

# *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

September 2018

Dear Partners on the Trail.....

At the heart of who I am is a teacher. Over the span of my ministry I have worked hard to enable people to broaden and deepen their understanding of faith and life. I believe we have been created to be life-long learners. I believe we have been created to better understand what we call “faith” and to put that faith into tangible, experiential moments.

This month we will be resurrecting our educational ministry opportunities. Sunday School will only be as important for children as it is important for their parents. Sunday School will only be as transforming for children as it is transforming for their parents who participate in classes and groups.

We live in a very uncomfortable chapter of our history. Every day brings images of glaring ignorance which has been claimed as “gospel-truth.” Every day brings clashes of ideologies without so much as a moment of conversation and integral listening. Every day seems to broaden the gap that ignorance uses as its own wedge. It is said that “ignorance is bliss” but that is not true. When one believes the lies of another or personally holds tightly to a decades-old notion, does that increase or decrease the depth of wisdom and cognitive understanding? Faith is never to be blind, and ignorance is always foolish.

Every September I write about the dangers of not knowing what and why we claim to believe what we do. I challenge everyone who reads these words, and hears my sermons, to look closely at what we claim to believe. I believe that education is a vital key to navigating this life with faith and with hope.

I encourage you to take a chance. I encourage you to decide to commit time each Wednesday to address issues and matters of faith.

Later this Fall I will be leading a class on “Fear.” It follows on my “Anger class” and will address both the nature of, and reality of fear. Where has your fear rooted? Let’s shine a light on it, and let’s talk about how that fear controls parts of your life and faith.

With anticipation and faith....

**Pastor Alan**



Dear Congregation:

On Sunday, September 30, there will be a congregation meeting held between the services (10:15 a.m.). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues with repair and restoration to the church campus. It is important for all voting members of the congregation to attend this meeting. A quorum will be needed to vote on any proposal. Sign-in sheets will be required for that meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Susan G. Armstrong  
President, NSLC Council



### **Wednesday Suppers**

**Wednesday evening suppers** will begin on **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**. We held a meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and teams have been assigned months of service, and they are preparing menus for all to enjoy. We need one more person for the fourth cook team. If you would like to share in the nurturing blessing of preparing food, please contact Cathy Cermak or Pastor Alan.

### **Wednesday evenings in September**

We will feature the Mass Gathering speakers for each evening of the ELCA National Youth Gathering at both 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 6:15-7:45 p.m. classes in the Sanctuary. Each message is a challenge and a celebration of what God is up to in this world!



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| Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Bryan Stevenson, attorney, Prairie Rose Seminole, Jenny Owens, musician |
| Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> | - | Caroline Meeker, Marlon Hall, Deaconess Erin Power                      |
| Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> | - | Jasmine Seguarra, Rev. Will Starkweather, Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber         |
| Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>  | - | Carson McCullar, Maria Rose Belding, Jamie and Rebekah Brusehoff        |

### **Worship Schedule**



### **Two Service Schedule resumes Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

We will be returning to our two-service schedule on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Summer schedule is intended to expose the members of New Spirit and the many guests we have during the summer months to the variety of worship styles we offer, and to enable people to interact with the “rest of the congregation.”

**Deborah's Gathering** will be meeting in September. Date and time to be announced. For further information please contact Joyce Dow.



I want to introduce myself, I am Dave Grundstrom. I am honored to serve on the New Spirit Council as a member-at-large. I retired and moved to Tucson two and one-half years ago as my wife's sister has lived here since college. I am originally from Deer Park, Washington, near Spokane. I have a BA Degree in Marketing from Washington State University and a Masters Degree in Hospital and Healthcare Administration from St. Louis University. My entire career for 44 years has been in leading multiple healthcare organizations both in the Air Force and then in the upper Midwest in Wisconsin and Minnesota. My wife, Libby, is originally from Columbus, Wisconsin, which led to our living in that part of the county.

We moved from living in the lake country to the desert, so we are still adjusting.-me more than Libby. I also volunteer at the East Side Offices of ICS in their Resource Office, and serve on both the Program Committee and on their Board of Directors. I also keep busy playing some golf, exercising and catching up on reading novels I didn't have time to read when I was working. We have one daughter, Anna, who is an Ophthalmologist who lives in Honolulu with her husband Jeff who is a Cardiologist. To say the least, we do not see them enough.



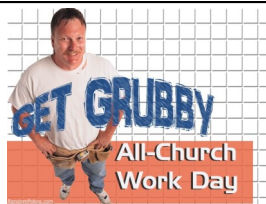
Our pets are a blessing to us.



Join us in blessing them.

**2018 Blessing of the Pets** will be **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m** on the patio at New Spirit. People are welcome to bring their best-friends to receive the blessing of the pets. Please ensure your pets are leashed, or held in carriers. All are welcome.

**New Members' Class** will be held, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a faith community here in Tucson, we would love to have you become a part of New Spirit. New Members will be received at services on October 7<sup>th</sup>.



**September Workday is Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.**

There's lots of work to do around the grounds: clearing buffel grass, raking, trimming. We could use a few good hands to help clean up. Breakfast will be served afterward

**Bishop-elect Rev. Deborah Hutterer** will be installed at a service of celebration on **Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix.** Add Bishop Hutterer to your daily prayers as she assumes this new role.



**Did you see the new "New Spirit t-shirts?"**

Our group wore our pink **"Have you been MERCIFIED?"** shirts in Houston. Once people realized they did not say "Have you been MERCIFUL?" it opened interesting conversations.

Now you will have your opportunity to bear witness the Gospel message proclaimed at New Spirit Lutheran Church. **"Have you been MERCIFIED?"**

**We will be taking orders and payment for shirts on Sunday August 19 thru September 16. You will be asked to pay for your shirt when you place your order.**

There will be two color choices: **pink with black letters AND navy with yellow letters.** Prices should be in the \$11 range.

