

That's The Spirit!

New Spirit Lutheran Church

Our faith is in Jesus.

Our hope is in grace.

Our strength is in love.

Rev. Alan Field

August 2019

Dear Partners on the Trail.....

School has begun for many of our children and youth, while a number of members continue their flight from the summer heat. In some senses, these times feel “different” from the pace and schedules of the past.

Once Labor Day was the signal for the end of Summer schedules, and getting back to the metered pace of work, learning, creating, and completing work. Once the Summer schedule was relaxed, restful, and renewing, well that’s what we hoped for. The truth is the preparation to get ready for that two-week vacation has become more and more demanding. I know lots of folks who create lengthy checklists to ensure they have every contingency covered before they leave. If those checklists are all inclusive the time away can, indeed, be relaxing and renewing.

But, how often have you begun your trip when that cold sweat comes over your body? Did I put away the milk? Did I set the a/c higher? Did I unplug the iron? Did I...did I...did I? When that bit of doubt enters your mind, the whole trip can bear some trepidation. Did I.....?

On this journey of faith, it is not uncommon for people to suddenly experience a doubt. Did Jesus really do this “for me?” What if I won’t go with the disciples when Jesus sends them out two-by-two? What does God have to do with my wanting that new car or skipping worship on any given Sunday?

Those questions are genuine in nature. It can grow difficult to see where God fits into our daily lives. Yet, I could ask the same questions in terms of your marriage or family. Did my family really do this “for me?” What if I won’t go with the kids to help with their school activity? What does he/she have to do with my wanting that new car? How would it sit if I skipped Thanksgiving this year with the family? Do you see the connections?

This Fall I am calling you to join me on a journey of “back to the basics.” I’ll be teaching an adult class on the “Epic Stories of the Bible” and what they hold for us, today. I will be encouraging a month of prayer to lead us into this new chapter of New Spirit’s life. I will be encouraging certain Sundays for you to invite your family or friends to experience God’s grace in this place.

In these coming weeks we need to be getting ready for the journey ahead of us. We know where Jesus is leading us. We simply need to agree to get into the car, or board the plane, or take up our walking stick and water to follow our Shepherd.

Thoughtfully,

Pastor Alan



In Memory.....Chieko Casey

Chieko Casey died July 23rd at Peppi's House hospice. Chieko had been diagnosed with cancer some months ago, and she lived an independent life until three days before her death. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 2010. The services for Chieko will be held August 10th at the Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Marana. For more information call 520-638-4899. We will have a celebration of Chieko's life here at New Spirit at a later date.



Please Plan your Memorial Service! With every death that we experience in the church families are charged with planning the Memorial Service, or Celebration of Life. When the member has made their plan, the grieving family is able to plan around their loved ones wishes. Thank you to those who have made those very personal plans.

When a plan is not made, the grieving family then needs to decide what your favorite hymns are or what Bible passages have given you great comfort. It is often a difficult process for survivors to remember that a hymn was one you loved, liked, or could not stand.

Adult Education - This Fall join us on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for a study of "The Epic Stories of the Bible". Participants will take an intentional look at some of the most familiar stories of the Bible. In many cases these stories were learned in childhood, and may, just may, carry an entirely different meaning than what you recall. Pastor Alan will be leading "The Epic Stories" beginning September 4th at 4:00 p.m.



Feed My Starving Children Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 8th**. On that day we will be traveling to **Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley** for a packing session, in coordination with **FMSC's Million Meal Pack** weekend. That weekend packing sites will be in local churches, as opposed to the TCC event last year which cost lots of \$\$\$\$.



FMSC provides nutritionally engineered meals for children in 85 countries around the world. Their successes in saving the lives of malnourished children is well documented.

Packers as young as 6 years old and as old as 100 are invited to help pack meals.

More information to come.

There is a box in the Narthex filled with prayer shawls created by members of the congregation. If you know of someone in need of one, or you, yourself, could use one, please take a shawl. We are grateful to those who put in the time and effort to make these shawls. God bless them.



I want to tell you about a couple houses down on Grace Street.



