

# *That's The Spirit!*

New Spirit Lutheran Church

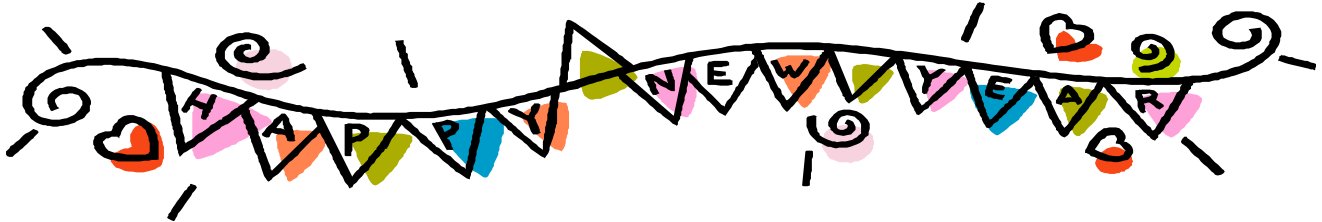
*Our faith is in Jesus.*

*Our hope is in grace.*

*Our strength is in love.*

Rev. Alan Field

January 2012



## **2012 Teams**

### Vision Team Members

PRESIDENT: TOM BARTELS

VICE PRESIDENT: JIM BRUMM

TREASURER: TERRY MYSAK

SECRETARY: AMBER UIDENICH

PRESIDENT EX-OFFICIO: BRIGITTE STUETZE

PASTOR: ALAN FIELD

### MEMBERS AT LARGE:

ROBYN HUFF-EIBL

ERIC RYAN

EDNA WALTON

MARILYN ROBERTS

TOM VACLAVEK

MARK BUGLEWICZ

### Charter Team Leaders

**Altar Care** - Bob Daliege

**Audio Visual** - Drew Potter

**Caring in Community** - Laurie Bernard

**Columbarium** - Archie Burke

**Community Garden** –

**Endowment Board** - Valerie Friend, Joel Carty, Carol Brennan, Don Austin

**Health Education** - Pat Kelly

**Memorial Committee** - Pastor Alan Field

**Missions and Service** - Carol Lukecart

**Operations** – John Lukecart

**Prayer Ministers** - Pastor Alan Field

**SOS** - Gloria Burke

**Spiritual Growth & Faith Formation** - Shelley Colwell

**WELCA** - Sue Gilmore

**Witness & Welcome** -

**Worship & Music** - Sarah Drath

# New Spirit in the New Year

Dear Partners on the Journey,

Happy New Year New Spirit.....as we step into the mystery that will be 2012 I am confident and excited at



what God will be up to among us!

The Missional Leadership Academy team is actively reading about how the ministry and mission of this

church, any church, is affected by the Spirit of the people who are the church. We are reading about areas we have left untended. We are reading about the need to establish good, meaningful relationships among you. We are learning that the Spirit of God, though tremendously powerful and present, is ever-hampered by the fear of members. Fear is best overcome by conscious attempts to face the fear. Where fears are overcome, the possibility of God's Word to enliven and fill the church is amazing. We have lots of work to do in the year to come, and we need every person to make yourself available to the MLA gatherings and activities.

I am excited for the new Youth Group being led by Bree. The latest studies based in learning and fellowship activities indicates that gender-based groups provide much deeper advances in personal growth and faith development. "Just Us Girls" is our first attempt at providing 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade girls the opportunity to share in activities, to study the Word, and to hang out with an adult who is not their parent. I hope you will pray for Bree and the girls of New Spirit, but also for those who God is just now calling to be a part of this congregation.

I am excited for the conversations that were spawned at the Annual Meeting. It is clear that we have come to a place in our history where we can achieve some big projects with a concerted effort on the part of all members. In the months to come, you will also have

the opportunity to further implement the goals established by the Strategic Planning Process that was completed last Spring.

