



APRIL 5, 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: 7:34 p.m. Next Sabbath: 7:40 p.m.

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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.*

Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Song of Praise	Shout to the Lord	Praise Team
Children's Lesson		Pastor Erwin Nanasi
Scripture	Revelation 13:1-10	
Songs of Praise	Here I Am To Worship I've Witnessed It	Praise Team
Prayer		
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part Two Message: "Christ or Antichrist?"	Pastor Erwin
Song of Response	Build My Life	Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Erwin

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.

Praise Team

Vocalists: Adriana Santana, Anjali Timan, Caleb Salazar

Guitar: Daniel Soreng

Strings: Matthew Nashed

Piano: Jon-Carlo Celestial

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 Crystal E. Ward
Introit	Rivers of Delight <i>David von Kampen</i>	Spencerville Adventist Academy Cantares Emilie Flores, director
† Call to Worship	Revelation 13:1-10	Marietta Fowler
† Hymn of Praise	No. 619, Lead On, O King Eternal TUNE: LANCASHIRE	Congregation
Invocation		Pastor Erwin Nanasi
Children's Lesson		Pastor Erwin
Call to Prayer	No. 672, Spirit of the Living God	Congregation
* Prayer		Albert Reece
Anthem	Hlonolofatsa <i>Daniella Jackson</i>	SAA Cantares Emilie Flores, director
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part Two Message: "Christ or Antichrist?"	Pastor Erwin
Sermon Response	Near the Cross <i>Jay Rouse</i>	SAA Cantares Emilie Flores, director
† Hymn of Response	No. 606, Once to Every Man and Nation TUNE: TON-Y-BOTEL	Congregation
† Benediction		Pastor Erwin
** Postlude	Allegretto <i>James Michael Stevens</i>	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.

Matthew Loredo from Weimar University Adventist Church in Weimar, California

OUTGOING

This is the second 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

This is the first reading.

Matthew Fennell to Crosswalk Adventist Church Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Loredo (younger brother of Janell Nanasi and Pastor Erwin's brother-in-law) is an ICU nurse at White Oak Medical Center in Silver Spring. Previously, he worked at Loma Linda University Medical Center while attending the University Church. He moved to Maryland to be closer to family and recently returned from two months in Africa, serving at an evangelism school in Senegal and a mission hospital in Kenya. An active member of Spencerville Church, he contributes to the Young Adult Sabbath School and Sanctuary Choir.

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 APRIL 5

*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 TODAY

Immediately following the second worship service today, (approximately 1 o'clock) join us in the in the Great Room here at LCSA for our Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Contributions for lunch should be left on the table outside the door to the Great Room. We look forward each month to spending this social time

together with friends and guests while enjoying the delicious food made by our members. If you are a guest, we invite you to join us for fellowship and food.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRESENTS DECLUTTERING SEMINAR

Join the Women's Ministries *Decluttering Seminar: Transforming your Space tomorrow, April 6 from 10:00 am to 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

JOIN US FOR PASSION WEEK, APRIL 13-20

Passion Week begins in just 8 days! 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 DISPLACED FAMILIES!

One of our projects for Community Services Day will assist over 100 families who are trying to build a new life in a new country. The Community Services team has created a list of pressing needs: groceries, clothing, children's toys, etc. A bin will be at the church each Sabbath and at the Academy through April 26.

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 these families!

"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.

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

We offer a variety of Sabbath School classes where you're welcome to join the discussion or simply listen. Visit spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

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!

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."

A MIDWEEK CHANGE

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Spencerville Adventist Academy for our Midweek service. **On April 9, Midweek will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., but we'll begin in the library instead of the auditorium** due to the SAA Drama rehearsal taking place in the auditorium.

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!

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A REMINDER ABOUT FOOD IN THE SANCTUARY

We are grateful to the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew (LCAS) for sharing their space with us each Sabbath. We want to do our part to care for this facility. LCSA has requested that we not bring food into the sanctuary on Sabbath. We realize that many children will need a snack between Sabbath School and Church. There are tables in the foyer that can be used for this purpose. We thank you in advance for your help on this matter!

