

*SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

# FAITH FLIGHT

May 2014

## *Something New*

In my morning reading, the Psalmist breathes new life into me with the reminder to sing a new song. Along with my fresh dark roast (with cream and a touch of sweet), this is just what the good Dr. ordered. For today is my Monday. I was just going over my list of the things left undone, that person that I have been intending to check on now going on for weeks, the visitor that I was sure was going to come back—but have not seen in awhile, the demands of a busy home life with kids schedules that are really busy and getting busier, a yard that needs attention, and all of the other categories of our life that meet this criteria of needing attention. It is right here—in the busyness that surrounds—that I missed the new life that surrounds me. That poking through the dead leaves of yesterday is the miracle of tulip and daffodil. That following a hard winter—we see that resurrection is everywhere.

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for God has done marvelous things...Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; spontaneously join in the chorus in a joyous song and sing praises...with lyre, trumpet--even drums...let the sea roar, the world and all who live in it. May the floods clap their hands and the hills sing from the top of their lungs. Why? Because in God there is victory. For God is a God whose justice restores all things. (A paraphrase of Psalm 98)**

May we join in the new song happening all around us. A song that includes the excitement of new birth of baby Joshua, the hope in the beautiful kids that are bringing a new joy to *Spirit of Life*, the encouragement of a growing diversity that changes all of us in good ways, a communion ministry that is going out for those unable to come in, a weekly attendance that is quickly approaching a 100% increase from one year ago. The to-do list remains with many demands—but the new song we find in a risen Christ helps me accompany the work with singing. **He is risen indeed!**





Enjoy the fun of a camping experience and still go home at night. There will be outdoor activities of wacky games, craft projects, camp songs, Bible stories, and of course great food. Trained Summer Camp Staff from *Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center* will be leading the week long event.

Dates are June 23-27. Times are 9-12 for preschoolers and 9-3 for school age kids. Registrations are requested by June 6. Don't miss out!!!

**COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS  
AVAILABLE!**

**SIZE: 8' x 8' raised beds**

**AT: Spirit of Life Church**

**14401 Pilot Knob Road**

**Email: [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org)**

**Ph: 952-423-2212**



**TERMS:**

**Rental from May 1 - October 31.**

**Fee: \$35, with a \$20 refund at season end if plot is maintained and cleared after freeze. Water available from the church outside faucet.**

**Spring prep of the beds provided with the assistance of our charter Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.**

**If you don't have much experience with gardening, coaching (and even some extra plants and seeds!) will be available from the garden crew here at Spirit of Life! Contact Denise Lewis, 651-686-9476, or [dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net) for more information.**





### MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/02 Aliyah Ullon  
05/08 Ruth Bierbaum  
05/10 Eric Scott  
05/12 Walt Ullrich  
05/16 Chuck Keller  
05/17 Luke Smith  
05/19 Linda Gulbrandson  
05/19 Caleb Martin  
05/19 Ethan Martin  
05/19 Devin Martin  
05/23 Irene Jacobson  
05/25 Jacqui Warren  
05/25 Jesse Lowinske  
05/31 Shannon Skelly

**Spiritcare  
Prayer Team**  
**call 1.507.263.5975**  
**952.423.2212 (office)**



### **CARD CARE LIST REMINDER :**

If you had someone on Loving Community Ministry Team's Card Care List in April 2014 and wish them to remain on in May 2014, please resubmit them with an update to Ruth Shepard at:

[rshepard2@frontier.com](mailto:rshepard2@frontier.com) or 507.263.5975 or by filling out a blue Prayer Request card during worship.

**\*BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(S) ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CARD.**

**\*NOTE:** Each month our Card Care List starts with new and updated submissions only.

## ATTENTION MEN ONLY

The *May Spirit of Life Men's Breakfast* will be **Saturday, May 3 at 7:15 a.m. at the Panera in Apple Valley**. Bring a friend. Please let Bob Shepard ([shepardsprairie@gmail.com](mailto:shepardsprairie@gmail.com)) or Pastor Rob ([pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)) know if you're able to attend so they may reserve the appropriate size table.



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Alice Gracek



### Wednesday Club Meeting

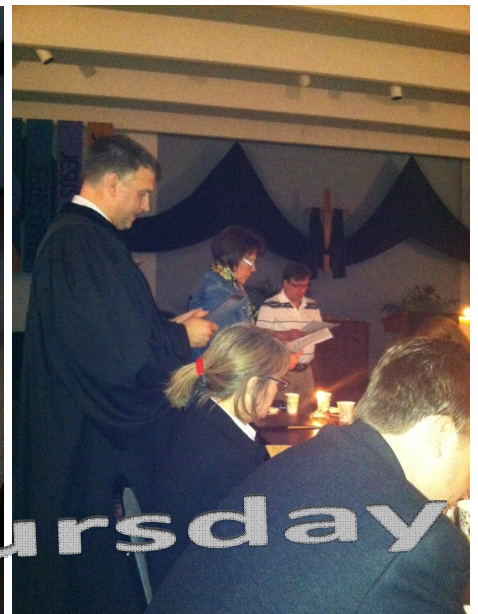
Wednesday Club will meet on Wednesday, May 14, at 1:00 pm. For coffee, tea, desert, and conversation. Our speaker will be Pastor Bill Goodwin, from Lighthouse Christian Church in Rosemount, MN.

