

# Windswept

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



## Grammar and Vocation



For my recent birthday, my parents entrusted me with an extraordinary gift:

A book about grammar.

Upon unwrapping it, I squealed with delight. They know me so well.

The book is, specifically, *Dreyer's English:*

*An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style*, by Benjamin Dreyer, Copy Chief for Random House Publishing. I highly recommend it.

Striking to me is Dreyer's understanding of the vocation of editor, even if he does not and might not use explicit call language:

When sifting through a written piece, Dreyer does not set out to create something new. Instead he seeks to help the piece become more of itself; to assist the author in more artfully creating what she set out to create in the first place. He does so by reordering sentences for maximum clarity and efficiency, proposing punctuation that avoids potential reader confusion, and ensuring accurate word choice.

I love this idea: helping something become more of what it is. And it seems an apt metaphor for the call of the church, perhaps specifically the call of church partners and leaders (which includes you): helping the Body of Christ become what she is called to be—that is, a community of persons who are loved by our crucified and risen Lord, sent to share God's love with our community and with the world.

The ongoing discernment of the church's ministry requires all-important editorial questions: what needs to be reordered, clarified, maybe even deleted, so that we might more fully and joyfully become who we are?

We are always asking these questions about Spirit of Joy's ministries, and we invite you to join us in that discernment.

Blessings to you, dear sibling in Christ. May you and I become who we are, today and always.

God's peace,  
Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

## Staff

Lead Pastor  
Jeff Eisele

Associate Pastor  
Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Office Manager  
Amy Orr

Director of Adult/Family Faith Formation  
Deacon Katherine Eisele

Director of Children/Youth Faith Formation  
Mike Haddican

Preschool Director  
Amy Cauble

Communications Coordinator  
Audrey Shattuck

Worship Leader  
Deacon Susan Wold Rohde

Financial Report  
through  
March 31, 2019

Checking Account

General Fund	\$109,341.73
Building Fund	\$7,403.33
Donor Restricted	-\$1,201.89
Sunday School	\$1,464.96
Preschool	
Reserve Fund	\$14,893.79
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$103,664.74
Donor Restricted	\$69,514.27

Total Cash Balance \$305,345.34

Year-to-date Income for Ministry \$199,549.46

Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry \$159,948.58

Net Income/Deficit for Ministry \$39,656.02

	Mar. 2017	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019
Attendance	1741	1797	1836
General Offering	\$100,666.83	\$39,576.76	\$47,951.94
Building Offering	\$7,098.33	\$7,654.33	\$7,403.33

May 2019

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

**Unfinished Business**

- A. **Congregational meeting date and time-**  
Darlene Weber-Scott moved to hold a congregational meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:30pm to vote on the final scope of the building project. Lori Tripp second. Motion carries.
- B. **Recipients of 2% Capital Campaign Gifts-**  
Lori Tripp moved to nominate the following five organizations as recipients of the capital campaign gifts.
- A. LSS Campaign for Hope
  - B. Woyatan Ministries
  - C. SD Companion Synods
  - D. Shetek Lutheran Ministries
  - E. Bridges at Horace Mann (for a sensory hallway or similar project)
- Carole Chell second. Motion carries.

**New Business**

- A. **Summer worship help-** Carli Bollin will be returning in May. Lauren, another Augustana student, will fill in when Carli is absent.
- B. **Benevolence Payments:** Carole Chell moved to make benevolence payments to the following:
- A. Shetek Lutheran Ministries- \$1,500
  - B. Lutherans Outdoors- \$2,000
  - C. Pueblo de Dios- \$1,000
  - D. Pine Ridge Flood Relief- \$2,000
- Darlene Weber-Scott second. Motion carries.

Complete minutes including reports from teams and staff can be obtained by contacting the SoJ office.

## Prayers of the Church

**Healing and strength for:** Lois Klein, Jodi Hanson, Jeff Holcomb, LeAnne Gerber, Laurie Daily, Riley Conway, Kayden Lewis, Carrie Nell, Mike Ryan, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Jean Schubauer, Jeremy Halstenson, Janice Kelley, and Ruth Bosmoe.

