyllis Premeau

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, Grace Maines, Jean Mellenthin, Pat Miller, Dorothy Neuman, LaVilla Schilling, Elsie Schmutzler.



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, 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, Mary Weiler, Mark Zimmerman.

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

<p>29 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>  <p>Pentecost Sunday</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00am Celebration of Life for Gary Thompson</p>
<p>12 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>  <p>TRINITY Sunday</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Spencer Council</p>  <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>16 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:30am Eagle Project</p> <p>10:00am Baby Shower</p>
<p>19 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger 5:00pm VBS</p>  <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>HAPPY first day of SUMMER</p>	<p>22 6:30pm Wednesday Summer Fun Night</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:00pm COME (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

June Spencer Serving Schedule

	5th	12th	19th	26th
Message	Pastor Bill	Spencerama	Rudy Nieman	Jenny Nieman
Assisting Minister	Pastor Bill	2 Ushers Needed	Cindy Weiler	
Technology	Bruce Luepke		Rachel Nieman	Savana Weyer
Sound	Tracey Ackman		Leah Nieman	Lydia Nieman
Reader	Milt Viergutz		Glenda Fellenz	Gail Jicinsky
Hospitality	Lori Cook		Pam Hardrath	Gail Jicinsky

Spencer Worship Attendance

May 1	69
May 8	93
May 15	81
May 22	56

Riplinger News

June 5—Riplinger will have communion on June 5 with Pastor Bill leading worship. Stay after worship for a special meeting to vote on the revised constitution.

Riplinger Readers

June 5 Dave Newman
 June 12 Joan Miller
 June 19 Sherry Schmutzler
 June 26 Brenda Newman

SCRIP

Start Scripping Today!

Shop with Scrip has changed their name to Raise Right. Everything else is the same. Kwik Trip, Amazon and WalMart cards are available in the office during office hours or by contacting Pam Hardrath at 715-507-0549. Thank-you for the support of our program. This month gift cards were sent to Emily Weiler and Gus Larson. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Consider purchasing gift cards from our scrip program for all of your holiday needs! Families can now pay for their orders using a credit card! In addition to linking a bank account (Presto Pay), families now have the option to pay for gift cards using a Visa or Mastercard. Best of all rebates are not impacted in any way. Note: a 2.6% fee is added to your total order at check out. Kwik Trip cards are for sale in the office Monday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm. If you would like to purchase them on Sunday before or after worship, please let Pam Hardrath know. You can use the gift cards to purchase fuel at the pump. 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. \$100 was donated to Kathryn Green who experienced loss due to a house fire. If you know of a family in need, please let Pam Hardrath know.



Treasurer's Report: April 2022

Treasurer's Report For General Operating Fund

INCOME	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,567.99	\$16,671.11	\$75,000.00
Non-tithe General Fund	\$5,018.83	\$21,321.83	\$45,000.00
Riplinger Reimbursement Shared Exp.	\$636.44	\$2,345.69	\$8,000.00
Building Use	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$500.00
Total Income	\$10,223.26	\$40,363.63	\$128,500.00
EXPENSES	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
<i>Supporting the Wider Mission</i>			
Tithe (10% to NW Synod/ELCA)	\$0.00	\$1,160.00	\$7,500.00
Total	\$0.00	\$1,160.00	\$7,500.00
<i>Worship</i>			
Copyrights	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$700.00
Community Worship Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Instrument Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$75.45	\$131.74	\$1,500.00
Pulpit Supply	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Music/Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total	\$75.45	\$431.74	\$5,300.00
<i>Faith Development</i>			
Birth to 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Children's Ministry	-\$20.00	-\$41.27	\$1,000.00
Middle School (shared)	-\$20.00	-\$20.00	\$1,000.00
High School (shared)	\$58.00	\$100.60	\$1,000.00
Adult Faith Formation	\$71.60	\$124.14	\$300.00
Library Resources	\$0.00	\$6.49	\$200.00
Right Now Media	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
Total	\$89.60	\$169.96	\$5,120.00
<i>Fellowship & Care</i>			
Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	\$0.00	\$145.09	\$500.00
Care Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Events	\$60.31	\$60.31	\$600.00
Total	\$60.31	\$205.40	\$600.00
<i>Office</i>			
Office Supplies (shared)	\$0.00	\$444.11	\$600.00
Telephone & Internet (shared)	\$122.97	\$491.88	\$1,475.00
Postage (shared)	\$0.00	\$91.38	\$1,000.00
Copier Maintenance (shared)	\$411.71	\$896.16	\$1,100.00
Subscriptions, Software (shared)	\$550.95	\$765.69	\$2,100.00
Total	\$1,085.63	\$2,689.22	\$6,275.00
<i>Technology - all areas</i>			
Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	\$94.68	\$380.81	\$1,200.00
Insurance & Workman's Compensation	\$590.97	\$2,225.51	\$4,500.00
Milage Reimbursement (shared)	\$203.58	\$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	\$889.23	\$3,111.87	\$6,900.00

