

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, 20th of the month



Connect May 2026

Habits of Healthy Churches:

7 Practices to Transform Your Church Culture



Marcus J. Carlson

Habits of Healthy Churches Seminar

Reverend Doctor Marcus Carlson and Pastor Ritchie will present seven practices to transform your church culture on May 2 at 10am. This seminar is open to the public! The church in the United States is in its most perilous position in its history. More churches are at risk of closing than any other time in history. Pastors and church staff are leaving their congregations and ministries at an unprecedented rate. The US church needs revitalization more than ever before. Revitalization happens when a church knows its identity and lives out the model of the early church in its context. We will explore the nature of health for the church (all Christian communities, congregations, and ministries) and for individual conversations in a theoretical and practical way. We will examine the nature of organizational health from a church level. There are seven primary habits of healthy churches, giving practical wisdom to leaders and congregations who want to be as healthy as possible.

Conflict Conclusions & Recommendations

Presentation

Reverend Marcus was here in March and interviewed members, he also held Zoom calls with those who could not meet in person. On May 3, he will share his conclusions and provide recommendations to our congregation.



Upcoming

May 12: Worship Team Meeting at 6:30pm

May 14: Church Board Meeting at 10am

May 20: Riplinger Ladies Circle at 1pm

May 26: Monthly Bible Study at 6:30pm





FROM PASTOR RITCHIE

"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"
1 Corinthians 15:58

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May 3

RIPLINGER

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2; 51-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

SPENCER

Habakkuk 1:1-5

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Luke 9:23-25

May 10

Acts 17:16-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 17

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 24

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

May 31

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13

Greetings in Christ!

It's May! My favorite month, the grass is deep, dark green, the fields are dark black, being filled with moisture and recently turned over, the crops are just emerging, so they don't block the view, and you can see a long way.

God blesses us each year with this time of renewal. We can get outside after our Wisconsin winters. Many people can't deal with what we consider a normal winter. My seminary, in Delavan, WI, was created because the local church was under the guidance of the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland. It was the 1840's, and each year they would send a Priest out to shepherd the flock. The Priest would deal with one Wisconsin winter and hightail it back to Maryland. They decided if they couldn't keep a Priest, they might as well start training the locals to perform the position.

This is the "can-do" attitude that Wisconsinites take for granted. We know that with God's help, guidance, and grace we can do great things. If something isn't working as things stand, then we need to find a new way to achieve the stated goal. As you all know, we have been dealing with conflict within our parish, centered in Spencer, but affecting both congregations. To positively affect the situation, Preparing for Amazement Ministries were engaged to survey and interview our members, to identify issues and recommend changes needed to correct the situation. This comes to, what we hope will be a conclusion, on Sunday May 3 when we have a meeting scheduled with Reverend Doctor Marcus Carlson to review his findings and his recommendations.

Let's look at this time as springtime within our ministries at both congregations. A time when we can begin anew and strive to do things in a new way, so both congregations can be effective evangelists for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to praise God and build relationships that share the love of God. Together!

Go with God,
Pastor Ritchie

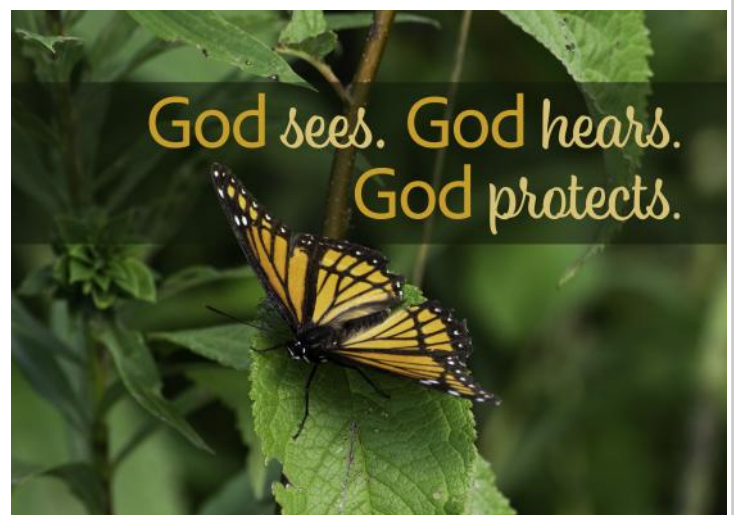


Weekly Email Link

If you do not currently receive our Wednesday weekly email, newsletter and other electronic communications and would like to, please use this [link](#) to sign up. If you need the link emailed to you, please let the office

sjlcoffice13@gmail.com know.

