
Windswept

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



On Sunday, June 24, Spirit of Joy partners and guests congregated outside for worship and our annual picnic.

Peace be with you.

July 2018

Summer: a Season of Holy Ground

“Then [the LORD] said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’” - Exodus 3:5

Sometime during the Passing of the Peace in our outdoor worship service last Sunday, it dawned on me that we may have all been standing in



our future sanctuary. Worshiping, in fact, on the very spot that may one day be our worship space.

Our prospective new sanctuary would sit right on what is currently our east lawn. (If you haven't

seen the drawings, [check our website](#) or study them in the gathering space. Then give us your feedback and questions!)

It struck me that we were standing on holy ground. In part, yes, because one day the altar and baptismal font may reside there. But also because of the moment itself: together, on the east lawn, we were encountering the God who meets us wherever we are. In the sanctuary, on the lawn, at the lake, on the plane, everywhere.

In Exodus 3:5, the LORD speaks to Moses from the burning bush. “Take off your sandals,” God says. “For you're standing on holy ground.” It's one of my favorite calls from the Bible: to recognize that where you are, in the moment, is a sacred place to be. It is holy ground.

For many of us, summer is a season of holy ground. It's a time to gather with loved ones in the sacred places of our families and deepest relationships. As I've mentioned to you before, my family's holy ground is a little lake in western Michigan. We're looking forward to visiting that sacred place in just a few weeks.

Wherever your vacations or staycations may take you this summer—here at Spirit of Joy, at your house, on your travels—know that God goes with you. The place where you stand is holy.

God's peace to you,
Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Staff

Lead Pastor
Jeff Eisele

Associate Pastor
Christy Hallenbeck Ask

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Deacon Katherine Eisele

Director of Children/Youth Faith Formation
Mike Haddican

Preschool Director
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Worship Leader
Deacon Susan Wold Rohde

Summer Worship Arts Coordinator
Carli Bolin

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

The Leadership Team met after the printing date for the newsletter. The June meeting minutes will be in the July newsletter.

Financial Report through May 31, 2018

Checking Account

General Fund	\$110,670.73
Building Fund	\$9,970.71
Donor Restricted	\$358.86
Sunday School	\$1,596.77
Reserve Fund	\$52,698.40
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$69,514.27
Donor Restricted	\$74,266.12

Total Cash Balance	\$319,275.86
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Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$288,680.44
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Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$272,612.37
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Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	\$16,093.97
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	May 2016	May 2017	May 2018
Attendance	1563	1240	1301
General Offering	\$35,478.94	\$35,596.49	\$39,775.12
Building Offering	\$10,210.33	\$9,929.00	\$14,224.33

Building Expansion Update

July 2018

LISTENING SESSION #1

Reviewed Spirit of Joy's Five Priorities

Discussed Goals & Mission for the Project

Questionnaire

1. Of the 12 Mission Priorities, which one most embodies the DNA of who Spirit of Joy is as a congregation?
RESPONSE: Uphold Faith Formation & Radical Hospitality.
2. Of the 12 Mission Priorities, which one currently receives the most attention for Spirit of Joy to expand our welcoming, growing, and thriving?
RESPONSE: Adult Growth & Spiritual Formation.
3. What are some ways Spirit of Joy's current facility and property serve as effective instruments to help make our 12 Priorities happen? If so, what is it and what about the facility is causing the hindrance?
RESPONSE: The current worship space and location of the Church are working well.
4. Is there a Ministry on your heart that does not happen as a result? Briefly because of our current building and property? If so, what is it and what about the facility is causing the hindrance?
RESPONSE: The current worship space and location of the Church are working well.
5. As part of Spirit of Joy's listening process, 12 questions were drafted for possible building expansion that could help us better accomplish our ministry priorities. Please rate the priority 1-5 with 1 being our priority and 5 being the lowest.
RESPONSE: The Worship Space (Sanctuary) and Fellowship/Gathering space were the top two priorities. Chapel space on the property.
6. Is there another building priority not represented on this list that would allow us to further develop and implement our 12 Mission Priorities? If so, what would that be?
RESPONSE: Youth, all things related to youth, more space, and Adult Education would allow 12 to better accomplish our 12 Mission Priorities.
7. When making decisions and plans for the Church, is there anything about the current facility that you would like kept to appreciate God? If so, what would that be?
RESPONSE: The current building space and traffic flow/organization were the top two items that Church members would appreciate for.

