

# That's The Spirit!

Rev. Carol Breimeier  
Rev. Fred Nelson

New Spirit Lutheran Church  
*Our faith is in Jesus.  
Our hope is in grace.  
Our strength is in love.*

April 2022



## EASTER IS COMING!

As we come to the end of a message series focused on “The Week That Changed Everything,” we arrive at “The Day That Made All Things New”—Easter, the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection. Join in our joyous Easter worship at 10:00am on Sunday, April 17.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP:

We’ll worship at 7:00pm on both Maundy Thursday (April 14) and Good Friday (April 15). Easter worship will be at our usual 10:00am time. Don’t miss these important and moving days of the church year.



## IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Voting members of New Spirit, plan to stay after worship on Sunday, April 24, for an important congregational meeting. At this meeting we will: elect a Nominating Committee, elect a Call Committee, and decide on how to spend a portion of the Virginia Gearhart bequest.

You should be receiving, via US mail, a letter with details. If you haven’t received that letter by April 14, please call the office (520-296-2461) or speak with Pastor Carol ([carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org); phone: 224-422-9552).



If you are a voting member of the congregation, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

## ONE-MINUTE FAITH STORIES WORKSHOP ONLINE

Have you ever had an opportunity to talk with someone about your faith in Jesus Christ but found yourself tongue-tied—or maybe you rambled out a semi-coherent response. The One-Minute Faith Stories workshop is designed to help you think ahead and do a little planning so that the next time such an opportunity arises, you'll be ready. And that means you're better prepared to potentially make a big difference in someone's life.

We have done this workshop in person in the past, but this time we're making it available via Zoom, with two options at the end of April: Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30pm; or Thursday, April 28, at 7:00pm. The workshop will last about an hour, and you'll come away with a draft of a one-minute faith story that's uniquely your own.



If you're interested in participating, please give your name to Nancy in the office (520-296-2461 or [nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org)) or let Pastor Carol know ([carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org); 224-422-9552). We will share the Zoom link with you when you sign up.

## Transition Team update

We want to thank you all for your participation with our timeline, our surveys and the forum.

In case you wonder, the survey results were the following in the Gifts for Ministry category, in descending order we want our new pastor to: be an effective communicator, help people develop their spiritual life, be an effective teacher, be able to share leadership and work on a team, and be able to create community with those on his/her team.

As for top ministry tasks, this was the order: preaching and worship, pastoral care and visitation, evangelism, teaching, and recruit and equip leaders. In the following weeks we will be busy putting together the Ministry Site Profile which will be a forerunner to the actual call process.



We are happy to listen to you at any time if you have questions regarding this process as it is a new process within the synod.