**Comfort for:**

- **Vicky Dix** and her family as they mourn the death of Vicky's brother
- **family members and friends of the 4606 persons** killed by gun violence in the United States of America so far in 2019
- victims of violence in **Sri Lanka, Venezuela and the Middle East**

**Thanksgiving for:**

- **Emerson Daniel Rogotzke**, son of **Kelli and Daniel Rogotzke**, baptized into our family of faith on April 7
- **Alice Elayne Mourer**, daughter of **Michael & Danielle Mourer**, baptized into our family of faith on April 14
- **Hadley Jean Ramse and Hayden Rodney Ramse**, children of **Gary & Amanda Ramse**, baptized into our family of faith on April 21
- **Avery Mae Danielsen**, daughter of **Riley Danielsen and Adrienne Kirschenman**, baptized into our family of faith on April 28
- the generosity of our many partners responding to our invitation to support our building expansion in our **Called in Faith, Growing in Joy** capital campaign
- **Bishop David Zellmer** and his staff as their leadership in the South Dakota Synod nears completion

**Guidance and encouragement for:**

- our **neighbors in South Dakota** and surrounding states whose lives and livelihood have been devastated by spring flooding
- for those who work for **Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief**, and other partners who minister to persons in poverty and distress
- for leaders of **Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota** and **Shetek Lutheran Ministries** and for **program directors and camp counselors** preparing for another summer of Bible camp
- 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**
- **for our elected leaders** who govern us in Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Washington DC

## Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 26, Spirit of Joy will offer

**Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:00**

No Wednesday worship opportunities will be offered on Spirit of Joy's campus during the summer months.

# Children & Youth Faith Formation

May 2019

Our April InterGen event for Wednesday Sprouts and Faith 5 was jam-packed with fun and interesting things for kids and parents to do. We took a close look at “The Road to Emmaus” story and discovered that it is part of the Easter story! We acted out the story then took a walk around the hallways to answer some important questions about walking with Jesus:

## If you could take a walk with Jesus and ask him any question, what would you ask?

- Are you a million years old?
- Who was your favorite disciple?
- Can you please keep my family safe from danger?
- Why did you sacrifice yourself for us?
- Could I get your autograph?

## You’re taking a walk, which footwear do you prefer?

Sneakers	Flip-Flops
8	10

From “The Road to Emmaus” story, draw a picture of Cleopas or his friend’s face and how they felt during the interaction with Jesus.



## High School Happenings

### Peer Ministry Camp

As we look ahead to summer, we invite teens to consider taking advantage of the awesome camping ministries available to us. One camping option to highlight is Peer Ministry Camp:

**Outlaw Ranch (Custer, SD)** – June 23-28 Cost: \$575 (with scholarships available)

**NeSoDak Bible Camp (Waubay, SD)** – June 9-16, Cost: \$575 (with scholarships available)

**What is Peer Ministry Camp?** Through small groups, peer ministers learn ways to become welcoming and accepting, aware of the hurts and needs of others through this special training. Starting fall of 2019, a new multi-congregation youth group option will be coming to Harrisburg High School, and possibly a few of the Sioux Falls high schools. This youth group will focus its mission around Peer Ministry training.

### Sharing Stories

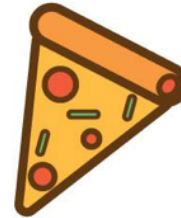
At the end of April, our high school youth were fortunate to have two excellent partners of Spirit of Joy agree to sit down with the teens and visit about life, faith, failures, and a slew of other things we encounter all throughout our lives. Special thanks to Bob Chell and Joe Holt for taking the time to share their stories and their faith journeys with us! What was meant to be a 20-minute chat turned into a 50-minute, in-depth discussion that the teens loved experiencing.

## Upcoming events

Parents/Caring Adults have the option for joining us on any of these events. Please RSVP for any event by Tuesday, May 14 by filling out the Google Form, sent via email, or the event on SoJ's Facebook page.

### Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Events:

Pizza Party & Scavenger Hunt  
When: Friday, May 10, 6-7:30pm



Spring Clean-Up & Pastries  
When: Saturday, May 18, 8:30-10am



### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Events:

Leading Bingo at Trail Ridge  
When: Wednesday, May 15, 7-8pm

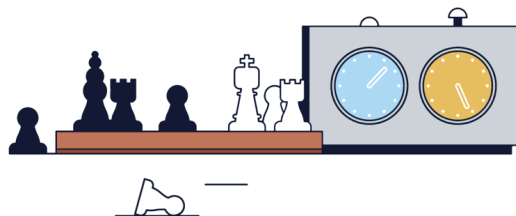
- BINGO -

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18	72	15	4	19
24	8	16	47	32

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Game Night & Hot Dog Supper  
When: Sunday, May 19, 5-7pm



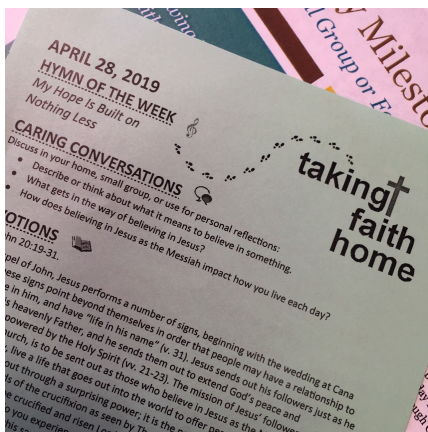
# Adult & Family Faith Formation

May 2019

## Faith Formation Summit at Spirit of Joy on April 28

On a chilly spring Sunday, Spirit of Joy welcomed the Rev. Dr. David and Gloria Anderson of Milestones Ministry to preach in worship, share an intergenerational event at 10 am, and host a four-hour faith formation “summit.” Parents, grandparents, Spirit of Joy staff, partners who are so excited about their role as faith models, and guests from other congregations joined our conversation.

We learned, shared, were inspired, and imagined new steps forward as a result of this spirited (and Spirit-present) time together. Watch for ways in which this day will bear fruit in the coming days, weeks, and months!



Want to participate in a great first step? Take home your Taking Faith Home bulletin insert THIS WEEK! And watch as we soon begin to include them in the weekly “What’s Happening at Spirit of Joy” email.



## High School Graduation Milestone

The Graduation Milestone dates are Sunday, May 19, at 8:45 or Sunday, May 19, at 8:45. Families may choose which date works best for you. Our senior quilts are ready for your student! And they are beautiful. Please send Katherine your child’s full name, the date you plan to attend the worship for the milestone, the high school from which they are graduating, their future plans (college choice, military, work, other?) AND a digital photo. [family@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:family@spiritofjoy.net) This will all be displayed on a special board honoring our seniors.

Congratulations, parents and high school seniors! We know God walks with you as you move into your futures!



Spirit of Joy Preschool reaches families and friends from the congregation & the neighborhood. Spirit of Joy Preschool is your preschool and it is touching lives. Take a look:

*"We love the small class size and the teachers know not only my child, but us as well! They truly care about our whole family." -J.H. preschool parent*

*"... They (Our children) enjoy the structured learning as well as the free play to go their separate ways, where their interests take them. The teachers and staff have been fantastic to our family. It is a wonderful Christian based preschool." -Preschool parents*

### **Consider sharing it with a friend or neighbor. It's easy!**

1. Take a brochure- Available on the Preschool table in the gathering space. Take one or two to share with your friends and neighbors.
2. Tell them about our website and Facebook page- photos, testimonials, and program information all in one spot! Facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool or spiritofjoy.net/preschool
3. Give the Preschool a call! Call Amy Cauble to schedule a tour. Together we can pick a time that works best.
4. Attend the Bike-a-Thon Open House on May 6: Come for the s'mores and balloon animals, stay for a tour.

### **We look forward to meeting them.**

*Scholarships & sibling discounts are available.*

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## THE BIKE-A-THON IS COMING, THE BIKE-A-THON IS COMING!

Come for the fun and help us reach our goal! On Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm bring your bikes, scooters, and strollers to raise money for your Preschool and have some outdoor fun. There will be s'mores, balloon animals, bikes, bubbles, and more! All children and adults are welcome to join the ride. Or walk a few laps walk around the community gardens if you prefer.

Our goal is to virtually ride from Sioux Falls, SD, to Vancouver, WA, for a total of 1,554 miles. Follow the bike rider on the map in the gathering space to monitor our progress as we try to reach our pen pals at Messiah Lutheran Church in Washington state.

