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# Windswept

Monthly updates on the mission & ministry of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

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## Join us during Holy Week & Easter Sunday

4.14	4.18	4.19	4.21
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
8:45am 11:00am	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00am 8:45am 11:00am

## The Abundance of the Cross

God so loved the world that God gave us Jesus. He wasn't who we expected or even wanted. We were hoping, along with his first apprentices, that he would turn out to be a warrior king, a brilliant and powerful overlord, who would leverage his divine connections to triumph over every enemy of God's Chosen People. We hoped he would usher in the Kingdom of God with irresistible authority, and that his mighty reign would guarantee peace and justice for all.



God so loved the world that God gave us Jesus, who instead of climbing up on a throne, got himself nailed to a cross. Instead of a Super Savior, we ended up with a Crucified God. Jesus declined the role of Heavenly Protector who would guarantee us the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of our own happiness; he accomplished his mission instead by giving up his own rights. According to St. Paul,

*though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross. (Philippians 2)*

This is what love looks like. This is what foolish, extravagant, cross-shaped generosity looks like. This is where our living and giving as apprentices of Jesus begins.

I look forward to meeting you at the foot of the cross of Christ this coming Holy Week, and to contemplating with you what an incredible gift we have received in Jesus. He has carried the burdens of our sin to the cross, and simultaneously demonstrated that nothing can stop him from loving us. Nothing. Not even death. God so loved the world...that we might love God.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a tribute far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

-Pastor Jeff Eisele

## Staff

Lead Pastor  
Jeff Eisele

Associate Pastor  
Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Office Manager  
Amy Orr

Deacon Katherine Eisele  
Director of Adult/Family Faith  
Formation

Mike Haddican  
Director of Children/Youth Faith  
Formation

Preschool Director  
Amy Cauble

Communications Coordinator  
Audrey Shattuck

Worship Leader  
Deacon Susan Wold Rohde

Financial Report  
through  
February 28, 2019

Checking Account

General Fund	\$120,454.74
Building Fund	\$6,708.33
Donor Restricted	(\$1,553.90)
Sunday School	\$1,626.51
Preschool	
Reserve Fund	\$23,574.15
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$102,235.55
Donor Restricted	\$69,514.27

Total Cash Balance	\$322,759.65
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Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$151,633.47
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Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$100,450.98
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Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	\$51,182.49
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	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2018	Feb. 2019
Attendance	1474	1516	1215
General Offering	\$37,825.83	\$49,990.54	\$107,510.79
Building Offering	\$8,501.42	\$10,992.33	\$6,708.33

March 2019

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 21, 2019

**Unfinished Business**

- A. **Funding for JLG contract-** Nothing of the balance discussed last month has been paid to date. Will update again next month.
- B. **Children and Youth Ministry Summit- April 28, 2019-** Dave and Gloria Anderson will be here for the day. The purpose of the summit is to look at SoJ's faith formation programs and see where we go from here. Hopefully many people will join this discussion to share hopes and visions for the future.
- C. **Recipients of 2% Capital Campaign Gifts-** Discussion was held on how many gifts and for what amount. The Outreach Team is compiling a list of potential recipients. Further discussion will be held post campaign.

**New Business**

- A. **Transition date for moving from building debt reduction to building fund-** Darlene Weber-Scott moved to establish a new capital campaign account effective May 1, 2019, at which time the current building debt reduction fund would be applied to the loan principal and closed. Michelle Stanek second. Motion carries.
- B. **Post secondary scholarships-** The Growth Team is reworking their policies regarding college scholarships, taking into account the growing number is high school students.
- C. **Permanent sign for Preschool-** The Preschool Team is researching options. Jason will do some preliminary zoning and planning research.
- D. **Benevolence Payments:** Carole Chell moved to make benevolence payments to the following:
  - A. Charis/Mobile Food Bank- \$1,000
  - B. Community Outreach- \$500
  - C. St. Dysmas- \$1,000
 Sarah Manthey second. Motion carries.

