



WINDSWEEP

AUGUST 2022

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus

1 Corinthians 16:23-24



Last week, Katherine and I attended a Minnesota Twins baseball game at Target Field in Minneapolis. For several innings, the four men in front of us loudly discussed their current jobs, recent interviews for new jobs, and the pros and cons of their career paths. Their conversation got me to thinking about all the years I wondered what kind of work I would do, and, once decided, if it would be a good fit with my interests and abilities. Would it be satisfying? Meaningful? Would God provide guidance? Inspiration? How would I know when it was time to move from one job to the next?

It seems strange--and surprising--to reach this point in my life when I am mostly on the back side of the questions those young men were asking. As most of you reading this know by now, I will be completing my call to Spirit of Joy at the end of this month and retiring from full time work as a pastor. With great gratitude, I can look

back now and answer those questions that were so prominent leading up to and during my working years.

I am grateful that for the past forty years, my work has been satisfying, meaningful and challenging. Looking back, I see the ways the Holy Spirit has been in the middle of it all: equipping, calling, guiding, inspiring, forgiving, healing, and accompanying me with grace and love. Such grace and love have been revealed week after week in the Word we've heard together, in the waters of baptism poured over us, and in the meal we've shared at the Lord's Table.

The greatest gift of these past years has been the opportunities to share and receive God's grace and love with the communion of saints—the people of God I've accompanied on their journeys of faith. What a remarkable privilege to be welcomed into people's lives, learn their stories, discern the ways God is inviting us into God's Great Story, be present in times of great joy and painful suffering and sorrow, and determine how to witness to the hope and joy available to all persons in Jesus Christ.

These last 22 years as mission developer and pastor of Spirit of Joy have been the most challenging and rewarding of all my calls. I am filled with gratitude to so many of you who have participated in the birth and vibrant life of Spirit of Joy: to my family who left a settled life in Wisconsin to enter the great unknown of church planting, and supported me through every high and low; to those first pioneers who took a chance on joining a congregation not much more than a dream in the beginning; and to all the faithful partners who have participated with the Holy Spirit in becoming Spirit of Joy with the gifts of your time, your amazing variety of talents and expertise, and your extravagant generosity over the past two decades. You are a blessing.

With gratitude and joy,
Pastor Jeff

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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AUGUST

DEACON HANNAH INSTALLATION

Guest Preacher: Rev. Renee Splichal-Larson, Associate to the Bishop. Welcome Reception for Hannah between services.

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AUGUST

PASTOR JEFF RETIREMENT

Join us for a party in honor of Pastor Jeff's Retirement. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP at spiritofjoy.net/signups

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SEPTEMBER

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

8:45 AM Worship
10:00 AM Faith Formation Hour
11:00 AM Worship

Register at spiritofjoy.net/signups

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SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING BEGINS

6:15 PM Worship
7:00 PM Children of Joy,
Confirmation, Choir Rehearsal

Faith Formation

Registration for Education at Spirit of Joy

Please fill out one form for each child participating in an education opportunity at Spirit of Joy. **This includes Children of Joy PreK-5 Grade, 6-8 Grade Confirmation, 9 Grade Mentor Program, and 9-12 Grade Youth Group.** Volunteer Opportunities included in the form for adults to participate. Please sign up where you would like to help – We Need You! Sign up online at spiritofjoy.net/signups.

Please Note:

Children of Joy begins Sunday, September 11

Wednesday programming begins September 14

Wednesday Worship, Children of Joy, Confirmation, Youth Group, Choir Rehearsals



Blessing of Students & Backpacks

Sunday, August 28 | Both Services

Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks to worship that day!

Family Fun Night

August 10 From 6:30-8:00

"The Good Samaritan"

Worship

Bounce House

Yard Games

Bonfire

Outreach Opportunities

Breakfast at The Banquet | Friday, August 12

Banquet Downtown

Prep starts at 5:30am. Meal servants arrive at 6:30. Meal service starts 7:00. Clean up is typically complete around 8:30.

Sign up online at spiritofjoy.net/signups



Laundry with Love | Tuesday, August 23

The Laundromat Company at 701 N. Cliff Ave

Two shifts to work: 3:00-5:30pm or 5:30-8pm. Pass out giveaway items, sign guests in, sort quarters, and help make and serve dinner.

Watch for more information and sign up coming soon.



Church on the Street's Arts in the Park Tuesday, July 19

Thank you to the partners of Spirit of Joy that served at Arts in the Park! Dinner, crafts, school supply giveaway, and lots of prayers were shared during this event. It was your generosity that made it all possible! Thank you for your Bold Service & Extravagant Generosity!

Preschool News

Come and see what's happening at your preschool

Preschool Registration and Tours offered throughout the summer months as classes are available. Contact Amy Cauble, Preschool Director, to schedule a tour or ask questions. *Registrations available online, mail or in person.



For more information or to schedule a tour (available anytime)

contact Amy Cauble, teacher & director at 605-333-2004

amycauble@spiritofjoypreschool.net.

