



# WINDSWEEP

July 2022

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who has done, is doing, and will continue to do amazing things with Spirit of Joy!

We are in the midst of two significant transitions as Spirit of Joy. First, we welcome Deacon Hannah Fleming as our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. Her first Sunday is July 3rd, her ordination in Rapid City is July 30th, and Pr. Renee Splichal-Larson will join us in worship to install her on Sunday, August 21st.

**Join us on Sunday, August 21st  
to welcome Deacon Hannah Fleming.**

Then, as you have heard, Pr. Jeff Eisele has decided, after 22 years as our lead partner in mission and ministry, to conclude his call at Spirit of Joy on August 31st.

**Join us on Sunday, August 28th  
to say farewell and Godspeed to Pr. Jeff.**

Spirit of Joy has been in almost continual transition for nearly two years. None of it has been bad. Pr. Christy is a star within the Good Samaritan Society. Pr. Jon is flourishing at Augie. Deacon Katherine, Deacon Susan, and Amy were able to make the decision to be home. Audrey got her dream job. And, in their departure we've been able to welcome Madeline, Heather, Eric, myself, Carson, and now Deacon Hannah. However, even if they are good, that is a lot of change.

This summer our staff meeting devotions share the theme "Transitions". Madeline Trosvig, our Director of High School Faith Formation led the first one. She chose a poem from [poets.org](http://poets.org) called "A House Called Tomorrow" as our focus text. I was nearly brought to tears as we read around the circle and each of the faithful servants gathered added their voices to the ones that came before them. This has been the long history of the church and it will be the history of Spirit of Joy. Beloved servants will say farewell. New faithful disciples will say yes to the call of the community. And, the Holy Spirit will continue to call us forward together. I'm thankful to Pr. Jeff and all the other giants on whose shoulders we now stand. And, I'm looking forward to journeying together with you into a new day for Spirit of Joy.

## From "A House Called Tomorrow"

*That we can make a house called tomorrow.*

*What we bring, finally, into the new day, every day,*

*Is ourselves. And that's all we need*

*To start. That's everything we require to keep going.*

*Look back only for as long as you must,*

*Then go forward into the history you will make.*

*Be good, then better.*

*And those who came before you? When you hear thunder,*

*Hear it as their applause.*



**Eric Ohrtman**  
*Associate Pastor*

*"If I have seen  
further, it is by  
standing on the  
shoulders of  
giants."*

-Isaac Newton  
in a 1675 letter to fellow  
scientist Robert Hooke.

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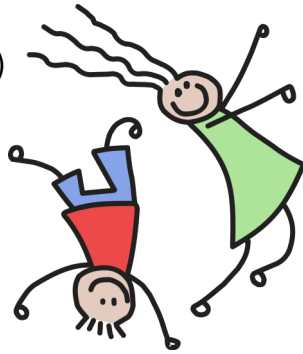
# Outreach Opportunities

## Horace Mann Elementary School Wish List

Spirit of Joy has partnered with Horace Mann Elementary school since 2018. This school focuses on working with students who struggle behaviorally and uses the Boys Town Model.

The Outreach Team asked staff for a list of items they use with students in their classroom and will be collecting them during the month of July. Please drop off your donations at Spirit of Joy by Sunday, July 31st. The items can be new or gently used. Thank you!

- \* Kleenex
- \* Clorox wipes
- \* Backpacks - for boys
- \* Sweatpants/shorts for boys between size 5 and 10
- \* Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- \* Smelly markers
- \* Pens and highlighters
- \* Duct tape (fun colors)
- \* Small sticky notes
- \* Glue
- \* Colorful Cardstock
- \* Velcro Dots
- \* Small Legos
- \* Perler beads
- \* Chalk
- \* Puzzles
- \* Ipsy Books
- \* Shaving Cream
- \* Playdough
- \* Pokémon Cards
- \* Magna Tiles
- \* Snack size Ziplock baggies
- \* Fruity hard lifesavers
- \* Chocolate, Strawberry and Caramel Syrup
- \* Small Cups/dishes for serving ice cream
- \* Single packs of:
  - Goldfish
  - Takis
  - M&M's
  - Skittles



**Food to You**  
Thursday, July 28 | 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church



Sign up on our website at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups), to join in helping at this event. Setup starts at 4:30. We need 5-6 people during this time. An additional 10-12 servants should arrive at 5:15. This is a wonderful event for children!