Now, if you were to drive down Grace St. this house probably wouldn't catch your eye. It's not at the beginning of the street, nor is it at the end. It's a little over halfway down the quiet, tree-lined street. This house is nothing to rave about when you first look at it. It definitely lacks what realtors call "curb appeal". The small yard is covered in dull brown rock, with no plants and also no weeds. The house hasn't had a fresh coat of paint in well over a decade. There's an old dusty welcome mat by the front door. The area is tidy, but not overly so, and is definitely lacking any personal decorative touches. There is nothing about the house that would call your attention to it or lure you to ring the doorbell to see what's inside. However, if you were to ring the bell and be invited inside, you'd be greatly surprised. For the inside of the house is tastefully painted in warm colors that please the eye. It is filled with comfortable, pleasing furniture and a pleasant aroma. Once inside the house, you instantly feel at home, safe, and cared for. After sitting for a while and soaking up the warmth of the home, you might be tempted to search the home further. As you walk down the hall, your breath is stolen away. There on the wall in this plain seeming abode hangs a great work of art, an original DaVinci. But, you're unlikely to ever see it, because you would have never noticed this house.

At the very beginning of Grace Street is the flagship house of the neighborhood. It is noticeably larger than the other houses. It has a fresh coat of paint and the faux brick embellishments are eye catching and well cared for. There are lovely flowers planted in front of the home alongside a well-manicured lawn that is the envy of the neighborhood. It is a very attractive home and as you approach the front door you would notice a charming rocking chair with a cute side table with a tea set on it. The door knocker gleams and it invites you to ask to come in. What will you find inside? You are hoping for more of the loveliness you have thrilled to on the outside. However, the inside of the house has not been as well tended to. Sure, it is tidy as you are ushered into the main rooms, but instead of comfortable living room furniture, you are seated in a hard, plastic folding chair at an old card table. There is nothing of interest to look at in the rooms. No decor, no colorfully painted walls, no delightful smell. You feel as empty as the room while you're there. You're certain that there must be more, so you walk down the hallway and open some doors. You're surprised that the other rooms lack even basic care. They clearly aren't being used, as witnessed by the cobwebs and dust.

Which house are you? Are you spending your efforts building up the inside treasures or the outside appearances?

Amber Uidenich

Baby hats

A big thank you to the knitters and crocheters.



I delivered around 350 baby hats to Tanque Verde Lutheran. They will take them to another source where eventually they will be shipped to Africa and then distributed to various nations where needed.

If there are others who want to participate, contact me and I'll get you instructions and more info.

Brigitte Stuetze

Trunk or Treat

Fall is closer than you think, and we are inviting everyone out to support a safe and fun holiday celebration at our annual "Trunk or Treat". This year Trunk or Treat is on October 31st. It will be 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the parking lot off Old Spanish Trail. We challenge everyone at New Spirit to step up and bring their cars, their costumes and decorations to make this the best year ever. We will be collecting candy donations in the narthex (look for a box in the narthex beginning in September). We are looking for more vehicles in the



parking lot to have a good showing. Decorations are a great bonus as are costumes. Check out Pinterest; search "Trunk or Treat" for some fun decorating ideas. Don't be afraid to get in the "spirit". After all it is the season. There will be some prizes for costumes and decorations. So, let's all work together and do this for the kids of our community. As Dr. Seuss said, "If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." If you want to help or need more information e-mail, Karen Colwell at Klcolwell76@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat Submitted by Shelley Colwell

Puppet Ministry

New Spirit would like to breathe life back into its beloved Puppet Ministry. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Amber Uidenich at 901-0725. We need people interested in writing and voice acting. This is an easy and fun ministry to be a part of. Come join the fun!



Confirmation update....throughout the Summer the confirmation class has been meeting, taking on the Ten Commandments and how they can address situations in everyday life. The students are looking forward to our study of the Lord's Prayer in our next section.

August Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

08/01 Dolores Gran	08/16 Lis Schafer	08/22 Paul Stuetze
	Terry & Joy Wolfe (anniversary)	
08/02 Lee Horley		08/25 Carrie Crace
08/03 Craig & Renee Geiger (anniversary)	08/17 Paul Hedstrom Paul & Edna Walton (anniversary)	08/29 Katharina Morales, Mia Payette,
08/04 Naida Granmo		08/30 Victor Garibay, Amber Jindrick
08/05 Gladys Mack	08/19 Paul & Brigitte Stuetze (anniversary)	
08/14 Ciana Maple, Allison Uidenich, Terry Wolfe	08/19 Ted & LaSandra Matthews (anniversary)	
08/15 Christina Payette	08/21 Colin Uidenich	



At Camp SALCA, we did many things. I liked going on the climbing wall and shooting arrows. Also, the pool was very fun even if it was cold! At bible study, we did lots of projects and wrote church mad libs. I liked questions like, "What do you do that makes God happy?" I made a playdough scene of Jesus before the Romans seized him. Sometimes campfire time was sad as people shared their stories of struggle and talked about how camp helped them. Sometimes campfire was funny, like when we put on skits. I really liked camp and hope to go again next year.

