

Connect April 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.



God's Pattern for Life: The Ten Commandments

Plan to attend the final mid-week Lenten service at Spencer to focus on how God provides a pattern for life in the ten commandments. Soup Supper at 5:30pm and service at 6:30pm.
April 6 Enough is Enough

Memorial Service for Betty Soltow—Wednesday, April 6, 11am, at Riplinger. Visitation at 10am.

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday on April 10—Relive the palm processional commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then meditate upon Jesus' passion and death on Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. Though Jesus is obedient unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world and to be fed by his life-giving mercy.

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion on April 14, at 6:30pm, at Riplinger—Come to this service of worship as we remember how our Lord broke bread with his disciples and gave the commandment to love one another. At the Lord's table, we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Good Friday Service on April 15, 6:30pm, at Spencer—Good Friday reminds the faithful of our Lord's lifegiving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 17—On this day, the Lord has acted! Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. Be sure to bring family and relatives to these festival services 9am at Spencer, 11am at Riplinger. Filled with hope we go forth to share the good news that Christ is risen!

Confirmation at Spencer on April 24—Come to this service of worship to support our young people in this faith milestone as they seek to affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation.

Grubbies Day on May 1—Immediately following worship. Wear your old clothes and pitch in helping to clean our church.

Second Votes on Denominational Affiliation on May 8—The resolution indicating the intent to terminate the relationship of St. John's Lutheran Church of Spencer and Riplinger with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and to affiliate with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) will be presented for a second vote on May 8 at special Congregation Meetings following the services of worship. The first vote took place on January 16 and 23. Following the meeting, another meeting will be held to vote on approving a new constitution and discussion and a vote on whether to form a 3 point parish with Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar.

Your love is helping Ukraine refugees in a Lutheran church shelter: Lutheran World Relief

Pastor Łukasz Ostruszka and his congregation converted the basement of the church into a safe haven for refugees arriving from Ukraine.

"What do you need?" Sometimes it's the simplest questions that mean the most.

Pastor Łukasz Ostruszka, the newly inducted pastor of St. Martin's church in Krakow, Poland, didn't hesitate with his answer. He urgently needed supplies so his congregation could welcome and care for Ukrainian refugees.

To prepare, the congregation of St. Martin's rapidly remodeled the church basement to shelter several families. In the space of a week, the ordinary bathrooms were fitted with showers, beds were brought in, and workers redid water pipes and electrical wiring to accommodate more users.

"This was a space for our parish meetings, but now it's a hostel for refugees," says Pastor Ostruszka. "A place to sleep, to be warm."

Your emergency response gifts are at work, providing relief and care

"We were in shock. It's like something from a movie," says Pastor Ostruszka of his congregation members.

"We never expected this. We didn't expect so many people from Ukraine."

The first group of families is coming from Kharkiv, a city heavily hit by the war. Pastor Ostruszka's wife is coordinating the families' 3-hour journey by bus from the border to Krakow. The women and their children will have a safe place to rest, and, because of your compassion, they won't have to worry about finding essential items.

St. Martin's has helped refugees before, like during a crisis on the Belarussian border. They also helped people coming from Afghanistan, Iraq and countries in Africa.

"Everyone is welcome," says Pastor Ostruszka. "We hope they will feel at home."

The numbers now are staggering, and it's clear that the renovated church hall will be a haven for an ongoing stream of frightened, exhausted mothers. As the buses keep coming, your love also carries Ukraine's refugees, bringing them support and aid in a time they need it the very most.

This response is possible because of you

Your generosity is vital to support the work of congregations like St. Martin's. Some 2.6 million people have fled Ukraine since the conflict began, and more than one million of them are children. At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.

Families are in dire need of immediate aid, such as food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies. Your emergency gift will help to deliver urgent support and care for those who have left everything behind.

Pastor Ostruszka knows there's a long road ahead. "This is just the start," he says heavily.

He and the congregation are committed to the long haul, and with your love, so are we.

"We should do this. Our Lord gives us something beautiful, and we should go to other people and give to them," he says.