# Thank You, Volunteers

## Church on the Street Saturday, June 11

15 partners from Spirit of Joy worshipped and served 158 with community members.

Thank you for the many food donations. Even Smithfield helped by donating 11 dozen hotdogs!



## Necessities for Neighbors Sunday, June 5



# Faith Formation

**July Youth Events**

- MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Kick Ball Game  
July 20 | 7:00-8:30 pm  
Spirit of Joy yard
- MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL**  
Outdoor Movie Night  
"The Goonies"  
July 15 | 9:00 pm
- HIGH SCHOOL**  
Wild Water West  
July 10 | 4-8 pm | \$15  
drop off/pick up  
at the park
- Family Fun Night**  
July 13 | 6:30-8:00

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**"Walking on Water"**

- Water Olympics
- Dunk Tank
- Camp Worship

# Adult Faith Formation



A Summer of Brene Brown with Margie Schade | 7PM @ SOJ

Come prepared for each session, having read the book and watched a video selection.

**July 7: *Rising Strong* | August 11: *Dare to Lead***

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**Systems Theory with Rev. Paul Johnston**

**A Way of Learning to Live the Resurrection Life**

*Each gathering will be at 6:30PM and last approximately 2 hours.*

**July 20:** Family of Origin- digging into our personal stories and genogram

**August 17:** Connecting our Story to the Congregation and asking the question, "Can a congregation differentiate from a pastor?"

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**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

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**Faith & Film**

**July 20 & August 17**

Some of the best storytellers of our time make movies. The best movies entertain us and connect us to the things that most impact our lives: love, sacrifice, courage, grace, suffering, compassion, and community. Contact Pastor Jeff for details: [jeffeisele@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:jeffeisele@spiritofjoy.net)

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**Theology on Tap with Pastor Eric**

Rather than study a particular topic, Pastor Eric is inviting you into a summer of storytelling and dreaming for Spirit of Joy.

**Monday, July 11 | 7PM**

"The Stories of Today" @ Obscure Brewing (5200 E. Grant St.)

**Monday, August 8th | 7PM**

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

# Bulletin Board



## Generosity: Spirit of Joy Book Club

The Spirit of Joy Book Club has donated \$100.00 each to the church and preschool libraries in memory of Janna Brendtro and LeAnn Fosdick. The club meets monthly & discusses many different types of books. We have a summer picnic, a Christmas party, and even sometimes watch a movie about a book we have read. We have a good time, and always welcome new members to the group.

**Questions? Contact Pam Zimmel: 605-334-5061**

## Outreach: Save the Date

### Friday, August 12

Breakfast at The 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 available soon.



### Tuesday, August 23

Laundry with Love at The Laundromat Company at 701 N. Cliff Ave

Two shifts to work: 2:30-5pm or 5-8pm. Pass out giveaway items, sign guests in, sort quarters, and help make and serve dinner. Watch for more information and sign up coming soon.

## Get Yours Today: SOJ App

Download the Spirit of Joy app, through Tithe.ly. This is a great way to know what's happening at Spirit of Joy.

- Search "Tithely Church App" in your App Store
- Install Church App—Tithe.ly, then click open
- Type "Spirit of Joy" in Church Name and "57108" for zip code
- Click on the correct Spirit of Joy Logo
- Add the App to your Home Screen - You'll use it a lot!



# Staff Feature

## Tell us a little about your background

I grew up on a farm 22 miles north of Winner, SD. On the farm, I helped work with cattle, put up hay, and farm our various crops. While I was in high school, I was in football, basketball, track, band, choir, FFA, FCA, and student council. I even played on our 2009 state championship football team! After high school, I went on to South Dakota State University to study music education with an emphasis in piano. Following my undergraduate studies, I earned my graduate degree in collaborative piano from North Dakota State University. During both my time in undergraduate and graduate studies, I was employed by a number of churches serving as their accompanist, organist, choir director, handbell director, and music director.

Following my educational studies, I began teaching 7-12th grade choir for Mountain Lake Public Schools in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. My wife and I lived in Mountain Lake for three years before relocating to Sioux Falls.

This coming school year, I will be on staff as the Director of Worship Arts at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, working as a staff Collaborative Pianist at the University of South Dakota, working as a freelance accompanist in Sioux Falls, and teaching private piano lessons.

