



WINDSWEEP

May 2022

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who continues to do amazing things with Spirit of Joy!

I'm writing this as the third of our dessert gatherings for Overflowing! A Debt Reduction Campaign is underway. As we have shared with those able to gather for these events, I have heard two consistent refrains. First, "I'm so glad that we're investing in mission and ministry, not just keeping the lights on." And, second, "I didn't know we were doing that!" As you peruse the pages of this newsletter, you'll see a lot that speaks to both of those refrains. I want to tell the stories of a few others.

We have a wonderful group of women who gather to play Mah Jongg every Wednesday afternoon. The size of the group varies with the seasons, but right now its 12-16 most weeks. What's important about their gathering is their caring and joyful conversation. They ask after each other and offer care that matters. And, they have taken to closing the door because they worry that their laughter bothers us staff!

Our Moms with a Purpose group meets early in the day on Wednesday for study and caring conversation. As their group has grown to 7-8 they have begun to incorporate fellowship and service opportunities. Recently, they partnered with Thrivent Financial to provide more than a dozen Easter baskets for LifeScope.

The Spirit of Joy Woodworkers have been meeting regularly since January to make the internal parts for pediatric wheelchairs in partnership with Hope Haven International. 16-18 men have made more than 3000 parts. For summer they're turning their attention to the more intricate trays for the chairs and a playhouse for the Spirit of Joy preschool.

Spirit of Joy hosts a troop of both Boy and Girl Scouts. While they regularly meet, they do so much more. The girls have been key volunteers at Food to You and Necessities for Neighbors. The boys have helped build raised beds, recycle aluminum cans, and spread mulch around the campus. Recently, more than 200 people gathered at SoJ for their annual Pinewood Derby!

High Plains Woodwinds is a community band that practices at Spirit of Joy every Monday night. A dream of our partner, Sharon Lehmann, the band has been in existence for ten years. 20 or more adults from SD, MN, and IA gather for the blessing of playing music and regularly perform around the area.

Auditions and rehearsal for a youth play. Space for students to study. A new deacon and musician. Milestones galore. This is just a tiny sample. I am in awe of the many wonders God works through you. I am glad for the ways you gather together. I celebrate the goodwill you have built with your partners. And, I can't wait to see how God overflows in, through, and from you!



Eric Ohrtman
Associate Pastor

Acts 2:43, 46-47 ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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You can find more information at www.millenniumrecycling.com



Outreach Opportunities

Breakfast at
The Banquet

5:30 a.m. prep

6:30 a.m. serve.

Sign up on our website

spiritofjoy.net/signups.



Laundry with Love in April

Quarter Drive: \$1,249.75—THANK YOU!!

Volunteers hung out at Laundry with Love on April 26 and served Walking Tacos.

*Thank you to all who donated
time & money to Laundry with Love*



Summer 2022: Adult Faith Formation

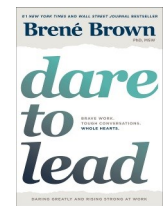
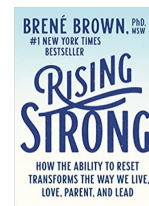
A Summer of Brene Brown w/ Margie Schade
June 9, July 7, August 11 | 7 PM @ SoJ

Brene Brown's fascination with what she calls wholehearted living eventually led her to explore how we dance with shame and vulnerability. From her top five viewed TED Talks to her continually growing library of books, the University of Houston researcher has become a foremost authority on courage and leadership. This summer, we'll read three selections designed to help us acknowledge and embrace our flaws, learn how to get back up from our failures, and use those experiences to become authentic leaders at home, work, and Spirit of Joy. Each month will be supplemented with videos, articles, and discussion.

Come prepared for each session, having read the book and watched a video selection. After you sign up we'll send a link for each book and a break down of that month's prep work.

June 9: *Gifts of Imperfection* | July 7: *Rising Strong* | August 11: *Dare to Lead*

Sign up today at spiritofjoy.net/signups,
order your books, and start reading!



Bowen Family Systems Theory w/ Rev. Paul Johnston

We are constantly influencing the behaviors of others and being influenced by them. The work of Murray Bowen, Systems Theory explores how we are shaped as individuals by the systems and communities in which we participate. Bowen believed that human beings possess the capacity to differentiate — to become distinct, mature, balanced selves healthily connected to one's families of origin and others. This summer, Rev. Paul will lead a three-part series to introduce the theory, invite participants to reflect on how they participate in systems, and how we relate to one another in the system that is Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church.

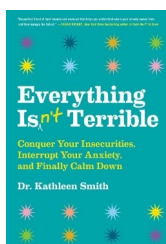
Systems Theory: A Way of Learning to Live the Resurrection Life

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

June 15: "Everything Isn't Terrible" and a 10,000 foot view of Family Systems Theory.

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?"



The pre-reading is "Everything Isn't Terrible" by Kathleen Smith. Available at amazon.com and other retailers. June 15th's discussion will rely on your having read the book.

Sign up today at spiritofjoy.net/signups, order your book and start reading!

