

WINDSWEEP

November 2021



“Water. Water. Wet.”

Knees bouncing, lifejacket on, sun hat firmly cinched beneath his chin, my son, Jonah, then 2, said it over and over again.

“Water. Water. Wet.”

Standing easily at the end of a dock in the warm July waters of Ottertail Lake, my own sun hat cinched beneath my chin, arms outstretched, I said over and over again, “Jump in, buddy. I’ll catch you.”

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“Thus, a Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, begun once and continuing ever after.” –Martin Luther in “Concerning Baptism”

I closed the distance, lifted him from the dock, pulled him close, and after several minutes of resistance and continued reassurance lowered myself along with him so that the water slowly climbed past his toes and over his knees, until finally he rested waist deep in the warm waters. Eventually, his grip around my neck loosened. Then, gingerly, one hand let go and began to move towards the water. One splash became two. Fear became joy. Hesitation became abandon. Holy Baptism and giving over of our daily lives to God can be like that.

It’s my default to want to be in control. I look at the life of freedom and love that’s offered every day to those of us who have been joined to Christ in the waters of baptism and while my excitement builds, I resist. Instead of flinging myself with abandon into God’s grace, I stand, chubby arms outstretched bouncing and pointing, saying over and over again, “Water. Water. Wet.” And, then, the miracle happens. God draws near. God reaches through my fear and hesitation to bring me close. Uncertain of what a called life might mean, I resist again, pulling away. And, still, God persists, going with me into my fear, staying with me in our hesitation, and joining with me in those moments where by God’s grace I experience joyful abandon.



Having just celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism with our confirmands we have been reminded of our own baptisms and called into a daily commitment to God and the renewed and transformed life of the baptized. My prayer for you, is that you will try anew every day to move past your hesitation, to return God’s embrace, and moving past your fear extend yourself into the places and people who bring you joy. Then, when you fail, that you allow yourself the grace God has given and try again.

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“Jump in, buddy. I’ll catch you.” -God

Outreach Opportunities

The Banquet West

Location: Banquet West: 710 N Marion Ave (Marion Rd & 5th St)

Date: Wednesday, November 10

Time: 2:00 p.m. to prep the meal and 5:00 p.m. to serve the meal.

Sign up on our website at spiritofjoy.net/signups.

Necessities for Neighbors

Location: Peace Lutheran Church (5509 W 41st St.)

Date: Sunday, December 5

Time: 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Dress warmly as this will be an outdoor drive up delivery process. Gloves will be provided. We will collect donations November 1-30 for distribution at the December event. Donations of toilet paper, bars of soap, shampoos, large tubes of toothpaste and deodorant may be left at church. Sign up on our website at spiritofjoy.net/signups.



Candy Bags for Church on the Street

New partners and staff of Spirit of Joy prepared 400 bags of candy for the November CoTS worship service! You can be part of this exciting new outreach ministry opportunity by donating individually wrapped candy for the candy bags. It takes 4,600 pieces of candy to fill 200 candy bags each month. This can include suckers, bubble gum, hard candy, mini candy bars, etc. Now is a perfect time to buy candy with holiday sales and after holiday sales through the end of the year. You can place your donations at any time in the basket provided on the candy table in the hallway near the library. Would your group like to prepare candy bags one month? The candy bags are organized by Pastor Lil Johnston and putting them together takes 1-2 hours. Call Heather in the church office (333-2004) if you and your group would like to help! Thank you.



Faith Formation

Upcoming Milestones

Two-Year-Old My Church: Saturday, November 6, 9-10 AM

A milestone for two-year-olds and their parents are invited to learn about their church and have pictures taken at various places in the church. The pictures will be made into a Shutterfly book for the families to take home! Three and Four year olds that haven't experienced this milestone yet are also invited!

Fourth Grade Kids & Money: Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

4th graders and their parents are invited to a casual and fun conversation about how money matters to our kids, to us, and to God. Kids, bring your Bibles with you!

Addresses Needed for Your Young Adult: Deadline, Monday, November 15

Spirit of Joy is sending a Thanksgiving mailing on Saturday, November 20. If you submitted addresses recently, thank you. If you would like to be sure your young adult is included, please fill out the form on our website at spiritofjoy.net/signups

Sunday Morning Adult Forums

Sunday at 10 AM take advantage of the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge with the other adults of Spirit of Joy. Class meets in the Galilee Room.

November 7, Our Mission Partners:

Lutheran Social Services & Bridges at Horace Mann



November 14, Our Mission Partners:

Pueblo de Dios & The Banquet



Podcast Listening Group

Listen. Learn. Grow. A podcast listening group led by Pr. Eric Ohrtman.