Aspire 2018 Tour is coming! Let us know if you need fliers, posters, or group forms. We have packages ready to go that we can send out the same day. Just call our office at 480-812-1100 and request a PROMO PACK for Aspire or you can email us at [info@extremefaitheproductions.com](mailto:info@extremefaitheproductions.com).

### ASPIRE 2018 Tour - Tucson

1 night - 3 hours - Just for women, an evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. Aspire will be in Tucson, Arizona in November!

**Speakers & Artists:** **Melissa Spoelstra**, Author & Speaker, **Shannon Hoffpauir**, Bible Teacher & Speaker, **Kristin Weber**, Comedian and **Mia Koehne**, Worship Leader & Host

**Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 6:00PM** Christ Community Church 530 S Pantano Rd - Tucson, AZ 85710

#### Advanced Tickets

General Admission: \$25

VIP: \$35

VIP includes early entry for preferred seating and Q&A with the speakers and artists

#### Group Tickets

Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more. Once you purchase 10 tickets, you can always add more!  
Call the office for group sales: (480) 812-1100.

General Admission for group: \$20/person VIP for group: \$30/person

Aspire is a great night for ladies. Come enjoy an evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music!  
**VIP ticket holders get in early for preferred seating and a VIP Q&A session with the speakers.**

## September Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

09/01 Paul Walton

09/03 Bruce & Sarah Drath  
(anniversary)

09/05 John Lukeart,  
Carol Westover

09/07 Dean Crace, Pat Kelly

09/09 Cekai Maple



09/11 Archie Burke

09/15 Paul & Becky Hedstrom  
(anniversary)

09/18 Susan Armstrong,  
Betty Ruckert

09/19 Renee Geiger

09/22 Mary Jane Beardmore

09/26 Kimberli Crace,  
Barbara Wadler,  
Amber Crace

09/27 Harry Hayes, Barb Verthein

09/30 Carol Lukeart,  
Wayne Stephens

**Tucson Days of Caring** will be held **October 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Church Council has agreed to join **Tucson Days of Caring** to better network with other groups and agencies in Tucson. This will be our **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** for this year. As we get closer to that date we will let you know what we will be doing, and with whom. It is time to dig out your lovely yellow **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** t-shirts!!!



# DAYS OF CARING 2018

## United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

New Spirit will be participating on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the Days of Caring for our annual God’s Work Our Hands event. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Time, place, and project to be announced at a later time.

United Way's Days of Caring pairs local needs with caring people to improve Tucson and Southern Arizona, one project at a time.

JOIN THOUSANDS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER EVENT!

There are over a hundred projects with nonprofits, schools, care facilities, community gardens, neighborhoods and more.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY AND BE A PART OF THE CHANGE.

For more information, go to [unitedwaytucson.org/daysofcaring](http://unitedwaytucson.org/daysofcaring)

# **HELP THE HOMELESS**

We do! August brought us 45 clients. 6 received a free haircut from Sande. Special Thanks to Shirley and Julie who always bring contributions from Safeway. This time it was fresh produce and bakery goods to supplement our hot breakfast of ham, potatoes, eggs, salad, and biscuits and gravy.

We are seeing more “marginal” clients (they have shelter but still struggle with having enough food to eat). In addition to haircuts, we can provide 1-day bus passes, access to housing, packaged food, protein drinks, hygiene products, first aid products, clothing, tarps, ponchos.

IF YOU KNOW A BUSINESS THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP US WITH A COLLECTION BOX AT THEIR LOCATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

## **PLEASE DONATE:**

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS  
SHOES  
FLASHLIGHTS  
AA AND AAA BATTERIES  
FULL SIZE SHAMPOO, LOTION, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT  
RAZORS AND SHAVING CREAM  
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED MEATS  
PROTEIN DRINKS**

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.

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





## *Who will feed the kids this weekend?*

Most people can't wait for the weekend. Kids at risk of hunger can't wait for it to be over.

Did you know 13 million kids in America won't have enough food to eat this weekend? That's one in five kids who will eat meals at school during the week but is without access to affordable, nutritious food on Saturday and Sunday. The consequences are much more than a growling stomach. Hunger can cause many physical health problems. It can also shorten a child's attention span, lower their IQ, and keep them from making good grades.

To ensure the kids in your community have full bellies over the weekend, Blessings in a Backpack sends them home on Fridays with snack packs full of satisfying and nutritional food. Who will feed the kids this weekend?

We will! This school year, we will be feeding **279** children from Erickson, Ford, Steele and Henry Elementary Schools, providing snack packs to take home on the weekend. Typical items include macaroni n' cheese box, canned sausages, chicken or tuna, oatmeal, canned beans or pasta, cereal, hot cocoa, canned vegetable, and fruit cup.

**JOIN US FOR A PACKING DAY WITH MAYOR ROTHSCILD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AT NEW SPIRIT. HEAR FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOLS WE SERVE AND HELP PACK SNACK PACKS FOR OUR KIDS!**

The Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle 2018 Edition has launched! **This year Mr. Click is raffling off a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit as the grand prize.** In addition, there are two new prizes this year, as well. 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.**

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!

Our team members are hard at work to keep up with the added students each week. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. **We need volunteers to help with fund raising, planning, purchasing, packing, and delivery.** Contact Laurie Bernard at [lbernard2008@hotmail.com](mailto:lbernard2008@hotmail.com)

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## Shout-Outs



Please submit words of thanks and praise to Nancy at [nancy@newspiritlutheran.com](mailto: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:** 5:30 pm Dinner, 4:00 & 6:15 pm  
Classes

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