

Windswept

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



Our building was filled with laughter and smiles during Day Camp from July 15-19.



Peace be with you.

August 2018

Coaching for Joy



This summer someone paid **\$3.3 million** to have lunch with Warren Buffett. For the past two decades, the “Oracle from Omaha” has made himself available for lunch in New York via a charity auction. The

winner of this year’s auction will be able to invite seven others to join Buffett for a good meal and conversation. All of the proceeds from the auction will benefit Glide, a San Francisco based charity that addresses poverty and homelessness.

Why so much for a single meal? It’s not the food, though I’m sure it’s delicious. It’s not the charity, though they do good work. The appeal, of course, is the opportunity to sit down with a man who is one of the most successful investors who ever lived and to receive some personal investment coaching.

If you had the means to submit the winning bid for a lunch with the world’s foremost coach of any one skill or practice, what skill and coach would you choose? Playing basketball with LeBron James? A voice lesson with Adele? An acting lesson from Tom Hanks? Decorating ideas from Chip and Joanna Gaines?

What if your priority was soul formation? Who would you choose as your oracle or guru or coach? The thing that is different about soul formation, also called spiritual formation, is that our hearts and souls are always being shaped in some way whether we intentionally choose a coach or not. You and I could choose to learn more about the skills and practices mentioned above or ignore them completely. Not so with formation of our souls—it is always ongoing—which makes choosing a coach a bit more vital.

For this reason, I want to invite you to come and dine with the world’s foremost authority on joyful living as soulful living. No need to submit a bid, and there is always room at his table for you. Come and dine with Jesus this Sunday or any Sunday, listen to his words, and remember his promise, **“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete”** (John 15:11).

Pastor Jeff Eisele

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Communications Coordinator
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Worship Leader
Deacon Susan Wold Rohde

Summer Worship Arts Coordinator
Carli Bolin

Financial Report through May 31, 2018

Checking Account

General Fund	\$103,297.07
Building Fund	\$15,392.21
Donor Restricted	(\$15,617.91)
Sunday School	\$1,631.02
Reserve Fund	\$52,698.40
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$69,514.27
Donor Restricted	\$78,885.10

Total Cash Balance	\$306,043.05
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Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$329,591.01
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Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$320,944.94
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Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	\$8,680.10
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	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018
Attendance	1105	945	991
General Offering	\$32,417.15	\$41,116.10	\$40,910.57
Building Offering	\$10,085.33	\$14,613.33	\$15,409.33

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Unfinished Business:

- I. **Building Expansion Timeline Update** - we may need to move the congregation building expansion meeting and vote to August in order to accomplish all that we hope to this fall. Pastor Jeff will be in touch with revised meeting dates and times.
- II. **Gift for Laura Phillip's Ordination** - the Leadership Team agreed that a stoll would be an appropriate gift from her home congregation.

New Business:

- I. **Capital Campaign** - Leadership Team may need to meet earlier or via conference call to vote on the recommendations from the Capital Campaign Team as to which firm to hire to lead SoJ in the campaign process.
- II. **Benevolence Payments: Pam Walton moved to make the following benevolence payments, Greg Bertsch second. Motion carries:**
 - I. Lutheran Social Services - \$1,000
 - II. Shetek - \$1,000
 - III. Lutherans Outdoors - \$1,000
- IV. **Gift of a vehicle** - a partner has generously offered to gift Spirit of Joy a minivan with the hope that the congregation can transport members who are no longer able to drive. The Leadership Team agreed that we should accept this generous donation.

Building Expansion Update

August 2018

IT IS TIME! Partners will have an opportunity to **VOTE AT 6:30PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26,** when we will make the decision to build or not to build.

During the visioning process almost two years ago, a need to expand our facilities was identified. Last summer a committee was put together to further explore our needs and options. In December, the congregation voted to hire an architectural team. After many conversations and workshops with leaders and partners, we started putting our ideas to paper. The “storyboards” on display at the church detail this journey. There is also a conceptual drawing of what a new sanctuary might look like (a first draft that is our conversation starter).

At the time of this printing, interviews for a construction manager and capital campaign consultant are being held. Work is also being done on putting together a financial package. In early August the building team will meet to prepare recommendations that will then be submitted to the Leadership Team. On August 13 the Leadership Team will then vote on a plan that will be presented to the congregation at 6:30pm on SUNDAY, AUGUST 26. Partners will vote first on whether to proceed with a build. If the decision is to build, partners will then vote on a construction manager, capital campaign consultant, and financial package. We need you there, so be sure and put this date on your calendar!

