

## 2017 Lenten Schedule

Our Wednesday schedule for the Lenten Season is:

4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship (we focus on Luther's Small Catechism.)

**April 5:** Holy Communion

4:45 p.m. Light supper

6:00 p.m. Connections & Education Time

7:00 p.m. Worship – Holden Evening Prayer and character portrayals of the Passion and Biblical stories

**April 5:** Stephanus, the Rich Young Ruler



## Palm Sunday & Holy Week Worship Schedule

### Palm Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Organ-led Worship

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

Fundraiser

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Band-led Worship

### Maundy Thursday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Seder Service &

First Communion

### Good Friday, April 14

4:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship

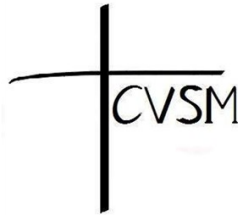
6:30 p.m. Worship

### Easter Sunday, April 16

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship

8:30 a.m. Band-led Worship

10:30 a.m. Organ-led Worship



## April Mission of the Month:

### Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry is a ministry that seeks to meet the needs of those who are not able to find housing, clothing and other various needs to survive. On most Tuesday and Friday nights we can be found from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the parking lot opposite Sojourner House on Barstow Street in Eau Claire, WI ministering to people who are living on the streets.

We offer them clothing, gloves, hats, blankets, water, candy, hygiene kits, and whatever else we might have. If they need something that we don't have, we will try to get it! We also seek to connect resources offered by other ministries and governmental services to people who are in need.

Beyond meeting the physical needs of people, we are also there to offer prayer, a compassionate ear, a human touch, and our friendship. We are a ministry that works with those who tend to fall through the cracks of our society.

Here is the current Ministry Wish List. Items may be brought to Spirit Lutheran or contact members of the Mission & Outreach committee. Jennifer Krueger 715-574-8461, kruegeja6571@gmail.com Donations will be collected near the church entry; look for the collection bins!

Small tent (2-3 person)

Sleeping bags

Umbrellas

Rain gear

Hoodies (hooded sweatshirts) – especially large sizes

Gas cards

Food cards

Monetary donations

Learn more and read Street Journals at [www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org).

## Palm Sunday Breakfast April 9, 9:00 AM

Come and share your morning meal with the Mission Trip Team, who will be making and serving :

Biscuits and gravy, Pancakes, Egg bake, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Free will offering



## Palm Sunday Precious Moments® Sale ...

Precious Moments for Mission Moments will be on sale before and after both worship services on Palm Sunday, April 9. There will be 200+ figurines, ornaments and bells for sale by free-will donation in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Montana Mission Trip in July. In addition, you may donate your purchase to brighten the lives of Spirit Lutheran seniors in local senior-living and senior-care facilities. If you have any questions regarding the sale of these Precious Moments, please contact Cheryl Jochen at 715-552-8394.

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### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## Spirit Lutheran is Hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross

Good Friday, April 14 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

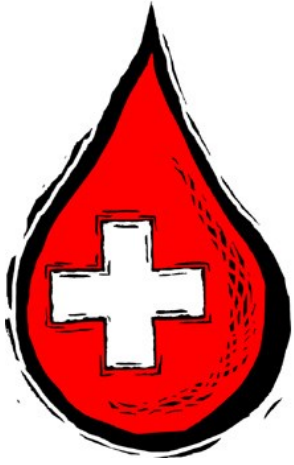
To schedule an appointment to donate, please:

Log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (search by sponsor code Spirit) or Call 800.733.2767.

The eligibility dates are:

For Whole Blood: on or before February 17

For Power Reds (previously known as Double Red Cell): on or before December 23



You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day. Some believe it is the right thing we do. Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. Help us make a difference this Good Friday!

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## Lenten Happenings

What a great day learning about Jesus, Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It was a day full of crafts, treats and a golden egg scavenger hunt.

What a great day with great children of God!



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## First Communion

Please pray for the 8 youth that will be receiving their First Communion at this year's Seder meal. This group spent two days learning and experiencing different parts of Holy Communion. They learned to make bread, how to take communion, learned about different *ways* to take communion, learned what communion means, and watched a movie entitled, Fed and Forgiven. The following young people will be receiving First Communion: Dakota Bellomy, Sienna Bellomy, Josie Dahlgren, Jayce Garrison, Joey Garrison, Ajay Lenberg, Finley Sullivan, and Nathan Swing



## College Scholarships

The Spirit Lutheran Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from students pursuing higher education. Anyone from Spirit Lutheran who is interested in higher education, either at a college or technical school, is invited to apply. High school seniors who will graduate this fall and students who are currently enrolled in higher education, or to be enrolled, are eligible. Awards are not based on financial need or grades. Applications are available at the Spirit Lutheran church office and are due by **Monday, April 3, 2017**. For further information please contact Marian Ennen at [ennen.4@juno.com](mailto:ennen.4@juno.com) or any Spirit Lutheran Foundation Board member.

## NEW Spirit Youth Nights

Spirit Youth Nights are scheduled once per month - a night of fun and fellowship for our middle-school and high-school youth. A typical evening will be:

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Middle school youth (grades 5-8)

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. High school youth (grades 9-12)

There will be a 30-minute overlap for pizza time and fellowship. Cost of the pizza will be \$2.00 per person per night.

Dates: April 29, May 20, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, December 2, and January 27, 2018.



## Sign Up for the Seder!

Don't forget to sign up for the Seder meal which will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 6 p.m. at Spirit. The signup sheet to participate can be found on a clip board at the entrance of church.

This is an interactive experience for all ages. This year's Seder meal will combine both the Jewish traditional Seder meal and the Christian tradition of Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper. Jesus and the 12 disciples will lead us in portions of the evening. Come and worship with Spirit Lutheran on Maundy Thursday.