November's Podcast Listening and Discussion Group turns to The Bible Project's series on Generosity. Listen to an episode per week. Then, meet once per month to discuss. Each month people will come and go. If a topic is interesting, join us! If you have too much going on and can't make a gathering. Listen anyway! Have a friend from someplace else that you'd like to invite to participate? Invite them! Sign up on our website at spiritofjoy.net/signups to receive the podcast schedule in your email each month.



**Next gathering: Monday, Dec. 6 @ 7pm
at Cody's Smokehouse**

Overview Page: <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/generosity>

In this series, Tim and Jon trace the theme of generosity and abundance through the Scriptures.

The week of Nov. 1: Abundance or Scarcity: Originally published August 4, 2019.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/abundance-or-scarcity>

The week of Nov. 8: God as the Generous Host: Originally published August 11, 2019.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/god-generous-host>

The week of Nov. 15: The Abraham Experiment: Originally published August 18, 2019.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/abraham-experiment>

The week of Nov. 22: Jesus as the Ultimate Gift: Originally published August 25, 2019.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/jesus-ultimate-gift>

The week of Nov. 29: Generosity Q & R: Originally published September 1, 2019.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/generosity-qr-overpopulation-cains-sacrifice-manna-hoarding>

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7: All Saints Sunday Choral Led Worship “Come by Here, My Lord”

Join us at both our 8:45 and 11:00 services to remember and give thanks for beloved saints living now and in the past. There will be a lunch and reception to follow the second service to honor Deacon Susan as she prepares for her next chapter in Minneapolis. All ministry partners and friends are invited.

Sunday, November 7: Second Annual “Walk of Remembrance” 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Follow a path lit with luminaries and names of saints that will lead to our prayer gardens and a campfire. As you walk, we invite you to give thanks for the lives of saints in your lives who have died and those who are still living. Participants are invited to come and go as they please and walk at your own pace.

November 12-13: Women’s Retreat at Joy Ranch

Theme - Accompaniment: God’s Story, Your Story, My Story

Special Guest Speaker: Renee Splichal-Larson

Sunday, November 21: Annual Fall Congregational Meeting, 10 AM

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new leaders to our leadership team and consider a mission plan (budget) for 2022. All confirmed partners are encouraged to participate in this important meeting.



Advent & Christmas Schedule

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15 | 6:15 p.m.

Children’s Christmas Program

Sunday, December 19 | 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24 | 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 p.m.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 26, One Service at 9:30 a.m.

SOJ Staff Feature

Tell us a little about your background!

I grew up on a farm in the lake country of west central Minnesota, the oldest of three siblings. Growing up in a musical family, we always sang as a together! I graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN with majors in elementary education and music. While teaching in Alexandria, MN, I spent my summers working at Luther Crest Bible Camp. That's where I met Paul. After we married, he was called to serve as a pastor in Lake Preston, SD where we lived for 4½ years. During that time, I taught gifted ed while working on my master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from SDSU. Paul's next call was to Our Savior's in Sioux Falls. I developed a large music studio teaching both private piano lessons and Kindermusik. After 8½ years in Sioux Falls, Paul and I received calls as Senior Pastor and Director of Music Ministries at Our Savior's in New Ulm, MN. In 2001, Paul was called to Augustana University campus ministry which brought us back to Sioux Falls. I taught elementary music at Sioux Falls Christian School and became the music/worship leader at Spirit of Joy in 2002. Wherever we have lived there was always a need for a music teacher, organist, worship leader, and a choir director, which led to a feeling of being called to this work. Making music with children, adults and congregations has been such gift.

We are blessed with three wonderful daughters, Sarah (Andrew), Chicago, IL, Anna, (John), Minneapolis, MN and Inga (engaged to Nick), Tacoma, WA and four adorable grandchildren. They are the source of great delight and the pull to Minnesota!

What would constitute a "perfect" day for you?

Being outdoors, hiking in the mountains, swimming in a beautiful lake, or biking along wooded trails and then feasting on delicious food. Other "Perfect" days are spent with family or friends.

Guilty Pleasure Movie/ Television Show

Dark chocolate or fruit smoothies

What is one of your favorite hymns/Christian songs?

That would be the one I am singing or playing! Choosing only one is impossible! How about five?

1. Beautiful Savior
2. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
3. Lord of All Hopefulness
4. Lord Jesus, you shall be my Song
5. All Creatures of our God and King



Deacon Susan Wold Rohde
Worship Leader & Choir Director



Get your lefse before it's too late!

