

October 2015

Windswept

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church



Reformation Roots



Laura Phillips

The Mission of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church is:

- To **WELCOME** people into a community of followers of Jesus Christ.
- To **GROW** with one another in faith and hope in Him.
- To **SEND** out one another as Jesus' compassionate servants in the world.

500 years ago, the world was a different place in many ways than it is today. There was no separation of Church and State; there was great fear of plagues and death, there were relics and rituals, fire and brimstone. It was an era of striving—to be clean of sin by confessing enough and doing all the right things.

Along comes Martin Luther, monk, husband and father, the great reformer, an intelligent and prolific writer and preacher, a man who certainly appreciated good food, good drink (yes, beer!) and who also appreciated art and music, even writing many hymns, such as the well-known “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” .

At the young age of 24, Martin Luther began work as a priest in Wittenberg, Germany. It was there that he changed the course of history by the act of nailing his **95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg’s Castle Church.**

These Theses encouraged people to question the teaching of the Church, which in turn led to the movement known as the Protestant Reformation (Protestant coming from the word ‘protest’ as in, ‘I am protesting the teachings of the church as we know it!’).

After this, Martin found himself in many a dangerous situation—his biography reading like the finest of any action adventure film of today!

Certainly there is no one who could dispute Martin Luther's role as the "Father of the Reformation", but do you know about the many others that supported him along the way? Did you know that there were even some who protested the Church before Luther came along?

Luther’s wife and true love, Katharina von Bora, was certainly a leading female in the Reformation and a constant support to her husband. In addition to Katharina, Luther had several life-long friends who supported him (for the most part) and made his life easier. Theologian Philipp Melanchthon, influential Georg Spalatin, and Prince Frederick III, just to name a few.

This October marks the 498th anniversary of the Reformation, which we will celebrate on Sunday, October 25th. As we approach 500 years, we who are so far removed from that age continue to ask questions and wonder about the significance of it. Who exactly was Martin Luther? Why were the things he did and said so important? I invite you to come and explore the Reformation in our new forum series “**Reformation Roots**” which begins this month. **Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation! LP**



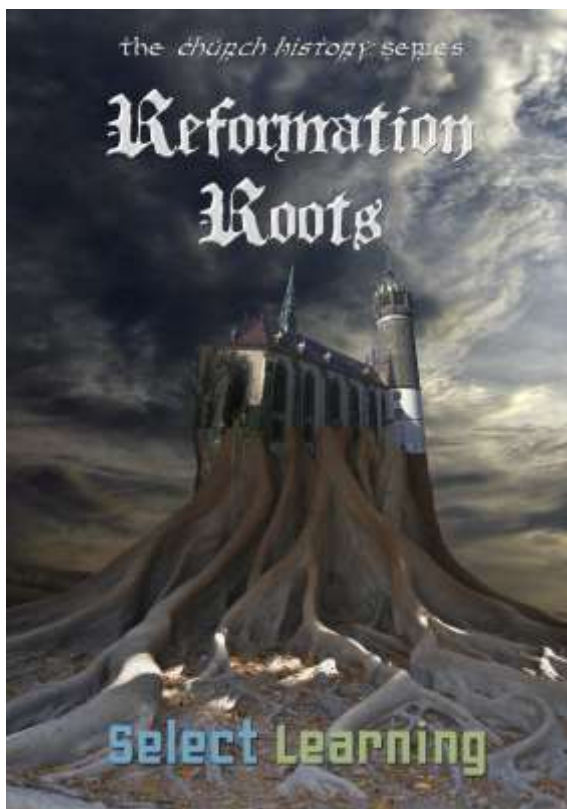
October Sunday Forums* Reformation Roots

October 4—"From Night to Dawn"
 October 11—"From Bondage to Freedom"
 October 18—"From Scholar to Provocateur"
 October 25—"From Priest to Outlaw"

Did you know: that in 2017 we will observe the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation?

The ELCA will be celebrating the great gifts brought about by the Reformation. One of the ways Spirit of Joy will celebrate is by exploring "Reformation Roots," a brand new resource from Select Learning. Join us for this exciting and inspiring new series. While we often think only of **Martin Luther**, there were a number of major Reformation players. Come and meet them.

***Sunday Forums** are for EVERYBODY. They are times of hospitality, a time to ask questions, to challenge conventional wisdom, to grow in faith, and to grow in community with one another. We meet every Sunday (almost) at **10 am in the Galilee Room**—down the hall & across from the kitchen door.