Summer 2022: Adult Faith Formation

Faith and Film with Pastor Jeff

While dates and times are yet to be determined, Pastor Jeff invites you to join him in watching a series of films to discuss their connection to our faith. Three different movies over the course of the summer.

Look for more information in our weekly bulletin, next month's newsletter, and on the Spirit of Joy website and Facebook page



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. Each event is at 7pm at Remedy Brewing (401 E. 8th St.)

Monday, June 6th

"The Stories that Shaped Us"



Monday, July 11

"The Stories of Today"

Monday, August 8th

"The Stories We Hope to Tell"

Pray the Labyrinth

A labyrinth is a meandering path leading to a center. Labyrinths have been used throughout the history of Christianity for meditation, as the site of rituals, and as substitutes for physical pilgrimage. Labyrinths evoke metaphor for the life of faith, enhance religious practice, provide for the practice of mindfulness, and create a space for community building.

We are fortunate at Spirit of Joy to have a labyrinth in our prayer gardens. This summer, as part of our Adult Faith Formation, we hope to have two weekly gatherings for fellowship and prayer in the labyrinth. Each week will have a specific scripture verse and focus for our prayer. Every week we will include prayer for Spirit of Joy, its individual partners, and its community partners.

Sign up today to receive all communication regarding praying the labyrinth. On the sign up indicate if you would prefer a morning or evening session. We will work with each group to determine a time and day of the week. Our prayer practice will run June-August.

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Faith Formation



Graduation from High School Milestone
Sunday, May 15 & 22

Spirit of Joy will celebrate graduating seniors during both services on Sunday, May 15 & Sunday, May 22. Come and help us celebrate these young adults in their next adventure!



**FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE
CELEBRATED ON PALM SUNDAY**



5th Grade
Earth Care Milestone

Special thanks to Katie Chapman from Shetek Lutheran Ministries for sharing her Sunday morning with our 5th graders!

2nd Grade
Lord's Prayer Milestone

Special thanks to Lori Berdahl for teaching the Lord's Prayer. Second graders led the Lord's Prayer during services on Sunday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 30.



Upcoming Summer Fun



Family Fun Night
June 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm
"Fruits of the Spirit"



Snow Cone Truck **Yard Games** **Fruity Crafts** **Camp Worship**



Family Fun Night
July 13 from 6:30-8:00
"Walking on Water"

Water Olympics **Dunk Tank**
Camp Worship



Family Fun Night
August 10 From 6:30-8:00
"The Good Samaritan"

Worship **Bounce House**
Yard Games **Bonfire**

High School News

Houseboat Important Announcement

The high school summer houseboat trip has open spots for students! If Northern Minnesota, lakes, fishing, swimming, camping, relaxing, and campfire worship sound like a good time to you, then we would love for you to join us from Sunday afternoon, July 23 through Friday, July 29th for our houseboat trip to Lake Vermillion, MN. We will be taking two boats: **we have 2 beds open on the boy's boat and have 1 bed open on the girl's boat.** The cost is \$400 and covers all costs of the trip. It will be a fantastic week of exploring God's creation, growing in community, and strengthening our relationship with God!

The first ones to sign up get the spots, contact Madeline or Pastor Eric ASAP if you would like to join.

- Madeline Trosvig madeline.spiritofjoy@gmail.com
- Pastor Eric ericohrtman@spiritofjoy.net



High School Youth Houseboat Fundraiser

PIE THE PASTOR

Starts,
April 10th



Ends,
May 8th

The Pastor with the most money in their jar will get pied in the face! All donations will go toward the houseboat trip for the high school youth!

For every 500 dollars raised, one additional pie will be added!

The Pie-ing will take place:
Wednesday, May 11th at the End of
Year Celebration 7:45 PM

Tickets will be for sold for a chance to be the one who pies the Pastor!
\$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets! The sale will start Wed. April 20 and end Wed May 8.

Odds & Ends



5K Pelican Fun Walk/Run | Saturday, June 25 | 8 AM

Quilt Auction | Saturday, June 25 | 10:30 AM

Pulled Pork Dinner, Kids Activities, Hand-Quilted & Machine-Quilted Quilts

24th Annual (G.O.L.F.) Great Outdoors Lutheran Fundraiser

Monday, June 20 | 8:30 AM | \$75

Includes: 18 holes of golf, lunch, logo ball, special events, refreshments and door prizes

More information: www.shetek.org

Need someone to
just listen?

*Call a
Befriender*



Want to connect?

Church: 605-333-2004

Linda Beckman: 605-759-4663



**BEFRIENDER
MINISTRY**

A Listening Presence

Spirit of Joy Preschool

Take me out to the ball game!

Sunday, May 22 | 1:05pm

Sioux Falls Canaries vs Milwaukee Milkmen

All Spirit of Joy Partners & Preschool Families are invited to spend the afternoon at the ballfield. Reserved section for SOJ ticket holders including shaded seating for a cool afternoon game.

Wear your Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church & Preschool blue t-shirt. *T-shirts and tickets available for purchase beginning May 1. Watch for details on social and in Sunday announcements.

