



# NEWS

**October 15, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**10:30 a.m. Modern Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Shine (Education)**



We worship with Spirit Singers today at our 8:30 a.m. service!

**New Member Gathering today between services in the Fireside area.**

## IT'S A NEW DAY!

I hope that you have felt it. It's a NEW DAY for church congregations in our communities. No longer is there the competitive edge of having to outdo the neighboring parish, or the "stealing of sheep" as people move from one congregation to another because they are upset with a pastor or a decision that has been made. Finally, as numbers decline in a good share of our churches, we are realizing that we are in this together and we have to work as a team and help each other change hearts and lives, building up the Kingdom. We had better become a "church for the unchurched" and, as the title of the conference I'm attending indicates, "Change or Die."

Last week, 7 of the 8 Eau Claire ELCA Congregations were represented at coffee (and the 8th forgot about it). A good number met up at the "Orange Tour" in Minneapolis, and many are riding on a bus together to Milwaukee for "Change or Die" (which includes LCMS and WI Synod). Over 2 years ago, Carmen and I were privileged to join Peace on a mission trip building homes in

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*Altar flowers on Sunday, October 15 are sponsored by Glenn & Lynn Shields in honor of Beth Moe's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and God bless!*

# REACHING OUT IN LOVE



## Spirit Worship Attendance

**Wednesday, October 4**

**5:50 pm:** 80

**Sunday, October 8**

**8:30 am:** 141

**10:30 am:** 139

## Spirit's September Offerings

September Offerings: \$19,501.95

Automatic Giviing: \$13,491

Total Offerings: \$32,992.95

September Memorials: \$300

September Noisy Offering: \$256.57

Malawi Bowl: \$283.00

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

A gift in memory of Pastor Amy Odgren's mother, Allie Lu Dunlevy.

A gift in memory of Norman and Bernadette Peterson.

A gift in memory of James Benrud.

A gift in memory of Sharyl Miller's mother, Martha Vander Tuig.

## Spirit Prayer Chain

**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.  
Sonja T.  
Ruth B.  
Barbara K.  
Charles  
Harold L.  
Barbara E.  
Mackensi P.  
Joyce B.  
Tonya S.  
Emil E. & Family

**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.**

## Did you know?

There are devotional booklets (Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer) available at church. Check in the hallway by the main office and/or the plastic holders outside the sanctuary.

Juarez, Mexico, with people we will never forget.

God's work. Our hands. provides opportunities for us to be better together. (Back in September, we partnered with St. John's). Our next opportunity awaits us with Trinity Lutheran Church. Yes, even Trinity has opened up their doors and resources so we can reach more people with the Good News of Jesus! Projects for Community Table, Sojourner House, Smile House, and landscaping at Flynn Elementary School (right in our neighborhood) are some activities you can help with. Although our numbers have been small in signing up, it is a start!

There has been talk of meshing youth groups, confirmation, men's groups, etc. The Women had a morning retreat with St. John's where a good number came from both places. We have had VBS/Summer Stretch with Immanuel, and will continue those activities with others as we move forward.

We have shared Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Grace; just last week First Congregational (310 Broadway) invited Grace, Spirit, and University Lutheran all to join with them. This is happening more often, and we are better for it.

Please dream and pray of other ways we can work together, and reach more people for God's Kingdom. When our nations and governments seem even more divided, the CHURCH has to be together, even if we don't always agree. Christ is and always will be the center of all we are and do!

*"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
Romans 15:5

Pastor Jim

## 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 15, and 22 between services in the Fireside Room 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.

## Showing Compassion Roger Benrud, Visitation Pastor

The focus of Visitation Ministry at Spirit Lutheran is carried on in an intentional way guided by our Health & Healing Committee.

Our focus is to bring communion, scripture, and prayer on a regular schedule to people who are not able to come to the worship services of Spirit Lutheran. I thank God for our many dedicated care givers who are in touch with our fellow members who are in care centers, assisted living facilities or homes.

The model for this ministry is the person of Jesus himself. In the heart of God and in Jesus is compassion. We are all invited to become like God and show the same compassion to others as God shows to us.

If you know of someone in our congregation that is in a situation where support is needed, please contact myself or Pastor Ahlquist through the church office.

# 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 Trinity's 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. **A sign-up will be available at Spirit in the narthex.** See Trinity's website for ways to serve on these days! <http://www.trinity-ec.org/>

## 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.

## Help with the October Free Clinic Meal!

In October, 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, October 17. 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, October 17 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, October 16 (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)

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## 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 4:00PM. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St John's Lutheran Church, right across the street. All Lutherans, Catholics and others are welcome. The Prayer Service will be **live streamed** on both the Regis Catholic Schools website ([www.regiscatholicschools.com/live](http://www.regiscatholicschools.com/live)) and their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/](http://www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/)) and will be archived in both locations for future viewing.

## Sing-along with banjo music!

**Thursday, Oct. 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall!**

Spirit's Just Older Youth (JOY) is hosting a banjo sing-along! Come for some fall treats and music from a banjo player who played on a river boat for years!



SPIRIT SOUNDS is our new instrumental choir and we are really excited about it! **Our next rehearsal is Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Music Room downstairs.** (See our calendar online for rehearsal and worship times). 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! Contact Bev Smith for more information: [bsmith@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:bsmith@spiritlutheran.org) or 715-834-9602.



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

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

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at  
1:00-2:00 p.m.



Groups or individuals from Spirit are invited to decorate the trunk or back of their vehicle and welcome trick-or-treaters from the congregation and neighborhood. Vehicles will park along the outside edge of the church parking lot and offer candy or other small non-candy toys/favors to children.

