
Windswept

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



Do you like music?
Do you like mocha?
How about both?

On Oct. 21, from 6:30-8:30pm, come enjoy an evening of delicious desserts and musical performances by Spirit of Joy partners!

Hosted by the Spirit of Joy Preschool Team

Peace be with you.

October 2018

Reclaiming the “E” Word

The tweet was stunning, coming from one of the bishops of our *Evangelical* Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop Jim Hazelwood of the New England Synod reacted to a *New York Times* headline about what “frustrated evangelical leaders” want in the supreme court nomination process by tweeting, “Yet another example why the ELCA should drop the E.”



The term “evangelical” has, in recent decades, come to be associated with a very specific kind of Christianity focused on a handful of public policy issues such as abortion and gun control. It’s become a sad hijacking of a word that comes from the

Greek word *euangelion*, which simply means “good news” or “gospel.” Most references to “evangelicals” today miss the grand, historic meaning of the term: people who embrace and share the “good news” of Jesus that **we are loved by God and saved by God’s grace through faith, not by anything we do.**



We Lutheran Christians have been referred to as “evangelicals” since the very early days of the Reformation because of our emphasis on the gospel message that we are freed *from* sin and death by Jesus Christ *for* participating with God in the healing of the whole creation. Rather than jettison this word that once identified our core identity so well, we can reclaim it by living boldly as gospel people. We can help one another and the wider community see and celebrate the good news that the Jesus-announced coming of the kingdom of God *is* at hand right now. We can demonstrate how gospel people—“evangelicals”—practice radical hospitality, passionate worship, lifelong faith formation, extravagant generosity, and bold service.

We are part of the *Evangelical* Lutheran Church in America because we have good news about Jesus to experience and share.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jeff Eisele

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Jeff Eisele

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Amy Cauble

Communications Coordinator
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Worship Leader
Deacon Susan Wold Rohde

Worship Leader
Carli Bolin

Leadership Team Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Financial Report through August 31, 2018

Checking Account

General Fund	\$89,992.67
Building Fund	\$8,585.07
Donor Restricted	(\$6,947.23)
Sunday School	\$1,496.43
Reserve Fund	\$44,813.06
Petty Cash	\$200

Savings Accounts

Building	\$69,514.27
Donor Restricted	\$86,730.34

Total Cash Balance \$289,941.11

Year-to-date Income for Ministry \$408,776.99

Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry \$413,743.99

Net Income/Deficit for Ministry (\$4,967.00)

	August 2016	August 2017	August 2018
Attendance	978	981	1,011
General Offering	\$31,607.95	\$39,269.27	\$37,633.11
Building Offering	\$7,485.33	\$10,118.33	\$8,999.33

Unfinished Business:

I. Motion by Jason Appel that payment of \$17,838 to Gronlund, Sayther, Brunkow, and Associates (GSB) for the readiness phase of the capital campaign consulting fees be drawn from the General Fund and expensed to the same line as architectural fees paid to date; second by Pam Walton. Motion carried.

New Business:

I. Motion by Pam Walton to provide \$2000 support for the Seminary Intern serving at Westside Lutheran from the Seminary Student Support line of the Benevolence Budget; second by Greg Bertsch. Motion carried.

II. Motion by Pam Walton to make the following benevolence payments; second by Lori Tripp. Motion carried.

- I. Seminary Student Support \$2000 as per item A.
- II. Charis/Mobile Food Bank \$1000
- III. Mission Partner - Pueblo de Dios \$1500

Prayers of the Church

Healing and strength for:

Karen Soli, Dan Hagen, Bruce Boyce, Gloria Winterton, Riley Conway, Dan Hagen, Mike Ryan, Gary Molzen, Sheila Dovenmuehler, Trish Swanhorst, Kay Wold, Ryder Qual, Jean Schubauer, Jeremy Halstenson, Bruce Anderson, Janice Kelley, Erik, John, Jan, Doug, Dick, Jim, Edith, Elisa, Dean, Amy, and Scott

Comfort for those who are grieving the death of loved ones:

- friends and family of **Karen Kirkeby**
- friends and family of **Connie Evenson**
- **Jeff Holcomb** and his family as they mourn the death of Jeff's father
- **Joan Fagerness** and her family as they mourn the death of Joan's mother
- **Mary Lou Savold, Nancy Bertsch** and their family as they mourn the death of Ryan Rustad

Thanksgiving for:

