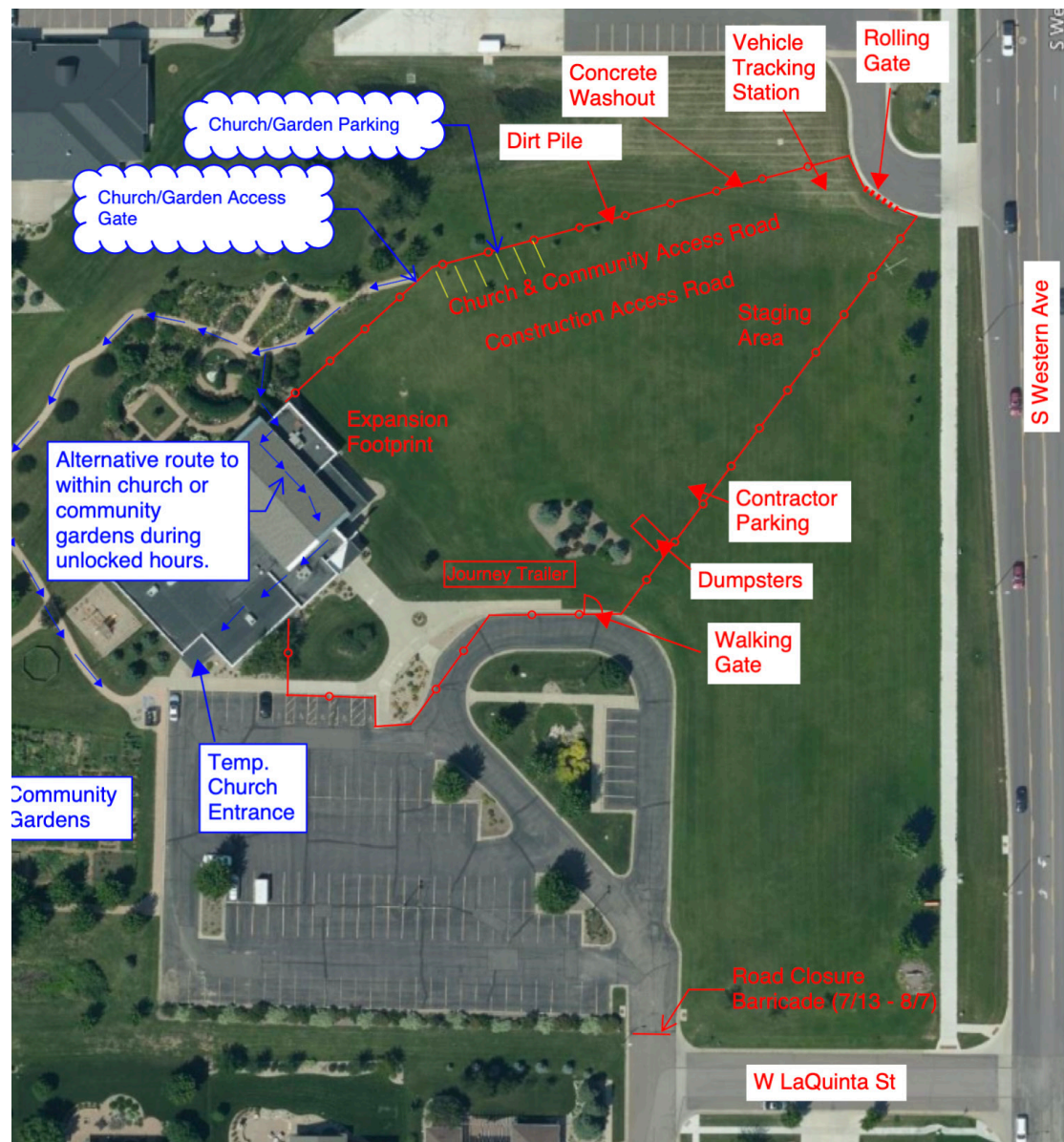


Spirit of Joy Parking Lot Reconstruction

As part of Spirit of Joy's building expansion, the church's current parking lot will be closed and under construction from Monday, July 13 through Friday, August 7.

