

Windswept

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



The Spirit of Joy Preschool had our first Bike-a-Thon on May 14. We saw bikes, trikes, strollers, and scooters ridden by smiling children and parents!



We hope you like our new Windswept design! We want to be environmentally friendly and better stewards of our finances by cutting down on printing practices. The newsletter will be sent out via email and will also be available to read on our website. We will also have a few hard copies available in the gathering space. Happy reading!

Peace be with you.

June 2018

Called into God's Story

How do you tell the story of your life? What has brought you joy? What has been most challenging? How does God show up in your story? Does any of this seem like a *calling* to you?

The first time I talked to my mom about maybe becoming a pastor someday, she told me it's not something a person chooses. *God calls pastors*, she told me. Eventually I wondered: but what about greenhouse operators? Or teachers? Or stay at home moms? Or construction workers? Or meteorologists? Or professional baseball players? Does God have any interest in who works those jobs? Or in the hours of our lives when we are not working?



We miss a rich understanding of our own stories—and how God is at work in them—when we assume that a “calling” is just one thing experienced by a handful of people. Kathleen Cahalan breaks open this shrunken understanding of calling when she asserts that the way to discover our callings is by paying attention to the multiple connections in our daily lives between our lives, God's purposes, and one another. **We are called...**

by the God who created us
to follow the way of Jesus
just **as** the unique persons we are
from loss and grief
through the invitation or mentoring of others
for serving our neighbors
in joy and suffering
within the love of God.

— from *(The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All around Us)*

This summer, Spirit of Joy will begin creating and offering several new opportunities to tell and hear the stories of our lives as stories of people called by God in multiple ways. Please join us.

—Pastor Jeff Eisele

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

Summer Worship Arts Coordinator
Carli Bolin

Financial Report

Checking Account

General Fund	\$120,701.72
Building Fund	\$12,584.33
Donor Restricted	(\$1995.00)
Sunday School	\$1534.99
Reserve Fund	\$52,698.40
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$69,514.27
Donor Restricted	\$71,530.84

Total Cash Balance	\$326,769.55
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Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$248,605.32
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Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$222,389.32
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Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	\$26,232.51
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	April 2016	April 2017	April 2018
Attendance	1598	2314	1963
General Offering	\$32,609.58	\$58,153.06	\$54,719.39
Building Offering	\$6,925.33	\$14,762.66	\$12,384.33

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Unfinished Business:

- I. A Capital Campaign Team has been assembled to prepare for a capital campaign should the building addition proposal be approved. Team members include Jim Tripp, Joel Christensen, Charles Berdahl, Tracy Dahl-Webb, Pastor Jeff Eisele, and Jared Ducommon.
- II. Motion by Greg Bertsch and second by Pam Walton to approve Midwest Alarm's proposal for a door security system for \$9,241.59 with funds from the Building Fund. Motion carried.

New Business:

- I. Motion by Pam Walton, second by Lori Tripp to hold a congregational meeting on September 16 for a vote on the proposed building expansion, a Construction Manager at Risk, and a capital campaign. Motion carried.
- II. Motion by Pam Walton, second by Darlene Weber-Scott to make the following benevolence contributions. Motion carried.
 - Mission Partner Pueblo de Dios \$1000
 - Banquet \$500
 - Community Outreach \$1000
 - Charis/Mobile Food Bank \$1000
 - Lutheran Church of Nicaragua \$1000

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 pm.

Building Expansion Update

The Building Expansion Team has been busy preparing for a congregation meeting on September 16 (tentative date) when we will make the decision to build or not to build. Our goal between now and then is to give partners detailed information about what a new building may look like, what the financial package will be, what we should expect from a capital campaign, and who would be the construction manager. This information will help us to make an informed decision.