There is no cost to this night but a free-will offering will be accepted along with your regular offering.

We are in need of one more disciple for the Seder meal. Disciples have non-speaking parts; you just have to follow Jesus' direction and you will be in costume. Please see Carole De Jardin if you are interested

## Seder Decorating

We are going all out this year for the Seder! We will be decorating on Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. and we will need help on ladders and on the floor. Please talk to Carole if you are able to come and help. We will start at 5:30 p.m. and go until we finish.

### Spirit Lutheran Children's Choir Spring 2017

#### Rehearsal Schedule:

\*Tuesday, April 11 – No rehearsal – Holy Week

Tuesday, April 18 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### Worship Schedule:

Please arrive at church by 9:00 a.m. to warm up. We sing at the end of the 8:30 a.m. worship service and the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

- Sunday, April 23

**Cookbooks for Sale** - on the counter in the back of the church. Make a free-will offering! These books make great gifts. Proceeds will help our youth get to Montana for their summer Mission Trip.

## Memorials

The congregation of Spirit Lutheran gives thanks for the following memorial gift received in March 2017:

A gift in memory of Arlene Bogstad

Want to support the mission & ministry of Spirit Lutheran? Scan this QR code with your smart phone for a quick and easy process!



## Eau Claire Marathon Cheering Section

Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m.

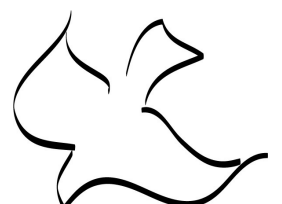
The congregation is invited to come and cheer on runners of the Eau Claire Marathon. We are lucky to have the race go right behind church that morning. Come and join in on singing outside to bring the Good News of Jesus to the runners. Bring a sign and bring your cowbells.

## Gas Cards from Kwik Trip and Holiday Offered for Sale on Sundays and Wednesdays

The church will receive a percentage of each purchase when these gas cards are used. Pre-orders for cards from both businesses are due by the 18th of each month. Cards will be available to pick up on the following Sunday. Thanks for supporting this year's summer Mission Trip to Montana.

## Spirit Life Transitions

Jorin Sandquist passed away on Monday, March 20. May God grant peace and hope to his parents, John and Kathryn Sandquist, and to all who mourn.





# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, April 2 - Noisy Offering

- 8:30 a.m. Organ-led worship
- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting and Vote on Pastoral Call
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Band-led worship

## Monday, April 3

- 3:00 p.m. Setup for Spring Election
- 5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Committee Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Spirit Lutheran Foundation meeting

## Tuesday, April 4 - Spring Election

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon meeting

## Wednesday, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten worship service
- 4:15 p.m. Spirit Ring handbell rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Dinner - Pasta bake
- 5:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation class
- 6:00 p.m. Education & Mission Projects
- 6:00 p.m. High Scholl Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship service w/Noisy Offering

## Thursday, April 6

- 6:00 p.m. Health and Healing Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon meeting

## Friday, April 7

- 8:00 a.m. LSS Special Needs Adoption Seminar

## Saturday, April 1

- 8:00 a.m. LSS Special Needs Adoption Seminar

## Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Team Youth arrive at Spirit kitchen to work Breakfast Fundraiser
- 8:30 a.m. Organ-led worship w/ Spirit Ring
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Fundraiser
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Band-led worship

# Sunday School, Confirmation, and Connections Updates

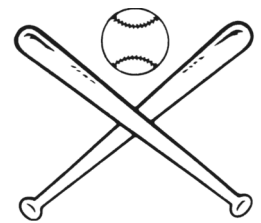
- April 12 - no Connections – Holy Week
- April 16 - no Sunday School – IT'S EASTER, Praise the Lord with your families.
- April 26 @ 6:30 p.m. Pictures for Confirmation Youth – meet in Sanctuary.
- May 3 - Last Connections night
- May 4 - Confirmation Banquet for family members, council members and friends and Spirit members. This will be dinner and program. The program will be our youth sharing their faith statements and faith projects. Dinner tickets can be purchased from Carole DeJardin.
- May 7 - Confirmation Sunday- Confirmands please be at church at 10:00 a.m. Meet in the Fireside Room
- May 7 - Last Sunday School day... The Sunday School kids and adults are invited to cheer on runners in the Eau Claire Marathon and join in on singing outside that morning. Bring a sign and bring your cowbells.
- May 21 - Graduation Sunday – Graduates will be recognized in worship, blessed, and given a special gift. Graduates, watch for your letter in the mail.

## Eau Claire Express Faith Night!

This year's Faith Night is on Sunday, June 4 at 5:05 p.m. at Carson Park.

The ticket special is \$12 for a seat at the baseball game, a hot dog, and small beverage.

Sign up on the board by the church office so we can order tickets and sit together as Spirit Lutheran! Please sign up by May 1.



### 8:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeter:** Dave and Mary Hoffe

**Ushers:** Ole Arden Olson, Chris Thalacker, Jim Severson, Ron Berkland

**Communion Assistants:**

Darrell and Mary Leitzke, Bonnie Sather, Sue Fleig

**Rover:** Gloria Seidel, Dorothy Thompson

**Reader:** Loreen Yager

**Children's Message:**

### 10:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeter:**

**Ushers:** Tyler Bauer

**Communion Assistants:** Cheryl Jothan

**Rover:** Jan Favret

**Reader:** Lynn Fering

**Children's Message:**

## SECRET EGG DROP

Grades 5-8

April 15 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meet at church. We will be spreading the message that Christ has risen!

Permission slips are available across from Carole's office and in 5th – 8th grade classrooms.