

# *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.*

November 2020

## **WHEN WILL WE WORSHIP IN PERSON AGAIN?**

The Reopening Working Group met in October for a conversation about possible ways to provide a worship service safely even as COVID cases are again on the rise in Pima County.

Here is what we're planning as of now. But please note that conditions may change in a way that forces us to change these plans.

## **IN NOVEMBER**

On November 22, we plan to have two brief, in-person communion services along with an online service:

- 9:00 am in the sanctuary, with a maximum of 10 individuals or family units
- 10:00 am on the patio, maximum of 10 individuals or family units
- 10:00 am on Zoom for those who prefer an online option (email the office or Pastor Carol to get the Zoom link, if you don't already have it)

Please call the office (Nancy at 520-296-2461) to sign up for one of the in-person services. If all slots are filled before you get one, we'll put your name down as first in line for next time.

Each of these services will include Scripture, prayer, and communion. Communion will be in prepackaged individual containers. Regrettably, there will be no singing. We will ask everyone attending to keep a mask on at all times (except when eating or drinking) to sit at a distance from others, and to refrain from hugging each other or standing close to talk. Hand sanitizer is available at church, along with extra masks. We won't be taking people's temperatures but do ask that you stay home if you are feeling sick in any way.

A reminder of COVID precautions from the Pima County Health Department:

All medically vulnerable people and people over age 65 should continue to stay home as much as possible

- All physical distancing measures should remain in place  
No groups >10

For all phases of the recovery, the public should continue good prevention practices:

- Stay home if sick
- Wash hands with soap and water/hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching face
- Sneeze/cough into a tissue or elbow
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces
- Use cloth face coverings while in public
- Continue physical distancing and use protective equipment
- Temperature/wellness checks at entrances to public buildings and workplaces
- Sanitization and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DATE SET



Our annual congregational meeting has been pushed back to Sunday, January 31, because of the challenges of COVID combined with the importance of making sure everyone's voice and vote are heard. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 31, for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

## PRE-ELECTION PRAYERS

Thank you to everyone who took a shift praying for our nation, our state, and our city on Monday, November 2. We had people praying either at home or in the sanctuary from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We asked, and continue to ask, God to protect our nation and each person in it, and to lead us to healing.



## CHRISTMAS



The plan is to have the sanctuary open on December 23 and 24 for people to come and listen to Christmas music and pray and meditate. We will again have to ask people to sign up in advance for a time to come and to strictly follow guidelines while in the building. Please note, again, that this plan may need to be changed, depending on the situation as the time gets closer.

## PAUL BLOMQUIST SERVICE

Paul Blomquist passed away Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and was laid to rest on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, with a small service attended by family. Rest eternal, grant him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.



## WATCH YOUR MAIL: PROPOSAL COMING

Your Church Council and pastors have been working hard in the past months to put together a proposal for how best to use the window of opportunity with the two-year appointment of Interim Pastors Carol and Fred. What can we do, with God's help and blessing, to make this a season of growth that will put us in a strong position as we look toward calling a new pastor?



You will be receiving the Council's proposal either by email or regular mail soon. (If you get email but would also like a hard copy, please let Nancy know ([nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org](mailto:nancy@newspiritlutherantucson.org) or 520-296-2461). Please read through the proposal carefully and prayerfully. We'll be offering numerous opportunities for you to share your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions before we finalize the proposal.

## IF YOU CAN'T GET THE ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP...



If you aren't able to watch weekly worship on YouTube, we are happy to mail the Sunday sermon to you on Monday. Please let Nancy know if you'd like to be added to the list of people receiving the message in this way: [nancy@newspiritleutherantucson.org](mailto:nancy@newspiritleutherantucson.org) or 520-296-2461.

## WATER LINES REPLACED



Thanks to Ken Dobbs and John Lukehart for putting in their own work plus supervising the work of the professional plumbers who replaced the water lines under the patio. It was a more complicated process than anyone had anticipated. Thanks also to Terry Wolfe and Nancy DiFebbo for work on getting bids and arranging to have the work completed. We should be set for leak-less water usage for years to come. Thanks, all!

## New Spirit Endowment Board Meeting

The Endowment Board met in October for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020.

Grant requests submitted:

Feed My Starving Children	\$1,000.00
Seeding Mercy, Inc.	\$4,600.00
Inside Out Network	\$5,000.00

The Endowment Board approved all three Grant requests for a total of \$10,600.00. All checks were sent out October 19<sup>th</sup>.



## New Spirit Tax Site News

It doesn't look like we will have a handle on this virus anytime soon. So in the interest of safety for all involved, the New Spirit Tax Site will not open next year for the 2020 taxes.



For those of you who I have been doing taxes for in the past years, I will try to work something out so that I can do your taxes for you. There may also be some other AARP or VITA tax sites available for you.

Hopefully, we will be able to start up again in 2022.

John E. Lukehart

## Women's Ministry Group Minutes for October 2020

Women's Ministry Group (WELCA Bible Study Group) met on October 14, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at the church.