Registration available online or in person

spiritofjoy.net/preschool for more information

Scholarships, partner and sibling discounts available

WANTED: Drivers for Preschool

Transport up to five children to and from preschool during the school year. Drivers & assistants will be needed five days per week. Drop off locations near the preschool and shifts can be 2, 3, or 5 days per week 7:30 am and 12: 15 pm. **Holidays & schoolwork days are off, calendar provided.* Background check and safe driving record required. Contact Amy Cauble for more information.



Staff Feature



Deacon Hannah Fleming
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
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Tell us a little about your background

I was born and raised in Liberia, a small and beautiful country in West Africa. I grew up with many fun sisters and brothers (biological and extended families). I love to make a joyful noise, so I sought every opportunity to sing in my church choir. I was an active member of the Girls' Auxiliary at church. During my high school years, I was in choir, band, and the drama club. I attempted to play sports, especially kickball, but it just did not work. So, I joined the cheering squad.

After high school, I attended the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary where I earned my bachelor's in religious education. During my educational experience at LBTS, I did church planting and took on other leadership roles in the church. I worked as a teacher and middle school principal in Monrovia, Liberia.

My husband and I met at seminary and have been married for 26 years and counting. Our union is blessed with three beautiful children-James, Joel, and Hannahlisa. Following

my undergrad education, I received my graduate degree with emphasis in youth and family ministry from Luther Seminary, in St. Paul, Minnesota. I worked as the youth director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. In 2009, my family relocated to Stickney South Dakota when my husband received a call to serve at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Rapid City became home to my family a few years later. I worked at Calvary Lutheran Church, in Rapid City SD. On May 1st of this year, I prayerfully received and accepted a call as Deacon at Spirit where I am serving as the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.

What would constitute a "perfect" day for you?

A perfect day for me is one that begins with my daily devotion, exchanging good morning greetings with my family, a nice cup of tea or coffee, an intentional effort to put a smile on somebody's face, making dinner for and spending time with my family. Then, I climax the day with watching a beautiful South Korean or British Television Show.

If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?

Well, since I'm not much of a sports person, I direct my energy somewhere else-foreign television shows. I would win an Olympic medal for binge watching Korean and British movies or tv series on Netflix or Viki Rakuten for many consecutive hours.

Guilty Pleasure Movie/Television Show

My guilty pleasure Television Shows are Downtown Abbey or Boys Over Flowers.

What is one of your favorite hymns?

One of my favorite hymns is "A Charge to Keep I Have" and my favorite Christian song is "Goodness of God."


Adult Faith Formation

Monday, August 8 | 7 PM

Theology on Tap with Pastor Eric

“The Stories We Hope to Tell” @ Severance Brewery
(701 N Phillips Ave #110)

SUMMER 2022

Adult
Faith
Formation 

Thursday, August 11 | 7 PM

Brene Brown with Margie Schade

Discussing *Dare to Lead*

Thursday, August 17 | 6:30 PM

Rev. Paul Johnston

Systems Theory: A Way of Learning to Live the Resurrection Life

Connecting our Story to the Congregation and asking the question, “Can a congregation differentiate from a pastor?”

Pray the Labyrinth

Mondays at 7PM or Thursdays at 8AM

Each week will have a specific scripture verse and focus for our prayer and include prayers for Spirit of Joy and family

Thursday, August 17 | 6:30 PM

Faith & Film with Pastor Jeff

We will discuss the Academy Award winning film (including best picture of the year) CODA. CODA stands for Children of Deaf Adults. The film tells the story of a teen named Ruby who grows up as the only hearing member of her family. When Ruby discovers a passion for singing, she must choose between family obligations and her dreams. You're invited to see the movie before our gathering (currently only available on Apple TV+, free with 7-day trial) and then join our conversation.

October 14-15: Women's Retreat at Joy Ranch

Theme - Embracing Change. Register online at spiritofjoy.net/signups, or you can find a registration form on the Welcome Center at church.

Register by September 28.

SAVE THE DATE

Marriage Enrichment: April 28-30 at Shetek

Details coming soon!





Family Fun Night in July "Walking on Water"



Gaga Ball & Bonfire Night!

High School- August 3rd
Middle School- August 4th
7:00-8:30 pm





NEED SOMEONE TO
LISTEN?

We're Here!



Want to connect?

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Linda Beckman: 605-759-4663

**BEFRIENDER
MINISTRY**

A Listening Presence

Financials through June 2022

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$52,422.48
Building Fund	\$16,659.97
Donor Restricted	\$36,399.78
Sunday School	\$808.18
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022
Attendance	???	???	565
General Offering	\$ 44,972.29	\$ 35,749.93	\$ 50,496.24
Building Offering	\$ 42,381.08	\$ 25,893.53	\$ 16,659.97

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$145,923.57
<u>Donor Restricted</u>	<u>\$69,465.73</u>
Total Cash Balance	\$326,239.81

Capital Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$2,478,485
Received as of June 30, 2022: \$2,297,671.32

Overflowing! Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$673,970
Received as of June 30, 2022: \$56,126.72

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$300,129.74
<u>Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry</u>	<u>\$321,995.23</u>
Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	- \$21,865.49