By Colin Uidenich

My S.A.L.C.A. experience this year was as great as always. This year's camp attendance was a little small but it was still filled with lots of positive attitudes and great spirit. I stayed in cabin #13 with some friends I had made in previous years. I met a new camper named Sophia, she was shy at first but by the end of the week we were great friends and hoping we could hang out other times this summer. The other people in my cabin I already knew from previous years but this time we became even better friends and we hung out all week. I learned that being courageous doesn't mean being loud; being courageous can be quiet like Abigail talking to the servant to save Nabal or Hanna praying at the temple.

Allison Uidenich

To New Spirit,

Thank you so much for supporting me and the other kids so that we could have an amazing time at camp. Camp is one of the best experiences of my life and I am so grateful for your help. I did many fun things at camp such as games, music, worship, bible study, swim, meeting new friends and old ones too, and campfire. I love camp so much.

Jakob Rettig

Dear New Spirit,

Thank you so much for supporting me so I could have the camp experience I had. Some of my favorite things I did were shooting rifles and swimming. I enjoyed shooting a real gun for the first time and swimming was very fun.

Great wishes,

Ethan Rettig



A number of our youth attended SALCA Camp this Summer. They would love to have the opportunity to meet together as a youth-group. The next **ELCA National Youth Gathering** is in 22 months in **Minneapolis**. Before that, this group needs to be growing deep roots together, now. Are you their leader, waiting for the right opportunity? It is here!



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

7 AM – 9 AM

New Spirit's work this year will be a cleanup of Camino Seco Road and Old Spanish Trail. Bring your work gloves, trash grabbers, wagons, or whatever you want to work with. Bring a trash bag sunscreen and water. Get your exercise while doing God's work and help us clean up the neighborhood. Join us in the comradery of working together for one cause. Contact the New Spirit office and let us know you'll be joining us.

New 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Sweepstakes
 The entire community to be used in effort to raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona.

Win one of THREE great prizes!
GRAND PRIZE: New 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit
2ND PRIZE: Two round trip first class airfare tickets to anywhere in the world
3RD PRIZE: \$5,000 cash

TICKET PRICE \$25
 With your \$25 contribution for 5 tickets or \$100 you could win this amazing vehicle or one of two other great prizes! The grand prize is that 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona chapters that keep all the proceeds from this sweepstakes \$50,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 15, 2019. Entertainment to be awarded by December 6, 2019.

100% OF FUNDS RAISED STAYS HERE

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Contact NSLC office or Laurie Bernard at lbernard2008@hotmail.com for your chance to win a Jeep, airline tickets, or \$5000!

All funds benefit our Blessings in a Backpack program
 \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100

Help feed a child for the whole school year for \$100 and get 5 chances to win!



OCTOBER 26TH FROM 11 TO 3

Food....Games....Music

New Spirit will be hosting Open Space Church who will be giving demonstrations of mural painting. Kids will be welcome to try their hand at painting too!

Please! We need volunteers for planning, games, cooking, and cleanup. Contact Laurie Bernard



HOMELESS THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Thursday, November 28th
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

ARIZONA BEER HOUSE
150 S. Kolb Road

Please help us to distribute a holiday meal
We'd love you to help. Planning committee forming now.

For information, contact NSLC Office or
Laurie Bernard at 886-3242 or lbernard2008@hotmail.com

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Shout-Outs



SHOUT OUT - To the July hospitality team.
SHOUT OUT- To Sharon Dobbs for being the
Restricted Funds treasurer since 2006.

SHOUT OUT- To Ellie Thompson for years of
service organizing Memorial Receptions.

Please submit words of thanks and praise to Nancy at nancy@newspiritlutheran.com to be placed in the newsletter by the 15th of each month. Thank you!

Sundays:

9:00 am Arise to Praise

(Spirited Contemporary Worship)

10:15 – 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Traditions

(Classic Hymns & Liturgies)

Wednesdays: 4:00 pm Classes

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