



**SPIRIT  
LUTHERAN  
Newsletter**

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**  
Summer Worship 9:00 a.m.

## **Important Dates for 2016**

**August 31** – Parent meeting and registration for next year’s Sunday School and Wednesday education program. Come hear what’s new!

**September 7** – Wednesday evening education resumes

**September 11** – Sunday School resumes and our \*Fall worship schedule begins

**October 14-15** – “Recharge” at Luther Park for Grades 4-8.

**\*Fall Worship Schedule – Please note upcoming Sunday worship and Faith Formation times beginning September 11, 2016:**

**8:30 a.m.** Organ–led worship

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School & fellowship

**10:30 a.m.** Band–Led worship

**Today, we Celebrate the Living Saints!**  
**Join us for an all-congregational brunch today!**



## **It is Twice Blessed**

*“The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as a gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: It blesses him that gives and him that takes...And earthly power doth then show likest God’s when mercy seasons justice.”* from William Shakespeare’s famous soliloquy in ‘The Merchant of Venice’.

We are twice blessed this summer with an invitation to join St. John’s and Grace Lutheran congregations on Sunday, September 11 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in a variety of work sites with activities that will suit all ages and interests in their ‘God’s Work. Our Hands’.

Today and next Sunday will be your chance to sign up for your favorite way to be twice blessed and a blessing to others! Look for signup sheets on the corner table out by the coat racks.

**Did you know** the cost to provide Weekend Kid’s Meals is \$75.00 per child? How can we help as a congregation? Through Noisy Offerings! Last month we collected \$235.65! Every first Sunday of the month, bring some spare coins to service. When you see the children bring the buckets around, fill them on up! For info on Weekend Kid’s Meals please visit: [www.fmpfoodbank.org](http://www.fmpfoodbank.org). **Our next Noisy Offering is Sunday, September 4!**

Office hours:  
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
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## **Altar Flowers provided by**

Lena Wright in honor of her father, Lincoln Winger

## COMMUNITY

### *At Home on Earth Spirituality and the Climate Crisis: Honesty, Hope, Resistance*

A free, three-part presentation by public theologian David Weiss of St. Paul

**HONESTY** -- Sunday, September 11, 2016 -- 10:00 AM  
Owen Park Bandshell, with Grace and St. John's "Owning the Devastation"

**HOPE** -- Sunday, October 9, 2016 -- 7:30 PM  
Ecumenical Religious Center UWEC Lower Campus  
Building Something Better

**RESISTANCE** -- Sunday, October 30, 2016 -- 7:00 PM  
Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Ave  
"Devoted to the Change"



## SMALL GROUPS

### *Spirit Ring Invites New Ringers*

Rehearsals begin Wed., Aug 31 at 4:15 p.m. for our handbell choir, Spirit Ring. Women AND men are welcome! All you need is enthusiasm and music-reading experience, we will provide ringing instruction and gloves. For more info, or advance tutoring, please contact Karen Lionberger at bellhog76@gmail.com

### *School Kits*

Spirit Lutheran's Mercy Circle is continuing to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We thank those of you who have already donated and those of you who will be donating. We also appreciate

- Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)
- Notebooks (wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper)
- Blunt Scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Pencil Sharpeners (medium sized)
- Erasers (2 1/2 inches pink erasers)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)

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

## *Enjoy recreational activities?*

If you enjoy recreational activities and would like to be on a group recreational email list for upcoming activities such as walks around town, bike rides, trail hiking, or other fun activities, please email or talk to Sue Bauer: [skbauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skbauer@sbcglobal.net) or Julie Carr: [carrjk@uwec.edu](mailto:carrjk@uwec.edu).

