



MARCH 29, 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church! We're delighted to worship with you today! Whether you're sitting in a pew or joining us online, we warmly welcome you into our community and we hope you feel God's love as we worship together. Take a moment to explore the resources listed below. Let us know how we can serve, pray for, or help you get involved in ministry at Spencerville Church. The contact information for our pastoral staff is found on page 10, however, you can reach them through our website at spencervillechurch.org/contact.

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INTERNET ACCESS

Network: LCSA-Guest Password: lcsawifi

SUNSET TIMES

Today: 7:27 p.m. Next Sabbath: 7:34 p.m.

CONNECT WITH US



@spencervillesda

RESOURCES

Quick links for common requests related to life in the Spencerville Church community:

REQUEST PRAYER

spencervillechurch.org/prayer

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

spencervillechurch.org/baptism

REQUEST FOR A BABY DEDICATION

spencervillechurch.org/dedication

REQUEST MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

spencervillechurch.org/transfer

CHURCH CALENDAR

spencervillechurch.org/calendar

CONNECT GROUPS

spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups

TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool

FIRST SERVICE

9:00 a.m.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
You may be photographed or appear in video during the service.*

Special Music	Jubilate Deo / <i>Ivo Antognini</i>	La Sierra University Chamber Singers
Welcome		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Song of Praise	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Praise Team
Children's Lesson		Pastor Chad Stuart
Special Music Selections	Here I Am / <i>Ivo Antognini</i> Great God Almighty / <i>Stacey Gibbs</i>	La Sierra University Chamber Singers
Scripture	Revelation 12	Praise Team
Prayer		Praise Team
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part One Message: "Jesus Delivers"	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Chad
Postlude	Tocatta on Amazing Grace / <i>Christopher Pardini</i>	Kimo Smith

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Church Budget

Tithe and offerings will be collected at the back doors following the worship service,
you may also give online at spencervillechurch.org/give,
or by mail using the address on the back cover.

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 a.m.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
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Welcome		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Prelude	Nearer, Still Nearer <i>C.H. Morris; Arr. Ovid Young</i>	Prethi John, soprano Kim Machado, alto Erwin Nanasi, piano
† Call to Worship	Revelation 12	German Rodriguez
† Hymn of Praise	No. 91, Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN	Congregation
Invocation		Pastor Chad Stuart
Children's Lesson		Pastor Chad
Dedication	Nathaniel Carr	Pastor Lerone Carson Pastor Kandace Zollman
Call to Prayer	No. 672, Spirit of the Living God	Congregation
* Prayer		Verne Kemerer Jr.
Anthem	Draw Me Nearer <i>William H. Doane; Arr. Ovid Young</i>	Prethi John, soprano Kim Machado, alto Erwin Nanasi, piano
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part One Message: "Jesus Delivers"	Pastor Chad
† Hymn of Response	No. 529, Under His Wings	Congregation
† Benediction		Pastor Chad
** Postlude		Elizabeth Schneider, organ

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

* Indicates congregation to please kneel

** During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to depart in the joy of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

INCOMING

This is the second reading.

Glen Bennett from Sligo Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland

Deric Tomenko from Sligo Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland

This is the first reading.

Matthew Lored from from Weimar University Adventist Church in Weimar, California

OUTGOING

This is the second reading.

Jerry Celestial to Filipino-American Capital Adventist Church in Beltsville, Maryland

Fernando Sosa and Janil Valencia to Palm Coast Adventist Church in Palm Coast, Florida

This is the first reading.

Jaebum & Eunmee Shim to All Nations Adventist Church in Bloomington, Illinois

Ryan Crisman and Renee Roth to Markham Woods Adventist Church in Longwood, Florida

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Glen Bennett taught science at Takoma Academy for 18 years before returning to school to obtain his PhD in science education. He then taught at CUC, (now WAU) for 23 years. Even though he is now retired, he has continued to teach a class each fall, Glen has made many friends here at Spencerville through his attendance in the Sanctuary Sabbath School Class, the 10 Days of Prayer, and other events.