## Prayers of the Church

### *Healing and strength for:*

**Lois Klein, Dean Klein, Riley Conway, Joe Wheeldon, Mike Ryan, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Jean Schubauer, Jeremy Halstenson, Bruce Boyce, Janice Kelley, and Pastor Amy Martinell.**

### *Comfort for:*

- the family and friends of **Gloria Winterton**, who died March 14
- those in Christchurch, New Zealand, who grieve the massacres at two mosques, and our brother and sister Muslims in Sioux Falls who share that grief

### *Thanksgiving for:*

- our many partners working to make visits, host the congregation dinner, and plan the prayer vigil as part of our **Called in Faith, Growing in Joy** capital campaign
- the leaders of our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop
- our many volunteers who participate in our feeding ministries with The Banquet, Kids Against Hunger, Food to You, Food on the Fourth, and Meals on Wheels

### *Guidance and encouragement for:*

- our neighbors in South Dakota and surrounding states whose lives have been upended by flood waters, and for those assisting them
- for peacemakers in the Middle East, and in other places of unrelenting violence
- leaders of **Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota** and **Shetek Lutheran Ministries**
- for our South Dakota Synod's missionary in Nicaragua, the **Rev. Dra. Claudia Soliette López Ortega**, and for partners in ministry in our **companion synods in Nicaragua**
- for our bishops **David Zellmer and Elizabeth Eaton**
- our **South Dakota Synod** as we prepare to elect a new bishop at the upcoming synod assembly on May 31-June 1
- the students and staff at **The Bridges at Horace Mann Elementary School**
- **President Trump, Senators Rounds and Thune, Representative Johnson** and other leaders in our federal government
- **Governor Noem, state senators and representatives, Mayor Ten Haken** and other leaders in our state and local governments



## HOLY WEEK

Join us for Worship this Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday**

April 14, 8:45 and 11:00

Procession with Palms and First Communion

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 18, 7:00 pm

We gather at the Lord's Table for the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar

### **Good Friday**

April 19, 7:00 pm

We gather at the foot of the Cross to hear Jesus' Last Words and to Pray

### **The Resurrection of Our Lord!**

Sunday, April 21

Festival Worship at 7:00, 8:45, and 11:00am

Spirit of Joy Children and Youth Ministry  
Summit  
Sunday, April 28  
1:00-5:00 pm

Faith Formation with New Generations

All persons interested in the present and future ministry of faith formation for children, youth, families, and adults are invited to gather with us for this exciting event.

Our special guest for the day will be David Anderson, author of four books on faith formation, including *From the Great Omission to Vibrant Faith*, and *Vibrant Faith in the Congregation*. David and co-presenter Gloria Anderson have coached congregations throughout the country in how to best create faith-forming environments in the local church. They currently lead Milestones Ministry, another avenue for sharing the Christian faith with persons at all ages and stages of their lives.



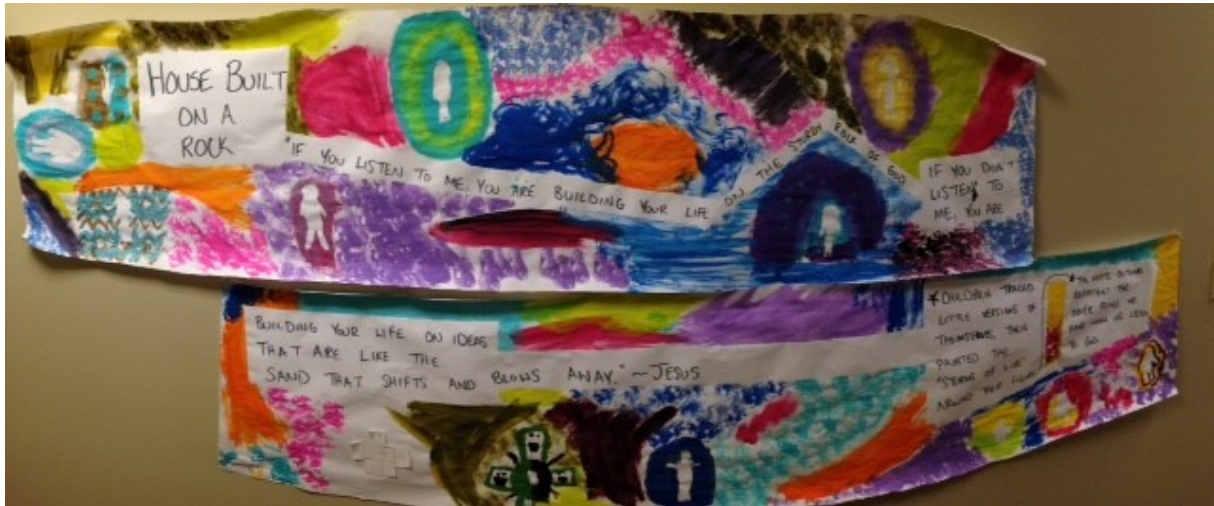
This summit is for parents, older students, church staff, and pastors, grandparents, and any ministry partner interested in finding out some of the ways we can best live out our baptismal promises to teach the baptized what it means to be a beloved child of God and apprentice of Jesus.