LISTENING SESSION #1

Reviewed Spirit of Joy's Five Priorities

Discussed Goals & Mission for the Project

Questionnaire

- 1. Of the (5) Ministry Priorities, which one most embodies the DNA of who Spirit of Joy is as a congregation?
RESPONSE: Uplifting Faith Formation & Radical Hospitality.
- 2. Of the (5) Ministry Priorities, which one currently requires the most attention for Spirit of Joy to expand our welcoming, growing, and leading?
RESPONSE: Bold Service & Radical Hospitality.
- 3. What are some ways Spirit of Joy's current facility and property serve as effective instruments to help make our (5) Priorities happen? In other words, what is working?
RESPONSE: The Offices, Meeting space, and location of the Church are working well.
- 4. Is there a Ministry on your heart that does not happen or is severely limited because of our current building and property? If so, what is it and what about the facility is causing the limitation?
RESPONSE: The Gathering (Fellowship space, additional faith space, and Adult Education) Chapel space are limiting the Church.
- 5. As part of Spirit of Joy's ongoing process, (5) priorities were identified for possible building expansion that could help us better accomplish our ministry practices. Please rank the projects 1 to 5 (1 being your top priority and 5) being the lowest.
RESPONSE: The Gathering (Fellowship space, additional faith space, and Adult Education) Chapel space are limiting the Church.
- 6. Is there another building priority not mentioned on this list that would allow us to further develop and reinforce our (5) Ministry Priorities? If so, what would that be?
RESPONSE: Youth gathering, hospital access, music space, and Adult Education would allow SOJ to further develop the (5) Ministry Priorities.
- 7. When welcoming newcomers and guests to the Church, is there anything about the current facility that you would be apt to apologize for? If so, what would that be?
RESPONSE: The limited fellowship space and traffic flow (congestion) were the top two characteristics Church Partners would apologize for.

Dot-Mocracy Exercise

- 1. Each response was hung on the walls around the Sanctuary, and participants placed "dots" on the responses that best captured their feelings for each question.



On May 20 partners were invited to attend a forum during which a progress report was presented and initial questions were answered. The storyboards were also posted in the gathering space at that time and they will remain available for partners to check for updates. Partners will also have access to information through the newsletter, announcements, weekly "What's Happening at Spirit of Joy!" email, and a dedicated webpage. Building Expansion Team members are also great sources of information.

Questions? Comments?

We want to hear from you!!!
There will soon be opportunities to submit your questions online, at the kiosk located in the gathering space, through a comment box in the gathering space. You will hear back from the Building Expansion Team with resources to your questions. We will keep you informed.

Meet the SoJ Building Expansion Team!

- Pastor Jeff Eisele
- Jim Stavenger
- Marcy Colwell
- Jason Appel
- Rick Lundberg
- Darlene Weber-Scott
- Pam Walton
- Bob Kadlecik
- Tom Kelley
- Darin Hage

Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

LeAnne Fosdick, Karen Soli, Trish Swanhorst, Zach Selchert, Gloria Winterton, Jude Schumacher, Kay Wold, Connie Evenson, Janice Kelley, Jeremy Halstenson, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Riley Conway, Gary Molzen, Alicia Schumacher, Joe Wheeldon, Tony Christensen and Steve

Comfort for:

- **Mary Eckhoff** and family as they mourn the death of **Virgil Eckhoff**
- **Wayne Gallipo** and family as they mourn the death of **Debbie Gallipo**
- victims of school shootings in **Texas**

Guidance and Encouragement for:

- **our congregation and the JLG Architects team** as we move forward with plans to expand our space for present and future ministry
- our new neighbors from **Eritrea, Jacomo, Angelina and their children, as they continue to settle in Sioux Falls with the help of Lutheran Social Services**
- members of Spirit of Joy's **C3 (Creating a Culture of Calling) team** as they attend a second convocation in Baltimore in June to begin developing calling initiatives with Spirit of Joy
- Spirit of Joy partners leading and considering our new **BeFriender** ministry.
- Spirit of Joy representatives to the South Dakota Synod Assembly, May 31-June 2 in Sioux Falls: **Darlene Weber, Dick Kappedal, Deacon Katherine Eisele, Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask, and Pastor Jeff Eisele**
- 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 begins a summer sabbatical

Thanksgiving for:

- all who helped lead our many faith formation ministries this past school year: Little Lambs leaders, milestones presenters and helpers, Sprouts assistants, middle school confirmation guides, senior high youth leaders, and Sunday forum leaders
- our partners who are graduating from high school this spring (for names, see page 8).

All men and boys are invited to sing in a male chorus for worship on **June 17**, Father's Day. Please meet in the WELL at 8:00 on Sunday, June 17 to practice the hymn, "This is My Father's World". All voices are welcomed!

Any SoJ partners willing to share their musical gifts this summer, please contact Carli at carli.spiritofjoy@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

Summer Youth Group Schedule

General Info:

- Feel free to invite friends (especially for Wednesday nights)
- We do this to stay connected during the summer. Please make this one of the rituals of your week!

Tuesdays 1-2:30pm

- Dates:** May 29, June 12, June 19, July 10, July 31, August 14
- You'll get a text 24 hours before and 1 hour before.
- The text will tell you where we will meet... Dairy Queen, Scooters, Taco Johns, Cherry Berry, B&G, etc...
- Have teens bring money, but there is a great chance Mike will buy teens some food!



Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

- Dates:** June 6, July 11, August 1, August 15, August 22
- You'll get a text 24 hours before and 3 hours before.
- Wednesday nights will always be at Spirit of Joy. We'll do a devotion, play a few games, have a fire pit and there will be snacks too!

