

Today, we will be celebrating the second series of God's work. Our hand's. with an all congregational prayer! We thank all who helped with the Adopt an Apartment mission of the month with Western Dairyland! Stay tuned for pictures from this event.

**Spirit's congregational budget meeting is on Sunday, August 20, 2017!** Join us for an informational session held in the sanctuary following worship. Budget sheets are available for pick up in the narthex.



VBS pictures inside!

## Spirit Lutheran's Ice Cream Socials

The start-up committee has planned four ice cream socials to allow the congregation to get to know Pastor Jim, Cyndee and Caryn a bit better. This also gives everyone the opportunity to meet members of Spirit that we may not know yet. Please make every effort to attend one of these (or all)! See you then!

There will be a sign-up sheet available during church. If you have RSVP'd [online](#), you do not have to sign up at church (and vice-versa). In case of bad weather, please call the host for the day you sign up.

- Aug. 20 at 3:00 p.m. (Dan & Debbie Market - 4655 N. Shore Dr. 715-577-3993)
- Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. (Jeff & Karlene Lorentz - 1721 Nicholas Dr. 715-835-4014)
- Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. (Craig & Sheryl Hughes - 326 Garfield Ave. 715-832-0586)
- Sept. 7, 2017 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced

# REACHING OUT IN LOVE



## Spirit Prayer List

**Prayer is powerful** and we need to pray for each other within our family of Spirit. This is the start of our prayer list, with people being prayed for by name in worship. Please take a moment each day to include these Spirit people in your prayers.

Phyllis N.  
Kristen T.  
Beth & Milo M.  
Dwight & Marilyn A.  
Sonja T.  
Ruth B.  
Paula S.  
Barbara K.  
Richard F.  
Curt M.  
Kristan M.  
Charles  
Family & friends of Judy Buchholz

If you, or someone you know would like to be on our list, please contact the church office at 715-832-2421. Permission is necessary.

**AND, if you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like to receive a visit, please contact the church office.**

## Spirit Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 6: 165

## Spirit's July Offerings

July Offerings: \$42,873.58  
Simply Giving: \$13,661.00  
Total Offerings: \$56,534.58

July Memorials: \$710.00  
July's Noisy Offering: \$189.20  
Malawi (Karonga) Bowl: \$168.23

## The congregation of Spirit Lutheran gives thanks for the following gifts received in July 2017:

Gifts in memory of James Benrud  
A gift in memory of Judy Evenson  
A gift in honor of Florence Gullickson  
A gift in memory of Sharon Heller  
A gift in memory of Barbara Lorentz  
Gifts in memory of Audrey Olson  
A gift in memory of LaMoine Robertson  
Gifts in memory of Erv Schmidt  
A gift in memory of Marge Schmidt

## Spirit's Life Transitions

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Judith "Judy" Buchholz of Mondovi, Wisconsin who passed away on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Care Partners in Eau Claire. Judy is the sister of Violet Roffler.

- A service was held for Judy at Spirit Lutheran on Friday, August 11, 2017.

May God grant peace and love to those who mourn.

## Relationships and Debt

If love is blind, money problems can be a real eye-opener.

For many couples when the issue of personal debt is revealed it can raise doubts. Few relationships are founded on the full financial disclosure that would help create a healthy money dynamic. Only when you are both committed to that openness can you make informed decisions about how it will impact your relationship.

Coming up with a plan to deal with debt can be challenging. So too is deciding if debt will be a deal breaker in a relationship.

Nathan Dungan,  
Follow Nathan on Facebook

## Photo Directories Now Available!

At long last, our new Spirit Lutheran photo directories have arrived!

You may pick up your directory copy during the week at the church office and on Sundays in the narthex, near the entrance to the hallway to the west wing of the building. For this initial print run, in order that everyone has a chance to get a copy, we ask for a limit of one copy per household. If you would like more than one copy, please enter your name and phone on the waiting list for a second printing.

If you would like your copy to be mailed to you, or if you have any other questions, please contact the church office.



*You!*

Children's Music Director



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Children's Music Director



**Karen Lionberger**

Coordinator of Spirit Ring  
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**Bev Smith**

Coordinator of Traditional  
Music & the Arts  
bsmith@spiritlutheran.org

**We're looking for two part-time children's music directors to join our music staff!**

**Do you enjoy working with children, music, and are you a team player? Apply now - stop in the office for an application or contact Bev Smith for more information (bsmith@spiritlutheran.org or 715-563-3804).**

## Are you interested in using your talents, skills, experience and spiritual gifts in ministry? Spirit Lutheran is interested in you.