You can contact any Building Expansion Team or Leadership Team member with your questions or ideas. There are also opportunities to share questions and comments on our website or by using the forms available in the gathering space. SEE YOU SUNDAY, AUGUST 26!



Head to our website and click on the “Building Expansion” page where you can view the storyboards and submit questions or comments:

spiritofjoy.net/building-expansion/

SoJ Building Expansion Team

Pastor Jeff Eisele
Jim Stavenger
Marcy Colwell
Jason Appel
Rick Lundberg
Darlene Weber-Scott
Pam Walton
Bob Kadlecik
Tom Kelley
Darin Hage

For contact information, check out your directory or ask Amy Orr, Office Manager: info@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004.

Questions? Comments?

We want to hear from you! There are opportunities to submit your questions online, at the kiosk located in the gathering space, and through a comment box in the gathering space. You will hear back from the Building Expansion Team with responses your questions. We will keep you informed.

Prayers of the Church

Healing and strength for:

Karen Kirkeby, Bob Neely, Karen Soli, Bruce Boyce, LeAnne Fosdick, Zac Selchert, Jon Selchert, Gloria Winterton, Tony Christensen, Jeremy Halstenson, Janice Kelley, Gary Molzen, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Riley Conway, Joe Wheeldon, Trish Swanhorst, Connie Evenson, Jean Schubauer, and Jeanne Gacke.

Thanksgiving for:

- the baptism of **Julia Jane Larson**, daughter of **Andrea and Joey Larson**, on July 15
- the baptism of **Greyson Thomas Bruggeman**, son of **Michael and Kristyne Bruggeman**, on July 29
- the ordination of **Laura Phillips** into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at Palisades Lutheran Church on July 17
- our **Day Camp leaders from NeSoDak Bible Camp**, and for all who helped lead our Day Camp and VBS

Comfort for:

- **Amy Orr** and her family as they mourn the death of Amy's grandfather, Lyle Bjorklund
- **Lynn and Tom Sinnette** and their family as they mourn the death of Lynn's brother, Eric Stamets
- the family and friends of **Marlys Lefever**, and the many persons she met and mentored at Outlaw Ranch. Marlys was the longtime kitchen manager and cook at Outlaw Ranch.

Guidance and encouragement for:

- **Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church**, as we gather for a congregational meeting on August 26 to decide on building expansion and launching a capital campaign this coming fall
- for leaders and partners participating in our new **Befriender Ministry**
- for those **preparing to lead** and help with another season of faith formation in our church
- for all **teachers and students** preparing for another school year
- for **neighbors** in our country suffering from floods, fires, and droughts
- for our bishops **David Zellmer and Elizabeth Eaton**
- for all **who govern** in our city, state, and nation

The Passion Play of Oberammergau Trip-Summer 2020

Every 10 years, people gather from all over the world to see the Passion Play in the small Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Some interested partners and friends of Spirit of Joy have begun planning an 11-day trip in early summer of 2020 to visit Italy, Austria, and Oberammergau. To find out more, watch for an information meeting this coming fall or contact Pastor Jeff Eisele at jeffeisele@spiritofjoy.net.

Prayers for Going Back to School

Lord, I pray that my children would understand their need for Jesus and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel. *Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death (Psalms 68:19-20).*

Lord, I pray that my children will love learning; that their hearts would seek to understand the world you have created. *The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly (Proverbs 15:14).*

Lord, I pray that you would surround them with friends who make wise choices and encourage their faith. *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm (Proverbs 13:20).*

I pray that you would free them from the pressure of trying to be like everyone else by instilling in them the confidence to know that they are uniquely made by you. *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well (Psalms 139:14).*

I pray that you would protect them from all evil. *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life (Psalm 121:1-2,7).*

More than anything else, may their lives glorify you. *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever (Psalm 86:12).*

O Lord, hear our prayers! Amen.

Preschool Vacation Bible School



In July we had 14 preschoolers and a parent or grandparent join us for “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.” The kids sang songs, learned some new Bible stories, played a lot of games, and made new friends.

Day Camp

What a week we had at the Spirit of Joy Day Camp!

30 awesome kids and four amazing counselors came together to learn all about how God’s grace changes everything for us: “Our Hearts, Our Identity, Our Purpose, and Our Community.”