Houston, We Have a Gathering

From June 25-July 2, 18 of our high school students and four of our brave adults will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers for safe travels, for an eye-opening journey, and for the energy to be the hands and feet of Christ on this trip.



Day Camp & Vacation Bible School

Summer fun is on the way! Will you be joining us?

Day Camp for K-5th Grade

Cost \$40

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

Story: *You Mean There's More?* Danny is a 2nd grader who shows up on the first morning of Day Camp wondering "What is Day Camp?" A few short hours later, he has met NeSoDak counselors, sung Bible songs, played games, met some new friends, learned a Bible story, ate lunch, and completed an art project. By the end of the day, one of the counselors gives Danny a high-five and says "See you tomorrow!" Danny gets a big smile on his face and says, "You mean there's more?" The counselor laughs and assures Danny that there is much more fun to come.

Vacation Bible School for 3-5 year olds

Cost \$10

Dates: July 16-18 from 6-8pm

Story: *Shipwrecked Together*: A preschooler and her parent will experience Jesus' love for us through stories, crafts, games and much more at our summer Vacation Bible School called "Shipwrecked." Jesus was sent to rescue us, and "Shipwrecked" will help children see that the Son of God is a true lifesaver!

Visit this page to register for Day
Camp & VBS!

<https://tinyurl.com/yae9suuu>



2018 High School Graduation Milestone

“... As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents’ love, your church’s love, and God’s love for you. May it help you remember you are never alone.”

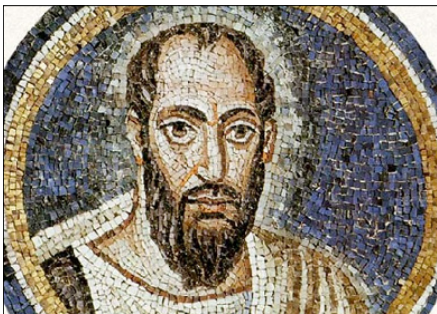


Ross Alvine
Hayden Cole
Samuel Detert
Landon Dinger
Mariah Dokken
Sydney Koolstra
Meghan Krull
Tessa Kruse
Nicholas Lundberg
Hannah Markman
Courtney Merchant

Rachel Nelson
Annika Paulsen
Brady Samuelson
Avery Thorson
Abbie Versteeg
Emma Vogel
Madison Wassink
Annika Webb
Blaine Wittrock
Megan Yee



We Did It! Our 16-week session, The Greatest Story – Paul, concluded this month. Thank you to the 25+ Spirit of Joy partners and friends who participated. Here’s what some of them had to say:



“Learning about Paul’s history – where he grew up, his education, and his letters was amazing! How one man, through the grace of God, could change so much was truly a miracle to me!” -Deb Nelson

“Paul speaks to me and learning about his life and culture helped me better understand his letters.” -Dick Kappedal

“... The study was enlightening and helped me appreciate the perseverance of the early Christians and the strength of their faith. As a new partner of Spirit of Joy, the study was a fun way to meet other partners!” -Deb Stapleman

RETREAT! RETREAT!

Spirit of Joy Women’s Retreat is October 12-13 (one night) at Joy Ranch! Sign up now in the gathering space.

Spirit of Joy Men’s Retreat is September 28-29 (one night) at NeSoDak! Mark your calendars, men! Contact Pastor Jeff, Adam Punt, or Sam Eisele for more information.

“I gained insights into Paul’s life, theology, and writings, though his writings are sometimes hard to understand. It was fun to share thoughts and reactions with others in the morning group.” - Mary Tranberg

“I enjoyed this because of different viewpoints of the same passages. I also learned a great deal about Paul’s life that I hadn’t known before.” -Elaine Frary

“It was interesting.” -Dennis Hagebock

“...I learned many things about Paul’s life and his suffering for his faith. Katherine led us in discussions that helped us think about our faith.” -Donna VerWey

Preschool

Our 2017-2018 Top Ten Memories

The 2017-2018 preschool year is complete! There were so many things to learn and new activities to try. We explored faith formation, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) projects, literacy activities, math activities, friendship skills, music and movement, and science experiments. Our school year flew by. We are grateful for the prayers and support of your preschool and look forward to many more years together.

Kindly, Amy Cauble

1. Chapel time



2. Dancing and yoga



3. Science experiments



4. Field trips



5. Creative art



6. Problem-solving projects



7. Sensory table



8. New friends



9. Volunteers/visitors



10. Classroom parties



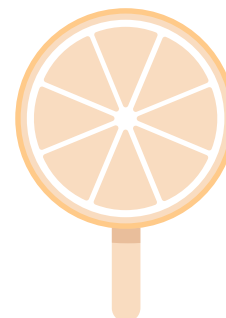
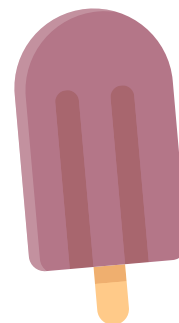
You Are Invited!