Thank-you!!



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!



Choir and music sharing for church services.

Are you interested in sharing special music during church services? Please contact Charla Hagen to join our church choir. 715-207-1709.

Also, welcoming Solo, Small Group or Instrumental music to enhance our worship services.

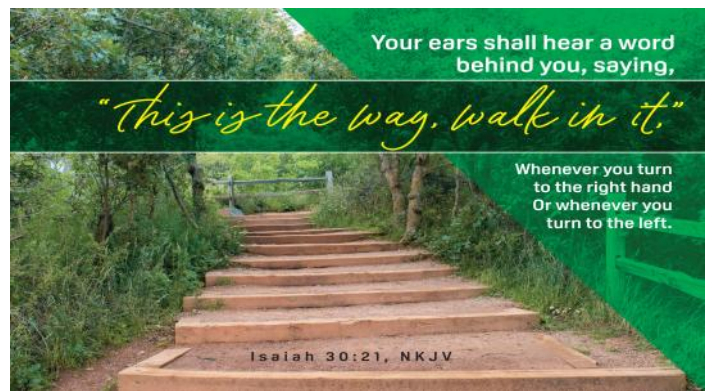
Psalm 95:1 – “Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!”

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

Menu:
Italian Chicken
Sandwiches
Macaroni Salad
Assorted Bars



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM—APRIL 26

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 sed by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL 1529 ESV®

Brooke Cloud— daughter of Penni Cloud and Tony Cloud.

Born: September 10, 2009

Baptized at St. John’s, Spencer, October 25, 2009

Sponsors: Jim & Lori Nowobielski & Eric Schwarze

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:34 “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it’s own”

Why is this verse important to you? “I chose this verse because it’s a good reminder that I use in everyday life.”

Mason Gilmore - son of Matthew Gilmore, Karrie and Josh Kaiser.

Born: March 9, 2010

Baptized at Grace Lutheran, Marshfield, May 2, 2010

Sponsors: Keith & Danielle Schmidt

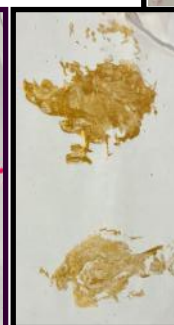
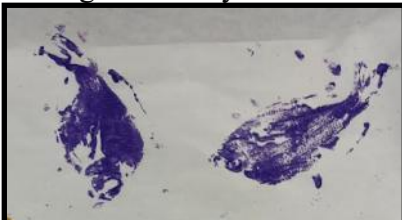
Bible Verse: Proverbs 2:15 NLT “Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.”

Why is this verse important to you? “I believe honest and hard work lead to prosperity as God will punish those who cheat and hurt their fellow neighbors.”



Wednesday, April 22 Cross Training & LIVE youth experienced

John 21 where Jesus appears to the disciples by the Sea of Galilee. It’s a powerful story for youth because it deals with failure, second chances, and finding purpose when you feel lost. The experience began with supper- french toast and fish sticks. Following supper they tried their hands at an ancient Japanese art-Fish Printing (Gyotaku). Their artwork is hung in the youth room. They ended the night talking through how they deal with failures and second chances in small groups.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES



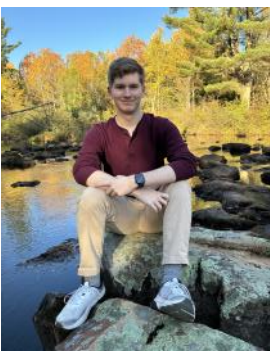
Bridget Cloud
 Daughter of Penni Cloud and Tony Cloud.
 Graduating from Colby High School.
 I plan to attend Winona State University to study nursing.



Kylie Gilmore
 Daughter of Josh & Karrie Kaiser and Matt Gilmore.
 Graduating from Marshfield High School.
 I plan to attend Mid-State for Project Management while welding full time at Innovative Machine Specialists.
 My most memorable experience was playing games during Cross Training.