During this time Spirit of Joy staff, partners and our community gardeners will NOT have any access to our current parking lot. Temporary access and parking will be provided via the entrance to the construction site off of Western Avenue. Please follow the directions on the map you are receiving with this announcement. Please park only in the spaces designated for Spirit of Joy. You will then be able to enter the church building through the back (north) door adjacent to our prayer gardens and get to the gardens through our building; or reach the gardens by following the sidewalk through the prayer gardens and around the back (north) side of the church building. Access through the church building will only be available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm all seven days of the week. You will be able to park and walk around the church building any time during the week.

We hope this information will help you find your way during our construction.
Please email us at info@spiritofjoy.net with any questions or concerns.



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W I N D S W E P T

Summer 2020 Notes

Guard Your Hearts

One of the first birthday presents I received last week was the tweet of Philippians 4:8 from a fellow pastor: "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." These days it is so easy to focus only on the opposite of these things. Our hearts were not made to do so. Guard your hearts, dear sisters and brothers, not by ignoring what's going on in the world, but by returning again and again to the One who holds you close and who is working now to recreate a world that upholds truth and works for justice for all.



Summer Worship

Spirit of Joy leaders are continuing to work on creating meaningful worship opportunities for our ministry partners and friends. We long for the day when we will all come together again in one room to worship the Lord and dine at His table. We are also very aware it is neither safe nor wise to do so yet, at least in the "normal" way. Some of our sister churches are making the move to reopen their church buildings in the coming weeks with several restrictions. We are moving slower than some to do so to make the move as safely as possible, with guidance from our own health care professionals and other church leaders. Our building expansion will also include complete reconstruction of our parking lot, which is going to make our building mostly inaccessible for several weeks later this month. Here are our updated worship plans:

- *We will continue to record weekly worship and post it on our YouTube channel.
- *We will offer another parking lot worship on Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 am.
- *Parking lot reconstruction will happen July 13-August 7. During these weeks, Journey Construction will create some parking (6-8 spaces) on the north side of the construction site for staff members, visitors, and gardeners. See map on the last page of the newsletter.
- *We will offer our third parking lot worship on Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 am.
- *Initial planning for resuming some form of indoor worship in mid-August will happen this month and will be dependent on the latest COVID-19 trends in our region. Any worship opportunities will include wearing masks, social distancing, limiting numbers of worshipers in our space by asking for reservations, and carefully cleaning our space after each worship service. More specific information will be shared as plans develop.

God's peace,
Pastor Jeff Eisele

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Building Update

Special thank you to Dale Schempp for the photos.

Our parking lot will be unavailable from July 13- August 7. Please see the last page for more information and instructions on how to access our building.



I. Unfinished Business

A. Building Expansion

1. Pay Application #3 June 2020: Pastor Jeff Eisele presented the Application and Certificate for Payment from Journey Group Companies (Invoice #201101-03). Brad Tams moved and Jodi Hanson seconded to approve the payment of \$150,473.67. Motion carried.
2. Updated Parking Lot Proposal and Schedule: Pastor Jeff Eisele presented proposed change orders for the parking lot. The proposed changes are still under budget. Discussion followed. Ron Risty moved and Brad Tams seconded to approve the change orders for 22 additional parking spaces, including two more handicapped spaces, and for concrete work. Motion carried.

B. Mission Investment Fund Loan Update: All required paperwork has been signed and submitted. No contingency funding has been used to date.

II. New Business

A. Office Manager Resignation and Updated Job: Amy Orr has resigned from her position as Office Manager. Pastor Jeff Eisele discussed the job description and will send the job description and personnel policies to team leaders. Ron Risty and Darlene Weber-Scott will lead a review the job description before advertising the position.

