

***Pentecost Celebration and 2026
Graduation Recognition***

May 17, 2026, Speedway Christian Church celebrated Pentecost, recognized graduates during worship and hosted a community baccalaureate service for Speedway High School seniors that evening.

Draped across the sanctuary's ceiling was red fabric representing the Holy Spirit's "divided tongues of fire" that came to rest on the shoulders of those who were gathered in Jerusalem for that first Pentecost.

Along with hymns, prayers and scripture reading, eight congregation members shared a multi-language offering of the Lord's Prayer in English (Rev. Hunter), German (Sandy Hostrawser), Spanish (Linda Carter), Setswana (Barry Morton), Italian (Holly Cecil), Latin (Paula Nichols), American Sign Language (Brenda Williamson) and Japanese (Chiko Lahr). The Book of Acts reminds us that while hearing so many different voices speak unfamiliar words the people were, "amazed and astonished...how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language." At the service's conclusion Rev. Hunter invited 2026 high school graduates from our congregation to join him at the front. He gave each a small tool kit, reminding them we are always here to encourage and support them. **We celebrated graduates - Macy DeLisle, Lucas DeVault, Joe Heaviland and Paige Hooper.**

***Baccalaureate Speedway High
School, Class of 2026***

Sunday evening May 17, our SCC congregation hosted a community-wide baccalaureate service for the Speedway High School's graduating class of 2026.

Over 30 seniors sat gowned in the front rows and behind them about 80 guests gathered to bless and celebrate their high school experiences. The students performed music, offered prayers and shared several personal reflections on growing up and graduating from Speedway High.

Rev. Hunter's message to them was "Be thankful, be present and do not worry. Whatever you face, look to you friends, expand your network and don't be afraid to ask for help."

Baccalaureate was followed by a reception in the Bethany Room hosted by members of our congregation. Special thanks to organizer Heather Dietzer, coordinators Kalissa Jackson-Dietzer and Kaden Jackson-Dietzer for set up and Elders Holly Cecil, Rose Hunter, Laura Tice and Tom Smith for assisting where needed.

Check out the photo inside, thank you to Kali Dietzer for snagging it!

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome once again to summer! This season brings the return of church camp, warmer weather, sun screen and bug spray. Parents are trying desperately to occupy children's days to the chorus of... *I'm bored...* while counting down the days until school returns once again. Teachers, staff and administrators are thankfully enjoy a bit of time before the familiar return of the *joy* of students once again.

Here at church, we have entered into a summer series that will mostly focus on the gospel according to Matthew. It is also entertaining to me, that at the same time, we are looking at Matthew in the sanctuary this summer, we are also exploring this gospel for Men's Bible Study! If you want to join the conversation, you are welcome.



June is a busy month around the office with staff vacations and with church camp. However, thanks to our technology investments, we can better respond (and answer) calls and emails as they come in. Not all systems are perfect, though. If you experience frustrations and are unable to connect with the church, please continue to reach out!

I hope and pray that this summer season is full of opportunities for you to spend time with family and friends. Enjoy the cook-outs and fun in the swimming pools. Traveling mercies if this is the month you head away for a time. Be sure to wear that sunscreen, make a trip or two through the desserts and take a moment to listen to or share a familiar story. Love the ones that you are with. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

“Personnely” Speaking

Updates from the Personnel Committee

1. As most have heard, Paula Nichols will be retiring on August 31, 2026. Thanks again to Paula for all her service to Speedway Christian Church!
2. **Thursday Worship Services** - Due to summer church camp schedules (Rev. Kyle will be leading/attending various camps) and staff vacations, **Thursday night worship services will be held every other Thursday, following are the scheduled dates:**

June 11	July 23	September 3
June 25	August 6	
July 9	August 20	

Regular weekly Thursday night services will resume on September 17.

Chuck Bennett
Personnel Chair



An invitation to share your talents....

In a few weeks, the Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers will be taking a much-deserved break for the summer months. I am very grateful to all the members of these ensembles for the time and talent they share with our congregation each week! During the summer, you are invited to share your gifts by offering special music for our worship services. Vocal or instrumental solos or ensembles are welcome and encouraged.



If you need help finding music or need an accompanist, please contact Paula at pnichols@speedwaychristian.org. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall of Light for you to choose your Sunday.

Blessings, Paula

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet every other **Monday** at **7:00pm** in the **Bethany Room**.

A Zoom link is also available. Contact Bob Parke at rparkeatt.net he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!

Please keep in Prayer

Dorothy Webb,
 Mark Wilkey (Ann Hayes' son)
 Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter),
 Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)
Our SCC search committee as they search for an Associate Minister

Our Sympathy and Prayers
to the friends & family of
Gayle Parke,
who passed away on
June 6, 2026.

Stewardship/Finance **May 2026**

May 2026 Funds Received	\$	28,635
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.		0
May 2026 Operating Expenses		23,785
May 2026	\$	4,850
<i>(Revenue greater than expenses)</i>		

2026 Year to Date (January—May)

2026 YTD Funds Received:	\$	201,867
<i>Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)</i>	\$	9,746
2026 YTD Expenses:	\$	156,244
YTD <i>(Revenue greater than expenses)</i>	\$	55,369

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Celebrating New SCC Members

Welcome
Les & Debbie Acree
to Speedway Christian Church

World Outreach June & July WOWW

(World Outreach Works Wonder)

Back to School Teachers Supplies

We will be supporting Speedway High School, Wayne Township Pre-School, and IPS Clarence Farrington Elementary School with needed classroom back to school supplies. The needed classroom supplies include:

Pencils	Markers	Disinfecting Wipes
Dry Erase	Highlighters (all colors)	2 Pocket Folders
Glue Sticks	2 Pocket Folders	Baby Wipes
Kid Scissors	Basic Spiral Notebooks	
Crayons	Erasers (that stick on top of pencil)	
Colored Pencils	Boxes of Tissues	
Hand Sanitizer	Highlighters all colors	

Monetary donations are much appreciated. Thank you!

Amy Ostrander, Chair World Outreach