TRANSFORM YOUR HEALTH HABITS

Do you want to break unhealthy habits and build lasting, healthy ones? Discover the power of habit inversion to make positive lifestyle changes. Henry Montezzo, MPH, has over 18 years of experience in behavior health and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Behavioral Health Science at the University of Delaware. Join this practical session **tomorrow, Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the LivingWell Meeting Room, and take the first step toward a healthier, longer life

3,000 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATHWAY TO HEALTH CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS

Pathway to Health is looking for 3,000 volunteers to help demonstrate God's love in St. Louis, **May 4 to 9, 2025**. Pathway to Health is a humanitarian service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Medical,

dental, and non-medical volunteers are urgently needed. Stop by the AWR booth in the foyer today for more information or 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

APRIL

- 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)
- 8 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Midweek Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.
- 13-18 Passion Week - 7:00 p.m. - GC
- 19 Passion Week - 4:00 p.m. - GC
- 20 Passion Week Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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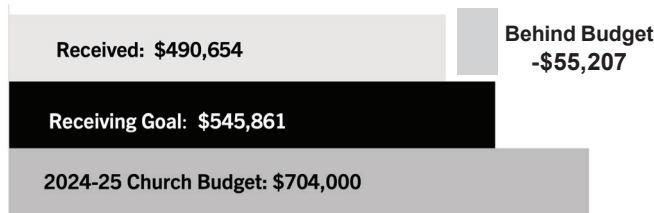
OTHER CONTACTS

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 29, 2025



fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024

CAPITAL BUDGET RECEIVED

\$646,815

*received through March 29, 2025 for
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024*

CURRENT DEBT

\$2,419,212

as of March 15, 2025

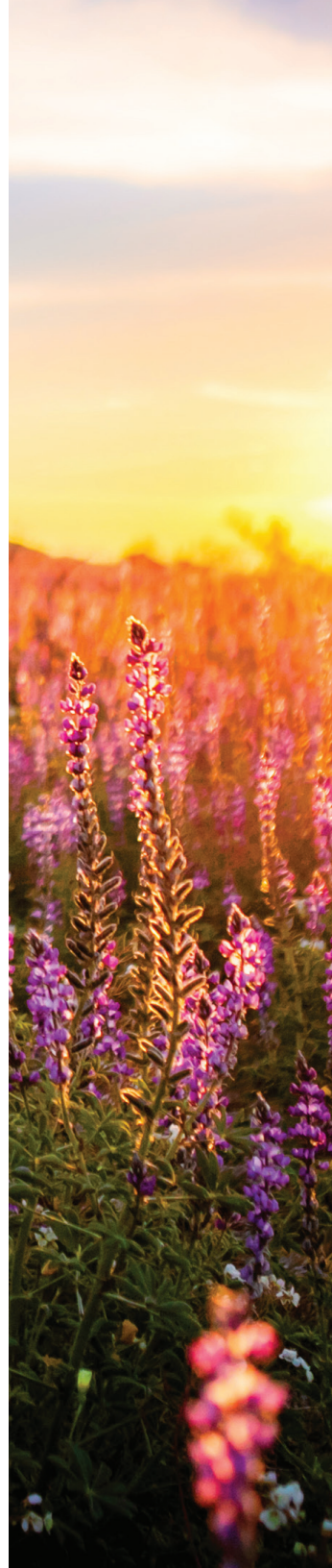


Meeting at:

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
15300 New Hampshire Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Mailing Address:

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20905
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THE DRAGON AND HIS BEASTS: PART TWO "CHRIST OR ANTICHRIST?"

April 5, 2025

REVELATION 13:1-10, ESV

13 *And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"*

⁵ *And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling,[a] that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear:*

¹⁰ *If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.*

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