Preschool Registration for Fall 2022

Preschool Registration and Tours offered throughout the summer months as classes are available. Contact Amy Cauble, Preschool Director, to schedule a tour or ask questions. *Registrations available online, mail or in person.



**SPIRIT OF JOY
PRESCHOOL**

For more information or to schedule a tour (available anytime)

contact Amy Cauble, teacher & director at 605-333-2004

amycauble@spiritofjoypreschool.net.

Registration available online or in person

spiritofjoy.net/preschool for more information

Scholarships, partner and sibling discounts available

Check out our Facebook page to see what we do throughout the year

[Facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool](https://www.facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool)

Spirit of Joy Preschool

Preschool Teaching Moments

Each year, the children and I spend Holy Week talking about a different part of the story each day. Together, we learn the story and try to experience portions of the events in different ways. For example, the class walked the halls of the church waving palms and shouting “HOSANNA”. Paper Easter baskets were created containing a variety of paper eggs. Each color representing one part of the story- green for palm branches, brown for the tomb, etc.

As we read the story about Jesus washing the disciples’ feet, the children listened closely. We talked about Jesus’ words and how we could serve others. Then we tried it. Children were given a wet wipe and a partner. Taking turns, the partners washed one another’s shoes with the wipe.

When asked how it felt to wash another’s feet the children remarked “it was silly” and others mentioned “it was fun to help”. There was a commitment and determination to help the other person. “Just let me get that one more spot there.” Or “Wait, I need to check all the sides for you.” Consistently, the children preferred helping others to being served. The children’s joy was a reminder of how serving fulfills all those involved. Thank you for the teaching moment, preschool friends.



From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,

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

Driving across the State I can see that we are pretty dry. I pray for rain and moisture to water our parched lands. I also lift up prayers for our ranchers and farmers. It's not only the land that is parched, but spirits can run dry too. You may remember that in the very first months of my term you were invited to a farm summit in Mitchell SD. We shared in the joys and challenges of farming and ranching, learned about resources, and were assured that God's always close at hand. At the same time of the farm summit, I also collaborated with Lutheran Social Services in SD. We partnered to offer Mental Health First Aid training to our leaders so that they can learn about the first signs of distress. But we also developed a web-based tool called Psychological First Aid. It is designed with your neighbor in mind. You can take this web-based training at your pace and at your time. It strives to equip you with what you need to read early warning signs of mental health issues, and gives you tools to be a good neighbor to your neighbor. Please watch for the link to come your way soon via our synod's e-news. If you currently do not receive the e-news, please sign up at www.sdsynod.org.

Last but not least, many ask about how to best support the Ukrainian refugees. At this time your monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) or Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are the best help you can provide as they aid relief efforts on the ground. Our ministry partner LSS is in close communication with the federal government to see how to best assist refugees that will find their way to the United States. Watch your e-news for regular updates.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA



Upcoming Sunday Forums

May 8: St. Dymas Prison Ministry

Pastor Jeff Backer will join us to discuss his new call and invite us to deeper relationship with our brothers in Christ at St. Dymas.

May 15: Jamie Lennon of **Lutheran World Relief** will share an update on Lutheran World Relief's efforts with the Refugee Crisis in Ukraine, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

Children of Joy

End of year wrap up

Sunday, May 8 & Wednesday, May 11

**Save
the
Date!**

Spirit of Joy Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at Spirit of Joy

I. Unfinished Business

- A. **Recommendation to Call Deacon Candidate Hannah Fleming:** Following a discussion regarding the Call Committee recommendation and a compensation package, Kendra Krueger moved and Heather Krzmarzick seconded to call Deacon candidate Hannah Fleming as the full-time Director of Faith Formation. Motion carried. This will be brought before SOJ partners on May 1, 2022 for approval.
- B. **Call committee Rationale:** See V-A above
- C. **Compensation Package:** See V-A above.
- D. **Overflowing! Building Debt Reduction Appeal-Outreach Options:** Voting for the top outreach partners will take place on both Sunday and Wednesday.

II. New Business

- B. **Additional Payment of Principal on MIF Building Loan:** Andrew Hewitt moved and Amy Eisenbeisz seconded to use \$100,000 from the Land and Building fund to pay down the principle on the building loan. Motion carried. This will bring the total debt to less than 2 million dollars and leave approximately 9 months of expenses in the account.

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

*Next Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.***

Financials through March 31, 2022

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$48,942.26
Building Fund	\$39,132.65
Donor Restricted	\$38,995.82
Sunday School	\$710.32
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$151,148.55
Donor Restricted	\$69,467.25
Total Cash Balance	\$352,956.95

	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022
Attendance	???	???	1496
General Offering	\$ 38,737.72	\$ 40,850.33	\$ 45,292.94
Building Offering	\$ 17,848.80	\$ 14,128.77	\$ 39,927.41

Capital Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$2,478,485

Received as of March 31, 2022: \$2,248,519.82

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$142,043.00
<u>Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry</u>	<u>\$167,183.96</u>
Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	- \$25140.96