



NEWS

September 17, 2017 9:00 A.M. Worship

From Cash to Plastic to Cell - R U Ready?

The shift to electronic payments via smartphone is here-and with it comes huge implications for consumers. Well, that world is officially here. In a cell dominant society, consumers will need to be cautious about security, privacy, and spending. It's so fast and easy that it doesn't even feel like real money. There's no doubt about it-mobile marketing will transform what you buy and how you pay for it. The key to avoiding the trap of overspending or impulse buying is to take stock of your (and your kids) current money habits and ensure there is a healthy balance of share, save and spend.

Nathan Dungan, Money Sanity U

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It has been shown that when using a cell phone, spending increased by 10-20% over using plastic.

SPIRIT LUTHERAN COUNCIL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE NEW STAFF!

- Kristina (Kristi) Johnson has been hired as **Children's Music Coordinator** for both Wednesday and Sunday Shine Ministry.
- Jim Seipel has been hired as **Modern Music Coordinator for our contemporary services** leading the contemporary band.
- Kristan Motszko has been hired as a **Family Ministry Coordinator** leading our Shine program.

Please WELCOME these new members to the staff at Spirit Lutheran.

See next week's newsletter for a short bio on these individuals!

Ann Wathke, Council President

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is today in the Sanctuary after worship.

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.
Beth & Milo M.
Dwight & Marilyn A.
Sonja T.
Ruth B.
Paula S.
Barbara K.
Richard F.
Kristan M.
Charles
Harold L.
Daryl B.
Traci A.

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

Spirit Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 10: 188

Spirit's August Offerings

August Offerings: \$23,412.08
Automatic Giving: \$13,346.00
Total Offerings: \$36,758.08

August Memorials: \$500.00
August Noisy Offering: \$247.89
Malawi (Karonga) Bowl: \$490.00

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

A gift in memory of Robert Bauer
Gifts in memory of James Benrud
Gifts in memory of Sharon Heller
A gift in memory of Pastor Sherman Iverson
Gifts in memory of David Nanstad



**Lutheran
Disaster
Response**

Your gifts are needed now to help those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma!

See insert for details!

Fall worship begins September 24, 2017:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Shine (education ministry)

9:30 a.m.

Have you picked up your copy of the directory yet?

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

A taskforce is needed!

Can you believe Spirit is almost two years old? And our website has been live for only a year? Already, SO many things have changed. I'm looking for a team to work alongside me to 1) review the website to identify key areas that need updated information and 2) connect with the ministries that can provide that information.

If you're interested in helping improve the identity of Spirit Lutheran via our web presence, please email me at pkhang@spiritlutheran.org and/or Ann Wathke at awathke@spiritlutheran.org.

–Padee Khang, Communications Manager

FAMILY MINISTRY

It's time to SHINE!

Spirit's education program has a new name--SHINE! The name is based on Matthew 5:16 -- "Let your light SHINE before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (NRSV)

Spirit Shine will be offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Wednesday Shine will include dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m., worship at 5:50 p.m., and Shine time from 6:30-7:15 p.m.. Sunday Shine will be held between worship services from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shine will be held in the lower-level education area for all children 3 years old through 6th grade. A typical Shine time will include music and large group gathering, a Bible lesson and hands-on activities. We also have a few surprises planned that you will not want to miss!

Shine begins Wednesday, September 20 and Sunday, September 24. Registration forms for Shine are located in the narthex (look for the yellow balloons) and are available in the church office.

Wednesday and Sunday Shine time will offer the same activities, so during any given week you can feel free to attend at either time--or maybe you'll have so much fun you'll want to attend both!! The theme each week will follow the lectionary calendar and will match the lessons we hear during worship.

We're seeking leaders and helpers for Shine. The Bible lesson and activities will be planned and prepared for each time, all you need to do is show up and guide the children. If you're willing to "shine" and share your time and your faith, we need you! Please contact Kristan Motszko or the church office if you're interested or need more information. It's going to be a great year at Spirit Shine!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Health & Healing

In September, 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, September 19. 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, September 19 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, September 18 (clearly mark the items "Free Clinic"). Many hands make light work!

If you have any, questions, contact the church office or Jeff Lorentz at jdlorentz@hotmail.com

We invite all to help us!