Preschool families past, present, and future: let's get together for summertime fun on the preschool playground. Play outside, meet new friends, and enjoy a snack. Miss Amy will bring the popsicles. Come and go as you are able.

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

Preschool Parent Orientation for 2018-2019 School Year:
2018-2019 Preschool families, take some time to learn about the school year plans and meet other preschool families.

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



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.

Hospitality/ Outreach/ Communications

New Partners

Meet the newest ministry partners of Spirit of Joy! They were welcomed in worship on Sunday, May 13. Please make an effort to continue welcoming these persons into our community of faith.

We asked them, **“Why Spirit of Joy?”**



Allison, Bruce, Brooklyn, & Beckett Abels

“We have been looking for a community to grow in our faith journey and feel like Spirit of Joy is a wonderful place to do that as a family.”



Tony Burke, Stacey Loen, & Ava Burke

“We chose Spirit of Joy because it felt like home! We immediately felt welcomed and felt like this was a good place we could grow in our faith and as a family!”



Josh Colwell

“SoJ is a place where everyone is welcome and I like that, and you always feel at home.”



Amber, Jimmy, Devin, Maddux, & Griffey May

“I guess because it felt comfortable and friendly, right off the bat. You guys also have a strong youth program. Plus, you had members, and yourself (Pastor Christy), reach out and say hi!!”



Deb & Gary Stapelman

“It was family who are Spirit of Joy partners that first brought us to this church, but it was the warm welcome we received from the Spirit of Joy congregation and ministerial staff that kept us coming back. As newcomers to Sioux Falls, we are excited to have found this church family to worship and grow with.”



Interested in joining Evening Book Club?

We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the church library at 7 p.m. It's a good time for a little discussion, fellowship, and snacks. Great way to get to know some fellow church partners. **Contact Pam Zimmel (334-5061)** for information on the current month's book. Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
					Synod Assembly @ Our Saviors Lutheran	Synod Assembly @ Our Saviors Lutheran
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
8:30am-Worship 10:00am- Worship w/ High School Graduation Milestone		Election Polling Place 1:00-2:00pm- CPR Training in the WELL (all are welcome) 7:00pm- Evening Book Club (SOJ Library)	10:00am- Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30am- Worship 10:00am- Worship	6:30pm- Preschool, Playground, & Popsicles	6:00pm- Growth Team Meeting 6:30pm- Ministry Resources Team Meeting	10:00am- Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30am- Worship 10:00am- Worship			10:00am- Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Art Showcase in the gathering space 8:30am- Worship 10:00am- Worship 11:00am- Annual Picnic @ SoJ 9am-1pm-Blood Drive			10:00am- Staff Meeting	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 6:30pm- Leadership Team Meeting		

June 2018 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Greeters & Ushers	Holy Communion	Readers
3	8:30	Craig & Ronda Samuelson	Pam & Mark Schroeder	Tom Gannon
	10:00	Ken & Rita Karels	Jared & Kim Ducommun	Pam Merchant
10	8:30	Gregg & Peggy Van Meter	Kevin & Deb Nelson	Kevin Nelson
	10:00	Brad & Deb Tams	Brian & Jamie Oyen	Deb Tams
17	8:30	Ryan & Emily Geraets	Dennis & Mary Tranberg	Peg Preston
	10:00	Jon & Tricia Merrigan	Amy Orr & Tracy Dahl-Webb	Tracy Dahl-Webb
24	8:30	Dave & Alma Tonsager	Ryan & Laurie Dokken	TBD
	10:00	Tim & Erika Hazlett	Byron & Terese Hammerstrom	TBD

Date	Sunday Hosts
3	Ali Lennon, Elaine Frary, Marilyn Gannon
10	Jeanie Mayer, Donna Ver Wey, Karen Kruse
17	Erika Thedens, Suzanne DeBoom, Alison Sundall
24	Laurie Dokken, Sandy Ellingsen, Suzanne DeBoom

Date	Offering Counters
3	Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Kevin Kittams
10	Paul Kusler, Ken Munch, Eric Backstrom
17	Nilah Adams, Marlyn Adams, Shelly Wittrock
24	Greg Van Meter, Gary Huber, Tom Gannon

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
3	Monica & Gary Huber
10	Tom & Marilyn Gannon
17	Dave & Renee Storm
24	Gary & Suzanne DeBoom