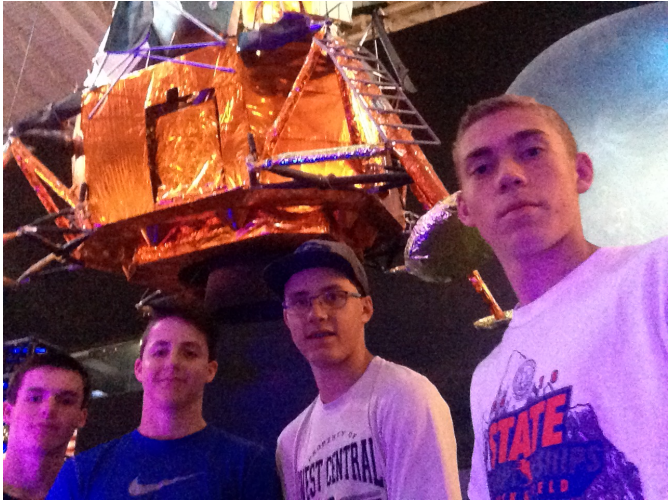
Special thanks to everybody who provided housing, a meal, or shared their time at Day Camp: Brook & Larry Meyer, Sally Hanson, Staci & Luke Schwingler, Laci Thompson & Evie Flittie, Ron & Lynn Risty, Jennifer & Tim Schut, Daren & Stefanie Hage, Bill Webb, Carli Bollin, Amy Orr, Mary Tranberg, Arlene Drew, Leah Berdahl, Emma Wolff, Alexis Meyer, and Anna Yee.





Houston - National Youth Gathering

Our trip to the National Youth Gathering was filled with amazing moments, discussions, experiences, speakers, and faith-filled encounters. For the trip, the theme was “This Changes Everything” with the ‘this’ referring to God’s Grace. This trip allowed our teens to experience an urban city, to worship with 30,000 peers, and to encounter God in new ways that deepen their faith and prayer lives.



Blessing of the Backpacks & Students



Students of all ages are welcome to receive a blessing before the 2018-2019 school year kicks off at either the 8:30 or 10:00 worship service.

Bring your backpack!

Milestones during the 2018-2019 program year

- September 8 — **3 year olds** Bibles and Blessings
- September 5 — **6th Grade** Entry into Confirmation
- September 9 — **3 year olds** worship blessing
- September 23 — **4 year olds** Walking with Jesus
- October 10 & 17 — **3rd Grade** Bibles
- October 21 — **3rd Grade** Bible Receive Bibles
- October 28 — **10th Grade** Confirmation
- November 11 or 7 — **4th Grade** Kids & Money
- December 2 — Advent Festival for **ALL families**
- January 13 — Anniversary of Baptism for **all babies baptized in 2018**
- February 23 — 9 am Saturday **Kindergarten** Prayer Milestone Activity/Pillow gift
- March 23 — **2 year olds**, “My Church”
- March (TBD) — **2nd Grade** Lord’s Prayer
- April 6 — **1st Grade** Saturday Holy Communion Instruction w/Pastor
- April 28 — **5th Grade** Earthcare
- April (TBD) — Teens and Traffic (**all new drivers**)
- May 19 — **12th Gr.** HS Graduation either service
- May 26 — **12th Gr.** HS Graduation either service (grads may choose either date)

THE SECOND YEAR OF PRESCHOOL IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AND WE CANNOT WAIT!

Spirit of Joy Preschool will begin its second official year on Wednesday, September 5 (children four & five years old) and Thursday, September 6 (children three years old). We look forward to seeing many returning students as well as welcoming new families.

While there will be some new elements and events in Preschool this year, SoJ Preschool will continue to provide:

A CARING COMMUNITY

SoJ Preschool provides a welcoming environment that offers opportunities for children to play together and encourage one another. Families can also become better acquainted through organized family events and classroom experiences. We look forward to working in partnership with families and getting to know everyone better!

Not only families and children are welcome, but also volunteers. Children love to learn new things and spend time with thoughtful adults. We encourage you to share your hobbies or job skills with us. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom or prepare Preschool materials, opportunities are available. Contact Amy Cauble by phone (333-2004) or via the Preschool website (spiritofjoy.net/preschool).

The Preschool will also host a new fundraiser this fall for partners and friends of Spirit of Joy. Watch for details on how you can participate in this event. It's going to be a blast!

ACTIVE LEARNING

We nurture preschoolers using developmentally appropriate practices that reach children so they are ready to learn while encouraging them to reach new goals. Curriculum is written in-house by Amy Cauble, SoJ Preschool Director, and continues to incorporate a variety of learning areas such as literacy, math, science, social skills, social studies, creative arts, and faith formation, through daily activities. Teachers interact with children through open-ended activities and hands-on play. Activities may also be supplemented by "Learning Without Tears" curriculum on occasion.

We look forward to adding a few new elements such as enriched music education with the help of Carli Bollin, SoJ's summer music coordinator, and enhanced "Love Your Neighbor" projects encouraging children to care for others.