B. Reopening Church Building Task Force: A task force will meet next week to discuss reopening of the church building for services and youth programming. Many experts from the congregation have been invited to join the task force. Most likely, due to the parking lot renovation, the church will not open before August.

C. Pastor Christy Insurance Adjustment: Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask presented information regarding the addition of family coverage for her insurance plan. This would result in a \$3781.80 increase in the budget in 2020. Jodi Hanson moved and Carole Chell seconded to increase the budget as presented. Motion carried.

D. June Benevolence: Jodi Hanson moved and Michelle Stanek seconded to make the following benevolence payments. Motion carried.

- a. Charis/Mobile Food Bank \$1000
- b. Church on the Street \$1000
- c. Shetek Lutheran Ministries \$1000
- d. Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua (ILFE) \$1000

Next Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

A note from Amy Orr

Dear Spirit of Joy Partners and Friends,

It is with many mixed emotions that I share with all of you that I have submitted my resignation from the role of Office Manager at Spirit of Joy. I am expecting my third child this coming fall and have made the decision to take this time to stay home with my kids. My family will remain partners of Spirit of Joy and I look forward to participating in our ministry in new volunteer-based ways.



The leadership team is working on updating the office manager job description and once finalized will begin the search for a new individual to fill the position. Thank you to all of you that have made my time on the Spirit of Joy staff such a special experience. Spirit of Joy and all its people have been such a blessing to me and my family.

Peace to you,
Amy Orr

Faith Formation This Month

Summer Once-a-Month Bible Study - 2020 is underway!



This summer we're exploring the little book of Ruth. Tucked between the violence and chaos of the book of Judges and the Game of Thrones intrigues of the books of Samuel and Kings, the book of Ruth is a breath of light and promise. Meet Naomi and Ruth – mother and daughter-in-law, both widows who bravely travel from one land to another seeking food and safety. The perils they face, their loyalty to one another, and the fruits of their faithfulness and tenacity all make for one of the Bible's loveliest stories. Miss the first sessions? You're still welcome to come to the next sessions. Simply sign up at www.spiritofjoy.net/signups and you'll receive more information. You may join via Zoom on Thursday evenings, or in the Spirit of Joy prayer gardens (yes, they're still available and open!) on Friday mornings.
Dates: June 25 or 26; July 9 or 10; August 13 or 14; and BONUS session September 3 or 4.

Financials Through May 31

Checking Account:

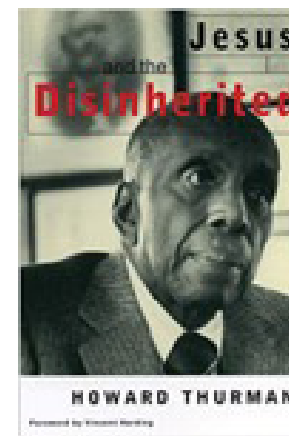
General Fund	\$75,194.78
Building Fund	\$39,317.58
Donor Restricted	\$7,096.73
Sunday School	\$1,265.03
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

	May 2018	May 2019	May 2020
Worship Attendance	1301	1342	N/A
General Offering	\$39,775.12	\$44,008.21	\$49,164.37
Building Offering	\$14,224.33	\$78,371.64	\$27,336.88

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$69,584.80
Donor Restricted	\$718,157.63
Total Cash Balance	\$915,157.63

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$266,758.46
Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$260,403.47
Net Income/Deficit for Ministry.	\$6,354.99



The second book we will be reading and discussing in our summer book club is Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman. This slim, just-over-100-pages book is the centerpiece of this Black preacher and prophet's lifelong attempt to bring together the Black experience with the religion of Jesus. Thurman begins by noting that Jesus himself was not a pastor to the powerful and privileged, but rather one of the disinherited of his time who recognized that the "inward center" of an individual and people will determine their destiny.