We'll assemble all the school supplies into backpacks Wednesday, September 20 (Shine education night). We're looking forward to this; it should be fun!

–Mercy Circle

Do you have a musical instrument moldering in the back of a closet at your house? Are you one of us who fondly recalls band in middle or high school and you “sort of” miss it?? Come on...admit it...aren't you sometimes tempted to unlock the case and blow a note or two or pluck a string just to see if it still sounds the same as it used to? Maybe try a riff just to test it out?! Well, do WE have a DEAL for YOU and that moldering instrument there in the closet!! SPIRIT SOUNDS is our new instrumental choir and we are really excited about it! Our rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings twice a month at 9:00 a.m. in the Music Room downstairs. Just bring your instrument of choice and an adventurous spirit and the willingness to laugh and “fall down”, get up and keep trying until we get the music the way it SHOULD sound! Here below is the schedule of rehearsals as well as worship performances. Come on....don't be shy...other folks haven't played in years either and besides, you still have a few weeks to get your wind back and/or recall the fingering! Really...you'll have a blast!!

Worship Services we'll play for in fall 2017

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| Oct 22 | at | 10:30 service | |
| Oct 29 | at | 8:30 service | |
| Dec 10 | at | 8:30 service | |
| Dec 24 | at | Early Service | TBA |

Rehearsals for Spirit Sounds

all rehearsal are at 9:00 a.m in the music room in the lower-level.

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| September 23 | September 30 |
| October 21 | October 28 |
| November 4 | November 11 |
| December 2 | December 9 |

Any questions, please contact Bev Smith at bsmith@spiritlutheran.org or at 715-834-9602.

FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

At the Table Together September 2017

Old recipes are precious things. They give instructions about how to prepare a dish, but they are so much more. They are filled with memories. They connect families as they are passed from one generation to the next. They bring events and people from long ago right into the present.

I am looking at a recipe card that has that effect on me. It's my mother's recipe for stuffing for turkey. It's written in her neat hand—a skill I never mastered. It's a basic recipe, just bread and butter and onions and celery and poultry seasoning. I don't even have to read it now when I make stuffing, but I like to look at it because it puts me right back into Thanksgivings past.

Thanksgiving in our family was an event. The Eatons have been gathering for Thanksgiving dinner for nearly 70 years. We traded off between our house and my aunt and uncle's home. When it was our turn we got up early and started cooking.

Out came the recipes and equipment. There were no food processors in those days. We had a cast iron food grinder that clamped on to the edge of the kitchen table. It was kept in its own special box. It only made an appearance once a year and its emergence signaled that Thanksgiving had arrived. Grinding the celery was no problem. Onions were another story. My brothers and I spelled each other at turning the crank until we were overcome by the fumes.

My parents and my aunt and uncle established this tradition shortly after World War II. We have always had three and sometimes four generations

present. A lot has gone on in our family and in the world these past decades. Marriages, children, moves, deaths, war, recession, elections, the '60s. We are a lively bunch and none of us lacks an opinion or the ability to express it. Conversations were spirited and sometimes heated. My father and my uncle served in the army during World War II. My older brother and older male cousins didn't support the Vietnam War. We belong to different political parties. We are Lutheran and Catholic and members of the Unification Church and unchurched. We are liberal and conservative.

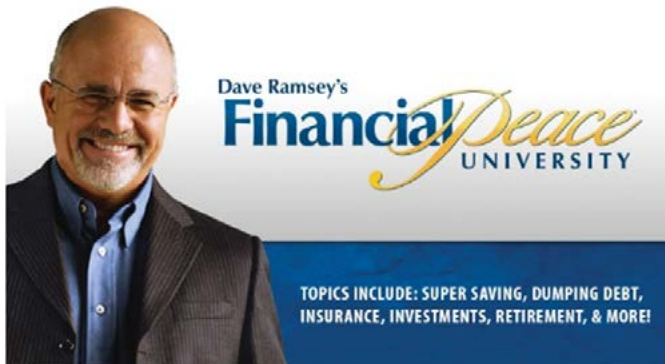
But no matter what, when my mother or my aunt announced, "Supper's ready," we all came to the table together. We were family, we shared our lives, we loved each other.