Dot-Mocracy Exercise

1. Each response was hung on the walls around the Sanctuary, and participants placed "dots" on the responses they captured their feeling for each option.



LISTENING SESSION #2

Review of Session #1 Findings

Two Design Options Discussed

Option 1: Showcase and expand the existing worship space located in our Fellowship Hall.
Option 2: Construct a new worship space, minimize existing worship space into Fellowship Hall.

Playing with Blocks

1. The participants were split into 10 groups.
2. Each group collaborated through design exploration and came up with their own unique design solution.



Dot-Mocracy Exercise

1. Each group presented their design to the rest of the participants.
2. Participants voted on the design they felt offered the best solution to certain problems. Categories included:
Best for Worship (Group 2 voted)
Best for Fellowship (Group 2 voted)
Best for Education (Group 2 voted)
Best for Hospitality (Group 2 voted)
Best Overall (Group 2 voted)



THE SOLUTION

The Building Team and Leadership Team thoughtfully reviewed the (6) design options created during Listening Session #2 and felt Option 2 would be the better solution.

Seating Capacity: 300 to 350 (including overflow)
Preliminary Project Cost: \$2.5 Million - \$3 Million

Program of Spaces

- A - Sanctuary/Worship Space (New Addition)
- B - Storage
- C - Sacristy
- D - Nursery/Cry Room (New Addition)
 - i. Direct visibility to Sanctuary to maintain connection to Worship service.
- E - Narthex/Gathering space (New Addition)
 - i. The Narthex will have a focus on and direct visibility to the Prayer Gardens.
- F - Entry Addition
- G - (5) Offices (New Addition)
- H - Fellowship Hall (Existing Sanctuary converted into Fellowship Hall)
- I - Expanded Kitchen/Prep (Existing Nursery converted into Kitchen)
- J - (6) Classrooms (Existing Offices converted to Classrooms)
 - i. Preschool
 - ii. Adult Education
 - iii. Youth Gathering
- K - Potential Site & Landscaping Addition
 - i. Prayer Garden Addition
 - ii. Community Garden Addition
 - iii. Sidewalk renovation



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

<http://spiritofjoy.net/building-expansion/>

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:

LeAnne Fosdick, Bob Neely, Alicia Schumacher, Karen Soli, Trish Swanhorst, Zach Selchert, Peder Lunde, Gloria Winterton, Jude Schumacher, Kay Wold, Connie Evenson, Janice Kelley, Jeremy Halstenson, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Riley Conway, Gary Molzen, Jean Schubauer, Ethan Crossman, Joe Wheeldon, Tony Christensen, and Steve Schmidt

Comfort for:

- **Pastor Jeff Eisele, Deacon Katherine Eisele, and Sam Eisele as they mourn the death of Jeff's father, Pete Eisele**
- children and parents separated at our nation's borders

Guidance and encouragement for:

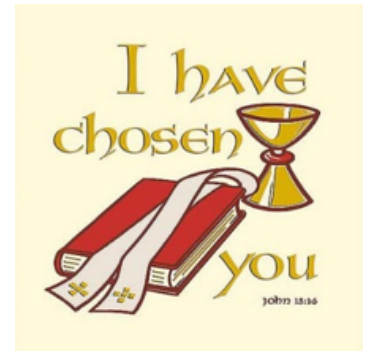
- leaders, children, and youth who will be participating in this month's **Day Camp** and **Vacation Bible School** experiences
- SoJ youth returning home from the **National Lutheran Youth Gathering** in Houston
- **our congregation and the JLG Architects team** as we move forward with plans to expand our space for present and future ministry
- SoJ's **Capital Campaign Team** as they interview representatives of firms who might lead us in a fall capital campaign
- members of Spirit of Joy's **C3 (Creating a Culture of Calling) team** as they begin to create and introduce ways to strengthen our culture of calling
- Spirit of Joy partners leading and considering our new **BeFriender** Ministry
- camp counselors and program directors at Lutherans Outdoors and Shetek outdoor ministries
- our bishops **Elizabeth Eaton** and **David Zellmer**
- our mission partner congregations in Sioux Falls: **Pueblo de Dios and Table of Grace**
- our global mission partners in the **Lutheran Churches in Nicaragua and Cameroon**
- **Deacon Katherine Eisele** as she continues her summer sabbatical

Thanksgiving for:

- all who are participating in our hospitality ministries this summer
- all who are assisting with summer Day Camp and Vacation Bible School
- our worship leaders and musicians
- our gardeners