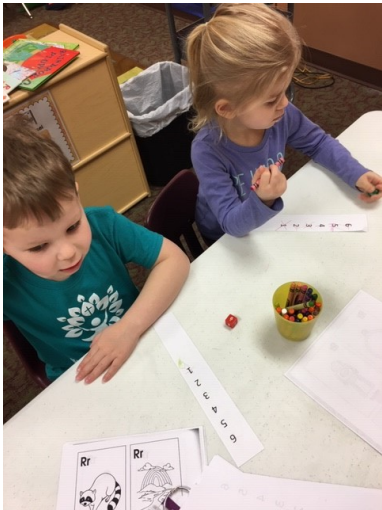
The money donated will provide additional music education through the Kindermusik Curriculum. This curriculum reinforces language, math, movement, and social skills through music education that prepares preschoolers for the next level of learning: Kindergarten.

Green sponsorship forms can be found on the Preschool table in the gathering space. Can't make it that evening but still want to help? Donations can be made in a clearly marked envelope in offering plate or place your donation in the box on Preschool table. Thank you in advance.





Preschoolers are exploring spring during the months of April and into May! The season is a time of growth and change, and we have been exploring birds, the Easter story, gardens, and farm animals. The days are packed with learning using science, math, literacy, and STEAM projects. Each day ends with the same feeling: “wow, that was fun but we need more time.” Take a look at some of the ways we have been creating a community at Preschool through active learning and faithful hearts.



Math game with dice



Washing feet like Jesus did for disciples



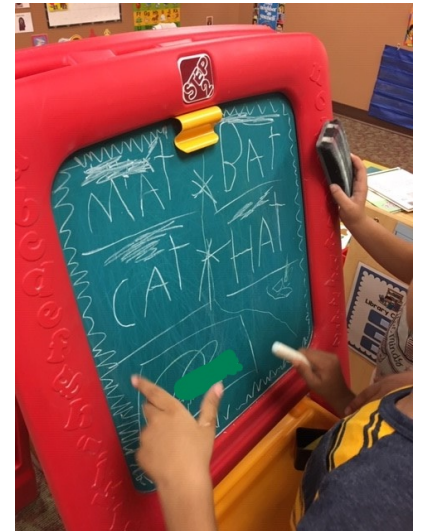
Chapel time- Learning about Abraham



Visitor- Hopper the Bunny



Acting out a story



Beginning readers



Chapel time prayer



Pizza



### “Welcome Back, Friend!”

It was a moment to remember. On Good Friday, Deacon Katherine invited families from the congregation, community, and Preschool to attend an active Good Friday event. The event allowed attendees to use all five senses to experience the last week of Jesus’ life. It was full of important stories to be sure. But to my surprise, one of the most memorable experiences occurred before we even began.

Children, godparents, parents, grandparents, and child care providers were arriving, waiting in the gathering space together. As a participant of the event, I was able to offer a welcome and directions if needed. I recognized a several Preschool families, greeted them and chatted. It was an opportunity for community and catching up. Then came the memorable moment... while we were chatting, Preschool children from the last year and this year began to recognize and remember one another. When they saw old friends, some they have not seen for almost a year, their faces changed from cautious to comfortable! Some waved, some smiled, and some gave a hug. (I wanted to jump up and down.) What a wonderful feeling to know someone and to be noticed! It wasn’t long before the old friends were sitting together for the stories, “just like Chapel time,” one person said.

Spirit of Joy Preschool, *your* preschool, is providing early childhood Christian education in a caring community where all are welcome. I have witnessed it myself. I hope you can, too. Thanks be to God.  
-Amy Cauble, Preschool Director

# Hospitality/Outreach/Communications

May 2019

## Bridges at Horace Mann

### **Teacher Appreciation Week:**

This month we'll be delivering Teacher Appreciation Week notes and gift cards to the whole staff of Bridges at Horace Mann. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Collection in June:**

We'll collect classroom essentials for Horace Mann during the month of June. Stay tuned for a list of specific item requests.