Ethan Hoernke
 Son of “bonus parents” Travis and Pam Hardrath.
 Received HSED.
 My goal is to open my own welding company.
 My favorite experience was having all the people here helping me get closer to God.



Matthew Leezer
 Son of Paul and Jodi Leezer.
 Graduating from Spencer High School.
 I will report to the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.
 My favorite memories are the blazing heat at VBS at the Lion’s Park and helping Grandma Nancy with the COME Meal.



Rachel Lynn Nieman
 Daughter of Jenny and Rich Nieman.
 Graduating from Spencer High School.
 I plan to job shadow and internship for Vet Tech.
 I will always remember all of the connections I made at Mission Trips, Lock In/Outs, and our concert trips. There are too many to list. The random side quests for ice cream on the Mission Trips, our 6AM McDonald’s breakfasts, and “cry nights” when Tahneya and I feel more connected to God than ever.

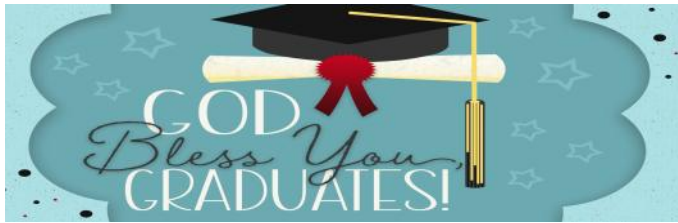


Ema Schultz
 Daughter of Kyle Schultz and Jessica Poradish.
 Graduating from Spencer High School.
 I plan on attending Winona State University.
 The 2022, Mission Trip to Sheboygan, was memorable to me because I was able to work with people around the Midwest to support and go into homes of those in need. Providing our services for their requests to help with the upkeep of their homes and things they couldn’t do, meant a lot. Also getting to meet people from other churches and states made this trip memorable and meaningful.



Tristen Smazal
 Son of Rod and April Smazal.
 Graduating from Colby High School.
 I plan to join the workforce at CAS concrete.
 My most memorable experience is playing Gaga Ball.





Danielle Soback

Daughter of Chad and Jackie Soback. Graduating from Spencer High School. I plan to attend UW River Falls—Animal Science—Pre Vet. My favorite memory is going on the Sheboygan Mission Trip with Ema Schultz and Rachel Nieman.



Davis Vinnedge

Son of Thomas and Penny Vinnedge. Graduating from Columbus Catholic School. I plan to join the Marines either by attending ROTC at Iowa State or the US Naval Academy. My most memorable experience was staying up all night at a lockout and doing a photo scavenger hunt.



Camdyn Vogel

Son of Jordan and Heather Vogel. I plan to attend UW Milwaukee and major in Computer Engineering. The Mission Trip last year had many memorable moments. Spending time with the group who went was very fun with many jokes, games and just doing things together. With my work group, I was able to see the incredible affect our work had on our resident. She showed a large amount of gratitude and was sad when it was time for us to go. Mission Trips are fun and spread so much joy.