Brigitte Stuetze, Barb Verthein, Judy McFarland, and Cathy Cermak

## NO BOUNDARIES? MANY PROBLEMS!

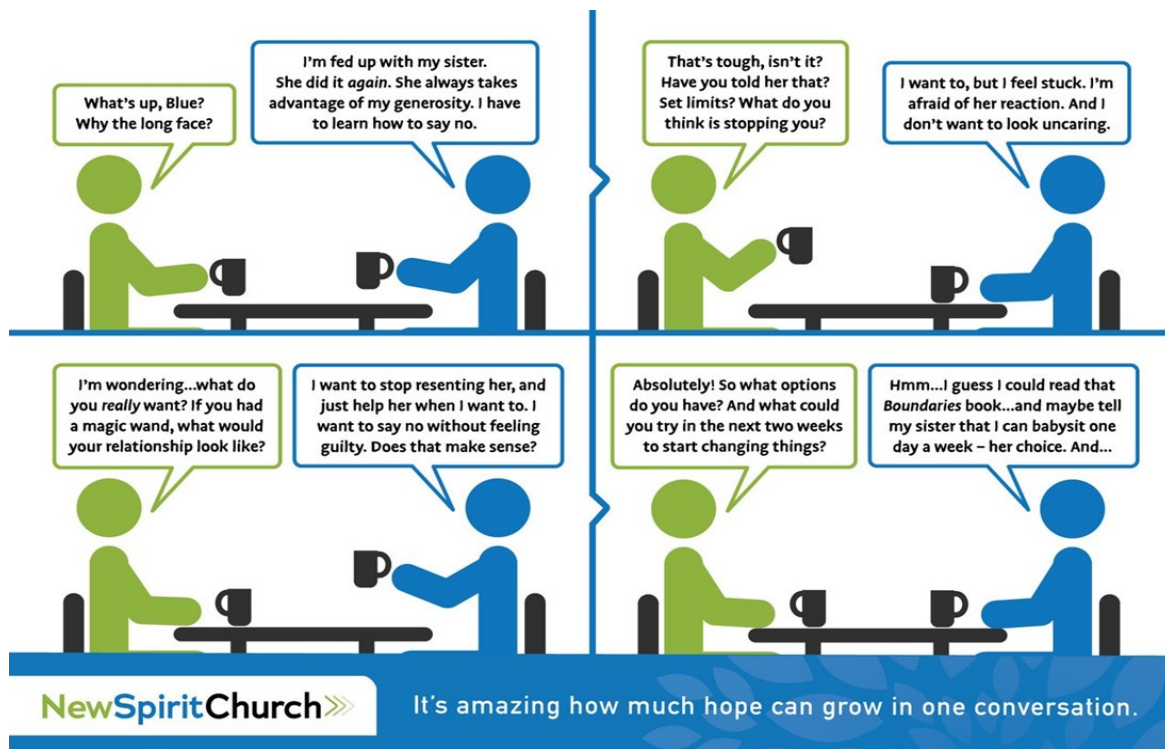
Lots of people struggle with issues with others that come down to questions of boundaries, the limits that define where we and our responsibilities stop and another person and their responsibilities begin. Even people who'd never before thought about their life and their choices through this lens often find it extremely helpful to examine the boundaries (or lack thereof) in their relationships.

This seemed like a great topic to discuss with others and a great opportunity for us to offer something of real value to our neighbors. So, after Easter, we'll be sending out another round of postcards, inviting people to join us for discussions based on Henry Cloud and John Townsend's bestselling book *Boundaries: When to Say Yes and How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life*.

This will be our Sunday morning adult discipleship opportunity beginning May 15. On Sundays, we'll watch brief videos to introduce content, then move into conversation.

We'll also offer a midweek Zoom option based on reading the book. This group will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 7:00pm and continue for six sessions over seven weeks. To get the Zoom link for this group, please contact Nancy in the office ([nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org); 520-296-2461) or Pastor Carol ([carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:carol@newspiritlutherantucson.org); 224-422-9552).

*Boundaries* is available from Amazon and other booksellers. Be sure to get the 2017 updated and expanded edition. If buying the book is a financial hardship for you, please let Pastor Carol know.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP MARCH 2022**

Women's Ministry Group (WELCA Bible Study Group) met at 1:30 on March 9, 2022, at the church.

This month's Bible study was session three of "The Kingdom of God: Here and Now". When we talk about "eternal life" in John's Gospel and "the kingdom of God" in other Gospels, we are talking about the reality of God's power and presence as we experience it here and now in our lives.

Sandra Colwell led us in devotions "Resurrection Biscuits". It's not just resurrection after death but it's resurrection during life. Like biscuits made without baking powder, we need life's missing ingredients back. Easter is a second chance. Here is our opportunity to start again with that missing ingredient: Easter hope.

Over the past year, Women of the ELCA have donated 361,225 items to 19 countries. These items were 122,400 quilts; 3,230 blankets; 60,030 personal care kits; 103,880 school kits; 38,850 baby care kits; 915 fabric kits; and 31,920 face masks. The New Spirit WELCA donated a monetary amount to aid in the shipping costs of these items.

