

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 2011

Christian Education—Sunday School

Rally Day is September 11th. All students and their families are invited to K-Hall to meet the teachers and look at the curriculum. Breakfast refreshments will be provided. If you are new to Sunday School please come over and see the classrooms and meet teachers and students alike. All children aged 2½ years through 6th grade are welcome.



On September 25th we will be celebrating **Promotion Sunday**. Students moving up to the next class will be recognized between services in Fellowship Hall then continue on to Sunday School. Please plan to attend and give all of our youngsters your support.

The Sunday School Department is sponsoring a

Halloween Sleepover at K-Hall from October 21st at 5 pm to Oct 22nd at 10 am. All Sunday School students are invited. More information will be in the October newsletter.

We will soon begin work on our Christmas program. Look for your practice CDs to be distributed by mid September. The play will be the afternoon of December 18th.

We are also planning a caroling party for the children. If you would like to help with this please contact Sandra Colwell or Gerri Sjoland.

We are looking forward to a busy year in the Sunday School and hope to see everyone on Rally Day.



Christian Education—Wednesday Evening Adult Classes

We have three classes being offered for adults. **Please sign-up in Narthex ASAP** to ensure we have enough materials printed for each class! The classes are:

“Sabbath” by Wayne Muller. God created for six days and then rested on the seventh day. In His ten commandments, He has given us a tremendous gift in the third commandment. Remember to rest! It is not a life style suggestion, but a command – to relax, bless, love and take comfort in resting our body and soul. Jesus often withdrew and took time apart to rest, pray and relax. Join leader Jeanette Busboom-Sather for six weeks to explore the book, study guides and article from “The Lutheran” magazine’s August issue.



“What’s So Amazing about Grace?” by Philip Yancey. Come and learn about life changing grace. Discover why grace is more amazing than you’ve ever dreamed. You’ll be challenged to look for grace when it counts the most—in your character and personal life. Next-life grace changes can be yours in this life! Join leaders Jack & Karen Robinson for this video discussion series.

“Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl.” This six session video discussion class can transform your walk with God from lackluster to vibrant. Learn how to connect God’s word with your daily life. The adventure God has in store for your life might just blow you away! Join leader Barb Carty for this life-changing perspective!

From Pastor Alan

Dear Partners on the Journey....

What is your vocation? September begins with the Labor Day holiday, when we lift up the labor of our hands in its benefits for our community. If you look across the gathered congregation on any given Sunday you will see a broad spectrum of vocations lived out. There are nurses and health care professionals whose gifts of mercy and exhortation have served hundreds of patients well. Even in retirement, the spirit of mercy does not leave the retiree; he/she simply finds ways to offer mercy and exhortation to others.

There are teachers and educational aides among us, whose gifts of imparting knowledge and the problem solving have benefitted every one of us throughout our lives. There are engineers whose gifts for process and function have made hundreds of improvements for our daily lives. There are trades-people whose education, skills and aptitude have helped us in our busy daily routines keep household systems, cars, and communication working. There are many in the field of creative arts, be they photographers, painters, florists, welders, carpenters, and more.

There are administrators whose role in the workings of personnel and budgets enable businesses and schools to function properly. There are I.T. people who work in the mysterious world of cyber-space and information technology. There are scientists whose imaginations have drawn them to the cosmic expanses or the microscopic universes.

The rich vocation of any assembled community reflects the breadth of God's creative love. Every person has been woven with undeniable gifts given to build up the community; but even more to build up the Body of Christ.

As we begin the "program year" here at New Spirit, I would like to invite every member, every attending friend, every participant to consider how the gifts of your vocation could be shared in the ministry community of New Spirit. Health professionals are needed to check in on some of our "at-risk" members, many of whom are in their 80's and 90's. Administrators and finance folks can help us streamline the administrative aspects of New Spirit that may be overlooked. Teachers can choose to lead a short term course on a Wednesday night; or take on the role of mentor for young and new members. Artists can help with our on-line presence, build faith chests given at the baptism of a child, create logos, announcement posters and flyers.



September brings the revival of program ministry in the life of the church. September begins with Labor Day, a holiday for those who work to reflect upon God's gifts to them for the completion of their jobs; and in turn to make a conscious decision to use those vocational gifts even after the age of "retirement."