I am excited for the new Vision Team complement to address the work that is before us. I know that God has some incredible things in store for us as we unfold this new year, 2012.

We will also endure the Presidential Campaigns, and I am hoping that the "paigns" of the Cam-paigns will not serve to distract nor divide us.

Finally, I am excited for my new knee. Thirty-five years ago I blew my right knee running a Marine Corps obstacle course. For thirty-five years it has limited my activities, as it turns out, because I tore the ACL in that knee back then, but it was not repaired. The instability in my knee has been, well, a pain. So, later this month I'm getting a new knee... titanium....and I look forward to my recovery and the host of activities I plan on "resuming" thirty-five years later! I chose this time for surgery so that I can be "vertical" for Holy Week and Easter services in early April.

Well, there you have it. I am excited about this New Year, and I look forward to sharing it with you, and the new Spirit that swirls through this place with some regularity! Happy New Year, New Spirit, I'm glad to be sharing it with you! Amen!

*Pastor Alan*

## From the President ...

I'm writing this as my first newsletter article as president of the congregation at New Spirit Lutheran Church. Look for my thoughts on these pages throughout the rest of 2012. In the coming months, I plan to try to get to know each of you and I hope you will make an effort to try to get to know me a little better as well. Most of you, I already know well.

This year, 2012, should be an exciting and eventful year for New Spirit. In January, the Operations Team will be meeting with contractors to discuss options and costs for resurfacing our parking lots. Funding for the parking lots has yet to be determined, but we hope to see new pavement before summer.

Another team will be meeting with our consultants from Building God's Way on plans for the renovation of K-Hall. The planning phase for that project hinges on what exactly we want to see for uses of K-Hall for now, as well as what we need to build for future uses of K-Hall and our mission here at New Spirit. Renovation of K-Hall is a top priority as a result of our strategic planning process.

Our representatives to the Missional Leadership Academy (MLA) of the Grand Canyon Synod are conducting a Town Hall congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at 3:30 pm** to discuss the

results of the online survey our members completed this past fall. The New Spirit MLA Team consists of Laurie Bernard, Jenny Kwapich, Brigitte Stuetze, Kathy Vaclavek, and Pastor Alan. Possible areas of mission development have been identified for New Spirit as a result of those surveys, so you may want to know what the survey revealed about where we're at here at New Spirit.

Please make every effort to attend this vital informational meeting as we begin to develop new and exciting mission plan ideas for New Spirit and for our community.



So we're off and running in 2012. I believe all your hard work is beginning to reveal to us God's plan for what we will be doing here at New Spirit. Please feel free to talk to me about your concerns at any time. You can call me at (520) 784-1940, or email me at [tbartels2@cox.net](mailto:tbartels2@cox.net)

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to all of you,

~ Tom Bartels

## Visions from the Vision Team



In case you didn't know, Fellowship Hall is available to our members for gatherings without charge; funerals and weddings are excluded as there are specific package deals for them.

The office and Operations team are developing guidelines on the use of fellowship hall for our members. They will clarify its use, how and when to request it, responsibilities that come with its use and possible fees.

We will be getting bids from asphalt companies at the Operations team meeting in January. We share the concerns that have been expressed and will keep you posted on costs and how you all can and need to participate in making a new parking lot a reality.

Stewart McDonald, co-director for the Missional Leadership Academy for the Grand Canyon Synod, interpreted the survey we took to assist the MLA team in assessing our needs as well as our strengths. We will share the highlights with you at our meeting on **January 8th at 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

## Youth Nooz ...

“Just Us Girls” is meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 in the Youth Room. Bree has lots of activities and games lined up for our girls, and of course, time to hang out together. Girls 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be part of the group.



“Da Boyz” are going bowling on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They need an adult to take the reins for a couple of months until Pastor Alan is back on his feet. If you feel the Spirit tugging at your heart to work with the youth of the congregation, PLEASE talk with Pastor Alan a.s.a.p.!!!