We are a new congregation looking for part-time Ministry Architects to join our team. Help guide and support people beginning at birth throughout the seasons of their lives in their personal connection to God and one another. Help empower families to love and serve Jesus.

Join us in our mission: Knowing God, Loving Others, Sharing our Gifts.

If interested, or for more information, please contact Pastor Jim Ahlquist at (715) 210-2245, email him at [jahlquist@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:jahlquist@spiritlutheran.org) or send inquiries/resumes to Spirit Lutheran, 1310 Main St, Eau Claire, WI 54701.



VBS at Immanuel Lutheran Church

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Registration for SOS (“Spirit On Stage”) will be on Sunday, August 20,** following the worship service. Everyone interested in being in Spirit On Stage, not just the musical, will be asked to register so that we

have an up-to-date list of how to contact you. There will be a registration table in the narthex/entry alcove...look for the people in costume to locate the table...they will help you find the right place!

### Women of Spirit: Retreat at Luther Park

Sun! Fun! Friends! You are all invited to the 2017 ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference Retreat at Luther Park on August 16 and 17. Our theme this year is Exercising Grace with our presenter Laura Sandretti from Milwaukee. You can find a registration form on our women's board by the church offices. **Early bird registration by 08-01-17.** See you there!

### Men of Spirit

The Men of Spirit fellowship group will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 12 at Hardee's on Clairemont Avenue (near Sacred Heart Hospital). All men are invited! Come meet Pastor Jim!

### Spirit Ring Handbell Choir Welcomes New Members Wed. August 16 from 5-6 p.m.

“Learn to Ring” session for anyone high school age and up. If you can read music, we invite you to meet in the choir room at Spirit to try ringing our handbells!

If you would like more information or plan to attend, please contact director, Karen Lionberger, at [bellhog76@gmail.com](mailto:bellhog76@gmail.com) or leave your contact info at the church office.

Wednesday, August 23 from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.  
Spirit Ring rehearsals begin!

# Spirit Singers

On Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 in the Choir Room, we will begin a new choir here at Spirit. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcomed and we are not limiting it to adults or to only people who are "trained" .....you are ALL welcome!! We will not sing each week in the church services; instead, we will have a printed schedule (see below) to follow.

There will be NO rehearsals on week nights unless specifically called for. Our rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings when you are already here at the church for a worship service (you might even have time to snag a cup of coffee on the way to the Choir Room). We will plan to sing at least once a month at each of our worship services, both the 8:30 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m.

## Spirit Singers Rehearsal Schedule for Fall 2017

Sept 17 10:15 a.m. choir room  
 Sept 24 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Oct 15 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Oct 22 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Oct 29 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Nov 12 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Dec 3 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Dec 10 9:45 a.m. choir room  
 Dec 17 9:45 a.m. choir room

## Spirit Singers Singing Schedule for Worship Services for Fall 2017

Sept 24 10:30 service  
 Oct 15 8:30 service  
 Oct 22 10:30 service  
 Nov 12 8:30 service  
 Dec 3 10:30 service  
 Dec 17 8:30 service  
 Dec 24 Early worship TBA

Come on and join us...you have nothing to lose and we all have EVERYthing to gain!! If you have any questions, ask Bev Smith. She will be the director of this new group. [bsmith@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:bsmith@spiritlutheran.org) or 715-834-9602

## Spirit Golf Outing on Sunday, Aug. 27!

Join us at Mill Run Golf Course! Please arrive around 2:30 p.m. for team arrangements – will be a four person scramble. (A Scramble involves four golfers playing as a team. Each player tees off and the team selects the best shot)

- Cost for 9 holes with cart - \$20.00
- Burger/Brat Buffet – approx. \$12

Join in the camaraderie! (Signup sheet in the narthex!)



# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## School Kits

Spirit Lutheran's Mercy Circle and others are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We thank those of you who will be donating. Items needed for the LWR School Kits include:

- Blunt Scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Pencil Sharpeners (medium sized)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)

Please place donated items in School Kit container located in the narthex.

## August Free Clinic Meal Ministry

In August, lend a helping hand to our Free Clinic Meal Ministry as we prepare a meal for the volunteer Health Care Team at the Free Clinic on Tuesday, August 15. This ministry provides a nourishing meal for the volunteer Health Care Team which is made up of 20 professionals who come directly from their daytime work to care for clients at the Free Clinic. While doing your grocery shopping, pick up specific food items for the dinner that is being prepared for the Health Care Team. Volunteers are welcome to lend a hand in the kitchen as the meal is prepared on Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the kitchen at Spirit Lutheran.