It is said that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link." In the life of the church, "the strength of a congregation is only as strong as the vocation shared by its members." As we gather around the Gospel these Sundays of September, I invite you to use some moments during the services to listen for God's encouraging, to use the gifts you already have to strengthen the ministry of Jesus Christ that we at New Spirit seek to share with our eastside Tucson community and beyond.

In celebration of the gifts God has given to each of you,

Pastor Alan



Youth Nooz ...

Registration for the ELCA National Youth Gathering is coming very soon! Youth and parents are responsible to pay the registration fee (\$295/youth), and must get that money to Pastor Alan by **September 20th**. Registration is on-line only this year and must be filed all at once. Late-registrations will probably not be admitted due to the popularity of these triennial gatherings. We will be returning to New Orleans next July to continue work in that post-Katrina city.



Preparatory Bible studies will begin next month to get youth ready for the “once in a lifetime” experience that Gatherings are.

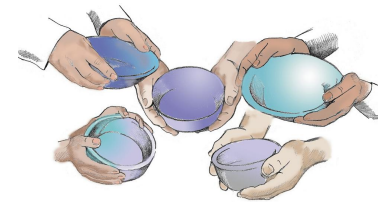
Youth Group (7th grade – 12th grade) will be meeting twice a month on Sunday afternoons, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. In September we’re meeting only on the **18th** and **25th** because Labor Day is the 4th and Pastor Alan has a commitment on the 11th.

In addition to these scheduled activities, we will be taking occasional day trips to:

Feed My Starving Children packing day in November;

and on **October 22nd** we’re going to the **Copperstate Fly-In** at the Casa Grande airport ... and experimental and antique aircraft and air show, a passion of Pastor Alan’s to share.

Super-Group will be traveling to Sierra Vista on October 23rd for a meeting with games, activities, study, supper and a service project!



Do You Have a Caring Heart?

As part of the Caring in Community Team, we are soon to connect a number of our aged, homebound members with Caring Ministers. Caring ministers will establish a caring relationship with one member for spiritual support, phone calls, visits, prayer, communion, help with needs, etc.

If you have a caring heart, Cathy Cermak would love to talk with you about becoming a Caring Minister.



Wednesday Evenings at New Spirit

Wednesday suppers and classes will resume on September 7th with supper served at 5:30 p.m. and classes beginning at 6:15 p.m. (please note the earlier starting time.) Interested in helping with the COOK TEAM??? Contact Gerri Sjoland ...

Wednesday Evening Menus:

September 7th – Sloppy Joes and Buns, Chips, Pickles, Baked Beans, Angel Food cake with Strawberries

September 14th – Oven Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Roasted Carrots, Brownies

September 21st – Taco Salad, Nachos, Lemon Cheesecake

September 28th – Potluck





Thanks to the congregation of New Spirit: You have all been generous with your donations of supplies to the Sunday School department. We appreciate your support and know the children will all enjoy the new supplies.

To the congregations of New Spirit Lutheran and Immanuel Presbyterian Churches: We would like to thank you all for all your support in making this year's VBS a huge success. Thank you for your prayers, donations of food and art supplies and monetary donations. We greatly appreciate it. We would like to thank the VBS Committee, Sandra Colwell, Laura Cech, and Marcia Aurand for all their hard work. We had 90 Chefs and 92 volunteer teachers, kitchen, recreation, arts and crafts and music leaders and young adult helpers. There were people attending worship service on VBS Sunday. Contributions of food and money were collected to benefit Eastside Community Food Bank at New Spirit, our VBS mission project. The chefs learned about God's recipe for life; to be ready for God; to give happily to God; to believe fully in Jesus; to remember Jesus often; to celebrate God forever.

In Christ's Service,
Kathy Wingstrom and
Sue Samoy –
VBS Co-Directors



The SOS Team

SOS stands for **Share Our Spirit** and was named by Julie Austin. The SOS Team reminds you that funds are available if the economy has made it difficult for you to make some of your payments.

Please don't wait until bills are overdue before you request funds. The process of releasing funds takes time between your request and getting you a check! Call one of the team members Gloria Burke



(chairperson), Bob Daliege, Paul Hedstrom, Archie Burke, Pastor Alan, Judy McFarland or Marlene Junge for help.

Christmas is Right Around the Corner!