You Are Invited to
**The Ordination
and Installation
of Laura Phillips**
on
**Tuesday, July 17th
at 6:30 p.m.**

at Palisade Lutheran
Church (rural Garretson)



Our ministry partner Laura Phillips has received and accepted a call to Palisade Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church of Valley Springs, South Dakota. Come and celebrate with Laura as she is ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

A Prayer for Our Nation on Independence Day

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. **Amen.**



Children & Youth Faith Formation

Houston... We Have a Gathering

Thank you for all the support and prayers from Spirit of Joy. Our group of 18 teens and four adults have had a wonderful time in Houston experiencing God and God's church in amazing new ways. Every day featured eye-opening experiences and opportunities to hear passionate church leaders sharing their stories. The National Youth Gathering in Houston reminded us that God's love and grace are clearly present in Ephesians 2:8, which was the theme verse for the ELCA National Youth Gathering:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”



What are you looking forward to on the Houston National Youth Gathering trip?

- “Spending time with friends.”- Carson
- “I’m excited for our service day!”- Rachel
- “I’m really looking forward to hearing Nadia Bolz-Weber.”- Leah
- “I’m excited to meet new people.”- Andrew
- “Looking forward to seeing the beach at Galveston, Texas.”- Matthew
- “I’m just excited to go to Texas. Yee-haw!”- Evan



Vacation Bible School

Dates: July 16-18, 6-8pm

Cost: \$10

Contact Mike Haddican to register.

mike@spiritofjoy.net

Vacation Bible School for preschool-aged children is just around the corner. Preschoolers, along with a parent, are invited to join us for a “Shipwrecked” adventure as we learn that Jesus rescues us when we’re lonely, when we struggle, and when we do wrong.

Day Camp

Dates: July 16-19, 9am-3pm

Cost: \$40

Contact Mike Haddican to register.

mike@spiritofjoy.net

Our Spirit of Joy Day Camp is like a condensed version of camp... but the camp comes to us! Skilled counselors from NeSoDak Bible Camp, along with partners from Spirit of Joy, will help lead children through worship, Bible study, games, arts & crafts, silly songs, hobby time, and more! Any Spirit of Joy partner interested in helping in any way is welcome to contact Mike Haddican to get involved.



Coming Soon: A New Faith Formation Program for Children & Families

Launching this fall, we’ll have a new faith formation program for many of our Spirit of Joy children and families! This new curriculum aims at having children, along with a parent/guardian/caring adult, experience faith formation and learning through movement, sign language, meaningful projects, and more. More details to come in future months.

Sunday Mornings:

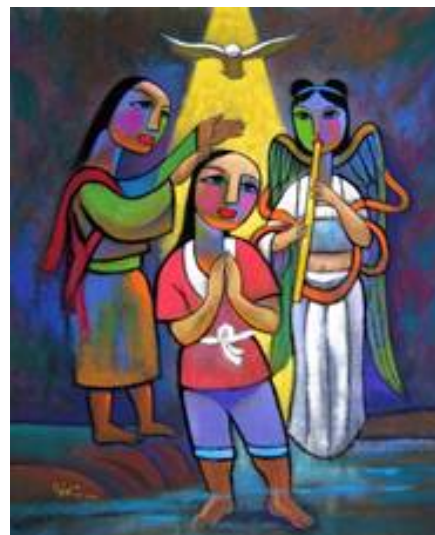
Preschool and elementary children will get to experience this new program along with their parents.

Wednesday Nights (Grades K-3):

Kindergarten - 3rd graders will continue with the “Spark: Rotation” model of Sprouts.

Wednesday Nights (Grades 4-5):

4th & 5th graders will get to experience this new program along with their parents.



Adult & Family Faith Formation

July 2018

“Be Still and Know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Our adult retreat ministries offer a chance to step away from our daily routines to breathe, to share with others, to learn, and to rest. We hope you’ll consider joining us for either our men’s retreat or women’s retreat this fall: 24 hours of good fellowship, good food, beautiful surroundings, and God’s presence.

This year’s themes will be centered on God’s call to us in every age and stage of life:

“The Stories We Live”



Spirit of Joy Men’s Retreat

September 28-29 (one night)
NeSoDak Bible Camp, near Waubay, SD.
Private rooms, great food, on the shores of
Enemy Swim Lake.

Spirit of Joy Women’s Retreat

October 12-13 (one night)
Joy Ranch, near Watertown, SD.
Hotel-style accommodations with a
western flair. Gourmet chefs and
opportunity for trail rides at a working
ranch on the shores of Lyle Lake.



