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Greetings Brothers and Sister in Christ!

Perhaps you have noticed the *new look* to the Spirit Newsletter, the Weekly Update and the cover of the bulletin? In case you've missed it, on the Weekend of **September 20, 2026** Speedway Christian Church celebrates **100 years** of ministry! It was on September 19, 1926 that Speedway Christian Church was officially named and recognized as 30 charter members were present.

Rev. Davis was the first to preach in the *church built in a day* that came together not 12 hours before the first service. I don't know about you, but I think 100 looks pretty good on us! May the work of the church continue long into the future!

~Shalom, Rev. Kyle



CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 4th, 2pm
Indiana Interchurch Center
1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis

Join teams from around Central Indiana for this annual walk to get *one step* closer to **ENDING HUNGER**. Teams can be made of groups of people from faith communities, community organizations, companies, or simply groups of friends and neighbors who like to walk together! All funds raised will go to Second Helpings & Church World Service.



Register your team,
 **join a team,**
& donate here.

Questions? Need help registering? Need team resources?
Contact local organizers - Rev. Sarah Nowak psarah@pvlcelca.org
& Rev. Brooks Barrick reved2@hotmail.com

Did you know?

There are three types of membership outlined in the By-Laws of the church? They are:

Participating Members. This is for those who take an active role in the life of the church. They give. They show up. They engage.

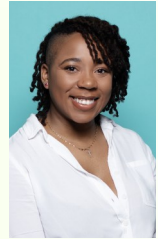
Non-Participating Members. This is for those who still like to be on the official membership list but are not active in any other way.

Associate Members. Perhaps the best kept secret! Want to keep prior affiliation and also join SCC? This is for you!

What Does Worship Look Like?

By: Minister Gabrielle Black-Davis

This semester, I am in a class at Christian Theological Seminary called *Introduction to Worship*. On the first day of class, we were given what seemed like a simple activity: choose a picture and three words that describe how we see worship. Simple enough, right? Except I have been thinking about that activity ever since. What does worship actually look like?



For some of us, worship looks like singing. It is a favorite hymn, a choir filling the sanctuary with music, or a song that somehow gives words to exactly what our hearts have been trying to say. For some of us, worship looks like movement. As someone who loves to dance, I know there are moments when my body can express something to God that my words simply cannot.

Sometimes worship looks like tears. Sometimes it looks like sitting quietly in a beautiful sanctuary and taking in the sacredness of the space around us. Sometimes it is prayer. Sometimes it is Scripture. Sometimes it is coming to the Table.

And sometimes worship looks like routine. I think we can be tempted to believe that worship must always *feel* extraordinary to be meaningful. We look for the song that gives us chills, the prayer that moves us to tears, or the moment when we can unmistakably feel God's presence.

But there is something sacred about the familiar, too. There are Sundays when we may not feel particularly inspired. We still come. We sit in our usual pew. We sing the hymns. We listen to Scripture. We pray. We pass the peace. We come to the Table and receive the bread and the cup. Maybe there is worship in that, too. Maybe our presence can become an offering.

The more I think about worship, the more I realize how easy it is to recognize worship according to what worship looks like *to us*. If I worship through dance, I may recognize movement. If you worship through music, you may recognize song. Someone else may experience God most deeply through silence, ritual, nature, prayer, art, or simply sitting still. None of those expressions have to look the same for them to be offered to God.

And worship is not confined to what happens inside a sanctuary. It can meet us in the car on the way to work, in the kitchen while making dinner, or outside as we notice the beauty of God's creation. It can happen through laughter, silence, dancing, crying, singing, serving, praying, and even through the sacred routines we have practiced so many times that we know them by heart.

Perhaps, then, the question is not, **"Does that look like worship?"** Perhaps the better question is, **"What am I offering to God when I worship?"** That question has stayed with me because it shifts my attention away from how someone else's worship looks and back toward the One we are worshiping.

So, I want to leave you with the same exercise that started all of this for me. If someone asked you to choose a picture and three words that describe worship, what would you choose? More importantly, **what does worship look like for you?**

A Word from our Vice Moderator

Greetings Church Family,

Our church currently has a few board positions open. ~ Christian Education
~ Stewardship & Finance
~ Public Relations

A few weeks ago, during worship our scripture reading and sermon were based on Matthew 14:22-33; "Jesus Walks on the Water". When the Apostle Peter realized that it was Jesus' walking on the water, he asked to be invited to join Him. Peter was invited to step out of the boat and join Jesus, with faith, Peter stepped out and walked on the water. Making the decision to step up and fill one of these open-board positions is also stepping out in faith.

I invite you to step out of "your boat" and prayerfully consider accepting one of these open board positions. Please reach out to me or Rev. Kyle with any questions.

Bill Harting
SCC Vice Moderator

Our Sympathy and Prayers

To the family & friends of
Don Pirtle,
who passed away on August 16, 2026.

Please keep in Prayer

Bill Hammel (Melanie Heaviland's father)
Hayes Desper (Ann Oliver's great-grandson)
Ken Weiss, Dorothy Webb,
Kim Clark (Verna King's sister)
Mark Wilkey (Ann Hayes' son)
Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter),
Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)

HOPE

IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

Speedway Christian Church
Blood Drive

WHEN & WHERE

Sunday, October 18
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Bloodmobile
5110 W 14TH ST
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46224

Blood
donation tips



Eat a healthy meal &
drink plenty of water
before donating.



Wear a shirt with
short or easy-to-
roll sleeves.



Bring something to
pass the time (ie,
headphones or a book.)



Schedule your appointment
Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome!

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Blood Center of Indiana

Stewardship/Finance—August 2026

August 2026 Funds Received	\$	26,594
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.	\$	0
August 2026 Operating Expenses	\$	28,052
August 2026 (Revenue less than exp.)	\$	(1,458)

2026 Year to Date (January—August)

2026 YTD Funds Received:	\$	311,983
Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)	\$	47,777
2026 YTD Expenses:	\$	273,583
YTD (Revenue greater than expenses)	\$	86,178

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World Outreach News

Thank you for making all the summer World Outreach projects a success. World Outreach has some exciting volunteer opportunities for Fall.

Central Indiana CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 4th @ 2:00pm - Interchurch Center 1100 W. 42nd St., Indpls, IN

Join Team: Speedway Christian Church

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

The Storehouse Food Pantry (Pre-Pack Thanksgiving Distribution)

Sunday, November 8th

Storehouse Food Pantry

5625 W. 30th Street, Speedway

The Storehouse Food Pantry Distributions

2nd Saturday of the month 8:30 to 11:00am

4th Wednesday of the month 3:30 to 6:00pm

WOWW September - The Storehouse Food Pantry

~Can Goods; ~ Baby Diapers (all sizes) ~Baby Wipes

~Monetary Donations please note Storehouse Food Pantry

(WOWW = World Outreach Works Wonders)