

SUMMER FUN @ SOJ



Engage to Change
Middle School Service Camp
*Serving the Sioux Falls Community
while sleeping at Spirit of Joy*



**6-8 Grade
Adventures**
Outlaw Ranch in the
Black Hills



Familyfest Fun Cruise
Stop @ SoJ for
Tropical Bounce House & Popsicles



Sermon Series & Steps Challenge

Bring your Bible and a pencil to church!



June 22-August 31

Join in at spiritofjoy.net

Journey
to Jerusalem

Did you know it is 6,412 miles from Sioux Falls to Jerusalem? Are you up for a challenge to walk or bike or swim to Jerusalem this summer? (Maybe we might make it back, too?!). It will take a mental and physical commitment on your part...we need you!

- 1: Register online: spiritofjoy.net/signups.
- 2: Record your miles (walking, biking, swimming) and send them to: Jan Noer at janrognoer@gmail.com by Friday of each week.
- 3: Check out the map in the gathering space that will show our progress. Pastor Eric will give us weekly updates, too.

What a great way to put a challenge in our summer fitness. Charge up the Fitbits, Apple watches, pedometers, or your device of choice and let's get moving!

SPIRIT OF JOY
HYMN DRAW

Submit all summer & sing SoJ's favorite hymns in worship the following Sundays:
6/22 🎵 **6/29** 🎵 **7/20** 🎵 **7/27** 🎵 **8/3** 🎵 **8/17**

Summer 2025: SoJ Hymn Draw

This summer we're letting YOU choose the hymns. Beginning Sunday, June 15, you'll be able to write down your favorites and add to the bowl. On the dates listed below, the children's message will include drawing 6 hymns to be sung that morning during worship! Look for the display table in the Gathering Space. You can submit all summer.

**Outdoor Evening
Worship**

Sunday, July 6 @ 7PM

Join us for a special evening worship service to end the July 4th weekend.
 Music with Sound of Joy and the Sioux Emperians.
 SDSU Ice Cream Truck and Mary's Mountain Cookies after worship!

Bring Your Own Chair

NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP THAT DAY

FORWARD TOGETHER as Spirit of Joy

SEEKING A SECOND PASTOR

Your Call Committee began receiving candidate profiles from the South Dakota Synod in late May. Pr. Renee Splichal-Larson agreed to forward all profiles to the team, so we have seen a wide range of potential pastors. By the time of this publication multiple interviews will have been completed.

While we are excited about potential candidates, we want to emphasize that we don't feel desperate, or in a rush, but will instead continue to pursue the best possible candidate and right fit for Spirit of Joy. So, while it is possible that one of these candidates may emerge and we'll joyfully bring that pastor to Leadership Team and the rest of the process towards issuing a call, we won't do so without strong consensus.

In the meantime, we are regularly reminding ourselves of our commitments:

- To pursue an excellent candidate who can “partner” in the best way
- To pursue a complement to Pr. Eric in gifts and styles
- To prioritize pastoral care, visitation, and worship planning/design
- To be as transparent as possible about our process, while respecting candidates confidentiality

Please continue to hold our Call Committee, Spirit of Joy, and all potential candidates in prayer. A weekly devotion is available via email and on our Facebook page for your use in that endeavor. And, join us throughout the remainder of the process when it's time for us to hold a meet and greet and congregation meeting.



Family Fun Night

Wednesday, July 16 | 6:30–8:00 PM

GOD GIVES
US JOY!

- * Camp-Style Worship *
- * Water Games *
- * Sno Cones * Craft *

SOJ @ VINYL TACO SOCIAL CLUB

MONDAY, JULY 21 | 5-8 PM

Inside the club or out on the patio – bring your friends!

- Come & Go as your night allows
- Bowling, Shuffleboard, Giant Jenga, Connect 4 & More
- Free Chips, Guacamole, Queso & Salsa

Outreach Opportunities

FOOD TO YOU

THURSDAY, JULY 24

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

1912 W 13TH ST



Sign up: spiritofjoy.net/signups

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
ARTS IN THE PARK
TUESDAY, JULY 29 | 3-6:30 PM**



**SIGN UP TO HELP:
[SPIRITOFJOY.NET/SIGNUPS](https://spiritofjoy.net/signups)**

**** TIE-DYE ** CRAFTS ** FOOD ** GAMES
HERITAGE PARK (330 N WEBER AVE)**

Liberia Mission School Summer 2025 Update



The students at the New Dawn Learning Center in Liberia are currently on summer break, and will return in September for the second year in the new school. Enrollment for the 2025 – 2026 school year is estimated at between 75 – 100 students.

Your support, through donations of money and supplies, has made a significant impact in the lives of these children from low-income neighborhoods. They receive education, a meal, and a safe place to go each day in a Christ-centered environment. There is also time to have fun, as shown below during a national holiday, when they dressed in traditional clothing.



The current challenge is finding space for the 7th grade class, as funding was not sufficient to complete the roof on the new building section before the torrential rains that typically start in July. The good news is that the roof beams are now in place and ready when the roofing materials can be purchased and installed.

Please keep the students and staff at the New Dawn Learning Center in your prayers as they look forward to the new school year to begin.

~Liberia Mission Team





The Mission Endowment Fund is off to a great start. It is a perpetual fund that enables SoJ to extend our mission work and ministries beyond annual operational budget/needs. Please consider investing in SoJ's future!



For more information on Mission Endowment Fund, visit:
spiritofjoy.net/mission-endowment-fund-2

Spirit of Joy High School

JULY EVENTS

July 2nd

Campfire @ SoJ at 8 pm

July 12th

**Hammocking @ Sertoma
Park 1-4pm**

July 30th

Campfire @ SoJ at 8 pm



BIBLE in a year



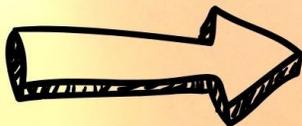
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I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

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