A lot is going on in our church and in the world right now. We are a changing church, which brings its own tension. We live in a wired world where news is instantaneous and continuous. We don't agree on everything. We belong to different political parties. We have varied ethnicities. We're liberal and conservative and everything in between. We're in an "either/or" world. And we are contending with cultural forces that exacerbate division. But by the tender love of God, by this ceaseless pursuit of the Spirit, we are members of the body of Christ. We are family. We share our lives. We love each other.

Here is another simple recipe: flour, water, wine, the body and blood of Jesus. A meal of healing, forgiveness and thanksgiving. No matter what, when our Lord tenderly and urgently invites, "Supper's ready," we all come to the table. There in our common brokenness we meet each other in Christ.

– Bishop Eaton

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address: bishop@elca.org.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

- Approximately 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. This means that “broke” has become the new normal in our nation.
- At the end of the month, many individuals simply have nothing left because of debt and expenses. If this is you, I've got good news. You are not alone.
- You may be sitting there wishing you could get more financial margin in your life. If you'd like to take control of your money, then listen carefully.
- As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money.
- Financial Peace University is that plan. This 9-week class taught by money expert Dave Ramsey can change your financial story in a matter of weeks—and your family tree for generations to come.

BONUS: Spirit members, attend all 9 lessons and your cost of materials will be reimbursed by the Spirit Foundation. The costs of materials is \$102.30.

To sign up, go to

www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1043274

Class Start Date: Sept. 18 at 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Location of Class: Spirit Lutheran – Fellowship Hall

Calling Those with a “Spirit” of Adventure!

Have you heard of Holden Village, the remote Lutheran retreat center in the Northern Cascade Mountains of Washington state? Have you ever wanted to visit Holden Village? Here is your chance!

In September of 2018, a group from Spirit Lutheran and their friends will travel to Holden for a week of adventure. We will worship, learn, hike, eat, sing, listen to Railroad Creek tumble over the rocks, and feel the peace of the mountains.



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If interested in this adventure, please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Table on Sunday, September 10 or 17 and plan to attend an information gathering at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 1. This opportunity for a Holden Village Adventure will be opened to other congregations after September 17.

Questions? Talk to Cheryl Jothen, Esther Hager, Linda Knott or Lorrie Franson.



On Sunday, **September 24**, at 10:15 a.m. 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. 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 a.m. service
Oct. 15 8:30 a.m. service
Oct. 22 10:30 a.m. service
Nov. 12 8:30 a.m. service
Dec. 3 10:30 a.m. service
Dec. 17 8:30 a.m. 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 is the director of this new group.
bsmith@spiritlutheran.org or 715-834-9602

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Campus Harvest Food Pantry

The Food For More Challenge is here and we need your help! Financial donations received between September 17 and October 28 will be matched dollar for pound by Feed My People Food Bank (up to a total of \$5,000).

Your gift, large or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of our students facing food insecurity.

For donation information go to the Campus Harvest donation web page: <http://www.uwec.edu/Studentaffairs/initiatives/campus-harvest-donations.htm> Thank you!

CLOVERTON
BLOOM TOUR

THE HEYDE CENTER
3 SOUTH HIGH STREET CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI
MONDAY, SEPT 18
7PM \$10 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$15 RESERVED SEATING
HEYDE DOORS AT 5:30 CONCERT DOORS AT 6:30
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EVENTS

Monday, September 18

9:00 AM Spirit Lutheran Serves @ Community Table
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Book Club Meeting
6:00 PM Financial Peace University
6:00 PM Mission & Outreach Committee
7:00 PM Hope Circle Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 AM Love Circle Meeting
1:30 PM Mercy Circle
5:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 AM Wednesday Quilters
4:15 PM Spirit Ring Rehearsal
5:00 PM Supper - Taco Bar
5:50 PM Worship
6:30 PM Christian education for all ages

Thursday, September 21

9:30 AM Joy Gathering
10:30 AM "Conversations with God" at The Meadows
6:30 PM Eastside Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting
7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Foundation Update
9:30 AM Sunday Education classes begin
9:45 AM Spirit Singers Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship (w/Spirit Singers)

Spirit Lutheran Urgent Contacts

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9:00 a.m. Helpers September 17, 2017

Greeters:

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Communion Assistants:

Rover:

Reader:

Kid Talk:

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