To donate specific food items or help in meal preparation, a sign-up sheet is located on the clip board outside of our worship space (near stairwell to Fellowship Hall). Please bring food items to the Spirit Lutheran kitchen by noon Monday, August 14th (clearly mark the items "Free Clinic"). All are welcome to become involved in this ministry, many hands make light work!

Questions, contact the church office or Jeff Lorentz at [jdlorentz@hotmail.com](mailto:jdlorentz@hotmail.com)

## The Beacon House has changed their name!

Our organization has always been an affiliate of the national Interfaith Hospitality Network which changed its name to Family Promise in 2003. The name was changed to reflect the larger scope of what the organization had become; it was not limited to just one program.

With tremendous transition and program expansion over the past several years, the time was right for us to embrace the more recognizable Family Promise name. Family Promise evokes both the sense of a promise our congregations and communities make to families, but just as much the promise contained within those families themselves, their ability to regain the sustainable independence and realize their potential.

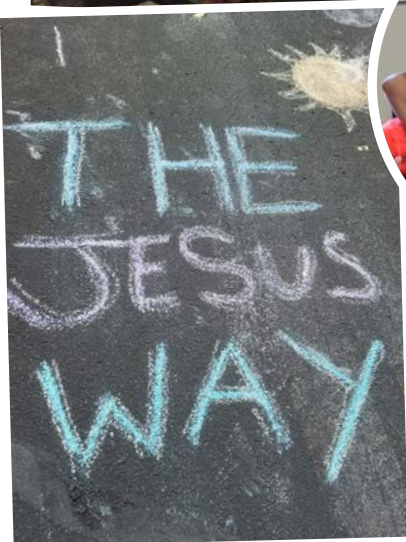
We remain committed to our interfaith alliances and practice of hospitality—the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), our original program uniting diverse faith organizations, volunteers and social services to provide shelter and food will remain Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley's core program.

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley's programs will not change. We will continue to provide help for homeless families to achieve their goal of sustainable independence. These programs include sheltering at the Beacon House, case management, rental, employment, budgeting assistance, and transitional housing.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

## Vacation Bible School – The Jesus Way!

We had a great week at Vacation Bible School with our friends from Luther Park and Immanuel Lutheran Church. There were 27 students from Spirit who enjoyed learning “The Jesus Way” through Bible studies, games, crafts, music, and skits. The themes each day included feeding, forgiving, loving your neighbor, serving and praying.



Many thanks to everyone from Spirit Lutheran who helped out, from providing housing and meals for counselors, providing snacks for the students and helping out at VBS during the week--we are thankful for all of you! Thank you--Pastor Jim & Cyndee Ahlquist, Dwight & Marilyn Ahnemann, Lynn Fering, Audra & Doug Forrest, Esther Hager, Dale & Delores Harrison, Cheryl Jothen, Barb Keith, Dan & Debbie Market, Kristan Motszko, Kayla Peak, and Marvin & Lorrie Franson!

# EVENTS

**Monday, August 14**  
Fall Primary Election

**Tuesday, August 15**  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
4:00 PM Free Clinic Meal Ministry  
5:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, August 16**  
ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference  
Retreat at Luther Park  
8:30 AM Wednesday Quilters  
4:15 PM "LearnToRing" Event w/Spirit Ring

**Thursday, August 17**  
ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference  
Retreat at Luther Park  
10:30 AM "Conversations with God" at The  
Meadows  
6:00 PM Spirit Lutheran Council  
6:30 PM Eastside Hill Neighborhood Association  
Meeting  
6:30 PM Water - Splash of Life - Bible Study  
7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting

**Friday, August 18**  
8:00 AM LSS Special Needs Adoption Seminar

**Saturday, August 19**  
8:00 AM LSS Special Needs Adoption Seminar

**Sunday, August 20**  
S.O.S. Registration Day  
9:00 AM Worship - All Congregational Budget  
Meeting after worship

**9:00 a.m. Helpers**  
**August 13, 2017**

**Greeters:**  
Pete Sather  
Bonnie Sather

**Ushers:**  
Dorothy Thompson  
Carole Everson  
Jerry Johnson  
Linda Knott

**Communion Assistants:**  
Kathy Robertson  
Barb LeCleur  
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Debbie Market

**Rover:**  
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