### Affirming their Baptism – December 18<sup>th</sup>

The congregation had the opportunity to witness the service of Affirmation of Baptism by **Tyler Arlig, Chris Arlig, and Marcus Eibl**. Having completed their course of study in the teachings of the Church,

the three young men shared their statements of faith at both services. “What God expects of my life....” was a theme for all three, and their responses brought many in the congregation to reconsider their own faith journeys.



The 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering is July 17-22<sup>nd</sup> in New Orleans! **“Citizens With the Saints”** will give our youth an opportunity to listen to the stories of New Orleans residents still suffering from the impact of Hurricane Katrina. For five days we will hear speakers, participate in faith building exercises, discover the City of New Orleans, and hear amazing music....all with 40,000 Lutheran Youth and adults gathered to be “the Citizens with the Saints.” Monthly “getting ready” studies will begin this month.



**Thanks to the Sunday School Children** for their wonderful Christmas Program, **‘Let Us Keep Christmas’**. Thanks, too, to **Sandra, Shelley, and Karen Colwell** for the program’s inception, direction, and costuming; and to **Karen Robinson** for providing the music! Great job, y’all!

Thanks to **Laurie Bernard** and all 20+ people who helped with the Holiday Dinner after the Christmas Program. We fed over 100 people, and the appreciation of those who shared in the meal was often stated. Thank you to all who prepared food, who helped set up, served, and cleaned up.

**Thank You every last one!** I am humbled by your generosity and kindnesses with the many cards and gifts given at Christmas. Your love shows so brightly

in the words you shared in cards, and in the thoughtful gifts given. I am truly blest to be called as your pastor. Thank you, every last one, who has made this a Christmas to remember! —Pastor Alan

**Thanks to all who offered a helping hand in the office this month**, there are so many of you we don’t have enough space to name names, but please know how very thankful I am for each one of you!

**A Special Thank You to everyone who brought cards, goodies, and gifts** to me and my family. This congregation has many angels on earth! I am touched by your love and generosity. —Tracy Miller

**Thanks to Amerischools College Preparatory Academy students** for helping with the new ICS Resource Room and cleaning the Family Attic area!

# K-Hall Happenings

Thank you to our congregation, Mt. Olive and Streams in the Desert Lutheran churches, Immanuel and Christ Presbyterian churches, and St. Matthews Episcopal Church! Enough food was donated to make up over 280 holiday bags for Food Bank clients. Sharon Dobbs handmade 75 stockings filled with your donations of Christmas books, socks, underwear, and stuffed animals. You helped to make Christmas a little brighter for many needy families.

In November we distributed 261 Community Food Bank boxes and 28 New Spirit supplemental bags. The Community Food Bank contributed bags of frozen chicken and we added \$10 Fry's gift

certificates to be able to provide over 200 clients with a little extra for Thanksgiving.

The Medical Loan Chest is once again very low on equipment so any articles you have available will be greatly appreciated.

As you may have noticed in the weekly bulletins, a drive for blankets was started. The unusually early cold weather has caused a demand for warm blankets and jackets. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting our community outreach programs. You are making a difference!

- Carol Lukecart

## Ring! Ring!

Why is the bell/chime choir called the GRACE NOTES? We are saved by Grace which is an important note in any area!

Did you know there is a grace note in music? You have to really listen for it. It is printed as a small note with a slant line through the stem just before the note it embellishes and has a very, very short time value. But, just as in our lives, even the smallest things we do are important.



## In Memory... Ruth Billeter

Ruth died December 19<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. She was 98 years old. Her Memorial Service will be held at New

Spirit on **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.** Memorials in Ruth's name are asked to be given to: New Spirit Lutheran Church-Ruth Billeter Memorial Fund. Our thanks to Robyn Huff-Eibl and Micaela who have been Ruth's Caring Ministers for the past years. Their care for Ruth was just what Caring Ministers are to do. They visited weekly, played cards, shared conversation, offered communion, and loved one another.