- the baptism of **Nolan James Namanny**, son of **Scot & Kendra Namanny**, on September 9
- **Spirit of Joy's staff and leadership team**
- **Spirit of Joy partners** who have stepped forward to help lead our many fall faith formation opportunities: Little Lambs, Sprouts, Faith 5, faith milestones, middle school and high school confirmation, senior high youth group, and Sunday forum
- all of our **Spirit of Joy gardeners**
- **Spirit of Joy's musicians and worship leaders**

Guidance and encouragement for:

- men's and women's retreat leaders and participants
- our next steps in our building expansion planning
- upcoming conversations and focus groups that will be part of the readiness phase of our coming capital campaign
- leaders and members of local mission partners **Pueblo de Dios, WestSide, and Table of Grace**
- for partners in ministry in our **companion synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon**
- for our bishops **David Zellmer and Elizabeth Eaton**
- for **President Trump, Senators Thune and Rounds, Representative Noem, Mayor Ten Haken**, and all leaders of federal, state and local government

You are invited to join Spirit of Joy and the family and friends of our 21 high school youth who will be **affirming their baptisms** at both of our Sunday morning worship services (8:45 and 11:00) on **Reformation Sunday, October 28**. Please join us as our congregation serves as witnesses to the commitments made by our youth and blesses them as they step into larger roles as followers of Jesus Christ and partners in his Church.

Faith 5

Thank you to all the families that have joined us for Faith 5 in September. We look forward to a great year ahead strengthening our faith together as we talk, read, pray together, and bless one another in the name of the Lord.

Imagine your child when she or he is starting the 9th grade. What will your conversations at home look like? Our hope is that a radical change will come about through Faith 5 where our young children will grow up having a deeper conversation with their parents about important matters.



This same hope is that despite the daily schedule that you and your future teenager have, you take time to do the following:

- Share Highs and Lows about the best and worst part of the day/week.
- Read Bible passages from worship and talk about what the reading means to you and your child.
- Pray with each other and for each other.
- Bless your child by marking the sign of the cross on their forehead before bed.



One honest truth is that sometimes parents don't always know what to say to their teen. Using the Faith 5 now when they are in preschool or elementary school is a great way to integrate this practice into your home life daily.

Celebrate the Reformation at Home!

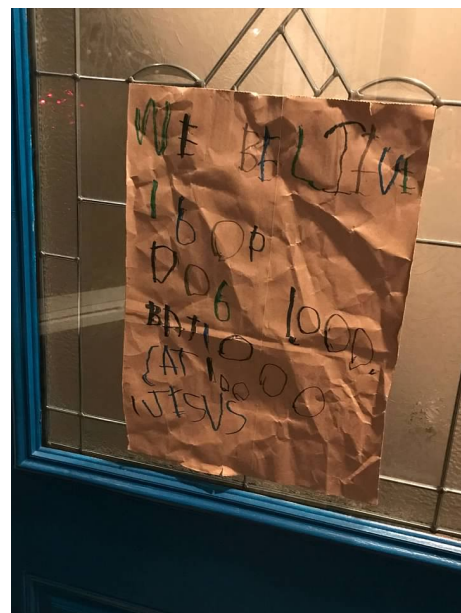
On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his beliefs to the front door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany.

One way to celebrate your beliefs are to post your beliefs too.

So, I have three questions for your family:

1. Do you own a front door?
2. Do you have some paper and a marker?
3. Do you have beliefs about being a Lutheran Christians?

If you answered yes to these things (which I'm sure you did!), try creating your own 95 Theses* on your front door. One fun way to involve the whole family is by asking, "What do we believe about God? Jesus? The Holy Spirit? Spirit of Joy? God's Creation?" From there, have yourself, your spouse, your kids or anybody else at your house write down what you truly believe in your heart to be true. When you're done, tape your beliefs to the front door! ... Or you could nail it like Martin did, but tape works too!



*Please note, you don't have to come up with 95 things!

Adult & Family Faith Formation

October 2018

Women of Spirit

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-8:30 pm

Come learn about the non-profit organization, Call to Freedom. Becky Rasmussen, Executive Director of **Call to Freedom**, will share about their supportive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Call to Freedom helps by creating a strong network of frontline providers who offer safe housing, mental health counseling, medical assistance, chemical dependency, transportation, recovery assistance, and other supportive services in Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas. Call to Freedom will be the recipient of this year's Spirit of Joy Women's Retreat service project donations.



The SoJ Women's Retreat is October 12-13.

If anyone is still in need of a ride to Joy Ranch, or has any other questions, please contact Amy Orr in the church office 333-2004, or Katherine Eisele at family@spiritofjoy.net We pray this will be a blessed time for all the women attending. Please keep them in prayer for safe travels.