The Missions & Services Committee is doing a Socks/Underwear Christmas Drive for the most needy of our Food Bank clients – the children from ages 2 – 13. Small, gently used or new stuffed animals are also needed.



So, when you are shopping in your favorite store – whether it is Family Dollar, Wal-Mart or some other haunt – please remember the children who rarely get new things. These items will be put in a Christmas stocking along with a Children's Bible book and given out during the Christmas Season. Please leave your donations on the Food Pantry cart from now until December 1st.



K-Hall Happenings

At the Food Bank in July we handed out 196 Community Food Bank Boxes and 53 New Spirit Supplemental Bags. It was a very busy month and your donations meant so much to those in need. Thank you to the gardeners for all the fresh vegetables donated to the Food Pantry. The clients loved getting fresh food!

Donations to the Family Attic: Imagine if you just moved into an apartment with absolutely nothing Bare kitchen and bathroom. This is the purpose of the Attic – to supply the basic necessities – linens,

small appliances, dishes, silverware, pots & pans, basic clothing for adults and children. We will no longer be able to accept anything other than the items listed above due to space limitations. **In the future**, we hope to be able to accept furniture.. Thank you for your donations and we encourage you to continue giving to the Family Attic and re-routing other things to the Lutheran Thrift Store or other agencies. Your generosity is overwhelming.

~Carol Lukecart





Bits & Pieces— Small Articles of Great Importance



Congratulations to Sheila and Chris Paterick who were joined in marriage on August 18th.



Congratulations to Lasandra Miller and Ted Matthews who were married here on August 20th. Ted is the son of Cathy Cermak.

Grace Notes (Bell/Chime Choir) will practice will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 in the Sanctuary in September.



In memory of... Julie Austin Julie died August 13th after suffering a major stroke at home. A bright light in the fabric of New Spirit has gone out. The celebration of Julie's life was held Monday, August 22nd at New Spirit. Remember Don and their family in their grief. Julie will be inurned in the family plot in Alpena, Michigan soon.



In Months To Come ...

Oktoberfest a community celebration and "open house" for New Spirit ... bratwurst, food, entertainment, and activities for the kids.

It is NOT too early to talk about Christmas! This year Christmas Day is a Sunday!!! We are planning the children's Christmas Program and Holiday Dinner for Sunday, December 18th. You can help us plan the program, the dinner, the Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day service – just one service that morning. Stay tuned for more information.

Godspeed & Farewell to Terry & Joan Fleetwood!

Terry recently accepted a position in Washington State and they moved the first of August. Joan had served as Vice President on the Vision Team. Both were active in many area here at New Spirit and we will miss them.



Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

- September 1st – Paul Walton
- September 2nd – David Kurowski
- September 3rd – Bruce & Sarah Drath
- September 3rd – Iva Small
- September 4th – Harold Strunk
- September 5th – John Lukecart
- September 7th – Pat Kelly
- September 7th – Lydia Lutes
- September 8th – Jack Osgood
- September 9th – Geri Carty
- September 11th – Barbara Brokaw

- September 11th – Archie Burke
- September 11th – Tim Coleman
- September 13th – Rafe Richardson
- September 13th – Ashley Shamburg
- September 15th – Jacob Gartman
- September 15th – Seth Gartman
- September 15th – Paul & Becky Hedstrom
- September 15th – Nancy Jindrick
- September 18th – Karen Robinson
- September 18th – Betty Ruckert
- September 20th – Lilian Mihina

- September 24th – Jim Brumm
- September 26th – Barbara Wadler
- September 27th – Barbara Verthein
- September 28th – Erin Hartnett
- September 30th – Carol Lukecart
- September 30th – Wayne Stephens



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Women of the ELCA at New Spirit

Deborah's Gathering, Bible Study—

Lutheran women have a long history of gathering – for Bible study, prayer, service and advocacy. As we begin our Fall activities, the group here at New Spirit, which is called Deborah's Gathering, wish to extend an invitation to all women who would like to enrich their journey of faith in community. At this time the group that meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am (this month, that's September 14) in the Fellowship Hall. We use the women's Bible study found in the magazine, "GATHER" (formerly known as "The Lutheran Woman"). We would enjoy sharing this time with you.