<https://lwr.org/blog/2022/your-love-helping-ukraine-refugees-lutheran-church-shelter>

[VIDEO] Ukrainian family arrives in Poland

Svitlana is like any other mother. She would do anything for her children.

"I would never forgive myself if something happens to them," she said, wiping her eyes as the tears brim.

"That's the only thing I want to save, the life of my children."

She's like any other mother, but she's not. Svitlana is Ukrainian and on this cold, winter's night, she finds herself at a train station in Poland with her two daughters, 13 and 17. They just arrived, having fled from their home, a town about an hour outside of Kyiv. They have no friends or family in Poland and have relied on strangers to direct them where to go next.

Svitlana and her daughters are three of the more than 2.3 million Ukrainians who have fled their country since fighting began. They carry little with them as they didn't have much time to prepare. The shooting had already begun as they packed. Bullets are falling on non-military targets: hospitals, schools, military universities.

Your love is urgently needed. People are leaving everything behind, racing the clock to protect their families and get to safety. They desperately need immediate aid including food, water, shelter, clothing and medical care. Like Svitlana, they rely on you — strangers in name but brothers and sisters in God — for assistance.

<https://lwr.org/blog/2022/video-ukrainian-family-arrives-poland>

FAITH FORMATION



JAM—The schedule for the rest of this school year is April 3, 10, 24, May 1 & 8. There will not be JAM on April 17 for Easter. May 8 will be the last Sunday for this school year.

Crossing the Bridge into Middle School

This event is scheduled for May 1, 10 am for current 5th graders (soon to be 6th graders) and their parents to learn and ask questions about Cross Training. St. John's is committed to partnering with families, so our goal for this event is to clearly explain the next steps in the youth's faith journey and to help families with the transition.

Butter Braid Sale Update

Middle schoolers sold 383 Butter Braids. Approximate profit is \$2200 to go to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought to help raise funds to send kids to Bible Camp.

Middle School Lock In

We will be holding a Middle School Lock In on April 29 for all youth currently in 6th-8th grade. Friends are welcome to attend too. Cost will be \$10 per person. Everyone should come prepared for fun to include: games, worship, maybe a movie, scavenger hunt, messy games are a possibility so extra clothes might be a good idea. Each person should bring a snack/beverage to share with everyone, blanket or sleeping bag (sleep is not mandatory, but may happen), comfy clothes or extra clothes. Registration forms and flyers will be given to youth on Wednesdays and will be posted on the private Cross Training Facebook page.



Cross Training

We're getting close to the end of the school year. We will meet April 6, 20, 27, May 4 & 11. May 11 will be our end of year party. Reminder during Lent youth are expected to be worship on Wednesdays and stay for small group time following worship. There is not Cross Training on April 13 as it is Holy Week, instead we ask that youth attend Maundy Thursday April 14, 6:30 pm worship at Riplinger and/or Good Friday April 14, 6:30 pm worship at Spencer.

Affirmation of Baptism April 24, 9am

We will be celebrating with high school students who will be affirming their faith. Be sure to be in worship on Sunday, April 24 to support these young adults as their proclaim and take ownership of their faith. We'll have refreshments following worship to celebrate this special occasion.

Mission Trip Fundraisers

Basket Raffle

The Basket Raffle is off to a great start- there are over 30 baskets in the fellowship hall. Raffle tickets can be purchased on Wednesdays of Lent or on Sundays before and after worship. We will draw the winners names on April 10, 10:30 am. Winners will be contacted by phone.

Rummage Sale

The Mission Trip participants will be holding the Rummage Sale this year on April 21 & 22. They would greatly appreciate donations of gently used items. Items can be placed in the trailer in the back of church beginning April 1. Reminder- we do not take large appliances, TVs or exercise equipment. If you have any questions about items you'd like to donate, please check with Jenny (715-613-3636) before you drop it off.

Volunteers Needed—If you would be willing to help the youth set up the sale beginning April 15 or run the rummage sale during the school day, please sign up on the bulletin board or find the online sign up on our website. Thank you in advance!

