



# NEWS

October 1, 2017 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Worship

## New Council Officers

Spirit Lutheran welcomed new officers to our Council on September 17. The new officers are:

Jeff Lorentz, President  
Eric Prunty, Vice President  
Craig Hughes, Treasurer  
Julie Carr, Secretary

## New Members Gathering

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a member of Spirit, we will be meeting on Sundays, October 8, 15, and 22 between services from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. You are invited to our Foundation update on October 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

New Member Sunday will be November 5, as we celebrate All Saints – past, present, and future. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jim.

## LUTHERAN-CATHOLIC PRAYER SERVICE

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther proposed his 95 Theses in a desire to reform the Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of that historic event. The last 500 years have seen both helpful reforms and sad divisions. We pray for unity while staying committed to the truth. Throughout the world, Lutherans and Catholics will be gathering to pray together and commit together to the things we share in common.

Locally, a Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1712 Highland Ave., Eau Claire, on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St John Lutheran Church, right across the street. **All Lutherans, Catholics and others are welcome.** Spirit Lutheran Foundation is supporting this event with \$500. Thank you Spirit Lutheran Foundation!

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**Join us at our second service as we  
celebrate the baptism of:**

Stephanie T., Lashon J., Dwyane J., & Aaliyah T.

Office hours: M-R, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
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*A Noisy offering is today! When you see the children  
bring buckets around, fill them on up with some change!  
Proceeds go to Weekend Kid's Meals.*

# 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.  
Barbara K.  
Richard F.  
Charles  
Harold L.  
Barbara E.  
Jan Andresen & family  
Mackensi P.  
Joyce B.  
Tonya S.

**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

**Wednesday, September 20**  
5:50 pm: 76

**Sunday, September 24**  
8:30 am: 130  
10:30 am: 101

## Spirit's September Offerings

September Offerings: TBA  
Automatic Giving: TBA  
Total Offerings: TBA

September Memorials: TBA  
September Noisy Offering: TBA  
Malawi (Karonga) Bowl: TBA

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

TBA

## Spirit's Life Transitions

Thoughts and prayers to Jan Andresen and her family. Her mother, Gloria Donaldson, passed away on September 24. A service was held for Gloria on Friday, September 29.

May God grant peace and love to those who mourn.

# KETCHUP!

Well, here we are – at the first services of our Fall schedule. For many of us, summer represents opportunities for fun and travel and time away from our normal routines. I don't know about you all, but we did not make it to every service this summer. A few of those beautiful summer mornings, when the lake is super calm, it was hard to leave.

But here we are – back at it. Time to “ketchup” on a few things – this is where the ketchup packets come in – a not-so-subtle reminder to:

- Ketchup on some sleep
- Ketchup on some new TV programs with the new season coming
- Our kids are ketching up with old friends back at school
- And now is the time to ketchup on our giving

A great way to stay current with giving (even if you can't be here every Sunday) is to participate in Automatic Giving. We love this program. It allows us to give to church first – before anything else - we, like a lot of people I think, used to see what was left over and give that. It feels so good now, knowing that we are prioritizing as God would have us do. I want to take this time to

thank those currently using Automatic Giving – over 1/3 of our total contributions are received this way – it sure makes budgeting easier with an even, consistent cash flow.

The third quarter giving statements will be sent out in early October. If you find that in the midst of enjoying your summer fun, you have fallen behind on your giving, please ketchup as you can. For your convenience, a Ketchup envelope and Automated Giving form will be included with the quarterly statements. In addition, Automated Giving forms are included as a bulletin insert and available all year outside the office. Accountant Brenda Thalacker is available to assist you in completing the form if needed.

Thank you for your continued financial support of your church. If you are able, please consider generously giving a little more than you had planned to support the work of God here at Spirit.

Denise Freid-Schepke  
Generosity & Resources Committee



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## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Mark **Sunday, October 8**, on your calendar so you can be sure to see SPIRIT ON STAGE in action. At both of the worship services that day, SOS will be performing “Life of the Party”, a Christian musical based on the story of Mary and Martha and written by Tom Long and Allen Pote.

Our cast is doing such a fine job of acting as well as singing that you really need to be a part of the congregation that day! The musical will be fit into the usual sermon location and the worship service will still include other elements of the usual worship format, i.e. songs, prayers and communion. Please join us.