FAITHFUL HEARTS

Children will experience Bible stories through weekly chapel time with our pastors, deacons, and other faith formation staff. Faith formation activities are also interwoven in all aspects of a Preschool day through activities such as prayers, games, snacks, songs, and crafts. Preschool families will also be provided information about classroom faith formation activities to use at home.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU AT SoJ PRESCHOOL!

If you or someone you know is considering Preschool this fall, we welcome you to visit. Preschool tours are available. Call or come in to talk with Preschool Director Amy Cauble for more information or to schedule a tour. All are welcome!

**If you already know this is the place for you, registrations can be submitted online (spiritofjoy.net/preschool), via mail, or in person.*

Preschool Families- SAVE THE DATE:

August 28 6-7pm Parent Information Night

Event for parents, learn about events for the year and processes to help your child begin their Preschool experience smoothly. You'll also have a chance to order t-shirts.

August 30 4-6pm Preschoolers' Scavenger Hunt

A special event for preschoolers and their favorite caring adult. Search for items in the Preschool, take your picture, and find your cubby for the year. Come and go anytime between 4-6pm.

SoJ Preschool's Apple-a-Day Donation Chart! Share a snack.

If you would like to share a snack with preschoolers, watch for the large apple posters located in the gathering space. Simply grab a post-it note labeled with a snack food or paper product, for example "bag of apples" or "roll of paper towels." Purchase the item and return it to the apple chart bin located in the gathering space. Thank you in advance!



Hospitality/Outreach/Communications

Food to You

Thursday, July 26, at St. John American Lutheran Church

Pictures at right

Thanks to the time and efforts of 13 Spirit of Joy ministry partners and friends, Food to You served 361 of our neighbors in the Garfield neighborhood. Of these 361 individuals (representing 111 households), about 118 were children. Thanks to the donations of our men's breakfast Bible study crew, these neighbors received 275 boxes of mac and cheese as Food to You's "food of the month!"



Breakfast at the Banquet

Wednesday, August 15

Please consider spending part of your morning with our downtown neighbors as a breakfast preparer (5:30 a.m.) or breakfast server (6:30 a.m.). Sign up at spiritofjoy.net/signups or through the tablet in the gathering space.



Discovery Class

Sunday, September 30

If you would like to learn more about Spirit of Joy and consider becoming a ministry partner (member), please join us! We'll meet from 3-6:30, ending with supper provided by our Hospitality Team. Child care is available upon request. To sign up visit spiritofjoy.net/signups or contact Amy Orr, our Office Manager, at info@spiritofjoy.net.



August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship		5:15pm-Hospitality Team Meeting 6:00pm-Evening Book Club	10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship	6:30pm-Leadership Team Meeting		SoJ serves Breakfast at The Banquet 10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship			10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.	BeFriender Training	BeFriender Training
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship <i>*Blessing of Backpacks @ both services</i> 6:30pm-Building Congregational Meeting		6:00pm-Preschool Orientation	10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 4-6pm-Preschool Open House		

August 2018 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Greeters & Ushers	Holy Communion	Readers
5	8:30	Dan & Diane Wheeler	Craig & Ronda Samuelson	Kevin Nelson
	10:00	Brad & Deb Tams	Bill & Tracy Webb	Deb Tams
12	8:30	Tom & Marilyn Gannon	Ron & Elaine Frary	Sam Eisele
	10:00	Jon & Tricia Merrigan	Greg & Nancy Bertsch	Larry Gruseth
19	8:30	Ron & Lynn Risty	Pam & Mark Schroeder	Peg Preston
	10:00	Don & Michelle Stanek	Brian & Jamie Oyen	Laci Thompson
26	8:30	Daryl Rossow & Dale Schempp	Kevin & Deb Nelson	Joe Holt
	10:00	Tim & Erika Hazlett	Mark & Julie Johnston	Alec Boyce

Date	Sunday Hosts
5	Ruth Syverson, Jeanie Mayer, Ann Engebretsen
12	Pam Schroeder, Ali Lennon, Ann Engebretsen
19	Karen Kruse, Dorothy Merchant, Suzanne DeBoom
26	Lynn Risty, Emily Learing, Suzanne DeBoom

Date	Offering Counters
5	Tom Gannon, Melvadeen Neely, Diane Buckhouse
12	Tracy Dahl-Webb, Jared Ducommun
19	Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Darlene Weber-Scott
26	Kevin Kittams, Rick Lundberg

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
6	Eric Haugland
13	Tom & Marilyn Gannon
20	Gary & Suzanne DeBoom
27	Dave & Renee Storm