TWO Small Groups Options for YOU
1. It's not too late to join **The Greatest Story—Bible Introduction** series. This course is for anyone, partners or friends of Spirit of Joy, who wish to learn—or be reminded—of the big-picture overview of the Bible, its story, and how that story connects with our personal stories. Led by Pastor Jeff, Laura Phillips and **Katherine Eisele**, we'll explore together the great stories of the Bible. This is a 16 week series. We'll explore the Old Testament through November, break for the holidays, and resume with the New Testament in January. You may come **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** or **Saturday mornings at 9 am** for one-hour sessions. We hope this will be a blessing to you as we together open up our Book of Faith.

2. Friday Morning Bible Study is exploring the gifts and traditions given by ancestors in the faith, **Celtic Christians**. If Fridays are a free morning for you, we welcome you to join us from 9 am to 10:15 am.



Interested? Contact Katherine family@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004

A Trip to Norway—2016?

For two years (2012-2014), Pastor David Anderson of Vibrant Faith Ministries coached our SOJ staff and leaders in the best practices of faith formation—in our congregations and in our homes. Caring Conversations, anyone? Yes! Those seeds were planted by Pastor David.

Pastor David and his wife Gloria are leading a trip to Norway next summer and have invited us to participate. I have brochures for you with itinerary, cost and highlights.

Curious about not only the beauty, but faith traditions and current religious status in Scandinavia? There will be visits with local churches along with the stunning countryside of Norway. If you would like more information on this opportunity, please talk to Katherine Eisele.



Financial Statistics Thru August 31, 2015

Checking Account:	
General Fund	\$129,830.77
Building Fund	\$11,610.33
Donor Restricted	\$34,143.88
Sunday School	\$939.40
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Savings Accounts:	
Building	\$58,557.18
Donor Restricted	<u>\$79,514.27</u>
Total Cash Balance	\$314,795.83
Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$345,772.93
<u>Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses</u>	<u>\$322,381.80</u>
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	\$23,405.36

Comparing Facts and Figures

	August 2013	August 2014	August 2015
Attendance	972	1128	1148
General Offering	\$28,147.84	\$33,681.64	\$40,461.22
Building Offering	\$8,585.50	\$10,950.33	\$11,610.33

Spirit of Joy Information

Pastor: Jeff Eisele
 Office Manager: Amy Orr
 Adult/Family Faith Formation: Katherine Eisele, AiM
 Children and Youth Faith Formation: Mike Haddican
 Interim Ministry Assistant: Laura Phillips
 Worship Arts Coordinator: Jon Mattheis
 Worship Arts: Susan Wold Rohde, AiM
 Church Office: (605) 333-2004

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:45am & 10:15am
 Coffee & Fellowship in between services.

No Wednesday Worship

Nursery available for children accompanied by parent.

Location: 2208 W. LaQuinta Street

Website: www.spiritofjoy.net

Leadership Team

Minutes from the September 15, 2015 Meeting

Unfinished Business

Lutheran/Presbyterian Mission Start in Harrisburg – SOJ Participation?

Pastor Jeff gave an update. Looking for partners to join the group to start a possible church

Congregation Conversations

Sunday, September 20 – Preschool Forum

Sunday, September 27 – Mission Endowment Forum

Sunday, October 4 – Communication Strategy and Outdoor Sign – NO FORUM – The Task Force is gathering information

Thursdays in October – Building Needs Assessment Small Groups – Daryl stated that Building Needs Task Force will meet with small groups

New Business

Annual Fall Congregational Meeting – November 22nd at time? *Adam made a motion to have the Fall Congregation Meeting at 12:45 on 11/22 with a light lunch being served at 12 after the second service, with the Hospitality Team providing lunch. Bill second. Motion carried.*

Staff evaluations- The Executive Team will help with staff evaluations.

Nominations for 2016 Leadership Team—Team leads that are leaving the Leadership Team may want to ask someone on their team to take their place.

Next Building Fund Tithe? - *Chris made a motion to make a \$10,000 tithe to Charis Ministry Partners as voted in the Winter (February) Congregational Meeting. Adam second. Motion carried.*

Benevolence Payments – Seminary Scholarships AND Benevolences—*Bill made a motion to give an additional \$500 to Mike Busby and \$500 to Ben Eisele from Seminary Student Support. Alison second. Motion carried.*

Daryl made a motion to give \$1000 benevolence to Pine Ridge Retreat Center. Bill second. Motion carried.

Bill made a motion to give \$1000 benevolence to St. Francis House. Chris second. Motion carried.

Full ministry team reports and meeting minutes can be obtained from Amy in the SOJ Office.

Thank You Spirit of Joy!