Women of Spirit welcomes ALL women and friends of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church. They meet about four times a year. You do not need to sign up, register, or commit to a new group. Simply come and meet new friends, learn about a new idea or organization, and grow in faith together. Besides, there are yummy treats!

Enter the Wardrobe

Join other Spirit of Joy partners and friends as we explore the C.S. Lewis classic tale, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. We will launch our four-week study on Friday, October 5 at 9 am. The Thursday evening group will begin October 11 at 7 pm. Each session will be 60-75 minutes. We will meet in the Galilee Room.

No reading need be done prior to the first session. Contact Katherine Eisele for more information – or sign on in the Gathering Space to indicate your Friday or Thursday preference and to order a copy of the book. It will also be available in most libraries. See you soon!

Third Grade and Parents Bible Classes Wednesdays, October 10 and 17, 7-8 pm

This is a special milestone in the lives of our children. Parents, this milestone takes place two consecutive Wednesday evenings and is for ALL 3rd graders (both Sunday and Wednesday attendees). We'll meet in The WELL from 7-8 pm. Parent(s) should plan to attend with their 3rd grader as this is a family event and a family formation time.

Bibles will be presented in worship on Sunday, October 21, at 8:45 or 11:00 am AND Wednesday at worship on October 24 at 6:15 pm. Grandparents/sponsors are most welcome to attend that presentation day.



You're invited to



Sunday, October 21, 6:30-8:30pm

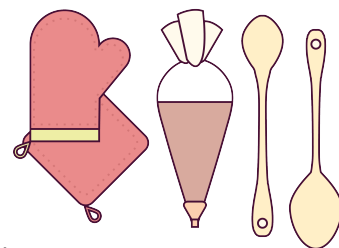
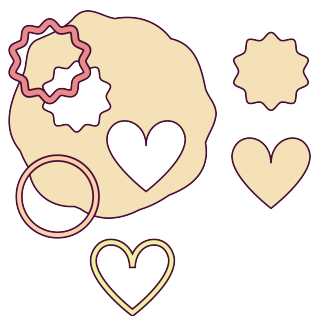
Spend your Sunday evening with family and friends. Listen to musical performances by our own Spirit of Joy family and share delicious, homemade desserts. A freewill offering will be taken to support Spirit of Joy's Preschool Ministry.

Do you have a musical talent to share? Singing? Instruments? We would love to have you here! Sign up in the Gathering Space or through the Spirit of Joy website. All ages are welcome.

It's getting cold outside, a great time to bake!

The Preschool Team is seeking baked goods for the Music & Mocha Fundraising Event. If you would like to share your favorite dessert, bring one dozen, individual-sized dessert bars, cakes or chocolates to SoJ by Sunday, October 21, 12 noon.

Items will be served at the event. Please sign up online or at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Thank you.



Preschool 2018-2019 Off and Running!

The Preschool year is off to a great start this fall. We have 22 children attending this year, an increase of six students from last year, ages three to five years old. We are grateful to have Preschool families here, sharing their children with us each day. What an amazing honor!

The first month has been spent getting to know one another, practicing Preschool routines, exploring the fun season of fall-apples and fall season change as well as exploring ways we worship God. Some favorite moments in September include riding our new trikes, lying and hiding in the new hammock, playing with water and water beads, playing instruments at chapel time, and painting with applesauce. (Yum.) We have also been preparing a song for the Music and Mocha event on October 21. Mark your calendars to hear us sing that evening.



In October, we will be learning about community helpers (doctors, nurses, fire fighters, police officers, garbage collectors, mail carriers, armed services personnel, news reporters, and more). If you have a job that supports the community, we would love to hear more about it. If you have 10-15 minutes during your morning to visit our Preschool, please contact Amy Cauble, Director of Preschool. We will be exploring these jobs during the week of October 22- 26.

Thank you for sharing your hospitality with us.



"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:37

Sincerely,
Amy Cauble, Director

Hospitality/Outreach/Communications

Spirit of Joy Outreach: Relationships, Relationships, Relationships!

Through feedback from our recent Visioning Process, we are discerning the Holy Spirit's call into deeper relationships in our community. We are primarily pursuing—and continuing—community relationships in these three areas:

-School Sponsorship of Bridges at Horace Mann *(see below for more information)*

-Prisoner Reentry Sponsorship through St. Dymas *(stay tuned for more information)*

-Refugee Family Sponsorship through LSS *(watch for updates on our first sponsored family in November's newsletter, and stay tuned for information on sponsoring another refugee family in 2019)*



School Sponsorship of Bridges at Horace Mann

In hopes of supporting particular students and educators in our community, we are considering congregational sponsorship of Bridges at Horace Mann Elementary School. We would love to say “yes” to this relationship, but it will require many of our partners—like you—to say “yes” to getting involved!