## Help Wanted

### Altar Care Team

The Altar Care Team membership has taken a hit as members are becoming infirmed with physical issues. In that light, we would like to invite **Baby Boomers, Generation-X, and Millenial Generation** members to join the team.

If "intinction" is not your preferred communion process, become an Altar Care Team member and help wash cups! **Central to our life as Christ's Church lies the Sacrament of the Altar, or Holy Communion, the Feast of Forgiveness.** It is not arduous work, but it is a holy work that needs to be completed each and every Sunday here at New Spirit. Will you serve?

Call or talk to Bob Daliege for more information and to arrange for training.

### Greeters

Greeters are needed at both services. The only requirement is a friendly smile and a warm handshake. To greet at 9:00 am call Carol Lowe, for the 11:00 am service please contact Karen Robinson.

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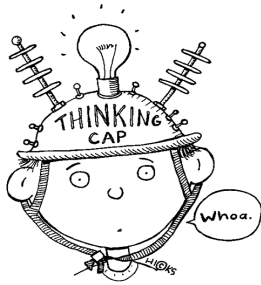
# January Menu

**Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>**—Chili, Crackers & Cheese, Veggie Trays, Cornbread, Peaches, & Brownies

**Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>**—Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Green Beans, & Lemon Cheesecake

**Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>**—Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Salad, & Apple Crisp

**Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>**—Potluck



**Wednesday  
Evening  
Classes begin  
January 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Deborah's Gathering

Happy New Year from the ladies at Deborah's Gathering! We enjoyed a Christmas Sing-A-Long at our last meeting and ate lots of cookies. Our next Bible Study will be January 11th at 9:30 am. Jeanette Sather will be in charge of the Bible Study. Gloria Burke will be the hostess. Everyone is invited, start the new year on the right foot!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will meet on Sat., January 14th at 10:00 am in room 105.

We want all of you that have been making caps for Africa to come too as we bless those and the shawls. We'll have goodies, coffee, and juice and enjoy a fun time together. See you there,

—Dolores Syverson

**"Another World IS Possible"** will serve as the framework for a conversation about faith, economics, and a step into politics. This group will be led by **John Lukecart**, and he will be using a 2003 DVD presentation by a modern day prophet named **Shane Claiborne**. Claiborne (BA, Eastern University; MA Princeton University) addresses many of the issues that have dominated the headlines for the past 6 months: economy, Occupy Wall Street, a growth in extreme poverty in the richest nation in the world. Claiborne is decidedly Christian, and his challenges come from what it means to be "a Christian nation" and "one nation under God."

If you want a timely, spirited conversation, plan on attending **"Another World IS Possible."** Our goal is to foster discussion, while not advocating any political party, to broaden your understanding of the issues in the light of the Christian faith. [Pastor Alan's note: This will be a good "swivel rocker" experience for our members to listen and consider many viewpoints on an important topic.]

## Interfaith Community Services Resource Center

This is exciting news!!!!

ICS has received a grant to open an east-side center to help people who are under-employed and unemployed with resources to get work. The office will help with resume creation, interviewing skills, networking with possible employers, and computer access to connect with online application sites.



There has been some remodeling of two rooms in K-Hall and it all looks great! Check it out if you get a chance. The Resource Center plans to be completed and ready for business by the end of January. The rooms will be cooperatively used by the Tax Preparation Site that will use the space during the afternoon hours until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## A Call to Prayer

The apostle Paul reminds us that we are to pray without ceasing. In an effort to increase our praying, we want to create a space in our newsletter where we will list prayers. These can be long term such as pray for our leaders, or a country in need, or your neighbor for next week's surgery or the hard time an office mate has.

By adding this column we're hoping to add more community and global prayers to New Spirit.

To start with:

Prayers for our new mayor, Jonathan Rothchild as he gets going in this new challenge.