RightNow Media

Several years ago, St. John's tried out Right Now Media as a resource for Bible Studies, video messages, and materials to provide to families to help them in their faith journeys. This resource has proven itself to be invaluable! Each of you has online access to over 14,000 Bible Study videos several years ago for adults and tons of kid's videos and it's all available to you for FREE. If you haven't yet checked it out, please do so. There's a couple of ways for you to gain access to this resource: you can text Rightnow SJLCS to 41411, and you will automatically be prompted to create your FREE login. You can find the link to it on our website: www.stjohnsspencer.com/right-now-media; OR if you're on Facebook you will see some things highlighted. Take a look at the resources that Right Now Media provides and then let us know what you think. Feel free to share it with friends too!



Bible Camp

If your family is planning to send kids to Bible Camp this summer, be sure to check the availability ASAP. Forest Springs in Westboro has been filling fast. There are other Bible Camps in the area to consider: Luther Park, Chetek; Waypost, Hatley, or Silver Birch Ranch, Antigo (White Lake). St. John's pays 1/3 of the cost of Bible Camp for every child/youth that attends Bible Camp each year. Families must contact Jenny as they register for Bible Camp so that a check can be written to the Bible Camp for St. John's portion of the cost. If your family would like some help searching for a Bible Camp, let Jenny know.



Notes From Our Council

Transition Update

REMINDER! There will be a special congregational meeting following worship in Spencer and Riplinger on May 8. At this meeting, each congregation will vote to decide if St. John's Lutheran Church would like to form a resolution with the intent to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and affiliate with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Following that meeting, we will hold another meeting to vote on approving our new constitution and discussion and a vote on whether we would like to form a 3 point parish with Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar.

- I met with Jackie Asplund and Pastor Perry from the LCMC regarding developing a 3 point parish between us, Riplinger, and Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar. Pastor Perry felt it was a doable option if all of the congregations agree and we can develop a favorable plan. Some considerations include the number of worship attendees for each congregation (Spencer 60; Riplinger 15, Edgar 35) and the age groups in each congregation. This information is from the Riplinger congregations call packet: There is little to no growth in the Riplinger area, making change and progress difficult in our city and congregation. The Riplinger building location is a challenge, as it is off the beaten path in a small rural community. They acknowledge they are in a bit of a slump, losing members due to age and health without developing new membership. In 2020, they recorded 25 active members with an average of 15 per service. Questions, comments or concerns about becoming a 3 point parish, please contact Pam Hardrath. We will discuss this further following the May 8 meeting and vote.

- Pastor Bolstad's last day is April 24. The worship team is working on a plan of action for worship.
- Pastor Bill Rice will provide pulpit supply on the first Sunday of each month, except for July and September when he will come on the 2nd Sunday.
- Pastor Tim Hinrichs from Grace Lutheran Church in Nasonville, will officiate weddings and funerals.
- Our Minister of Faith Formation, Jenny Nieman will officiate baptisms.

At our April council meeting, we will be discussing where we as a congregation would like to tithe. If you have any suggestions, please let a council member know.

SOUNDBOARD UPDATE

The amplifier in our sound system has been replaced. If you are running the soundboard during worship, you will notice a change in the settings. We were not using our sound board to its full potential. Training will take place for anyone who operates the soundboard. Hopefully we will have a smooth sound during our worship service.

SAVE THE DATE!

Grubbies Day will be May 1 immediately following worship. Wear your old clothes and pitch in helping to clean our church.

Many hands make light work!- John Heywood

Beyond Our Doors

Rudy Nieman will act as the director for Beyond Our Doors throughout 2022.

The ARK is in the sanctuary. Funds donated will be given out to people in the community in need. In February, \$100 each was given to Kathryn Green (house fire), the family of Jonah Johnson (funeral expenses), the family of Paul Fowler (funeral expenses). If you know of a family in need, please contact Rudy Nieman.

The globe is also out in the sanctuary. All funds donated will go to help with World Hunger. We are exploring different organizations.

Worship Team

- We discussed what was needed yet for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter (tech, sound, ushers, communion and decorating.)
- We had a discussion about continuous line for communion this summer.
- A group of people are working on special music for Easter and hopefully many other services.
- There was a meeting March 21 at 6:30pm, with the worship leaders, to figure out the sermon series and order of worship.