Christmas In September—

The gathering of toys for children from birth through teen is part of our commitment with Church Women United of Tucson. The toys are given to specific agencies here in Tucson that are selected by a committee for this gift. If you would rather make a monetary gift that also would be appreciated. Thank



you, New Spirit, for your support of this project.

The celebration of Christmas In September will be on Saturday,

September 17th, at Trinity Presbyterian located at 400 East University Blvd. Registration and hospitality from 9 to 9:30 and program 9:30 to 11:00. Come join us in this celebration of Christmas. If you need more information please contact: Sue Gilmore or Joyce Dow.

Convention News—

The WELCA Synod Convention will be in Tucson this year. It is to be held at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, 5151 East Grant Road. Dates are: November 4-6, 2011. Registration information is on Deborah's Gathering Bulletin Board. Registrations due in September. If you are in need of more information please contact Sue Gilmore.

2012 Entertainment Books—

Deborah's Gathering is selling the 2012 Entertainment Book for outreach program funds. Books are available during Fellowship Hour for the very low cost of \$30. Checks need to be made to Gloria Burke. We have less books this year so order now and pay later!



Stewardship Corner

A person who has practiced tithing for many years says that if any Christian tithes, they will have five surprises. They will be surprised:

- 1) At the amount of money they have for the Lord's work.
- 2) At the deepening of their spiritual life in giving the tithe.
- 3) At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
- 4) At the ease in going from the tithe to larger giving.
- 5) At themselves for not adopting the plan sooner.

Shout—Out Corner

Shout-Out to Brenda Feller for doing such a good job with the email prayer chain.

Shout-Out to the congregation as a whole for their generous support of the food bank and Sunday school in addition to all the other various and sundry collections throughout the year.

Shout-Out to Ellie Thompson, Edna Walton, Bich Francis & John Lukecart for all their help with the Matthews wedding.



Shout-Out
of Thanks!

Recipe of the Month—Simple Scones

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 Tablespoons (1 stick) of unsalted
butter, **frozen**
1/2 cup raisins or dried currants
1/2 cup sour cream
1 large egg

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 400°.

In a medium bowl, mix flour, 1/3 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Grate butter into flour mixture on the large holes of a box grater, then use your fingers to working in the butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Gently stir in raisins.

In a small bowl, whisk sour cream and egg until smooth. Using a fork, stir sour cream mixture into flour mixture until large dough clumps form. Use your hands to press the dough against the bowl into a ball. (Dough will be sticky in places and there may not seem to be enough liquid at first, but it will come together as you press.)

Place on a lightly floured surface and pat into a 7-8" circle about 3/4" thick. Sprinkle with the remaining teaspoon of sugar. Use a sharp knife to cut into 8 triangles; place on a cookie sheet (preferably lined with

parchment paper) about 1" apart. Bake 15-17 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes and serve warm or room temperature.

Variations:

Cranberry-Orange

Add a generous teaspoon of finely grated orange zest to the dry ingredients and substitute dried cranberries for the raisins.

Lemon-Blueberry

Add a generous teaspoon of finely grated lemon zest to the dry ingredients and substitute dried blueberries for the raisins.

Cherry Almond

Add 1/2 teaspoon almond extract to the sour cream mixture and substitute dried cherries for the raisins.



Up-date on The Treasure Box Food Program

Because of the continued downward economic spiral, the Treasure Box can no longer provide the same amount of food for the same cost. As food and gas prices escalated they had to reduce the amount of food offered in their boxes, significantly diminishing the cost savings that they provide. Therefore, they have ended the program. The food boxes are no longer available for purchase.



Treasure
Box

Missional Leadership Academy

Missional Leadership Academy is an 18-month journey for congregations to better understand how to “do ministry” in their unique setting. As an addendum to the Strategic Planning Process we recently completed, we will begin our work with seven other ELCA congregations in Arizona to take the next step in our growing, developing ministry. A core team of four persons – **Laurie Bernard, Jenny Kwapich, Kathy Vaclavek and Brigitte Stuetze** will work with Pastor Alan and the Vision Team in creating a ministry plan. We will begin our 18 month journey in November with a retreat at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree.



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Sundays:

9:00 am Arise to Praise (a Spirited Contemporary
Worship Service)

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

11:00 am Traditions (A Worship Service Using the
Classic Hymns & Liturgies of the Lutheran
Church)

Wednesdays:

5:30 pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:16 pm Adult Classes

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