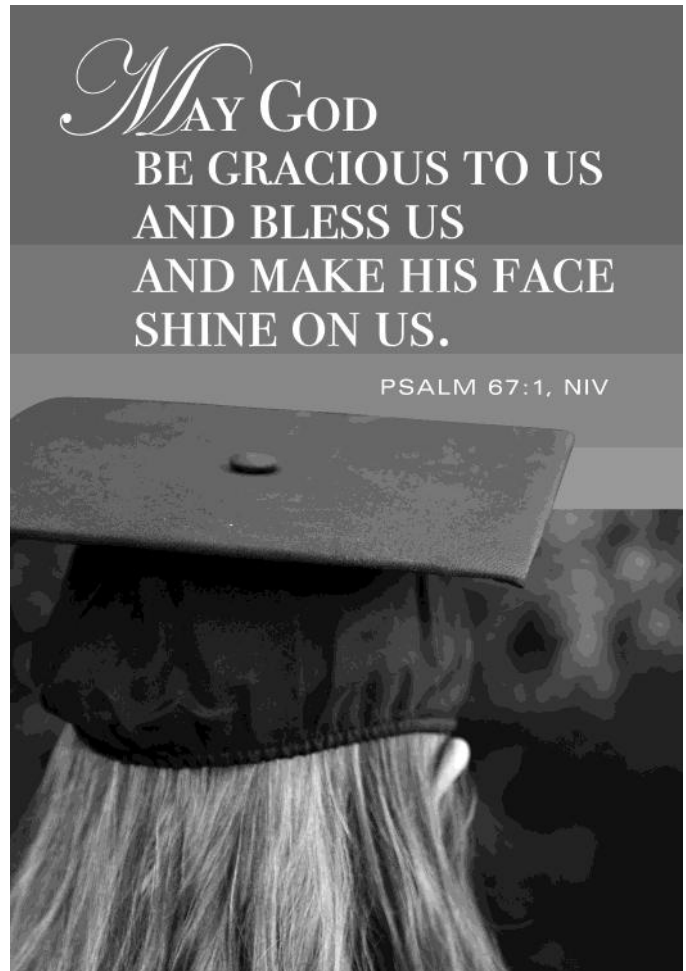
Abigail Wilke

Daughter of Richard and Kelly Wilke. Graduating from Spencer High School. I plan to attend UW Stevens Point majoring in child life and family studies. A memorable experience was when I was in 1st or 2nd grade, I remember sitting in Sunday school singing the “cartoon song.”



In Loving Memory of Lucas Kilty

Son of Bryan and Tanya Kilty. Forever in our hearts, Lucas is remembered with love by his church family. Lucas is now resting in the arms of Jesus and celebrating his heavenly graduation.



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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 U

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JAM — Jesus and Me

The last Sunday for this school year will be May 3. Thank you to Danica Plaskey and Rachel Nieman for their dedication to teaching the next generations all about Jesus this school year.

Save the dates!



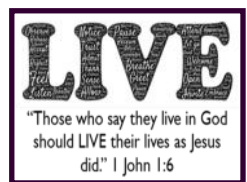
Vacation Bible School

Howdy! Welcome to a rowdy Western adventure romp through the pages of history and the Bible. This Vacation Bible School program will take kids through a series of Bible stories that highlight characters who were "outlaws," defying norms (and sometimes even laws!) if that's what it took to follow God and hold fast to righteousness. Kids ages 3 years old thru 5th grade are invited to join us June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8 & July 15. Each Wednesday of VBS will begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm. Online registration and paper copies will be available mid-May.

Cross Training & LIVE

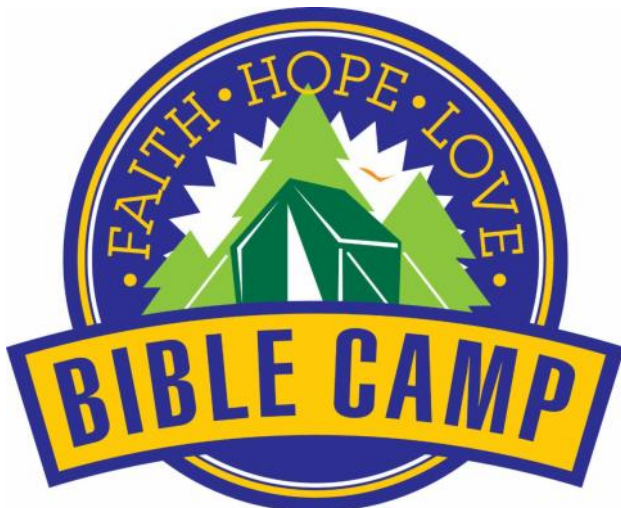


concludes for this school year on May 13 with a party! Thank you to our small group leaders who show up consistently to share their faith, dig deep into faith and life issues with the youth and model the love of Christ: Nick Tomczik, Penni Cloud, Krystle Tomczik, and Jenna Zahn.



Bible Camp

Are you looking for a way to nurture your faith or your child's faith this summer? Consider signing up for an event at a Bible Camp. A local Bible Camp is Forest Springs Camp, Westboro. They offer a variety of events throughout the summer, don't forget St. John's is committed to supporting everyone as they grow in their faith. Once you register for an event at a Bible Camp, let Jenny know and St. John's will mail 1/3 of the cost of your registered event directly to the Bible Camp.