Spirit of Joy is sending 14 partners to experience the life-changing National Youth Gathering! Our first fundraiser was the envelope fundraiser and it was a huge success—thanks to the generous hearts of our partners. Our next fundraiser is here just in time for the holiday season: a homemade lefse sale! Everyone is welcome to order lefse anytime between now through November 10th online (spiritofjoy.net/signups). You can also fill in your order on the clipboard in the gathering space at church. Payment is due when you pick up your lefse. Lefse pick up will take place between services on November 14th and 21st. This is a free-will donation event, keeping in mind that all the lefse is handmade by the youth headed to the Gathering! But we are recommending \$20 per dozen.



Do you have lefse making skills? Join us November 12th at 6:00 pm and November 13th at 9:00 am to make the lefse. Additionally, we are taking donations of flour, unsalted butter, heavy cream, potatoes, and gallon Ziplock bags. These items can be dropped off right outside the kitchen or in the refrigerator! Thank you for your support.

Christmas Child Care at Spirit of Joy!

Parents, we know how crazy the holiday season is and how fast it sneaks up on you! The high schoolers attending the National Youth Gathering are providing two babysitting opportunities at Spirit of Joy this December. These two dates are December 4th in the morning, 9:00-noon, and December 17th from 5:00-9:00 pm. While in our care, kids can expect to play games led by high schoolers, eat snacks, do crafts, learn about Jesus, and much more! To sign up, please go to spiritofjoy.net/signups. This is a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering, so it will be a free will donation event (with a suggested 10-15 dollars an hour). Thank you!



Spirit of Joy Preschool

Preschool News

Preschoolers have been learning the story of Moses' life. There are many fascinating events in the life of Moses starting from his life as a baby. We have noticed that God takes care of God's people and God goes with us, too.



Hands-on learning is a great way to experience themes and apply our learning. We have learned about Moses by singing songs, creating squishy art projects, experimenting with water, playing games, and hearing the Bible story. Take a look at the ways preschoolers have experienced this story on the next page.

Reaching out to children in a variety of ways and using a variety of senses assists with understanding and remembering the story. The Moses story continues in November- walk the halls of the preschool or visit our Facebook page to see what happens next.

For more information and to see what we are doing each week, visit spiritofjoy.net/preschool or facebook.com/spiritofjoypreschool.

Contact Amy Cauble, teacher & director at 333-2004 or amycauble@spiritofjoypreschool.net.

Preschool Van Fund Continues!

Every year, the preschool receives inquiries about transportation to preschool. This dilemma affects families all across the city of Sioux Falls, Harrisburg and its surrounding communities. The van will help provide early childhood education to all children. Donations are ongoing with a goal of providing preschool transportation in Fall 2022.

Donations are accepted via:

1. Tithe.ly app
2. Mail or place check in offering basket, write "preschool van" on memo line
3. Purchase Spirit of Joy Church & Preschool t-shirt- "Go Out With Joy"

100% of donations will be allocated to the purchase of a van. We are a quarter of the way towards our goal. Thank you for sharing your gifts. -Amy Cauble





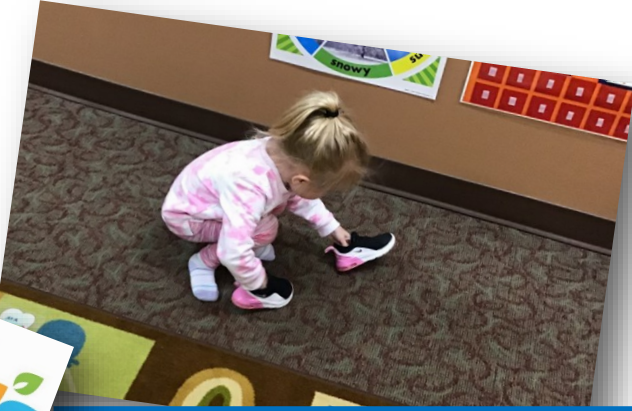
Chapel Time—God helped Moses in the basket.



Weaving a Basket for Moses



Moses in the Basket: Sink or Float?



Take off your shoes, this is holy ground: Burning Bush game



Let My People Go: The Plagues



The story of Moses crossing the Red Sea told with toothpaste, pasta fish, and stickers

From the Bishop's Desk



Dear South Dakota Synod,

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

Many among us use the month of November to practice gratefulness as we prepare for Thanksgiving at the end of the month. A few years ago, long before COVID was a thing, I invited people to join me for a Facebook Live Bible study during the season of Lent.