Come and join our ecumenical neighbor from the East. We will meet here at *Spirit of Life*.

## VITAL SIGNS...for March

WEEK	ATTENDANCE		(+/-)	CONTRIBUTIONS		(+/-)
	2013	2014		2013	2014	
Week 1	60	61	+1	\$1,614.74	\$3,146.00	\$1,531.26
Week 2	50	62	+12	\$5,130.00	\$1,967.00	(\$3,163.00)
Week 3	50	73	+23	\$1,361.00	\$1,431.88	(\$70.88)
Week 4	45	66	+21	\$2,524.84	\$3,593.00	\$1,068.00
Week 5	n/a	63		\$3,563.00	\$1,380.00	(\$ 2,183.00)
<b>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE / TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>		<b>\$14,193.58</b>	<b>\$11,517.88</b>	<b>(\$2,275.70)</b>

For questions in regard to the Church finances or your personal giving statement, please contact our financial team: Barb Ostlund-Treasurer or Steve Raatz-Financial Secretary





**SPRIT OF LIFE CHILDREN**



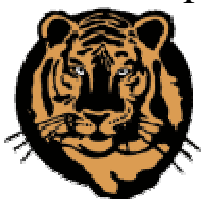
Information about our Mission Trip for 2014 to Chandler Oklahoma:

**\*\*The final Mission Trip payment of \$171.00 (less fundraising) is due May 1.** After this date there are no cancellations and no return of any fees. If financial assistance is needed please contact Pastor Rob Smith. Watch for more Youth News in the Sunday Bulletin.

**MICHAEL JAMES WAYNE TISLAND**

will graduate from Farmington HS on June 7, 2014.

Please celebrate with Michael and his family on June 14, 2014  
from 2:00-7:00



6145 235th Street W.  
Farmington, MN

Michael will be joining the U. S. Army and will enter service in the fall of 2014

**Lectionary Texts and Service Highlights**

**Sunday, May 4**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps: 116 1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

**Sunday, May 11**

Acts 2:42; Ps. 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

**Sunday, May 18**

Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**Sunday, May 25**

Acts 17:22-31, Ps. 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**2013-2014**

**Officers**

**Session**

Rebecca Brandt  
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Steve Raatz

Please contact the  
**Clerk of  
Session,  
Karen Johnson,**  
in regard to  
membership  
changes and any  
Session member  
with questions or  
concerns.

**NEXT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**

**DEACON  
MEETING**

7:0 p.m. on  
Thursday,  
May 8, 2014

**SESSION  
MEETING/**

6:30 p.m. on  
Thursday,  
May 15, 2014



## Turkey Burger Gyros

A recipe from Danielle Ullom



1/2 small onion chopped	2 cloves of garlic pressed
1 lb. 93% lean turkey	1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper	Pita Pockets
Sliced cucumber	Lettuce or spinach leaves
Cherry tomatoes	Feta cheese
TZATZIKI SAUCE	Plain Greek yogurt
Greek salad dressing	1/4 cup cucumber chopped
Garlic clove pressed (can use carlic salt for a milder taste)	
ALTERNATE: Use <i>Wildtree Tzatziki Mix</i> , follow package directions	

### Directions:

Brown turkey with onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Scoop into Pita Pockets. Top with veggies, feta cheese and sauce.

### Communications Policy Statement

*It is Spirit of Life's policy to...*

- ▶list names, and place photos of members associated with church events, in the newsletter and on the website.
- ▶Spirit of Life also acknowledges birthdays (month & day) in the newsletter, during the member's birthday month.
- ▶Finally, Spirit of Life plans to put a copy of the monthly newsletter on its website.

*Any member who does not want his/her name, likeness, or birth month listed in these, or any other church publications, is requested to contact the church office with a formal request to keep their personal information confidential.*

*Send newsletter announcements to: [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org).*

## SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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### Office Hours

10:00 AM—3:00 PM M

10:00 AM—3:00 PM TU

10:00 AM—3:00 PM W

10:00 AM—3:00 PM TH

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENICES  
PLEASE CALL 952.807.4413



**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

10

PM ~ SUNDAY, MAY 18  
for the June issue.



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### **Mission Statement**

*Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, created by the Holy Spirit, seeks to be a loving community where all can grow in faith while serving and worshipping the God made known in Jesus Christ.*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 3 Men's Breakfast @ Panera, A.V. @ 7:15 AM
- May 4 Baccalaureate Sunday / Communion
- May 5 New Sociables @ 8:30 AM
- May 8 Deacon Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- May 11** Mother's Day
- May 12 South of the River CROPWALK planning mtg @  
St. James Lutheran Church
- May 14 Wednesday Club @ 1:00 PM
- May 15 Session Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- May 18 Small Group @ Rob & Lisa Smith's home  
Newsletter deadline
- May 26 MEMORIAL DAY

### **Weekly Events**

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|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>MON</b> | Cubs @ 6PM           | <b>TUES</b>  | Scouts @ 6:30PM |
| <b>WED</b> | 6:30PM BELLS, Scouts | <b>THURS</b> | Cubs @ 6PM      |

### **Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

Sunday School/Youth Group/Adult Ed 11:10 AM (September thru May)

\* Nursery provided during Worship & Education time

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