MISSION TRIP, BARNSVILLE, MN JULY 19 TO 25

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

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2026 Mission Trip

Did you know? All Mission Trip fees are paid by those going on the trip and through fundraising efforts. The church is not responsible for paying any portion Thank you for supporting us in our efforts!



2026 Basket Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated baskets or pieces of themed baskets and who bought tickets, the total raised from the basket raffle was \$1200 thank you!! We are so grateful for all your support! The names of the winners were drawn on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Basket Raffle Winners

Jersey Girls Lotion	Wayne Vaughan
Fleet Farm Candy	Janika Helsten
Toddler's kids basket	Rachael Schuette
American Girl basket	Rachael Schuette
Lavender Basket	Amber Hedtke
Step Stool/tools	Penny Vinnedge
Toolbox	Penny Vinnedge
Jewelry	Wylie Seefeldt
Play dish ware	Betty Jensen
Mystery basket	Rachael Schuette
Kitchen/Bath basket	Wylie Seefeldt
Craft Basket	Rudy Nieman
Bracelets Jewelry	Dave LeBakken
Game Basket	Janika Helsten
Perfume Basket	Harry Vogel

Craft basket	Zoey Hardrath
Sewing Basket	Rudy Nieman
Puzzle & Sips	Diane Markworth
Woman's Basket	Melissa Steuber
Beautiful Crockpot	Melissa Steuber
Pancake Basket	Lorna Cole
Gift Cards	Melissa Steuber
Embroidered Cloths	Barb Schullo
Cookware Set	Ron Draeger
Craft Basket	Harry Vogel
Kids Spring Fun	Mary Seefeld
Jewelry	Mary Seefeld
Cat Planter	Wylie Seefeldt
Hooded Bath Towels	Betty Jensen
Crockpot set	Marian Haas
Handmade Shelf	Diane Markworth
Fox stuffed animal	Ruth Burggraf



Rummage Sale- May 7 & 8

Donations can be placed in the trailer behind the church any time before May 3. We could use volunteers to help us set up the rummage sale and to help run the sale on those days. Use the [Sign Up Genius](#) online or sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to help. We would greatly appreciate the extra help.

LEADERSHIP BOARD

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." | John 1:7 Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL 1529 NIV®

Input Requested



These suggestion boxes are in the Narthex, please take a moment to share your thoughts. The Church Board is seeking your input on how memorial funds might be designated or saved for future use. We welcome ideas for meaningful additions or improvements within our church. In addition, the Church Board is exploring future fundraising efforts. These events can also be a means to encourage fellowship within our church family. Some of the needs identified include a new refrigerator, stove, and dishwasher; soup bowls; vacuums; kitchen flooring; improved Narthex lighting; carpet replacement; and repairs to the wall near the tech area. If you have fundraising / fellowship ideas or would like to help support these projects, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the life of our church.

Getting together and doing something for the good of all!



Quarter 2: Marshfield Area Respite Care Center

Marshfield Area Respite Care Center (MARCC) is a social daycare program for those with memory loss due to Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other dementias. MARCC opened its doors in 1995 to provide caregivers respite so they can attend appointments, shop, lunch with friends, relieve stress and rest. Caregivers have peace of mind knowing their loved one is in a safe environment. The self-esteem of participants improves while attending by staying active with exercise, music therapy, creating art masterpieces, playing games and making new friends. It is a family atmosphere with seasoned staff and volunteers, intergenerational activities and pet therapy. MARCC is located inside the Wesley United Methodist Church at 211 S. Maple Ave in Marshfield. MARCC is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 4pm. For more information, please call 715-384-8478.

Opportunity to serve St. John's Lutheran Church.



The Church Board is searching for 1-2 individuals with a passion for service to the church as Treasurer. The responsibilities are as follows: Work with the Church Windows program which generates the following: - Bills and Payroll—Quarterly taxes for employees -Annual W-2 forms for employees. The monthly shared costs for Riplinger are calculated monthly using a spreadsheet. Currently the time involved is 10-12 hours per month. Treasurer is reimbursed \$150 per month. Anyone interested or

having questions, contact any of the church board members Glenda Fellenz, Nancy Vaughan, Gail Jicinsky, Wayne Hagen, Peggy Labrensz, Faye Lang or Cindy Weiler. Teri Schorer will gladly answer questions and intends to provide support as necessary to keep things running smoothly after the initial training.