At our meeting in April, we will be collecting monetary donations for the Lutheran Social Services Baby Shower Project.

We will be assembling Easter cards at our next meeting for mailing.

Date to Remember: The week of 18 September 2023 – Triennial in Phoenix.

In lieu of the second Wednesday of the month; our next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 1:30 at the church.

Linda Lamb – Secretary

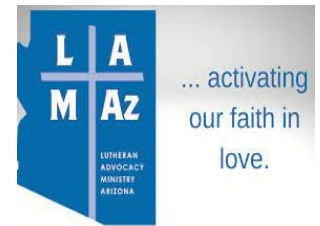


## LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY NEWS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2022

The Lutheran Advocacy Ministry is encouraging us to get involved in civic engagement as the Arizona Legislature has several bills that are moving through the legislative process. In particular, bills on voting are areas of interest and concern for Arizonans. If you would like to voice your opinion on any of the proposed bills, you may register for Arizona's Request to Speak system. Solveig Muus, the director for the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, is able to help you with that registration. You can contact her through the website, LAMAz.org. This website provides details on the proposed changes to voting regulations.

Information on Hunger Issues are also featured on the same website. Regularly scheduled meetings via ZOOM are listed such as the monthly Grand Canyon Synod Hunger Leaders Network.

Barb Verthein



I've written, corrected, rewritten, reproofed, a million times it seems, what I want to say. But I know I've overthought this Wonderful and Blessed GOD WINK. Bottom line and plainly: I just want to thank everyone at New Spirit (NS) Lutheran Church for welcoming me into their family so many years ago. I always felt welcomed and even cherished while attending there—Live and Virtually. Some of you will be life-long treasured friends—you know who you are. But, and there's always a but, so many of you just always filled my heart with "specialness" such as joy, fun, laughs, adventures and even sadness—memories that will remain with me the rest of my days—why I even believed a few of us would be on a Broadway Stage together some day, right? Or, become professional card makers—with lots and lots of help, of course, right? Or, follow in someone's footsteps and tell better "Why did . . .? What do you call . . .? jokes, right? Or, be the best proofers on demand, especially with our "comma" skills, right?

Thank you all for the unforgettable memories. And I want you to know that the innumerable prayers, telephone calls and the cards from so many helped restore my health/healing when I became ill last year. Communion brought to my home was especially healing.

*Blessed  
Thankful  
Loved  
Grateful*

Let's keep in touch, NS Family; Nancy has all my info—email has not changed.

Muchos Abrazos,

Ana MacKay



## PASTOR FRED'S DAYS NUMBERED

When Pastor Alan Field retired at the end of May 2020, Bishop Deborah Hutterer appointed Pastor Fred Nelson and Pastor Carol Breimeier to a two-year stint as New Spirit's interim pastors. Pastors Fred and Carol have been sharing a full-time call, with Pastor Fred serving one-quarter-time and Pastor Carol three-quarters time.

Because Pastor Fred has a full-time job as Director of the Inside Out Network, he is going to wrap up his time at New Spirit at the two-year anniversary of his start-date. He will be finishing his time as a pastor at New Spirit at the end of May of this year, but, with unused vacation time at the end, his final Sunday will be May 15. Pastor Carol will move to full-time at that time.



Please plan to be in worship on Sunday, May 15, to send Pastor Fred off with our blessing.

Hi NSLC Family!

As many of you may be aware, our sweet Eva has recently been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. While this is a big diagnosis, Eva has faced the multitude of tests and procedures and now the diagnosis with strength, grace, and courage.

As a family, we immediately jumped into action in how we can contribute to the organizations that bring awareness to Inflammatory Bowel Disease. We have registered a team, "Eva's Entourage," for the upcoming Take Steps walk in Scottsdale on April 30. The walk is done through the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. We'd love for you to join our efforts. We understand making the trip to Scottsdale isn't doable for most, therefore, we will hold a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 24 to raise funds for our team. Eva's Entourage has a goal of \$1500! We plan to have a variety of homemade treats including dairy free, gluten free, and vegan options, all baked personally by the Kwapich family. We will also gladly accept cash donations outside of the bake sale.