Contact Pastor Jeff Eisele for more information: jeffeisele@spiritofjoy.net



"Compassion Camp - Be Kind, Be Loved, Be You" is a VBS program designed specifically for families to build their faith together at home this summer. Each of the five lessons include opening time, music, Bible stories, movement, craft, and snack ideas.

Together, you and your family can explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves and the world. It is geared for Pre-school through 5th grade age students and is extremely flexible, adaptable and fun for the whole family. You can lead it at your own pace - whether you want to complete VBS all in one week or space it out throughout the summer.

To purchase and download Compassion Camp - Family Edition, click here:

[Compassion Camp VBS family-edition.](#)

Spirit of Joy will partner with you to cover the cost of VBS. Contact Michele Vogel at sojyouth2208@gmail.com for more information.

Ministry Moments

News Regarding the 2020 Fall Women's Retreat

Due to Covid-19 health risks involved in gathering in close quarters, the women's retreat planning team has determined that this year's retreat, scheduled for November 13-14, will be cancelled. Our deposit will be applied to our 2021 retreat, which is set for November 12-13, 2021. We are saddened by this, another loss. The risks outweighed the benefits when we considered the nature of a 24-hour indoor gathering. To best love one another, this was a prudent decision. Watch for more information for possible alternative virtual gatherings this fall – we're thinking and dreaming...

NOTE: Please keep our Bible camps in your prayers as they weather loss of income and other hardships due to the pandemic. While some programming is occurring, much has been cancelled. If you are a financial contributor to Christian outdoor ministries, thank you. If you would like to consider a gift to Lutherans Outdoors or Shetek Lutheran Ministries (or others of your choice), I invite you to do so. Spirit of Joy children, youth, families, and retreat groups have been given so much through the Spirit's work in these ministries.



Deacon Katherine Eisele
Lutherans Outdoors www.losd.org
Shetek Lutheran Ministries www.shetek.org

Horace Mann Elementary school Back-to-School Wish List

Once again, we are partnering with Horace Mann Elementary School and will be having a back-to-school donation. On the next page, you will see the various items that are on the school's wish list. We would like to have the items by Sunday, August 23 as school resumes on August 27. If you would like to contribute money toward the purchase of items on the wish list, you are welcome to do so. We have volunteers who will be happy to purchase items on your behalf. Please send a check payable to Spirit of Joy with the memo line: Horace Mann.

Horace Mann Elementary Back to School Wish List

Toys

Playdough
Putty
Stickers (For kindergarten, first grade)
Hot wheel cars
Legos
Slime
Party favor toys
Pokemon cards
Coloring books
Activity books
Bouncy balls
Press on tattoos
Books for 3rd graders

Supplies

Multi-colored card stock (including neon)
Masking tape
Pens
Pencils
Colored Pencils
Retractable highlighters
Dry Erase markers (3 pack)
Regular sized colored paper
Neon colored paper
Notebooks
Folders
Glue sticks
Erasable pens/markers (Frixion brand)
Markers (Crayola super tip)
Markers with smells
Fine point sharpies (colors)
Expo markers
Mr. Sketch markers
Zipper pencil pouches
Sandwich and Snack size zip lock baggies
Clorox Wipes
Kleenex
Hand Sanitizer

Clothing Items

Water proof gloves (for winter)

Candy/Food

Skittles
M&M's
Double Bubble Gum
Gumballs
Variety of gum (juicy fruit /sugar free)
Gummy Worms or Bears
Jolly ranchers
Lemonheads
Smarties
Starburst
Sour patch kids
Fruit by the foot
Fruit snacks
Rice Krispies treats
Chocolate candy bars/Hershey's kisses
Lifesavers (Fruit and Wintergreen)
Pretzels
Goldfish
Granola bars
Cheez Its
Hot Cheetos
Ketchup/Mustard
Chips (Single serving variety packs)
Ice cream toppings (sprinkles, oreo bites, mini Reese's, M&M's, Chocolate, caramel, strawberry sauce)

Gift Cards

Little Caesar's
HyVee gift card (for "family time" cooking)