Thank you Spirit of Joy for your partnership in Charis Ministries. Charis includes Food To You, Necessities for Neighbors, and Healthy Rides. Your support through financial donations as well as food, hygiene products, volunteers, and prayers is felt throughout the Sioux Falls community.

I would like to share some information on how the Mobile Food Pantry or Food To You works. Food to You was set up to fill in the budget gaps for families. This traveling food pantry stocks and purchases a variety of foods and household products for distribution to families in need around Sioux Falls.

The products available each week depend on what is available through Feeding South Dakota as well as donations from individuals, businesses, and churches. We serve, on average, 400 families a month with 60-70% of these families having children in the home. Knowing this and with an understanding of financial stewardship, I attempt to order 25-35 pounds of food per family, depending on the size of the family. This often times equals one to three items per category (commodities, produce, bread, pastry, Food of the Month, toilet paper, and meat if available) to each family. Through the first six months of 2015 we have served over 60,000 pounds of food to 2,096 families. This does not include those items donated to Food To You.

Again, thank you for your support and I look forward to our partnership in 2016.

Nicholas Welder, Director
Charis Ministry Partners

Save The Date! Spirit of Joy will be serving breakfast at The Banquet on Wednesday morning, November 11!

Join us! Spirit of Joy will be serving at **Food To You** the Mobile Food Pantry at St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, **October 22nd**. Middle school age and up are welcome to help--it is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together! There is a sign-up sheet located in the Gathering Space at Spirit of Joy.



75 Hygiene Packs and 163 bars of soap were collected!

Community Offering

For the month of October we will collect PEANUT BUTTER to be distributed by **Food to You** in November.

Please leave your donation in the basket in the church gathering area, or include in your Food on the 4th bag!



Thank you Spirit of Joy for your generous donations to Necessities for Neighbors and Food to You the Mobile Food Pantry!

Food on the 4th Sunday will be October 25th! Join us in this opportunity to love our neighbors. Recyclable grocery bags are available throughout the month to pick up at Spirit of Joy. Grab a bag, fill it up and return it on the 25th during offering. These offerings will be distributed to Food to You and to the Sioux Falls Food Pantry. Also available are bags to make Hygiene Kits for Food to You! Thank you for your continued generosity to these important ministries!



Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

Dennis Ellingsen, Jett Markman, Gloria Winterton, Dominic Hagebock, Kerstin Schempp, Roger Syver-son, Gary Molzen, Sherri Schneider, Glen Versteeg, Jim Welch, Mike Kelley, and Debbie Gallipo.

Thanksgiving for:

*the baptism of **Boston Lee Roth**, son of **Jeremy and Christina Roth**, on September 20th
 *the wedding of **Meghin Ryan and Travis Harmening** on September 12th



Comfort for:

***Mary and Dennis Tranberg**, upon the death of Mary's mother, **Elizabeth Balcer**

Guidance, Protection, Help and Encouragement for:

*for **all who work for justice and peace**, in war torn countries, local neighborhoods and schools
 *for **teachers and administrators** in Sioux Falls, Harrisburg and other area schools
 *for young people who are struggling with loneliness, addiction, mental illness, or finding a place to belong
 *for our **partners in mission** in Sioux Falls, especially **Westside Lutheran Church and Pastor Heidi Binstock; Pueblo de Dios and Pastor Jeanette Clark; and the new Harrisburg mission start and Pastor Jess Daum**
 *for leaders in movements to slow climate change, and guide us in faithful **stewardship of the whole planet**
 *for our bishops **David Zellmer and Elizabeth Eaton.**
 *for sisters and brothers in our companion synods in **Cameroon and Nicaragua**
 *for all struggling to discern how to live their calling as a Jesus follower **in their daily work**
 ***Spirit of Joy task force members** considering starting a preschool, assessing building needs, and an overall communications strategy
 ***firefighters** battling blazes in the western United States
 *seminary students **Ben Eisele and Laura Phillips**

October Words for Worship

October 4th-19th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:2-16

Teaching on divorce

October 11th-20th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:17-31

Teaching on wealth and reward

October 18th-21st Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:35-45

Warnings to ambitious disciples

October 25th-Reformation Sunday

John 8:31-36

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

W.O.W! Worship on Wednesday

Wednesday evening worship services have started back up on **at 6:15 p.m.** This year we will be offering holy communion every week. Come be a part of another worship experience at Spirit of Joy.



— **FEAR NOT** —

for I am with you

BE NOT DISMAYED

for I am your God

— **I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU**

I WILL HELP YOU —

I will uphold you

with my righteous

RIGHT HAND. — Isaiah 41:10 ESV



Spirit of Joy Library: KINDNESS AND CARING-NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

You're here for a reason, you certainly are.
The world would be different without you, by far.