The meeting opened with Gloria Burke and Sandy Cooper leading us in singing the hymn "Gather Us In."

September 2020 minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented. A proposal was presented and agreed upon to combine our project and offering funds into one fund.

Ana Mackay led devotions prepared by Sandra Colwell based on John 3:30; we need to discard old habits of hanging on for ourselves and make space for the Holy Spirit within us.

Our Bible study (lead by Joyce Dow) was Session Two of "Holy Time." Reflecting on the Holy Now; God's presence is in the present. Reflecting on the present is harder than it sounds. Now is always changing from one moment to the next. We are so close to it that it can be hard to see the big picture. In this fast-paced world, it's often easier to focus on "what's next" or "what used to be," rather than to be fully present.

### OLD BUSINESS:

This year we will be assembling Christmas cards, theme based on the hymn "Love Has Come."

### NEW BUSINESS:

A letter with a return stamped envelope will be sent to all New Spirit households for the annual WELCA Thank Offering in November.

Two extra Gather magazine subscriptions will be ordered.

Discussion will be held at our November meeting as to what we would like to do at our December meeting.

The meeting closed with Gloria Burke and Sandy Cooper leading us in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

Next meeting will be held on November 11, 2020, at 1:30 in the church. Ana Mackay will lead devotions and Barbara Rebok will lead the lesson.

Linda Lamb – Secretary

## November Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

11/01 Joel Carty  
Jay Schreiber & Becky Schmidt  
(Anniversary)

11/04 Cordelia Lundquist

11/06 Ana MacKay

11/07 Barbara Rebok

11/09 Mark Buglewicz  
LaSandra Matthews

11/11 Edna Walton  
Cathy Cermak



11/12 Craig Geiger

11/14 Caitlyn Friend

11/20 Nikole Garibay

11/25 Barbara Carty

11/26 Victor & Cori Garibay  
(Anniversary)



## **EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THIS PANDEMIC, NEW SPIRIT IS ABLE TO CONTINUE DELIVERING FOOD**

*"The eldest of a large family, the boy's mother had made a pot of noodles for dinner. It appears this was the only food in the house for the evening. She dished the noodles out from youngest to oldest, when it came his turn, the pot was empty. Fortunately, as a recipient of Blessings in a Backpack, he was able to pull out food from his backpack and eat dinner with his family."*

*"He relays a strong and happy 'thank you' to all those who gave him food on Fridays for the weekend so he can enjoy dinner with his family... especially his twin baby sisters!"*

While the Blessings in a Backpack team has been unable to meet for months, we have partnered with SYSCO for premade snack packs. Along with generous donations from Gospel Rescue Mission of black beans, snack chips, Rice Krispie Treats, and more, we are still delivering food to our schools and children. These extra donations enable us to provide more food for families during each school's drive-by food distribution.

Our fundraising efforts this year have been reduced, but the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle 2020 Edition is still in full swing. **This year Mr. Click is raffling off a 2020 Ford F-150 Platinum truck as the grand prize.** Second prize is two first-class, round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the world and third prize is \$5,000. Ticket prices are one for \$25 or five for \$100. ***ALL PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES STAY WITH THE NEW SPIRIT BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK PROGRAM. PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING TICKETS TO HELP OUR PROGRAM CONTINUE TO FEED THE CHILDREN.***

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 Laurie Bernard at [lbernard2008@hotmail.com](mailto:lbernard2008@hotmail.com)

"Like" our page on Facebook ***Blessings at New Spirit Lutheran Church***





Many people now, during this pandemic, are this close to becoming homeless

## HOMELESS BLESSINGS

Our event the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month has been limited to a couple volunteers and scaled back items as we all struggle through this COVID-19 pandemic. The turnout has been picking up each month. We are now on winter hours, 1pm to 3pm.

### **WE ARE PREPARING DRAWSTRING BAGS WITH BASIC HYGIENE ITEMS**

**TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, WIPES, LOTION, BANDAIDS, ANTI-SEPTIC LOTION, AND PAIN RELIEVER. IN ADDITION TO FLASHLIGHTS AND BATTERIES, WE ALSO INCLUDE EXTRA FOOD ITEMS.**

**THESE BAGS CAN THEN BE CARRIED IN YOUR CAR AND PASSED OUT TO ANY NEEDY PERSON YOU SEE ON THE STREET. WE ARE DETERMINED TO REACH AS MANY OF THIS VULNERABLE POPULATION AS EVER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A FEW BAGS, CONTACT US.**

*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)

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## Shout-Outs

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** Due to the uncertainty of dates that the church will re-open, we have not included a calendar with this newsletter. Please check the calendar posted on the website. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

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> (in usual times)</p> <p>9:00 am Arise to Praise (Spirited Contemporary Worship)</p> <p>10:15 – 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>11:00 am Traditions (Classic Hymns &amp; Liturgies)</p> <p>You can currently watch services Sundays 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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