Treasurer's Report: April 2022

<i>Building & Grounds</i>	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Electricity	\$309.27	\$1,218.49	\$4,000.00
Natural Gas	\$276.58	\$1,593.42	\$1,500.00
Holding Tanks	\$165.00	\$330.00	\$1,000.00
Waste Disposal	\$108.00	\$405.00	\$1,125.00
Cleaning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs & General Maintenance	\$54.97	\$190.56	\$1,500.00
Snow Removal	\$130.00	\$2,695.00	\$2,000.00
Lawn Mowing - Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Cemetery Assoc. Lawn Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total	\$1,043.82	\$6,432.47	\$13,125.00
<i>Staff</i>	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Pastor Compensation	\$2,069.38	\$8,277.52	\$24,840.00
Housing Allowance	\$700.00	\$2,800.00	\$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)	\$977.40	\$3,909.60	\$14,303.00
Social Security Allowance	\$211.86	\$847.44	\$2,542.00
Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor Shared)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
FICA	\$180.70	\$605.64	\$2,885.00
Organist Payroll	\$478.50	\$1,218.00	\$2,600.00
Treasurer Payroll	\$150.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
Secretary Payroll (Shared)	\$994.00	\$3,990.00	\$15,600.00
Staff Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	\$739.50	\$2,108.00	\$17,680.00
Total	\$6,501.34	\$24,356.20	\$92,650.00
Total Expenses	\$9,745.38	\$38,556.86	\$137,470.00
Difference	\$477.88	\$1,806.77	-\$8,970.00

Consolidated Fund Activity Report

<i>General Fund Balance</i>			
General Balance	\$18,394.85	\$10,223.26	\$9,745.38
<i>Special Funds Balance</i>			
ARK	\$520.72	\$0.00	\$300.00
Fall Harvest Dinner	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Globe Money	\$12.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
Technology	\$472.46	\$25.00	\$0.00
Bible Camp	\$5,160.52	\$635.00	\$0.00
Mission Trip	\$1,827.78	\$2,359.64	\$0.00
Kitchen Equipment	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COME	\$3,932.18	\$70.00	\$344.69
Seminary Fund	\$1,504.99	\$80.00	\$0.00
Memorial Gifts	\$2,545.41	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$36,462.55	\$1,415.00	\$0.00
Thrivent (Savings Account)	\$6,785.98	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sabbatical (Forward Financial)	\$1,099.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$78,943.45	\$14,907.90	\$10,390.07

April Spencer Council Minutes

St. John's Lutheran Church Leadership Minutes for April 12, 2022

Attending: Pastor Lowell Bolstad; Chair – Pam Hardrath; Vice Chair – Rudy Nieman; Secretary – Cindy Weiler; 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: Minister of Faith Formation – Jenny Nieman

Call to order: At 6:38 PM by Chair Pam Hardrath
Pastor Bolstad led opening devotion and prayer

New Business:

- Lawn mowing policy discussed
- Discussions about tithing going forward
- Spencer Call Committee approved the call packet. Nothing heard back from Riplinger.

Old Business:

- Amplifier was replaced and seems to be working well
- Pastor's job description reviewed and discussed
- Constitution changes discussed

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lowell Bolstad

- He has served our congregation for the past 18 months as interim pastor and thanked us for the partnership of serving
- Confirmation on Sunday, April 24, 2022.
- April 24th will be Pastor Bolstad last day of service to our congregation

Secretary Report: Cindy Weiler

- Minutes from council meeting on March 8th, 2022 were approved

Treasurer Report: Teri Schorer

- March Report: Income of \$10,072.03 received with disbursements of \$9,087.26 for a net difference of \$984.77. The General fund balance is \$18,394.85

Minister of Faith Formation Report: Jenny Nieman

- JAM (Jesus and Me): There will not be classes due on April 17 due to Easter, and the last day will be May 8. Middle school/high school youth will lead games and activities while the congregation meeting is happening. April 10 for Palm Sunday, we had a Palm Sunday activity in one classroom for the kids to do while they heard the Palm Sunday reading from the Spark Bible. Next, they experienced a Seder meal in another classroom and heard a monologue from Malachus. In yet another set of classrooms, they visited 18 prayer stations to experience the events of Good Friday. Each child had a bag to collect items to take home.
- Cross Training: Lent went well from a Cross Training perspective, although attendance was about half. Working on selecting the series for the last 3 weeks of Cross Training. The last Wednesday will be May 11. That night will include games and food. Planning to offer Wednesday activities this summer most weeks; will publish a schedule soon and will get those dates to all families, including the upcoming 6th graders. Middle school Lock In will be April 29; paper copies of invitation and registration forms have handed out.
- LIVE: Still working on the series for the last 3 weeks. Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 15.

Affirmation of Baptism: Met with 14 youth and a few mentors 8 times to go through the basics of membership in a congregation, personal spiritual growth and what is expected of them as adult members of the congregation. Eleven youth from Spencer and 3 youth from Riplinger will be affirming their baptisms on April 24.

April Spencer Council Minutes

Worship Report: Bruce Luepke

- Worship Attendance:

Wed	Soup Supper	Service	Sunday
March 2	65	88	March 6 - 56
March 9	70	82	March 13 - 44
March 16	60	67	March 20 - 63
March 23	52	54	March 27 - 71

Buildings and Ground Report: Travis Hardrath

- Church Mutual does not have a policy relating to age for lawn mowing. They recommend that kids have experience with mowing lawn and if they are under 16 they should have an experienced person with them.

Food, Fellowship and Fun Report: Heather Vogel

- Soup suppers went well
- Member appreciation Sunday went well

Congregational Care Report: Joan Bruss

- “Thinking of You” card sent to Jerry Marden on behalf of the congregation
- Reviewed the updated new member handout
- Working with Council Chair to arrange a meeting in May for new members or visitors interested in membership. Goal is to get acquainted, update them on life of the congregation and answer questions they may have about our congregation

Beyond our Doors Report: Rudy Nieman

- Village: Local home needs help, they will call with more information; plant trees in median south side of town
- Build picnic tables for Lion’s Shelter

Vice Chair Report: Rudy Nieman

- No updates

Chair Report: Pam Hardrath

- Updates included throughout meeting topics

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm; closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Weiler, Council Secretary