# Children & Youth Faith Formation

March 2019

## Build Your Faith on a Firm Foundation

In March, kids have taken time to focus on how we need to be hearers and doers of God's word. They learned about the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock (listened to God's word) and the foolish man who built his house on the sand (heard God's word and did not do as he was told).



## Preschool Vacation Bible School

is coming up this summer! Follow this link to register your preschool student for our three night adventure as we experience "Roar: Life is Wild. God is Good."

<https://tinyurl.com/y3qnqrbt>

Spirit of Joy Day Camp  
July 7-11, 2019 9am-3pm  
for current Kindergarten - 5th Grade



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## Helping Those in Need

You don't have to go far to find somebody in need of help. With the threats of flooding in/around Sioux Falls, the city of Sioux Falls recently asked for volunteers to fill sandbags. Special thanks to Evan, Mike, Christa, Grant, Brad, Shawn, Andrew, Matt, and John for taking some time to help out a neighbor in need.



Our teens have been focusing on the topic of prayer. Our conversations have included some important questions and insights about what teens think about prayer.

Why is prayer important to you?

- You can share your thoughts and feelings without being judged.
- Prayer brings you closer to God.
- It allows me to talk to God.
- Prayer is a way to maintain hope for something.

What makes prayer important in your life?

- It is beneficial.
- When it provides me with joy.
- Prayer is there every day and it has meaning.
- It allows me to spend time focusing on my friends, my family and my enemies too.

-Mike Haddican



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## Milestones Coming Up:

Kindergarteners and Parent(s):

Sunday, May 5, at 10 am

### Prayer Pillow Milestone!

Rescheduled from March.

Join us for an hour of learning about prayers. Each child will receive their own little hand-made prayer pillow.

5<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parent(s):

Sunday, May 5, at noon.

Pizza lunch followed by the **Earthcare Milestone.**

One hour – learn about how God calls us to care for creation. Spirit of Joy partner Donna Ver Wey, will have a special garden activity for us.

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parent(s):

Sunday, May 5, at noon.

**Teens and Traffic Milestone.** Pizza lunch followed by presentation by SFPD officer and SoJ partner, Joey Larson. Teens will hear first-hand stories of the what, why, and how of safe driving. This is a popular event. RSVP to [family@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:family@spiritofjoy.net) so we have a count for lunch.

## Easter Morning Cookies

*A fun Easter surprise from your kitchen. Look ahead so you have the ingredients on Saturday night!*

### Ingredients:

1 tsp. vinegar

3 eggs, separated

Pinch of salt

1 cup sugar

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. (Make sure the oven reaches 300 before you put in the cookies!) Put the vinegar in a mixing bowl. Separate the yolks from the egg whites, and add the egg whites to the vinegar. Add salt and sugar. Take turns beating the mixture until it forms stiff peaks (use an electric mixer!). Drop the batter by teaspoons on to a cookie sheet covered with wax paper. You also can put the batter in a frosting bag and pipe out individual cookies. Explain to your children that each cookie is like the tomb where Jesus was buried. Put the cookies in the oven and **turn the oven off.** Talk about how Jesus' body was sealed into the tomb when he died. The next morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. **The kids will notice that the cookies are empty inside-just like Jesus' tomb was on Easter.**

## “What Does Good Friday Mean?”

**Friday, April 19, 10am.**

A one-hour event for **families** Good Friday morning. We'll share the Holy Week story in ways that children can understand. Touch, taste, hear, smell, and see the events of Good Friday.