FREE FAITH RESOURCES

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

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Free Focus on the Family Magazine

It can be a struggle to raise a family while balancing your work life, social life and relationships. Focus on the Family magazine is here to help! Flip through the latest issue [online](#) to see what it's about and fill out the form on the website to start your own free print subscription!

Every two months, you will receive this newsstand-quality magazine packed with relevant advice to build up your kids, strengthen your marriage, navigate entertainment and culture, and handle common challenges you may face in your marriage and parenting journeys.

Each issue includes:

- age-specific parenting advice
- fun family activities
- marriage tips
- media reviews
- inspirational stories
- and much more!

(web address: https://info.focusonthefamily.ca/magazine-subscription?utm_campaign=corp_email_2026_04_11&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9FRTYdYFY0wO2uST0tD41_SxFsGT00_M5F_kpJlbokOTKPHP0S_o2UvqG9mjMQVpk0SWXeAJbSWFmV2FOhZltE1Eyi3Q&_hsmi=413262532&utm_source=email_corp)



Resources for Everyone

Plugged In is a Focus on the Family publication designed to shine a light on the world of popular entertainment while giving families the essential tools they need to understand, navigate, and impact the culture in which they live. Through their reviews, articles and discussions, they hope to spark intellectual thought, spiritual growth and a desire to follow the command of Colossians 2:8:

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”

Each month, Plugged In is visited more than 1 million times by people looking for detailed information about what's really in popular movies, videos, television episodes, songs and games. Entertainment industry ratings only tell you so much. They go deeper, diving into specific content and the meaning behind it. Their award-winning website also offers news and blogs. Also available; Plugged In mobile apps (for iPhones and Androids) offer instant, on-the-go access to our movie reviews, game reviews, music reviews and TV reviews. On those apps, and on our site, you'll find that some of their written reviews are accompanied by audio and/or video reviews.





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| 1 Teri Schorer | 7 Lori Kops |
| Karen Grieser | Mike Schuette |
| Jasper Berres | 10 Ema Schultz |
| 3 Darlene Shupe | 13 Karrie Kaiser |
| Travis Hardrath | 15 Michelle Krueger |
| 4 Teryy Gallion | 18 Tilly Weiler |
| Harry Vogel | 21 Sharon Hamus |
| Jaci Cook | 22 Dawn Reckner |
| Leah Cook | 23 Mogan Schjoneman |
| Braedyn Sebold | 24 Jeremy Oelrich |
| 5 Liam Plugger | 27 Gayle Dommer |
| Karly Kilty | Steve Gaetz |
| Bob Helsten | 29 Trish Porter |
| Bryce Fleischman | 30 Brianna Michlig |
| Tanya Kilty | |

May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!

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| 1 Tanya & Adam Manicke | 16 years |
| 3 Travis & Carri Weiler | 18 years |
| 10 Chad & Jackie Soback | 23 years |
| 13 Travis & Pam Hardrath | 20 years |
| 18 Robert & Marion Haas | 57 years |
| 20 Dave & Brenda Newman | 48 years |
| 26 Rachel & Kurt Blanchard | |
| Tammie & Mike Lehman | 42 years |
| 27 Jacob & Leah Gardner | 3 years |

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



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of:

- Dorene Newman who went to her heavenly home on March 29.
- Muriel Oelrich who went to her heavenly home on April 17.
- May they all find comfort in the Lord.
- Jan Ammons went home to her heavenly home on April 27.

PRAYER
list

IN OUR PRAYERS

Those with short-term health concerns: 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, Penny Pieper, Michelle Oelke, Ross Rucker, Cliff Taylor, Tom Steiner, Teresa Zahn.