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 **tentative** schedule (see below) to follow.

**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**

- Oct. 15 8:30 a.m. service
- Oct. 22 8:30 a.m. service
- Nov. 12 8:30 a.m. service
- Dec. 3 8:30 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](mailto:bsmith@spiritlutheran.org) or 715-834-9602

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!

**Worship Services we'll play for in fall 2017**

- 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 rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m in the music room in the lower-level).

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

Please contact Bev Smith for more information. [bsmith@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:bsmith@spiritlutheran.org) or 715-834-9602

**Here's your chance to visit a handbell rehearsal!**

Spirit Ring handbell choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you've ever wondered if you could ring handbells, you're invited to visit a rehearsal - we are always looking for new ringers! Contact director Karen Lionberger at [bellhog76@gmail.com](mailto:bellhog76@gmail.com) for more info.

## 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! An informational gathering is today, Sunday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m. If you have questions, talk to Cheryl Jothan, Esther Hager, Linda Knott or Lorrie Franson.

## What About Wine?

Join us for a faith & fellowship bible study event on Thursday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. We'll be meeting at Houligans (backroom). A signup sheet is in the narthex!

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### Trinity Lutheran Church has invited Spirit to join them for God's work. Our hands! Sunday, October 21-22

We will engage 150-200 Trinity & Spirit members on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. On Sunday, lunch will be offered immediately following the 9:45 a.m. service with a free-will donation for the LSS Transitions House. The cost to participate is \$10/person to cover the t-shirt. Sign-up will be available both online and in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 24. See Trinity's website for ways to serve on these days! <http://www.trinity-ec.org/>

## Tuesday & Wednesday Quilters

The Tuesday and Wednesday Mission Quilters and the Mercy Circle offer a huge thank you to all that contributed this year to our quilt and kit mission work for Lutheran World Relief. We received many generous donations of material, sheets, blankets, school supplies, and other kit supplies.

On October 14, 2017, we will deliver to the annual Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering site here in Eau Claire at Trinity Lutheran the following items:

- 300+ quilts
- 160 school kits (in shared ministry with Mercy Circle)
- 5 sewing kits
- 40 baby care kits, and
- 16 personal care kits

These items will be transported to the warehouse in St. Paul and distributed worldwide where Lutheran World Relief notes the need.

In addition, 14 quilts were given locally as gifts to our graduates, for a family benefit, and to mission trip families.

### A HUGE thank you to the women that made this happen!

Marilyn Ahnemann, Helene Anderson, Bette Becker, Gloria Bryhn, Vangie Fox, Josie Hanson, Leone Helstrom, Karin Hill, Esther Hjembøe, Ruth Larson, Joyce Linderholm, Eleanor McMahon, Mercy Circle, Sharyl Miller, Phyllis Nanstad-Prince, Audrey Parrett, JoAnn Perry, Phoebe Peterson, Becky Riewestahl, Marge Rindal, Lynn Shields, Sue Wepler, Naomi Woods, and Loreen Yager.

Presently we are working on the final items for this year's Ingathering, scheduled for October 14, 2017.

**Please join us at worship on Wednesday, October 4, and Sunday, October 8, for our quilt/kit blessing service.**



# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## SHINE (Education)

Spirit's Shine program is up and running! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped make a great first week! About 50 children attended and enjoyed Bible lessons, music, games and art. We introduced our Shine Bible verse: Let your light SHINE before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NRSV) and the kids got to work designing a logo for our program.

**We are still in need of a couple of volunteers for Shine.** Please let Kristan Motszko know if you might be able to help out, even if you can only be here on an occasional basis, we have a spot for you!

Children can register for Shine any time throughout the year, just meet us at 6:30 on Wednesdays or at 9:30 on Sundays in the big music/gathering area and someone will help you register. Forms are also available online or in the church office.

Congregation members are always invited to visit. Take a stroll through the lower level to see first hand what's happening at Shine! It's going to be a great year!



## Youth Nights are back! Starting October 7, 2017

Youth in grades 6-8, come join in on some fun from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Highschool youth, grades 9-12, come from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \*There will be a 30 minute overlap for pizza time and fellowship!