### *Spirit Lutheran Bike Ride*

Wear your Spirit t-shirt if you have one! Let's join the Chippewa



Valley Transit Alliance on a bicycle tour of the Chippewa River coming up on Saturday, September 10 as part of "Celebrate the Chippewa River!" Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Phoenix Park near the trailhead building for a low-key two-hour tour mostly on trails! This will have frequent stops, probably totaling 12 miles in 2 hours. Would be best if children under 16 have adults with them. The focus on the ride will be the history and geography of the river.

If you have questions or if you plan to attend, contact Sue Bauer 715-529-1853 or [skbauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skbauer@sbcglobal.net) or for more information on the ride you can also contact Jeremy, one of the tour leaders at [jragert@gmail.com](mailto:jragert@gmail.com)

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### ***Family Night Opportunity – Join us for DISNEY ON ICE on December 4, 2016 at the Xcel Energy Center!***

We depart from church at 1:00 p.m. (hop on the church bus or drive your own vehicle). We'll stop for an early dinner and arrive at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. The performance will be at 5 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00 per ticket (group price).

We must have a minimum of 25 people for group price. **Sign up today! The deadline to sign up is September 15, 2016.**

We will secure tickets when we get a minimum of 25 people.

### ***Spirit Lutheran's Christmas Parade of Homes***

We invite you and your friends to be part of the first Spirit Lutheran Christmas Parade of Homes on December 18, 2016!

Houses of all sizes, condos and apartments are welcome to host! We are looking for 5 homes to be showcased. **What does this entail?** We ask that you have your Christmas tree up and decorated. That's all it takes!

This will be a fundraiser for the 2017 young adults Mission Trips. The church bus will be available for the parade of homes and will stop at each home that day. You are invited to hop on the bus or drive on your own to the houses. This is a great event to have fellowship with our Spirit Lutheran members at Christmas time.

If you would like to offer your home as one of the 5 homes to be showcased that day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or have more questions about this please call Carole DeJardin @ 715-641-0592 by November 15, 2016.

Tickets will go on sale in November. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

### ***Christmas With Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant Featuring Jordan Smith – Minneapolis, MN, December 10, 2016 7 p.m.***

We'll need 10 people to receive a group price. We will choose prices according to the majority who want to go. Tickets are either \$27 or \$37. Our deadline is September 20 to sign up. You can ride the bus or drive yourself. Sign up on the activity board in the narthex!

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### ***Boys & Girls Clubs 10th Annual Steak & Burger Dinner!***

#### **Rise to Greatness - Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders**

**When:** Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at the Florian Gardens

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$600 Table Sponsor, \$85 Individual Ticket

For tickets or more information, call the Boys & Girls Clubs at 715-855-0081 or register online at [www.cvglubs.org](http://www.cvglubs.org).

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(555) 555-5555 [daveramsey.com/findaclass](http://daveramsey.com/findaclass)

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

### **Sunday, August 28**

Celebrating Our Living Saints  
9:00 AM Spirit-filled Worship  
10:00 AM Congregational Brunch  
10:00 AM Young Adults Group Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 30**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 31**

8:30 AM Wednesday Quilters  
4:15 PM Spirit Ring handbell rehearsal  
6:00 PM Parent Meeting & Education  
Registration - Grades 3 y.o. - Grade 6  
6:30 PM Health & Spirit activity  
7:15 PM Parent Meeting & Education  
Registration - Grades 7-9

### **Thursday, September 1**

7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting

### **Sunday, September 4**

Noisy Offering  
9:00 AM Spirit-filled Worship  
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship

## **Today's helpers at service are:**

### **Ushers:**

Jan & Mariam Hansen  
Lois Thalacker  
Carole Everson

### **Communion Assistants:**

Loreen Yager  
Leone Helstrom  
Vera Merrick  
Elaine Johnson

### **Rover:**

### **Reader:**

Ellie McMahon

## **Spirit Lutheran Urgent Contacts**

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Geri Long  
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The newsletter for September 4 will be a two-week edition (September 4 – September 17). If you wish to submit content please do so by noon, Wednesday, August 31, 2016.



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