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Spring Clean Up

Please remove all flowers and other decorations from the gravesites before May 1st. Anything left after that date will be removed and disposed of. The exception are any metal shepard's hooks. Those will be left at the gravesites. Contact Allen Jicinsky if you have any questions. (715-650-0715)



3 Emerick Berres	18 April Smazal
Larry Labrensz	Lance Schuette
Levi Dommer	Nathan Kieffer
4 Linda Marchinek	Tara Nigon
5 Dawson Bruesewitz	19 Douglas Ackman
6 Brittney Sebold	23 Payton Weiler
Jordan Vogel	24 Lillyan Kildahl
7 Bryan Helsten	25 Alexis Tremelling
Juleen Vogel	Brayden Hansford
Ronald Seefeldt	Hunter Reynolds
8 Sawyer Kilty	Nicole Buse
11 Elijah Wash	Ryan Hardrath
14 Kristin Ovans	27 Aliyah Anderson
15 Randal Matter	28 Bobbi Schaefer
16 Cheryl Bruesewitz	Conner Kildahl
17 Kristen Engevold	30 Virjean Mellenthin
Tammie Lehman	



4 Joseph & Jody Scidmore	41 years
5 Brad & Bobbi Suckow	29 years
10 Ralph & Peggy Ottum	51 Years
12 Larry & Peggy Labrensz	36 years
Ronald & Karen Seefeldt	53 years
14 James & Sharon Schiszik	38 years
17 Tom & Dawn Pagenkopf	40 years
18 Gary & Karen Grieser	52 years
20 Corrie & Duane Bauer	31 years
21 Allen & Gail Jicinsky	43 years
26 Edward & Marilyn Bruger	47 years
27 Gerald & Jane Neumann	54 years
Nick & Abby Wash	3 years

Easter Lily Donations

- * Susan Howe in memory of Paula Hanson
- * Faye Lang in memory of her Husband, Son, Mom, Dad & Mother - in - law.
- * Karen Seefeldt in memory of Arnold & Violet Seefeldt, Alfred & Frieda Hendrickson, Delores Buse, Andy Hendrickson, Milton & Darlene Dommer
- * In memory of Milton & Darlene Dommer, Alfred & Frieda Hendrickson, Fred & Ida Dommer
- * Roger and Darlene Shupe in memory of Harold Hederer, Randy Hederer & Riley Shupe
- * Keith & Danielle Schmidt in memory of Kathy Kaiser
- * Inez Fosberg in memory of past family members & friends
- * Petie & Jerry Martin in honor of Jean Leon, Paul & Rose Ivacic, Eugene & Arlene Marten
- * Gary & Karen Grieser in memory of family members who are gone before us. In celebration of our 52nd Wedding Anniversary on April 18th.



Jonah Johnson	February 26
Paul Fowler	February 28
Keith Borchardt	March 2

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, Roger Kilty, Grace Maines, Jean

Mellenthin, Pat Miller, Dorothy Neuman, Dar Ponshock, Phyllis Premau, LaVilla Schilling, Elsie Schmutzler.

Those with ongoing health concerns: Jan Lois Block, Kristy Fellenz, Todd Frahm, Audrey Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Michael Howe, Susan Howe, Paul Kilty, Jodi Krause, Scott Kollmansberger, Sandy Lemens, 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.

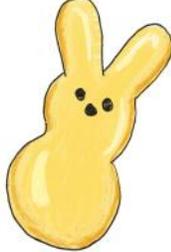
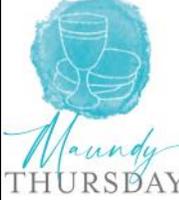
Those with cancer: Judi Andrew, Linda Bauer, Brenda Gardner, Sue Johnson, Mark Kilty, Parker Klimmer, Dennis Krause, Jeff Miller, Michelle Oelke, Kathy Pieper, Tom Steiner, Barb Wachsmuth, Francis Wash, Emily Weiler, Mark Zimmerman.

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. Pastor Bolstad is available for visits upon request. Contact the office or pastor.



APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship at Spencer 10:00 AM JAM 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting	28	29	30 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Soup Supper at Spencer 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM Lent Worship at Spencer 6:30 PM LIVE	31		2
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10 9:00 AM Worship at Spencer 10:00 AM JAM 10:00 AM Member Appreciation 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting 	11	12 6:30 PM Spencer Council	13	14 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday at Riplinger 	15 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship at Spencer 	16
17 Easter Sunday NO JAM 9:00 AM Worship at Spencer 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 	18 5:30 PM Worship Committee	19 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack meeting	20 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	21 7:00 AM—6:00 PM Rummage Sale 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack mtg	22 7:00 AM—4:00 PM Rummage Sale 	23
24 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Worship at Spencer 10:00 AM JAM 11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting	25	26 5:00 PM COME (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone)	27 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 	28	29 Middle School Lock In	30

April Spencer Serving Schedule

	3rd	10th	Good Friday 15th	Easter Sunday 17th	24th
Technology	Kyler Hardrath	Savana Weyer	Teri Schorer	Kyler Hardrath	Leah Nieman
Sound	Kyler Hardrath	Lydia Nieman	Teri Schorer	Bruce Luepke	Leah Nieman
Reader	Glenda Fellenz	Teri Schorer	Mary Seefeld	Penni Cloud	Bill Martens
Ushers			NEEDED	Travis Hardrath	
			NEEDED	Ryan Hardrath	
Communion			Mary Seefeld	Janine Luepke	
			NEEDED	Joan Bruss	
			NEEDED	Penni Cloud	
			NEEDED	Mary Seefeld	
Hospitality	Pam Hardrath	Teri Schorer		Pam Hardrath	

Riplinger News

Attendance		January Readers	
Feb. 6	13	April 3	Joan Miller
Feb. 13	11	April 10	Sherry Schmutzler
Feb. 20	10	April 17	Brenda Newman
Feb. 27	11	April 24	Trish Porter

Spencer Worship Attendance

	Soup	Worship
February 27		58
March 2	65	88
March 6		56
March 9	70	82
March 13		44
March 16		67
March 20		63
March 23		

Building & Grounds

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REMINDERS

- When you take down tables and chairs in the fellowship area, please put them on the chair and table rack behind the partition, instead of leaning them up against the wall.
- When you throw garbage and recycling in the outside dumpsters, please make sure you are putting them in the correct dumpster.
- When you recycle indoors, everything must be clean and not have a cover on. Otherwise throw it in the garbage. Questions, please talk to Travis Hardrath 715-507-0548

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED

If you would like to help mow the church lawn, please let Travis Hardrath know at 715-507-0548.

SCRIP

Start Scripping Today!

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: February 2022

Treasurer's Report For General Operating Fund

INCOME	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,569.00	\$7,821.44	\$75,000.00
Non-tithe General Fund	\$4,402.00	\$10,986.00	\$45,000.00
Riplinger Reimbursement Shared Exp.	\$704.27	\$1,235.90	\$8,000.00
Building Use	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$500.00
Total Income	\$8,675.27	\$20,068.34	\$128,500.00

EXPENSES

<i>Supporting the Wider Mission</i>	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Tithe (10% to NW Synod/ELCA)	\$580.00	\$1,160.00	\$7,500.00
Total	\$580.00	\$1,160.00	\$7,500.00

Worship

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Copyrights	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$700.00
Community Worship Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Pulpit Supply	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Instrument Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$0.00	\$196.00	\$1,500.00
Music/Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total	\$300.00	\$496.00	\$5,300.00

Faith Development

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Birth to 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Children's Ministry	-\$20.00	-\$85.00	\$1,000.00
Middle School (shared)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
High School (shared)	\$0.00	\$15.62	\$1,000.00
Adult Faith Formation	\$14.24	\$14.24	\$300.00
Right Now Media	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
Library Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Total	-\$5.76	-\$55.14	\$5,120.00

Fellowship & Care

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	\$96.83	\$145.09	\$500.00
Care Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total	\$96.83	\$145.09	\$600.00

Office

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Office Supplies (shared)	\$342.99	\$342.99	\$600.00
Telephone & Internet (shared)	\$122.97	\$245.94	\$1,475.00
Postage (shared)	\$0.00	\$91.38	\$1,000.00
Copier Maintenance (shared)	\$0.00	\$288.45	\$1,100.00
Subscriptions, Software (shared)	\$149.80	\$169.80	\$2,100.00
Total	\$615.76	\$1,138.56	\$6,275.00