Deric Tomenko is the husband of Keri, and father of Nikolai, Elena, and Natalia. You have most likely seen him enjoying and participating in the Spencerville worship services by his participation in the orchestra, playing along with many members of his family. He also volunteers with the Pathfinder Club mentoring young people and serving his community. Deric works in real estate, and is looking forward to officially becoming a member of the Spencerville church family.

BUILDING SURVEY

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED

CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO TAKE THE CHURCH BUILDING SURVEY AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITH OUR BUILDING COMMITTEE!

Attention church family! If you're a member of Spencerville Church, the Building Committee wants to hear from you! This survey is designed to gather crucial feedback from Spencerville Church members regarding the rebuilding of our church facilities. Your input is key to inform the committee as they steward the rebuilding process. To take the survey, point your web browser to spencervillechurch.org/buildsurvey Thank you!

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

THE OFFERING FOR MARCH 29

*Today's offering is for
Local Church Budget*

We appreciate your continued generosity in support of the Operating Budget of Spencerville Church. Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your tithe and offerings at spencervillechurch.org/give.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Come and dine with your church family **next Sabbath, April 5**. Our potluck lunch will begin promptly following the 11:30 worship service (approximately 1:00 p.m.) in the Great Room here at the Lutheran Church of St Andrew (LCSA). Please bring your hot or cold food ready to serve. Those bringing contributions for lunch should

place their items on the table located in the foyer just outside the door to the great room. Our guests are especially invited to join us in dining and fellowshiping together. We are looking forward to spending this special time together. Our guests will be especially welcome.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRESENTS DECLUTTERING SEMINAR

Join the Women's Ministries *Decluttering Seminar: Transforming your Space* on **Sunday, April 6 from 10:00 am - 12:00 p.m.** Discover why we accumulate clutter and learn how to take control of your space! In this empowering two-hour workshop, organizational expert Evelyn Sullivan will share practical tips to sort, streamline, and maintain a clutter-free home that reflects peace and balance.

Leave with a personalized action plan and the tools to create lasting change in your home—and your life. Register today, spencervillechurch.org/declutter

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

We have many Sabbath School classes where you can join the discussion, or sit quietly and absorb the discussion around you. Visit spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

JOIN US FOR PASSION WEEK, APRIL 13-20

We invite you to join us again this year as we explore Mark's Gospel account of the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry and experience the profound journey of love, grace, sacrifice, and redemption.

Save the date for our Passion Week series, to be held in the G.C. Auditorium from **Sunday, April 13, through Saturday, April 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** and culminating with a sunrise service on **Sunday, April 20, at 7:00 a.m.** Each evening meeting will be an immersive experience in word and song as we remember the events leading to Jesus' death—and ultimately, His resurrection!

Invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker! This event is designed for people of all backgrounds, no matter where they are in their faith journey!

SERVE WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!

As a church community, we worship together, pray together, and play together. Let's also serve together! Although we serve faithfully all year, we're dedicating a day, **Sunday, April 27**, to serve our community collectively! Our Community Services team has coordinated a variety of service projects for all ages and abilities. To see a list of projects, visit spencervillechurch.org/community-service-projects.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT A DISPLACED FAMILY!

Our Community Service Day project list includes assisting a displaced family who is starting their home from scratch. Our Community Services team created a list of pressing needs: groceries, clothing, children's toys, etc.

To download the donation list, visit spencervillechurch.org/displaced or stop by the Community Services table in the foyer today to receive a printed copy. Thank you in advance for your support and for being the hands and feet of Jesus for this family!

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Our Children's Ministries is excited to invite all children between the ages of 0 and 11 for a week of fun activities and learning about Jesus! Join us **June 23 to 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for an exciting Alaskan

adventure. We'll learn to journey with Jesus in a wild world where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, rivers race, and glaciers glisten! As we trek the tundra, we'll remind kids that Jesus is a faithful friend and guide whom we can always trust! He's our True North!

"THE WIDOW'S MIGHT" CONNECT GROUP

The next gathering of this group will be held at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, April 24**, at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at Laurel Lakes Centre - 14650 *Baltimore Avenue* in Laurel. Attendees are responsible for their own meal and tip. Please RSVP on or before April 17 by calling the church office at 301-384-2920.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

If you'd like to receive the two emails published by Spencerville Church, sign up at spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update. *The Weekly Update*, for all church news will be sent each Thursday. The *Worship Update*, for all things related to the weekly worship services will continue to be sent each Friday.

TUESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

Join the **Tuesday evening** virtual meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on the web, visit spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting. When prompted, enter the password "*prayer.*"

MIDWEEK AT SPENCERVILLE

Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium for Midweek—a time of singing, a short message, and group prayer, all within an hour.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry to sign-up.

DONATE TO REBUILD OUR CHURCH

We're grateful for the many people who have asked how they can financially help Spencerville Church after the fire! A secure, easy-to-use donation page is available on our church website at spencervillechurch.org/rebuild. However, if you've already signed up for AdventistGiving and want to donate to the rebuilding efforts, please add the amount to your digital envelope on our Adventist Giving website using the line item labeled "Capital/Rebuild." Please feel free to share the link with anyone who asks how they can help!

CONNECT WITH US



PATHWAY TO HEALTH SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AT GC CONFERENCE

Pathway to Health is looking for 3000 volunteers to help demonstrate God's love in St. Louis, **May 4-9, 2025**. A full children's program is available for volunteers and patients through the event. Pathway to Health is a humanitarian service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Visit pathwaytohealth.org/register.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Our Prayer Ministry team would be happy to pray for you. Leave a message with your prayer request or praise report on the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave your number if you would like someone to return your call. Alternatively, you can also send an email to the prayer team at prayerline@spencervillechurch.org.

CALENDAR

MARCH

30 SAA Constituency Meeting- 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

1 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

2 Pathfinder Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

2 Midweek Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.

4-6 Pathfinder Camping Trip to Assateague

5 Fellowship Potluck Lunch following
Second Service

5 Adventurer Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

6 Women's Ministries Decluttering Event
(See item on page 6)

13-20 Passion Week - 7:00 p.m. - GC

27 Community Service Day
(See item on page 7)

For a complete list of Spencerville Church events visit our website: spencervillechurch.org/calendar.

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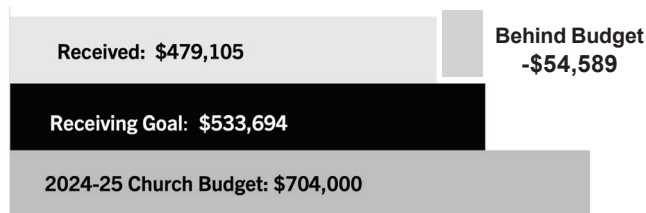
OTHER CONTACTS

Prayer Requests..... ext. 140.....prayerline@spencervillechurch.org
 Member Care Line..... ext. 141..... membercare@spencervillechurch.org
 Spencerville Academy..... 301.421.9101..... info@spencerville.org
 Chesapeake Conference301.596.5600info@ccosda.org
 National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED

Through Week 38 - March 22, 2025



fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024

CAPITAL BUDGET RECEIVED

\$640,873

*received through March 22, 2025 for
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024*

CURRENT DEBT

\$2,419,212

as of March 15, 2025

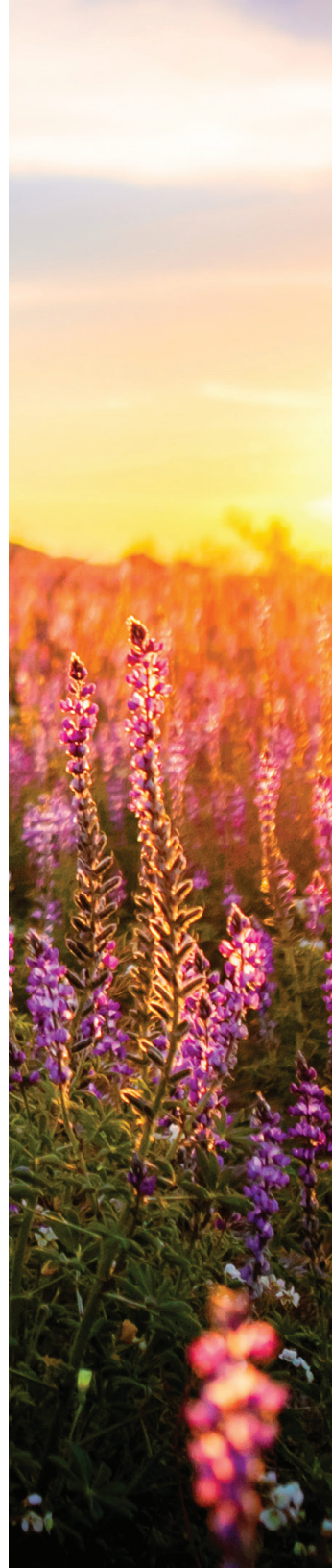


Meeting at:

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
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THE DRAGON AND HIS BEASTS: JESUS DELIVERS, PART ONE

March 29, 2025

We ALL have an unfriendly dragon in our life!

“And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world.” - Revelation 12:9 ESV

AWARE BUT NOT OBSESSED!

“There are Christians who think and speak altogether too much about the power of Satan. They think of their adversary, they pray about him, they talk about him, and he looms up greater and greater in their imagination.” - Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, 493.

The Dragon is not a dragon but a sign of a real being:

σημείον (sēmeion): denotes a symbolic presentation of a real object.

A few signs in Revelation 12:

- ◆ **Dragon** = Satan/Devil
- ◆ **Woman** = God’s people (Israel (OT), Church (NT & beyond))
- ◆ **Stars** = Angels (can be good or evil)
- ◆ **The Child** = The incarnate Christ
- ◆ **Earth swallowing the flood** = God’s protection of His people from Satan’s attacks
- ◆ **Rest of her offspring** = God’s last day remnant people that are even separate from what is viewed as the church.

Believing that the dragon is just a symbolic representation of the collective evil distorts our theodicy:

Theodicy: philosophical exploration that helps us to understand the cause of evil in our world.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' - Matthew 13:24-28a ESV

What is the first question of the servants of the master?

The question is an accusation.

What is the masters answer? A _____ has done this.

"Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil." - Matthew 13:36-39a ESV

Sickness... "an enemy has done this."

Loneliness... "an enemy has done this."

Fear... "an enemy has done this."

Temptation... "an enemy has done this."

Death... "an enemy has done this."

Historical snapshots of the Dragon's attacks Revelation 12:

- Revelation 12:1-6
- Revelation 12:7-12
- Revelation 12:14-16

Historical results...

- Revelation 12:1-6: _____
- Revelation 12:7-12: _____
- Revelation 12:14-16: _____

The historical moment that is not yet...

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea. - Revelation 12:17 ESV

λοιπός (loipos): pertaining to the part of a whole which remains or continues.

“The term in the Old Testament describes those who have survived destruction to continue as God’s faithful people (Is. 10:20-22; 11:11-12; Jer. 23:3; Zeph. 3:13) ...John employs the word “remnant” with reference to the Christians who remained faithful to God in the churches of Thyatira and Sardis (Rev. 2:24; 3:2-3). Now in Revelation 12:17, John employs the same word to tell us that at the end of time, as the majority of people in the world side with Satan and his allies, there will be a people who remain faithful to Christ.” - Dr. Ranko Stefanovic, Plain Revelation, 146.

The two characteristics of the end-time faithful remaining ones:

1. Keep the commandments of God.
2. The testimony of Jesus
(Revelation 19:10 “which is the spirit of prophecy”)

Revelation 12 doesn't tell us the outcome...

But if Jesus in history has...

- Saved
- Been victorious
- Protected

What do we anticipate...

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! - Rev. 22:20

- Jesus has done the work of salvation
- Jesus has already determined the outcome of the war -
He is victorious
- Jesus protects His people in their suffering

The history that is not yet...

- Jesus saves
- Jesus wins
- Jesus protects
- Jesus delivers!

COME, LORD JESUS!

Resources for Further Study:

Plain Revelation: A Reader's Introduction to the Apocalypse, by Ranko Stefanovic

God Cares Vol. 2: The Message of Revelation, by E. Mervyn Maxwell

Understanding Daniel and Revelation, by Mark Finley

What We Believe: Prophecies of Revelation for Teens, by Seth Pierce

Revelation Pure and Simple, by Kenneth Cox