For all ages, but particularly helpful for our preschool and elementary-aged children.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday, April 21, immediately following the 8:45 am worship service – approximately 9:45. Bring your little one and their basket to the front door area. Raining? We'll hide eggs in the education wing.

## Adult Faith Formation

Sometimes it is forgotten that we adults continue to grow in faith, too. The Greatest Story – Bible participants are on session 10 of 16 and have grown together in faith. Reading, praying, sharing stories, and even, (humoring

Katherine) creating art work that tells the story of what we've been learning. In April we launch into the Jesus story and the adventures and misadventures of the early Christian church.



## Sunday Forum Series: Prayer

Gift and Promise continues March 31 and April 7. Join us in the Galilee Room as we explore this gift of honest conversation with God.



## Preschool Dates to Know:

April 19-22	Easter Break- No Preschool
May 6	Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser (rain date May 13)
May 16	Last Day of Preschool T,TH Class Year-end Program 10:30am
May 22	Last Day of Preschool M,W,F Class and M-Th Class Year-end Program 10:30am

## Go West, Young Man!

1,554 miles west to be exact!

Join us for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spirit of Joy Preschool Bike-a-Thon** and help our preschoolers reach Vancouver, Washington, and the Columbia River just 1,554 miles from Sioux Falls.

There are two ways to help:

### #1 Participate in the Bike-a-Thon!

Children aged 0-10 years old\* can grab a sponsorship form at the preschool table in the Gathering Space. Ask friends and family to support you with donations per lap or a one-time dollar amount. On May 6, bring your bikes, strollers, scooters, or walking shoes for some fun!

*\*Adults can join, too! If you would like to ride your bike, an adults course will be created. Please let Amy know through email if you would like to come. We would love to have all ages participate!! [amycauble@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:amycauble@spiritofjoy.net)*

### #2 Join the Virtual Ride!

Donations will help us move our trike across the country virtually. For every \$1 donated, one trike will move one mile. Our progress will be posted in the gathering space, online, and on announcement slides. Help preschoolers ride across the U.S. and learn more about our country. We hope to write a letter to another preschool in Vancouver to learn more about their preschool.

Funds raised at this event will support the addition of Kindermusik curriculum to our Preschool program. The music curriculum nurtures not only music skills but also literacy, math, and social-emotional skills.



Preschoolers are having fun and learning lots of new things. The month started off strong with literacy skills thanks to Dr. Seuss and Read Across America! We read loads of Dr. Seuss stories, and many other books, both at Preschool and at home. Children completed a reading log for a certificate and surprise treat. Our classroom door is covered with readers' logs. Take a look when you walk down the hall. We have been practicing letters, numbers, and colors in as many fun ways as possible: songs, games, movement, arts, writing, science, buildings and snacks.



\*Note, to see a video of the Skittles science experiment, visit the preschool Facebook page and check out our short video. (Facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool)

Our Bible stories this month include Jesus' teaching and miracles. We have learned how Jesus fed a crowd with bread and fish; Jesus' visit to Mary & Martha; and how Jesus listens to us when we need help. Preschoolers have been practicing prayers during the season of Lent by remembering those on our minds and hearts. Older students are also practicing the Lord's Prayer with actions.

Finally, we celebrated our families by getting to know one another better at the Family Celebration. Families gathered at Preschool to try new foods, play games, create crafts, and share family traditions posters with one another. It was fun to meet siblings and grandparents at the event.

We are so happy spring is here. There is more time to explore the gardens and outdoor play. Thank you, God, for warmer weather.

-Amy Cauble, Preschool Director

### Tours always available!

Registration forms for Fall 2019 are now being taken. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool, we would love to meet them!

For more information and to see what we are doing each week, visit [spiritofjoy.net/preschool](http://spiritofjoy.net/preschool) or [facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool](https://www.facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool). Tours of the Preschool are always available by contacting Amy Cauble, 333-2004 or [amycable@spiritofjoypreschool.net](mailto:amycable@spiritofjoypreschool.net).