Trunk or Treat will be a fun family activity, as well as a great fellowship activity for the congregation members who participate. It will also serve as an opportunity to get to know our East Hill neighbors.

At least 20 “trunks” are needed to make this event a success. Please consider joining in the fun, contact Kristan Motszko ([kmotszko@spiritalutheran.org](mailto:kmotszko@spiritalutheran.org) or 715-832-2421) by October 16 to let her know you’re planning to participate!

## Shine Education

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

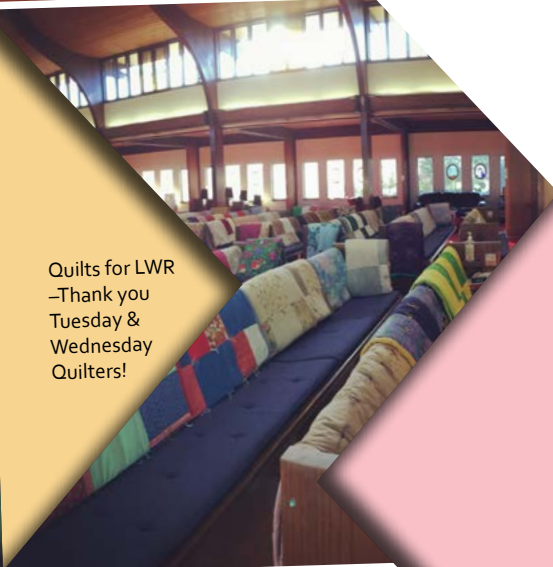
Congregation members are always invited to visit. Take a stroll through the lower level to see first hand what’s happening at Shine! It’s going to be a great year!

## 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!



Spirit On Stage  
Fall 2017  
—Great  
production!



Quilts for LWR  
—Thank you  
Tuesday &  
Wednesday  
Quilters!



# 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

**For an appointment** (required) or accommodations, please call 715-836-3636.

## JONAH 10th Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate 10 years of working together for justice in our community. JONAH joins neighbors by supporting the environment, incarceration alternatives, immigration reform, and addressing root causes of poverty. All proceeds support the work of JONAH. (For more information: [www.jonahjustice.org](http://www.jonahjustice.org))

-Fall themed hors d'oeuvres and beverages  
-Inspirational speakers and opportunities to get involved in your community!

### Location:

Eau Claire Children's Theatre  
1814 Oxford Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Live Jazz Music and Silent Auction  
Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 (You may also buy tickets at the door)

Chippewa Valley Community Chorus

## stand in the Light

Cathy Reitz, director ~ Nancy Wendt, accompanist

People in the early to mid stages of memory loss, their care partners, and singing volunteers come together to share their love of music!

## CONCERT

Thursday, November 16, 2017

6:30 PM

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
1120 Cedar Street ~ Eau Claire

### Special Guests:

Barry Anderson  
Jen Burleigh-Bentz

Free admission, donations accepted



## Big Drywood's Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner – Oct. 15, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

27095 120th Ave,  
Cadott, Wisconsin 54727

Lutefisk, Lefse, Meatballs, Potatoes, Gravy, Rutabagas, Cabbage Salad, Cranberries, Rolls, Norwegian Bakery & Cookies

Ticket Prices for 2017:

Adults: \$17

Children / Youth: Grades 7-12: \$9, Grades 1-6: \$5  
K and younger: FREE

Carry Outs Available – Please call 715-289-3608  
Sponsored by the Big Drywood W.E.L.C.A.

Big Drywood is on one-level (no steps) and has a wheelchair-accessible restroom. We also have a nursery with changing table for the little ones.

# EVENTS

## Monday, October 16

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  
6:30 PM Foundation Board Meeting  
7:00 PM Hope Circle Meeting

## Tuesday, October 17

9:30 AM Love Circle at The Meadows  
1:30 PM Mercy Circle @ the home of Phoebe Peterson  
5:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting  
6:00 PM Spirit Lutheran Council Meeting  
7:00 PM World Cultural Center Meeting

## Wednesday, October 18

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

## Thursday, October 19

9:30 AM Joy Circle  
10:30 AM "Conversations w/ God" at The Meadows  
2:00 PM Spirit's JOY (Just Older Youth) Sing-a-long  
6:30 PM Eastside Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting  
7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting  
7:00 PM Contemporary Choir Practice

## Saturday, October 21

9:00 AM Spirit SOUNDS Rehearsal

## Sunday, October 22

8:30 AM Worship w/Spirit Singers  
9:30 AM New Member Gathering  
9:30 AM SHINE Education  
9:45 AM Spirit Singers Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship w/Spirit Sounds  
12:00 PM Spirit Foundation Retreat

## 8:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeters:**  
Dave Hoffe  
Mary Hoffe

**Ushers:**  
Dave Hanson  
Jack Brimer  
Vera Merrick  
Loren Holte

**Communion Assistants:**  
Warren Woods  
Betty Qualheim  
Naomi Woods  
Sharon Loe

**Rover:**  
Debbie Market

**Reader:**  
Ron Brunner

**Kid Talk:**

## 10:30 a.m. Helpers

**Greeters:**  
David Smith  
Chad Wing

**Ushers:**  
Kathy Schepcke  
Linda Knott

**Communion Assistants:**  
Elaine Johnson  
Jane Voll

**Rover:**

**Reader:**  
Lynn Fering

**Kid Talk:**

## Spirit Lutheran Urgent Contacts

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