## Faith in Action

Habitat Tucson volunteers are always needed to help build homes. If you are a Thrivent member and donate to Habitat, make a note on your check that it is for Thrivent Builds. Because of the donations, an \$85,000 grant was received and the 5th house was built involving over 724 volunteers. \$86,000 was just granted for a 2012 home. Help build new lives with new affordable homes by donating or volunteering.

## Thrivent Members

### Take Note:

If you have not transferred your information to New Spirit from another church, please notify Joyce Dow or Gloria Burke. We need to get more matching funds for our church and need volunteer help for fundraising such as giving support for the youth going to their event this year. Our three coordinators have served for many years and new help is needed!

## MARDI GRAS

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

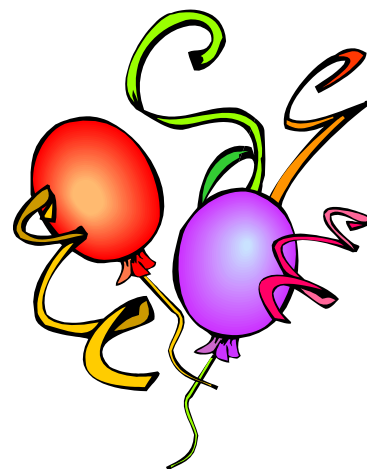


Plan on joining us for good old New Orleans cuisine: Jambalaya, dirty beans & rice, Jezebel Sauce, and King Cake!!! Proceeds from Mardi Gras will be used to benefit the growing YOUTH MINISTRY programs here at New Spirit. Get out those masks and beads.... Its time to party!!!! Music will be provided by **"Plan B" Blues Band** featuring Jamie and Mark Buglewicz! WOO-HOO!!!

Costumes are encouraged! Invite the neighbors, friends, co-workers, cashiers at your favorite grocery store, your car mechanic, your paper-delivery person, your mail-person, everybody needs to enter the Season of Lent on a full stomach and with a joyful heart!!!!

## Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

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| January 4 <sup>th</sup> – Mark De Grofft      | January 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Lois Siegel       |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup> – Joe & Flo Vohnoutka | January 25 <sup>th</sup> – Erik Shamburg     |
| January 11 <sup>th</sup> – Chloe Ryan         | January 28 <sup>th</sup> – Mildred Creighton |
| January 13 <sup>th</sup> – Darlene Paape      | January 31 <sup>st</sup> – Elise Stone       |
| January 15 <sup>h</sup> – Phyllis Wagner      |  |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> – Rachel Heard       |  |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> – Brigitte Stuetze   |  |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> – Tom Bartels        |  |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> – Donna Mysak        |  |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> – Ellen Canterbury   |  |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> – Karen Colwell      |  |
| January 21 <sup>st</sup> – Cody Cooper        |  |
| January 21 <sup>st</sup> – Jan Harrison       |  |



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## Shout-Outs

**Shout—Out to** Outgoing Vision Team members:  
Barb Carty, Paul Stuetze, & Robin Hughes

**Shout—Out to** Robyn Huff-Eibl for doing an awesome job serving as our secretary for the last six months

**Shout—Out to** the Grace Notes for enhancing our worship experience

**Shout—Out to** Tracy Miller, our office manager, for her hard work and hanging in there at this crazy time

**Shout—Out to** the Sunday School for reminding us of the Christmas message

**Shout—Out to** Sarah Drath for being willing to play every position in the Grace

**Shout—Out to** Jamie and Zach Buglewicz for doing a great job creating Sunday media services

**Shout—Out to** Pastor Alan for always being the best at what he does

**Shout—Out to** the Operations Team for staying on top of our building needs

**Shout—Out to** the New Vision Team Members for their willingness to step up and serve in this capacity

**Shout—Out to** all who helped with the extra work the Christmas services create

**Shout—Out to** Karen Robinson and Carol Lowe for coordinating volunteers for the office

**Shout—Out to** Archie Burke for fixing the Memorial Garden glass and for saving us so much money



### 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, 6:15 pm Classes

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