Even the smallest of things that you do blossom and multiply far beyond you.

A kindness, for instance, may triple for days...
or set things in motion in different ways.

You're Here for a Reason by Nancy Tillman is one of the new children's books at the SOJ Library. The simple rhymes of the text and the delicate and detailed illustrations, as well as the message, make this a lovely book to read to little children. **Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You** by the same author also stresses the theme of love and caring.

Because Your Grandparents Love You is a cheerful story about children visiting their grandparents' farm and experiencing their understanding and unconditional love.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee shows a good example of kindness and friendship. Amos, the faithful zookeeper, falls ill one day, so the animals want to show they care. The clever and whimsical pictures showing the animals helping are an important part of the story.



Book Clubs & Studies

Evening Book Club is meeting Tuesday, October 6th, 7 p.m. in the WELL there will be a book review and discussion on the 2015 One Book South Dakota: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. All are welcome! If you are interested in obtaining a book, contact the church.

Morning Book Group. The book for October 22 is The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez. The book for December 3 is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. (Please note change of date because of Thanksgiving.) We meet at 9 AM in the church library.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
All Spirit of Joy men are invited to come for breakfast and conversation Thursday mornings, 6:30-8:00am at the Fryin' Pan on 41st Street.



**Project CAR Fundraiser
Soup, Sandwich & Sweets Day**



Thursday, October 22nd
11:00am-1:30 pm & 4:30-7:00pm
First Lutheran Church—Sioux Falls, SD
The menu will feature 3 soups, pork loin sandwiches, and homemade desserts.
All proceeds will go to help with Project CAR expenses.

**Spirit of Joy
Christmas Cantada**

Nearly everyone likes Christmas music. Its's even more fun and meaningful to sing the familiar carols and new arrangements about Jesus' birth. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to sing with the Spirit of Joy Choir in this years Christmas Cantada on December 20th. Anyone middle school through adult is invited to participate. You need not commit to choir rehearsals for the entire year. Join us for rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7:15pm in the Well throughout November and December. The choir will be happy to welcome you!



Check out our new website!!!!
www.spiritofjoy.net
We can't wait to hear what you think!





Men's Retreat at NeSoDak—September 25-26

Back row: Dick Sorum, Tim Krause, Scott Wittrock, Luke Schwingler, Adam Punt, Jeff Eisele
 Front Row: Bill Webb, Sam Eisele, Mike Haddican and Jared Ducommun

Calling Parents of College/Graduate Students!

Saturday, October 24th at 10:30 am at Spirit of Joy



- Short devotion and prayer for our kids (coffee will be on!)
- Write an encouraging note to our kids
- Assemble a fall care package

Please bring about 20 small, non-breakable, relatively flat or smooch-able item. Snacks are great. So are small desk items, a devotion, poem, or printed prayer. We will get them mailed before Halloween! This is a special ministry of Spirit of Joy to our students far and near. (no matter how often they come home!)



Little Lambs Sunday School—October 4 at 10 am

This month's story—Moses!

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers not old enough for Sprouts—all welcome!

Upcoming Events for Children and Their Families

October 4—Little Lambs Sunday School 10 am in the "youth room" (far SW classroom)

October 9-10—Women's Fall Retreat at Joy Ranch

October 14 —(Wednesday) 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Part 1, 7 pm The WELL for ALL 3rd Graders

October 21—(Wednesday) 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Part 2, 7 pm The WELL for ALL 3rd Graders

October 25—8:45 and 11:00 worship, Confirmation AND 3rd Grade Bible Milestone



Christmas Program Auditions

Children in 2nd-5th grade are invited to audition for a speaking role in this year's Sprouts Christmas Program – *Just a Little Christmas*.

Auditions will be held on 2 dates:

Wednesday, Oct 7th from 7:30-8pm
Sunday, Oct 11th from 10:30-11am



Auditions will be held during Sprouts.

Children will be excused from their classroom time for a chance to audition.

Children must be present on Oct 7th or 11th to audition. Parents will be contacted after Oct. 11th if their child was chosen to have a speaking role in the play.

Sprouts Stories - **What've We Seen in the Creation Unit?**

A big black table cloth represents the nothingness of our world before God created light. Ten children are selected to sprinkle colorful pieces of paper on the black canvas to represent how God created this colorful world. White paper to represent light. Blue paper to represent the sky and water. Brown paper to represent the ground. Red, orange, purple and yellow paper to represent various animals, birds, fish, plants and flowers this world hosts.