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Technology - all areas	\$0.00	\$35.00	
Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	\$100.28	\$192.62	\$1,200.00
Insurance & Workman's Compensation	\$334.12	\$668.24	\$4,500.00
Milage Reimbursement (shared)	\$97.70	\$158.74	\$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	\$532.10	\$1,054.60	\$6,900.00

Building & Grounds	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Electricity	\$299.64	\$625.32	\$4,000.00
Natural Gas	\$477.46	\$933.53	\$1,500.00
Holding Tanks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Waste Disposal	\$99.00	\$198.00	\$1,125.00
Cleaning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs & General Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Snow Removal	\$845.00	\$2,045.00	\$2,000.00
Lawn Mowing - Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Cemetery Assoc. Lawn Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total	\$1,721.10	\$3,801.85	\$13,125.00

Staff	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Balance
Pastor Compensation	\$2,069.38	\$4,138.76	\$24,840.00
Housing Allowance	\$700.00	\$1,400.00	\$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	\$1,954.80	\$14,303.00
Social Security Allowance	\$211.86	\$423.72	\$2,542.00
Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor Shared)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
FICA	\$105.24	\$288.98	\$2,885.00
Organist Payroll	\$217.50	\$565.50	\$2,600.00
Treasurer Payroll	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Secretary Payroll (Shared)	\$1,008.00	\$2,002.00	\$15,600.00
Staff Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	\$0.00	\$909.50	\$17,680.00
Total	\$5,439.38	\$11,983.26	\$92,650.00

Total Expenses	\$9,279.41	\$19,724.22	\$137,470.00
Difference	-\$604.14	\$344.12	-\$8,970.00



February Spencer Council Minutes

St. John's Lutheran Church Leadership Minutes for February 8, 2022 (Approved)

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 6:30 by Chair Pam Hardrath

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Bolstad with focus on St. Valentine and Love.

New Business:

- Council meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- Contact information for new council members updated

Old Business:

- Annual meeting and Special congregational meeting were well attended
- Next Special congregational meeting for the 2nd vote in regards to leaving the ELCA will be on May 8, 2022

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lowell Bolstad

- Lenten series will be on the 10 Commandments
- Confirmation to be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022

Secretary Report: Cindy Weiler

- Minutes from council meeting on January 11, 2022 were approved

Treasurer Report: Teri Schorer

- January Report: Income of \$11,393.07 was reported with disbursements of \$10,444.81 for a net difference of \$948.26. The General fund balance is \$18,014.22

Minister of Faith Formation Report: Jenny Nieman

- JAM (Jesus and Me): Preschoolers will complete their GIFT unit on My Lutheran Church on February 13, 2022. First through Fifth graders have enjoyed “shopping” at the Sunday School Store to use their Sunday school bucks that they earn for memory work, attendance, extra work outside of class, etc.
- Cross Training: They have been studying several books from the Old Testament and using many different hands on experiential options following the large group-teaching portion. ButterBraids fundraiser will begin in February to raise additional funds for Bible Camp Scholarships. Six youth will be attending the Meltdown Weekend Bible Camp event at Forest Springs February 18-20.
- LIVE: Began using a Dare to Share series called SALT. Mentors and youth met January 30 and other dates were set. Affirmation of Baptism Sunday will be April 24, 2022.
- 2021 Mission Trip: Basket raffle to begin March 2, 2022

Worship Report: Bruce Luepke

- Worship attendance: Jan 2 -49; Jan 9 – 47; Jan 23 – 88; Jan 30 - 54

Buildings and Ground Report: Travis Hardrath

- A new office chair was purchased for the secretary

Food, Fellowship and Fun Report: Heather Vogel

- No updates

Congregational Care Report: Joan Bruss

- No updates

Beyond our Doors Report: Vacant

- No updates

Vice Chair Report: Rudy Nieman

- No updates

Chair Report: Pam Hardrath

- Updates included throughout meeting topics

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Weiler, Council Secretary