## Bridges at Horace Mann

### **Spring Flowers:**

Thanks to your generosity, we gave a daffodil to each teacher at Horace Mann in honor of the long-awaited first day of spring. Jaci Pesicka, assistant principal at Horace Mann, said the flowers created a “Spirit of Joy!”

### **Teacher Appreciation Week:**

Soon we will start collecting gift cards for the Horace Mann teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Stay tuned to the bulletin and weekly emails for more information.



### **St. Dysmas: Thursday, April 25**

We have been invited to worship with the men of St. Dysmas Lutheran Church at the South Dakota State Penitentiary on Thursday, April 25, with arrival just before 6 p.m. Required background check forms are available in the gathering space and are due on Monday, April 1. You may sign up in the gathering space or online at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups).



### **The Banquet: Friday, May 17**

Eat and serve breakfast with our downtown neighbors on Friday, May 17! Cooks arrive at 5:30, servers at 6:30, and we wrap up by around 8:15 or 8:30. You may sign up in the gathering space or online at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups).

## April 2019 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Ushers	Holy Communion	Greeters	Readers
7	8:45	Ken & Star Munch	Jeanne Gacke & Wendi VanBeek	Cheryl Zell	Kevin Nelson
	11:00	Craig & Wendy Donelan	Bryon & Terese Hammerstrom	Colwell Family	Michelle Stanek
14	8:45	Gene & Karen Kruse	Gina Cole & Susan Hagebock	Jason & Jamie Appel	TBD
	11:00	Terry & Gwen Bobbie	Bill & Tracy Dahl-Webb	Char Sorum & Marsha Kadlecik	Sally Hanson
21	7:00	TBD	Dennis & Mary Tranberg	TBD	Pam Cole
	8:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	Bob Mayer
	11:00	Brian & Jamie Oyen	TBD	TBD	Larry Gruseth
28	8:45	Kevin & Deb Nelson	Dave & Alma Tonsager	Lori Tripp & Dorothy Merchant	Sarah Yee
	11:00	TBD	Tracy Dahl-Webb & Amy Orr	Mike & Vicky Dix	TBD

Date	Sunday Hosts
7	Terri Bierman, Shelly Wittrock, Deb Nelson
14	Dorothy Merchant, Arlene Drew, Deb Nelson
21	Erika Thedens, Char Sorum, Donna Ver Wey
28	Sally Watterson, Ali Lennon, Donna Ver Wey

Date	Offering Counters
7	Kevin Kittams, Ron Risty, Gary Huber
14	Tracy Dahl-Webb, Darlene Weber-Scott
21	Ken Munch, Gregg VanMeter, Eric Backstrom
28	Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Shelly Wittrock

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
1	Daryl & Sharon Sopko
8	Joan & Steve Fagerness
15	Pam Schroeder & Suzanne DeBoom
22	Jan Noer & Alma Tonsager
29	Dave & Renee Storm

If you would like to help during one of the Easter services, you can sign up in the gathering space.

# April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
		6:15pm- Brewed Theology (Cody's Smokehouse)	10:00am-Staff Mtg. 5:15pm-Lenten Dinner 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St.  6:30pm-The Greatest Story	9:00am-The Greatest Story	
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Commitment Sunday  8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 10:00am-Little Lambs 11:00am-Worship Noon- Response Visit Training Lunch			10:00am-Staff Mtg. 5:15pm-Lenten Dinner 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St.  6:30pm-The Greatest Story	9:00am-The Greatest Story	Scouts in the WELL (am)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Palm Sunday  8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 11:00am-Worship			10:00am-Staff Mtg.  No evening worship or activities.	7:00pm- Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm- Good Friday Worship	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Easter  7:00am- Worship 8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Egg Hunt 11:00am-Worship	SoJ closed		10:00am-Staff Mtg.  Wednesday evening worship and activities TBD	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St.  SoJ Worships at St. Dysmas  6:30pm-The Greatest Story	9:00am-The Greatest Story	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 10:00am-Lord's Prayer Milestone 11:00am-Worship						