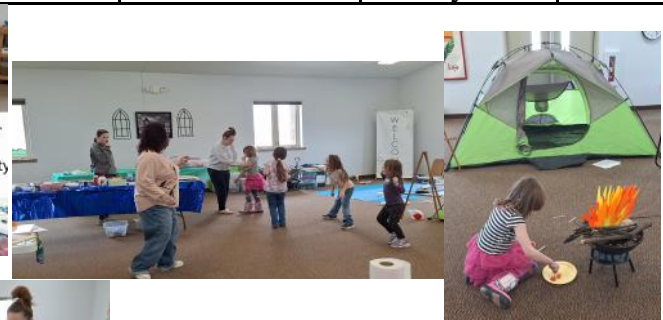
Those who are homebound or in care facilities: Lois Block, Audrey Helsten, Grace Maines, Doris Seefeld. If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, or would like to update these prayer requests, please get in touch with Pastor Ritchie 920-216-4292; sjlc13pastor@gmail.com or Pam Hardrath at 715-507-0549; sjlcoffice13@gmail.com

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP



	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Greeter	Bob & Glenda Fellenz	Faye Lang	Inez Fosberg	Bob Haas	Lori Kops	Randi Thompson
Usher	Doug Kops	Jim Christopherson	Brad Helsten	Jim Christopherson	Alan Seefeld	Harry Vogel
Usher	Paul Leezer	Brad Helsten	Milt Viergutz	Joe Weix	Paul Leezer	Milt Viergutz
Tech	Tracey Ackman	Mason Gilmore	Jenny Nieman	Rachel Nieman	Tracey Ackman	Jenny Nieman
Sound	NEEDED	Janika Helsten	Janika Helsten	Wyatt Karl	NEEDED	NEEDED
Reader	Glenda Fellenz	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz	Hannah Rossow	Lori Kops	Ashley Stroetz
Communion Assistant	Melissa Steuber	Lori Helsten	Lori Helsten	Jenny Nieman	Mary Seefeld	Ashley Stroetz
Basket Bearer	Kinley Krause	Cohley Vogel	Adeline Nieman	Adeline Nieman	Kinley Krause	Brooklyn Stroetz
Hospitality	Jenny Nieman	Penny Vinnedge	Heather Vogel	Hannah Rossow	Lori Kops	Ashley Stroetz
Riplinger	Dave Newman	Heidi McBride	Brenda Newman	Trish Porter	Ertl Family	Dave Newman



Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
March 1	53	30
March 4	54	XXXXX
March 8	51	30
March 11	41	XXXXX
March 15	weather	weather
March 18	56	XXXXX
March 22	60	28
March 25	66	XXXXX
March 29	67	32



Child of God Camp

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:00am Worship at Spencer; AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	27 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Acts Bible Study 6:30pm Worship at Spencer	28 9:00am Pastor's Office Hours 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 5:00pm COME Meal 6:30pm Monthly Bible Study	29 8:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Galatians Bible Study 5:45pm Secretary in Office 6:30pm Cross Training & LIVE	30 8:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale Set Up 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	1 Pastor's Day Off 8:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale Set Up	2 Pastor's Day Off 8:00am Mission Trip Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Habits of Healthy Churches Seminar
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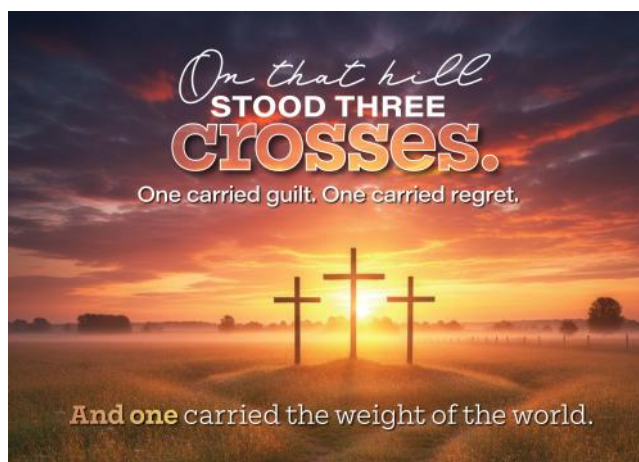
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RIPLINGER QUARTERLY MEETING

April 19, 2026
unapproved

Meeting called to order by President Brenda Newman. Pastor Ritchie Cole provided an opening prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Treasurer, Karla Kilty pointed out the extra expenses regarding the plumbing, electric and fuel oil. Judine Block was thanked for her donation to the bathroom project, replacing toilets. The remaining bill with Reigel Plumbing was paid from the church account. Not the Memorial Fund as originally planned.