I married my wife, Lexi, in 2017. Lexi is currently a nurse working in the orthopedic unit at the Avera McKennan Hospital. We also have a beautiful three year old golden retriever named Wally.

## What would constitute a “perfect” day for you?

A perfect day for me would start off by not setting an alarm. After that, it would be a quiet morning starting with a cup of coffee and my daily devotions, followed by a day spent making music, or being with my family on the family farm.

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

I would probably be able to win an Olympic medal for my ability to binge watch a new show on Netflix or Hulu for many consecutive hours.

## Guilty Pleasure Movie/Television Show

I am a big Star Wars, and the prequels are not held in very high regard. However, I actually enjoy watching Star Wars: Episode 1. There are a few things that I don't like about it, but there are many things I do. I think one of the reasons I enjoy it so much is because I can remember going to see it in theaters when I was probably around 6 years old. This was a HUGE deal because there had not been a Star Wars movie released over a 16 year period.

## What is one of your favorite hymns/Christian songs?

I have several favorite hymns. Some of them definitely depend on the season, but my top three hymns that are my favorite are “Be Thou My Vision” (this hymn was the closing hymn for our wedding), “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, and “What Wondrous Love is This”.



**Carson Covey**

Worship Leader & Choir Director  
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# From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Thank you for your participation in the 2022 South Dakota Synod Assembly. Together we imagined ministry in our time and space. If you missed this year's assembly, please talk to your pastor, deacon, and voting members. They will be able to share with you about the manifold ways we were church together for almost two days. It is my hope that you will find rest throughout the summer months before ministry gears back up for Fall and Winter activities.

Journeying with you in Christ,

**Rev. Constanze Hagmaier**

*Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA*



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## Naomi Project's 5th Anniversary Celebration

Five years of advancing workers' and immigrants' rights



**Friday, August 26 | 7 PM**

Falls Park Open Air Shelter

Tickets \$10 (includes dinner)

For more information: [director@projectofnaomi.org](mailto:director@projectofnaomi.org)

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CAN YOU HEAR  
ME NOW?

*We Can!*



**Want to connect?**

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# Spirit of Joy Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at Spirit of Joy

## I. Unfinished Business

- A. **Welcome, Ordination and Installation for Deacon Candidate Hannah Fleming:** Discussed plans for welcoming Hannah Fleming to SoJ, including potential gifts for her ordination. Pastor Jeff will follow up with several of the gift ideas. Moving expenses were approved to be paid with Thrivent Choice restricted funds at the May meeting (\$3100). Pastor Jeff and Deacon Katherine plan to host a potluck picnic for Hannah and her family, the SoJ leadership team and SoJ staff on Thursday, July 7th at the Eisele home.
- B. **Audit Committee Nominees:** Erik Syverson, Tracy Dahl Webb, Payton Larsen: Kendra Krueger moved and Jason Ahrendt seconded to elect the named individuals as the Audit Committee. Motion carried. They will begin the audit in July 2022.

## II. New Business

- A. **First Reading of Transportation Policy:** The proposed transportation policy was reviewed and potential changes were discussed. It was suggested that there are separate preschool and general SoJ transportation policies.
- B. **Pastor Transitions:** Pastor Eric provided information on next steps related to Pastor Jeff’s resignation. Discussion followed.

**III. Meeting Review and Lord’s Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned following the Lord’s Prayer.

*Next Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.***

## Financials through May 2022

### Checking Account:

General Fund	\$56,309.01
Building Fund	\$49,485.60
Donor Restricted	\$42,611.99
Sunday School	\$781.19
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

	May 2020	May 2021	May 2022
Attendance	???	???	1291
General Offering	\$ 49,164.37	\$ 49,863.99	\$ 51,592.39
Building Offering	\$ 28,314.95	\$ 142,491.96	\$ 67,222.84

### Savings Accounts:

Building	\$107,436.30
<u>Donor Restricted</u>	<u>\$69,414.27</u>
<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$330,650.68</b>

### Capital Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$2,478,485  
 Received as of May 31, 2022: \$2,297,671.32

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$249,331.22
<u>Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry</u>	<u>\$266,881.81</u>
<b>Net Income/Deficit for Ministry</b>	<b>- \$17,550.59</b>

### Overflowing! Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$644,670  
 Received as of May 31, 2022: \$39,466.75

# Summer Fun