## 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).



## Annual Picnic: SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 2

11:00am-1:00pm (following outdoor worship at 10:00am)

Spirit of Joy's East Lawn



## May 2019 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Ushers	Holy Communion	Greeters	Readers
5	8:45	Dan & Diane Wheeler	Roger & Jan Noer	Adeline Schempp & Maris Hauger	Darlene Weber-Scott
	11:00	Aaron & Heather Johnson	Eric & Stacy Breidenbach	Jim & Sue McAdaragh	Deb Tams
12	8:45	Ryan & Emily Geraets	Craig & Ronda Samuelson	Sandy Ellingsen & Kae Butler	Jodi Hanson
	11:00	Don & Michelle Stanek	Scot & Kendra Namanny	Dan & Lori Van Ballegooyen	Sandy Ellingsen
19	8:45	Daryl Rossow & Dale Schempp	Ron & Elaine Frary	Cheryl Zell & Arlene Drew	Pam Walton
	11:00	Jason & Jamie Appel	Mark & Julie Johnston	Gina Cole & Beth Kastl	Adam Punt
Summer Sunday Schedule Time Change					
26	8:30	Tom & Peggy Arnoldy	Pam & Mark Schoreder	Marilyn Gannon & Marge Hagen	TBD
	10:00	Tim & Erika Hazlett	Tracy Dahl-Webb & Amy Orr	Char Sorum & Marsha Kadlecik	Leah Berdahl

Date	Sunday Hosts
5	Elaine Frary, Brenda Eden, Diane Wheeler
12	Lynn Risty, Pam Zimmel, Diane Wheeler
19	Alice Christensen, Sandy Ellingsen, Suzanne DeBoom
26	Susan Hagebock, Glenna Burg, Suzanne DeBoom

Date	Offering Counters
5	Marlyn Adams, Nilah Adams, Tom Gannon
12	Jared Ducommun, Eric Backstrom, Kevin Kittams
19	Tracy Dahl-Webb, Darlene Weber-Scott
26	Ron Risty, Gregg VanMeter, Rick Lundberg

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
6	Ruth Strandjord & Wilma Estes
13	Eric Haugland
20	Maris & Dick Hauger
27	Memorial Day- No Deliveries

# May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>
			10:00am-Staff Mtg. 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. 2:00pm-SoJ Hosts Crossroads Conference 6:30pm-Scouts Pack Mtg.	9:00am-The Greatest Story	9:00-noon-Discovery Class
<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 10:00am-Little Lambs 10:00-Kindergarten Milestone 11:00am-Worship Noon- Earth care Milestone Noon-Teens & Traffic 3:00pm-Piano recital	6:30pm-Bike-a-thon		10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education* 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group *Last day of Confirmation	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  6:30pm-7:00pm-Pizza Party & Scavenger Hunt for K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade families	
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8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 11:00am-Worship			10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Last Evening Worship 7:00-8:00pm-BINGO at Trail Ridge for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade families	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St. 10:30am-Preschool Program  6:30pm-The Greatest Story	9:00am-The Greatest Story 10:30am-Preschool Program	8:30am- 10:00am- Breakfast and Spring Clean-Up for K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade families
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
8:45am- Worship 11:00am-Worship 5:00-7:00pm-Game night for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade families		6:30pm- Leadership Team Meeting	10:00am-Staff Mtg.	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St.	Last day of Preschool	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
Worship Time Change  8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship  Food on the Fourth	Memorial Day SoJ Closed		10:00am-Staff Mtg.  **6:30pm** Congregational Mtg. to vote on final building plan and financing	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 <sup>st</sup> St.		



## Faith in Motion

It is time to dust off the running or walking shoes and even test them out to see if they are still working in order to prepare for the second Faith in Motion 5k Fun Run/Walk at 8:30am, on Saturday, June 8. The 5k walk/run will begin and end at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with treats and fellowship in the church after the event.

This fun event is sponsored by First, Gloria Dei, East Side, Our Saviors, Spirit of Joy, and Peace Lutheran Churches as a fundraiser for Lutherans Outdoors and as a time for Lutherans and all interested walkers/runners to participate in a healthy event together as individuals for families.

A suggested donation of \$10 for individuals or \$25 for families will be encouraged. Registration is required and is available online at the Lutherans Outdoors website.



**Evening book club** is always looking for new friends/readers to meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the church library, at 7pm. We have snacks and conversation, and are always looking for book suggestions. Please feel welcome to check us out! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Zimmel at 553-8262.