Together we journeyed through Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, using James Harnish's book *Easter Earthquake* as our guide. While many parts of the study have since then left my memory, what still resonates with me is that Paul wrote his letter from

prison, but instead of making it about how he has become a victim of someone else's exercise of unjust power, he writes: "Now, I want you to know, ..., that what has happened to me had really served to advance the Gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly." (Phil 1:12-14) When I visit congregations I hear lament over how communities of faith are no longer what they were in 2020. That is true, but let me ask you, would we be the same even if COVID had not changed how we are a community that we were in 2019? My answer is no. You know how the saying goes, the only constant is change. Life is in constant motion, and our lives change from one moment to the next, which in turn also changes how we are living in community. Usually, change happens more gradually, but COVID has propelled us forward in warp speed. It's a challenge to catch up with the pace. And it can easily feel as if we are prisoners of something that holds power over us. I take comfort from the Apostle Paul's words, who was imprisoned for his faith, but instead of taking on the victim role, he understands and uses it as an opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. How would our communities change, if we look at our current situations as an opportunity to proclaim God's good news?

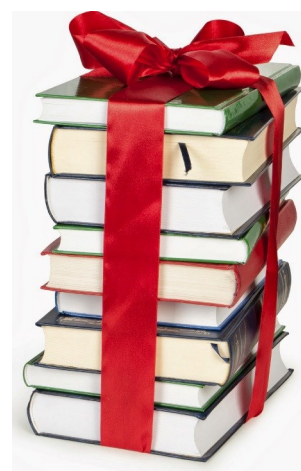
Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

Book Club Christmas Party

On December 7th, we will hold our annual Christmas potluck party. We would like to welcome everyone, especially those who have read or want to read *The Christmas Jars* by Jason Wright. We also invite past book club members, Kristin, Elaine, and Melvadeen to join us. Please contact Pam Zimmel 334-5061 for details.



Spirit of Joy Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

I. Unfinished Business

- A. **A. Updated Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Building Loan Proposal:** Jodi Hanson moved and Kendra Krueger seconded to approve the MIF loan proposal with monthly mortgage payment of \$11048.00. Motion carried.
- B. **Job Descriptions and Search Process for Paid Ministry Leaders:** The Leadership Team had a lengthy discussion regarding needs for these two vacant positions and the call process. The decision was made to combine the positions into one full time position.
 - a. Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
 - b. Coordinator of Music Arts/Worship Leader/Choir Director
- C. **Capital Campaign Benevolence Gifts:** Benevolence gifts were previously approved to be given each time \$500,000 was received for the SoJ Capital Campaign. Since \$2 million has been received to date, the following gifts will be given.
 - a. Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign (\$10,000)
 - b. Horace Mann Elementary (\$10,000)
- D. **Updated COVID Protocol:** Masks are still being encouraged.
- E. **Annual Review of Staff Members by Executive Committee:** Ron Risty, Kerri Teitgen, Andrew Hewitt, and Chad Wolff will complete reviews and exit interview within the next few weeks.

II. New Business

- A. **Resignation of Deb Tams and Recommendation for Custodial Help:** Kerri Teitgen moved and Sarah Manthey seconded to accept the bid by Paul and Cathy Cleaning Services for custodial services. Motion carried.
- B. **Lutheran Men in Mission Restricted Funds to Lutherans Outdoors:** Kendra Krueger moved and Sarah Manthey seconded to give Lutheran Outdoors \$233.22 from the Lutheran Men in Mission and remove that line item from the budget. Motion carried.
- C. **Recognition of Deacon Susan Wold Rohde for 20 Years of Service.** The Leadership Team discussed plans to celebrate and thank Susan for her years of service.
- D. **October Benevolence:** Kerri Teitgen moved and Sarah Manthey seconded to approve October benevolence payments. Motion carried. Lutheran Immigration Relief Services (LIRS), \$5,000; Lutheran Church of Nicaragua, \$1,000; ILFE Missionary Support, \$1,000; Mission Partner—Pueblo, \$1,000.
- E. **III. Meeting Review and Lord's Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.

*Next Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.***

Financials through September 30, 2021

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$64,672.27
Building Fund	\$16,163.09
Donor Restricted	\$29,852.90
Sunday School	\$246.59
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$96,760.08
Donor Restricted	\$69,472.20
Total Cash Balance	\$281,727.23

	September 2019	September 2020	September 2021
Attendance	1666	???	???
General Offering	\$ 44,601.64	\$ 40,092.88	\$ 37,392.57
Building Offering	\$ 33,651.41	\$ 19,373.36	\$ 17,279.44

Capital Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$2,478,485

Received as of September 30, 2021: \$2,062,929.51

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$37,394.04
Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$52,298.59
Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	- \$14,904.55

Joyful Moments