If you prefer to donate directly, the link for our team is:

[https://online.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/site/TR?team\\_id=225920&fr\\_id=10406&pg=team](https://online.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/site/TR?team_id=225920&fr_id=10406&pg=team)

[Arizona Take Steps: Eva's Entourage - Crohn's & Colitis Foundation](#)

Take Steps

[online.crohnscolitisfoundation.org](https://online.crohnscolitisfoundation.org)

Thank you for joining our efforts. We will gladly accept prayers too!

Jenny, Eva and family





## HELP US KEEP KIDS HEALTHY AND HAPPY

For \$130 you can help us feed a child every weekend of the school year, currently serving 270 students at Steele, Henry, Erickson, and Ford Elementary Schools.

For regular contributions, please make your tax deductible check to Blessings in a Backpack. You can drop it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or drop it directly in the mail to BIB Lockbox, PO Box 950291, Louisville, KY 40295.

**Remember to put Steele Elementary on the memo line.**

YOU CAN DESIGNATE OUR PROGRAM THROUGH YOUR FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM. A PERCENTAGE OF WHAT YOU SPEND ON GROCERIES CAN BE DONATED TO BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK. SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN YOUR LOCAL FRY'S STORE. OUR ACCOUNT NUMBER IS XL431. HELP FEED THE KIDS AS YOU FEED YOURSELF!

Contact the New Spirit church office or Laurie Bernard at [lbernard2008@hotmail.com](mailto:lbernard2008@hotmail.com)

### April Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

4/2 Jay Schreiber

4/20 Steve & Linda Lamb  
(Anniversary)

4/11 Henry Kwapich

4/21 Shereen O'Connor

4/12 Theron Nesler



4/14 Deb Klink

4/25 Jenny Kwapich

4/17 Ron O'Connor  
James West

4/30 Ken Dobbs



## MONTHLY EVENT MOVING TO MORNINGS IN MAY SECOND SATURDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

The numbers of clients participating in our events is slowly picking back up to pre-pandemic attendance. Yay! We offer not only clothing and hygiene products, but a hot meal and packaged food to go. Visits from organizations now range from helping with complaints about law enforcement to housing and mental health help.

If you have clothing, shoes, socks, or blankets/sleeping bags, we sure would like you to drop them off at the church. We can always use monetary contributions to help pay for new underwear, hygiene products, flashlights, backpacks, batteries, and tarps.

*IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER, PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING AN ACTION TEAM FOR HOMELESS BLESSINGS. WE WILL RECEIVE \$250 TO HELP TOWARDS THIS MINISTRY.*

If you'd like to help our ministry with a cash donation, please make your tax deductible check to New Spirit Lutheran Church with the notation for Homeless Blessings in the memo. You can drop it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to NSLC, 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85710.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MISSION

Want to help? Contact NSLC Office or Laurie Bernard at [lbernard2008@hotmail.com](mailto:lbernard2008@hotmail.com)

### Shout-Outs

***SHOUT OUT - To Lynn Rupp for sharing her musical gifts and experience for Sunday worship, Lenten Midweeks, and a memorial service during her time as a winter visitor to New Spirit.***





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Please submit words of thanks and praise to Nancy at [nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org) to be placed in the newsletter by the 15th of each month. Thank you!

<p><b>Sundays:</b></p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>You can currently watch each week's message on YouTube.</p>	<p><b><i>How to contact us:</i></b></p> <p>New Spirit Lutheran Church 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail Tucson, AZ 85710</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> (520) 296-2461</p> <p><b>E-Mail:</b> <a href="mailto:NewSpiritLutheranTucson@yahoo.com">NewSpiritLutheranTucson@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://newspiritlutherantucson.org">newspiritlutherantucson.org</a></p>
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