A 5th grader proudly shows off her drawing of how God made her unique. She's carefully drawn her favorite colors, food and animals. She also has drawn a piano to represent her musical side.

Faith Workshop
Sunday, Nov. 1st
10-10:30am

Topic: Taking Faith Home Insert (from bulletin)

Parents of all ages are invited to a brief 1/2 hour learning session on how, when, where and (most importantly) WHY we use these inserts for creating a healthy routine for devotions in our homes.



Got Magazines?

Do you have old magazine subscriptions around the house?

Donate them to the church. Sprouts and the High School Youth Group need magazines for upcoming lessons.

Drop them off in the box across from

Serving the Furniture Mission –Wednesday, Oct 21 6-9pm

Our High School youth will be helping deliver furniture to those in need of beds, dressers, couches and more.

6 Adult drivers are needed–

- 3 Drivers for Moving Trucks &
- 3 Vehicles to transport kids.

Contact Mike Haddican if you can drive for this event.



Confirmation Sunday - Sunday, Oct 25

Please join us to celebrate a very special Milestone with our 10th Graders on Sunday, Oct 25th as they affirm their Baptism through Confirmation. This Confirmation worship will be held at both the 8:45am and 11am services. The confirmands will share their faith statements and affirm their baptismal promises.

Attention High School Youth & Parents!

Very soon, Mike will again be scheduling times for teens to get together in small groups of 3-5 **people for some discussions about life, prayer concerns and faith formation questions.** We'll meet at Scooters, Fly Boy Donuts, Dairy Queen or other yummy hang out spots.

The time and date always depend on who is available and who is interested in chatting.

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Need to contact Mike Haddican? Email: mike@spiritofjoy.net
 Check out the Youth Website: www.sojyouthsf.weebly.com for
 * Youth Calendar * Events * Faith Formation Opportunities

October Birthdays

Heather Krzmarzick	Baylee Tordsen	Ben Markman	Kyle Winseman
Tasha Markman	Erika Hazlett	Rachelle Sutton	Brady McCollister
Annika Webb	Jason Ahrendt	Ann Engebretson	Joan Fagerness
Katherine Eisele	Kenisha Harper	Rick Larsen	Ben Gromer
Shelby Eisenbeisz	Jeremy Kills-A-Hundred	Daryl Sopko	Scott Lane
Amelia Punt	Vince Lange	Emily Learning	Logan Stockberger
Jeff Paulsen	Kenly Ducommun	Kim Ducommun	Kelsey Bergst
Amanda Kooistra	Abbi Freese	Dennis Ellingsen	Byron Hammerstrom
Tim Schut	Meredith Kolb	Jodi Hanson	Kristi Paulsen
Dave Tonsager	Hadley Cheatum	Allison Alvine	Matt Schrader
Jake Anderson	Kya Keegan	Aaron Buchholz	Tricia Merrigan
Sandy Ellingsen	Baylor DeVries	Tess Kruse	Luke Schwingler
Troy Woitzel	Jodi Haugland	Alissa Lennon	Caleb Wieman
Dave Driver	Jamie Lennon	Aden Alvine	Linda Weber
Beckett Keegan	Max Miller	Aiden Berdahl	Paul Rohde
Nathan Manthey	Steve Fagerness	Luke Detert	
Bill Brieher	Ron Frary	Jackson Hazlett	
Richard Kappedal	Kinsley Kittams	Adam Learning	

October Anniversaries

Quinten & Jocelyn Johnson	10/01	Stephen & Joan Fagerness	10/15
Tom & Julie Kelley	10/02	Adam & Emily Learning	10/17
Adam & Brittni Punt	10/08	Josh & Stacie Swanstrom	10/20
Jeff & Kera Heier	10/10	Fran & Laura Phillips	10/24
Jack & Pam Zimmel	10/10	Dean & Lois Klein	10/28
Eric & Shelley Watson	10/12		
Jeremy & Sara Kills-A-Hundred	10/14		
Chad & Nicole Schilmoeller	10/14		



Spirit of Joy publicizes birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter as a way to encourage our partners to pray for one another throughout the year. If you have a July birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office at 333-2004 or email us at: info@spiritofjoy.net



Congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Jeanette Clark of Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls Mission, and Pastor Cole McCormick of Grace Lutheran, Luverne, Minnesota upon their marriage Oct. 3, 2015, at All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota. We are delighted to play a small part in Pueblo de Dios and ask for prayers for Jeanette and Cole as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

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Return Service Requested

Service of Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, October 25th 8:45 & 11:00