## Kid Talk

Congregation members are invited and encouraged to share their faith with our youngest worshippers each Sunday during Kid's Talk. Please let Pastor Jim or Kristan know if you'd be willing to present a Kid Talk!

## NEW STAFF BIO



### Kristina Johnson Children's Music Coordinator

As a lifelong member of Our Savior's, I have been thrilled to watch our congregation evolve and become Spirit Lutheran. I have been singing, dancing and playing various instruments since I was 5 years old, and look forward to teaching our children here at Spirit what I've learned. When I'm not running after my husband and kids, I enjoy reading, movies, yoga and all things Star Wars. I am so very excited to join the Spirit Lutheran team and welcome any and all thoughts, questions, and ideas to make our kids music program a truly enjoyable experience for everyone!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FREE Foot & Nail Care Clinic

UW-Eau Claire, Continuing Education will offer a free foot & nail care clinic for community members. During the clinic nurses will assess your foot and nail health and determine areas that need attention.

Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care.

**Next sessions:** October 18, 19, & 20, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church 202 West Grand Avenue



## A LIVING LUTHERAN ARTICLE

### Three Signs of What It Means To Be Church

By Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Ask someone what they think church means or what you do at church, you'll get a variety of answers.

My daughter uses sign language to communicate. We've taught her certain words to sign. My husband and I are both pastors. We live across the street from the church. Church comes up a lot in conversation and is a primary place we spend our time.

Somehow, at 2½, my daughter uses her own signs for what church means and what we do when we go to church. As a pastor and a mom, I'm quite proud to see what church means to her already. I think her understanding provides a good lesson for all of us about what it means to be the church.

If you would ask my daughter, "What is the church?" you would see her sign three things:

### Hands folded together in prayer

Yes, we go to church to pray. We put our hands together to offer our thanks, our fears, our hopes, our doubts, our joys and our lives to God. We pray for one another. We pray for ourselves. We pray for the world. My daughter knows that the people who go to church are people who pray. My daughter is learning that it's our job to pray without ceasing.

### Sign of the cross on the forehead

As she's only 2½, it's more like a quick swipe of her finger on her forehead, but the meaning is there. We go to church to bless one another and to be blessed. Each night either my husband or I will mark the sign of the cross on our daughter to remind her that she is a beloved child of God. Each night we ask her to mark that same cross on us. She knows that to bless is to be a force of goodness and healing and hope in the world. She knows that blessing is the work of God's people.

### Shaking hands

We go to church to share the peace. No matter when our daughter hears the word, "Peace," she'll grab your hand to shake and share a sign of peace. We do it week after week at church, offering our hands in peace. Offering our hearts in peace. Offering our forgiveness. Offering our love. And sometimes my daughter will be shy or fussy or stubborn and she'll hide her head during the sharing of the peace. But others are there to offer that peace to her. The church is a place where peace is freely given.

This is church. This is what it means to be a people of God. This is what it means to follow Jesus. As followers of Jesus, we are called to pray for one another, to bless one another and to share peace with others. It's not easy work, but it's work that begins with each of us and can begin with the youngest among us.

# EVENTS

## Monday, October 2

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Financial Peace University  
6:00 PM Hospitality Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, October 3

5:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting  
6:00 PM S.O.S. Rehearsals

## Wednesday, October 4

8:30 AM Wednesday Quilters  
4:15 PM Spirit Ring Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Supper - Pizza  
5:50 PM Worship  
6:30 PM SHINE, Youth & Adult Education

## Thursday, October 5

6:00 PM Health & Healing Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting

## Sunday, October 8

S.O.S. Fall Performances  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:30 AM New Member Gathering  
9:30 AM SHINE Education  
10:30 AM Worship

## 8:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeters:**  
Leone Helstrom  
Lucy Erickson

**Ushers:**  
Ole Olson  
Dave Hanson

**Communion Assistants:**  
Jennifer Krueger  
Logan Prunty  
Betty Qualheim

**Rover:**  
Loreen Yager

**Reader:**  
Jim Solfest

**Kid Talk:**

## 10:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeters:**  
Linda Knott

**Ushers:**  
Sue Bauer  
Tyler Bauer

**Communion Assistants:**  
Jane Voll  
Tom Tompkins

**Rover:**

**Reader:**

**Kid Talk:**

## Spirit Lutheran Urgent Contacts

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