Spirit of Joy Preschool cordially invites you to...

“Preschool, Playgrounds, and Popsicles”

Wednesday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 pm

It was wonderful to see you in June! Thank you all for coming. If you missed the June event, join us in July for some fun on the Preschool playground. Miss Amy will bring the popsicles and bubbles. Preschool families past, present, and future are welcome. Invite a friend who is considering Preschool this fall. We can visit the Preschool classroom, too.

What’s new at Spirit of Joy Preschool?

Visit the Preschool website and Facebook page to keep up with the latest Preschool information and great summer activities for families. You might even catch a glimpse of Mr. Ducky’s summer adventures!

spiritofjoy.net/preschool

facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool



Preschool Parent Orientation for
2018-2019 School Year

Tuesday, August 28 6:00-7:00pm

Take some time to learn about the school year plans, make a special card for your child, and meet other Preschool families.

Share your Preschool with new friends today!

SoJ Preschool has a referral program. Grab a green referral paper from the kiosk in the gathering space and share it with a new family. Receive a discount on your tuition or a fun bonus from the Preschool Team when the new family enrolls.

June 24—a day of life together and life shared with others!

Outdoor Worship, Annual Picnic, & Blood Drive

On Sunday, June 24, 150 folks gathered for worship on the east lawn for our 10:00 service. At the conclusion of the service, we blessed our youth and adult leaders who were hitting the road the next morning for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Following worship we shared fellowship and food during our annual picnic, which was held on SoJ's grounds for the first time ever. During these festivities 15 of our SoJ partners donated blood to the Community Blood Bank through our annual blood drive. Thank you for these many forms of life together and life shared!



Project SOS for the Banquet

Throughout the month of July, we will be collecting items for the Banquet's Project SOS. This initiative helps fill the backpacks of children around Sioux Falls. Last year SOS distributed 6,000 backpacks filled with school supplies! For the list of requested school supplies, visit thebanquetsf.org/project-sos.

July 2018 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Greeters & Ushers	Holy Communion	Readers
1	8:30	Rick Lundberg & Peg Preston	Cheryl Larson & Donna Ver Wey	Darlene Weber-Scott
	10:00	Adam & Brittni Punt	Brian & Carrie Rehnke	Tracy Dahl-Webb
8	8:30	Ken & Star Munch	Craig & Ronda Samuelson	Stacey Buchholz
	10:00	Terry & Gwen Bobbie	Kris & Larry Schoeszler	Michelle Stanek
15	8:30	Craig & Ronda Samuelson	Ryan & Laurie Dokken	Laci Dahl Thompson
	10:00	Jason & Jamie Appel	Wilma Estes & Sally Hanson	Alison Sundall
22	8:30	Steve & Joan Fagerness	Dave & Alma Tonsager	Pam Walton
	10:00	Craig & Wendy Donelan	Bill & Tracy Dahl-Webb	Sandy Ellingsen
29	8:30	Kevin & Deb Nelson	Roger & Jan Noer	Sarah Yee
	10:00	Brian & Jamie Oyen	Eric & Stacy Breidenbach	Amy Orr

Date	Sunday Hosts
1	Diane Buckhouse, Deb Nelson, Kae Butler
8	Alice Christensen, Brenda Eden, Donna Ver Wey
15	Jan Noer, Melvadeen Neely, Donna Ver Wey
22	Beth Hagen, Joan Fagerness, Deb Nelson
29	Sarah Yee, Nilah Adams, Diane Wheeler

Date	Offering Counters
1	Tracy Dahl-Webb, Darlene Weber-Scott
8	Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Jared Ducommun
15	Paul Kusler, Kevin Kittams, Ron Risty
22	Rick Lundberg, Greg Van Meter, Gary Huber
29	Marlyn Adams, Nilah Adams, Ken Munch

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
2	Evie Brouwer Thomas & Jeff Thomson
9	Monica & Gary Huber
16	Joan & Steve Fagerness
23	Maris & Dick Hauger
30	Trish Swanhorst & Linda Beckman

July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship			Independence Day-office closed			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship			10:00am-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-Preschool, Playground, & Popsicles	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship Day Camp & VBS		6:30pm-Laura Phillips' Ordination @ Palisade Lutheran Church of Garretson	10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship			10:00am-Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. Food to You Mobile Pantry		
29	30	31				
8:30am-Worship 10:00am-Worship						