As sponsors, our highest priorities would be providing weekly one-on-one mentors for students (facilitated through Lutheran Social Services) and offering ongoing support to the teachers and staff. Staff support would include serving dinner during parent-teacher conferences and sending supportive notes and modest gifts at Christmas time and at other times throughout the year.

Tara Eckstaine, Principal of Bridges at Horace Mann, will speak during Sunday forum at 10 a.m. in the Galilee Room

on Sunday, September 30. Please attend this forum to learn more about this school and how you might be a part of supporting it. If you will be/were unable to attend the forum but would like to be a part of this relationship, contact Carole Chell at 605.690.4012 or carolechell@yahoo.com.

BeFriender Ministry

Our six trained BeFrienders will be commissioned in worship on Sunday, October 21.

If you have any questions about BeFriender Ministry, contact Pastor Christy or the coordinators of the BeFriender program: Linda Beckman

[\(\[linda.beckman2@gmail.com\]\(mailto:linda.beckman2@gmail.com\)\)](mailto:linda.beckman2@gmail.com) and Susan Edwardson

[\(\[sfmoedwardson_13@msn.com\]\(mailto:sfmoedwardson_13@msn.com\)\)](mailto:sfmoedwardson_13@msn.com).

October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
		6:30pm-Women of Spirit Event (WELL)	10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 7:00pm-College/Military Parents Care Package Mtg.		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 10:00am-Little Lambs 11:00am-Worship 6:30pm-Troop Mtg.		6:30pm-Ministry Resources Team Mtg. 7:00pm-Growth Team Mtg. 7:00pm-Outreach Team Mtg. 7:00pm-Evening Book Club	10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:00pm-3 rd Grade Bible Milestone *Confirmation Service Night 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 6:30pm-Den Mtgs.	Women's Retreat @ Joy Ranch →	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 11:00am-Worship 12-3pm-Discovery Class 2:00pm-Scout Den Mtg. 6:30pm-Troop Mtg.			10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:00pm-3 rd Grade Bible Milestone 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts Pack Mtg.		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am- Worship 10:00am-Education 11:00am-Worship 6:30pm-Music & Mocha Benefiting SoJ Preschool 6:30pm-Troop Mtg.			10:00am-Staff Mtg. 6:15pm-Worship 7:00pm-Education 7:15pm-Choir 8:00pm-HS Youth Group	6:30am-Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan on W. 41 st St. 6:00pm-Leadership Team Mtg. SoJ Serves Food to You Mobile Pantry		
28	29	30	31			
Reformation Sunday 8:45am- Worship* 10:00am-Education 11:00am-Worship* 6:30pm-Troop Mtg. *Confirmation at both services			Reformation Day 10:00am-Staff Mtg. No Wednesday Evening Worship or Activities			

October 2018 Sunday Servants

Date	Time	Ushers	Holy Communion	Readers
7	8:45	Ryan & Emily Geraets	Cheryl Larson & Donna Ver Wey	Pam Merchant
	11:00	Adam & Brittni Punt	Kris & Larry Schoeszler	Julia Stanek
14	8:45	Gene & Karen Kruse	Gina Cole & Susan Hagebock	Pam Walton
	11:00	Terry & Gwen Bobbie	Wilma Estes & Sally Hanson	Deb Tams
21	8:45	Tom & Marilyn Gannon	Dave & Alma Tonsager	Tom Gannon
	11:00	Jason & Jamie Appel	Brian & Carrie Rehnke	Alison Sundall
28	8:45	Steve & Joan Fagerness	Confirmation Students Roger & Jan Noer	Confirmation Students
	11:00	Craig & Wendy Donelan	Confirmation Students Scot & Kendra Nammany	Confirmation Students

Date	Sunday Hosts
7	Sandy Ellingsen, Diane Buckhouse, Donna Ver Wey
14	Kae Butler, Pam Walton, Donna Ver Wey
21	Alice Christensen, Sally Watterson, Diane Wheeler
28	Brenda Eden, Joan Fagerness, Diane Wheeler

Date	Offering Counters
7	Tracy Dahl-Webb, Darlene Weber-Scott, Tom Gannon
14	Eric Backstrom, Jared Ducommun, Julie Johnston
21	Kevin Kittams, Ron Risty, Gary Huber
28	Shelly Wittrock, Gregg VanMeter, Ken Munch

Date	Monday Meals on Wheels
1	Eric Gohl
8	Joan & Steve Fagerness
15	Gary & Suzanne DeBoom
22	Monica & Gary Huber
29	Trish Swanhorst & Linda Beckman