President Brenda Newman announced that there are two individuals seeking membership with St. John's, Riplinger. Lorna Cole and Kiyam Serum. Karla Kilty made a motion to accept these two as members. Second by Keith Porter. Motion approved. **Welcome to the family Lorna and Kiyam!**

Old Business: The bathroom project is complete. New Business: If you were in church last Sunday, you know we had an issue with the furnace. Jakel Plumbing & Heating was called, and they were able to fix it, replacing the control panel.

We are now offering grape juice at communion in addition to the wine. If anyone would prefer to take communion from the pew please ask. We can certainly accommodate everyone's needs.

Also, wondering if there is interest in another outdoor service followed by a potluck, in the park. President Newman asked members to look at their calendars and make suggestions for dates.

Jerry and Petie Marten would like to replace the entryway rug. Thank you Jerry and Petie for your kind and generous gift.

Motion made to adjourn by Karla Kilty. Second by Keith Porter. Motion approved.

Recording Secretary,
Trish Porter



SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	8,253.00	23,376.70	150,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	250.00	650.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	2,046.99	2,771.31	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	0.00	50.00	2,000.00
	Total Income	\$10,549.99	\$26,848.01	\$158,500.00
Expenses				
500.000	<i>Wider Mission</i>			
500.010	Tithe	0.00	1,771.29	15,000.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,771.29</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
510.000	<i>Worship</i>			
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	222.00	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	(34.00)	335.70	500.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>(\$34.00)</i>	<i>\$557.70</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
520.000	<i>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	67.98	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	60.90	60.90	400.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$60.90</i>	<i>\$192.78</i>	<i>3,300.00</i>
530.000	<i>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>
540.000	<i>Fellowship & Care</i>			
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	0.00	180.05	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>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$280.05</i>	<i>1,300.00</i>
540.040	Mediator	1,366.91	3,366.91	8,000.00
560.000	<i>Office</i>			
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	0.00	742.78	1,000.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	204.37	584.93	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	0.00	207.09	700.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	294.00	492.54	2,000.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	0.00	261.21	1,500.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$498.37</i>	<i>\$2,288.55</i>	<i>7,400.00</i>
570.000	<i>Administration</i>			
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	74.02	236.65	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	2,156.50	2,156.50	9,000.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	421.95	500.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$2,230.52</i>	<i>\$2,815.10</i>	<i>10,700.00</i>

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580.000	Buildings & Grounds			
580.020	Electricity	349.60	1,137.84	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	690.12	2,038.39	2,500.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	195.00	585.00	700.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	194.60	585.50	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	0.00	193.65	600.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	14.75	20.75	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	560.00	2,170.00	3,000.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	0.00	0.00	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	<i>\$2,004.07</i>	<i>\$6,731.13</i>	<i>16,100.00</i>
590.000	Staff			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,956.26	8,868.78	35,475.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	1,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	200.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	1,576.88	4,730.64	16,600.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	340.90	1,022.70	4,100.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	275.00	873.89	750.00
590.210	FICA	163.80	535.76	2,000.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	450.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,498.00	5,159.00	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$8,460.84</i>	<i>\$26,140.77</i>	<i>97,875.00</i>
590.125	Pastor Phone Allowance	100.00	300.00	1,200.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	493.00	1,394.00	7,500.00
	Total Expenses	\$15,180.61	\$45,838.28	\$171,825.00
	Difference	(\$4,630.62)	(\$18,990.27)	(\$13,325.00)

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for March 2026

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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	44,699.10	10,549.99	15,180.61	0.00	40,068.48
302.000	Special Funds Balance					
302.001	ARK Balance	708.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	708.07
302.102	Globe Money Balance	638.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	638.32
302.120	Technology Balance	2,485.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,485.90
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	3,075.66	2,990.00	2,119.00	0.00	3,946.66
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	2,245.66	1,222.55	1,832.00	0.00	1,636.21
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	306.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
302.180	COME Balance	2,832.86	395.00	170.42	0.00	3,057.44
302.800	Seminary Fund Balance	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.91
302.100	Memorial Gifts Balance	5,551.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,551.89
302.105	Building Fund Balance	11,686.26	425.00	219.44	0.00	11,891.82
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,693.87	163.92	0.00	0.00	7,857.79
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,689.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,689.79
Total		\$85,653.29	\$15,746.46	\$19,521.47	\$0.00	\$81,878.28