

WIND SWEEP

Monthly Newsletter

October 2024




Pastor Eric Ohrtman

When Bishop Hagmaier spoke to the SD Synod Assembly during the Bishop's Election process of 2019, she promised to the Assembly that she would, "Show up." In times of conflict and need, she would show up. In times of joy and celebration, she would show up. On an ordinary Sunday in October, she would show up. The repeated promise led to her election and service as our Bishop these last five years, because it resonated so deeply with a need we all share. Community. Support. Encouragement. Challenge.

Spirit of Joy, we need you to show up in October. It's a busy month and your presence will be a blessing to so many. Please carefully read this newsletter and mark your calendar accordingly. We have an opportunity before us to be in community with one another, to offer support and encouragement, and to rise to the challenge before us. Show up. We're better together. Together, we're Spirit of Joy.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another. -Hebrews 10:24-25

**Oct. 6: Bishop Hagmaier joins us for
worship & Sunday Forum**

8:45 and 11am Learn more about our Companion Synods—
Nicaragua and Cameroon

Oct. 10: Food to You

4:30 and 5:30pm- @ Messiah New Hope, Sign up on
spiritofjoy.net. Children encouraged to join!

Oct. 12: Church on the Street Worship

Volunteers arrive @ 10. Worship begins @ 11. Donations
needed prior. Sign up today!

Oct. 15: Two Events

6:00 - Celebration of Music @ SoJ
6:45pm - Social Justice Series: Poverty/Food Insecurities

Oct. 19: Hope Haven Trivia Night

7pm Support wheelchairs to Kenya and enjoy an evening
together!

**Oct. 20: 3rd Grade Bible Milestone
and Special Choir Event in Worship**

Bless our children and families and enjoy a new and
exciting experience with our SoJ Choir!

Oct. 27: Reformation Sunday

Bless our Confirmands and enjoy a truly special and unique
worship. This is a very special surprise!

Oct. 29: Budget Transparency Meeting

Provide your feedback to the Leadership Team's draft
budget for 2025.

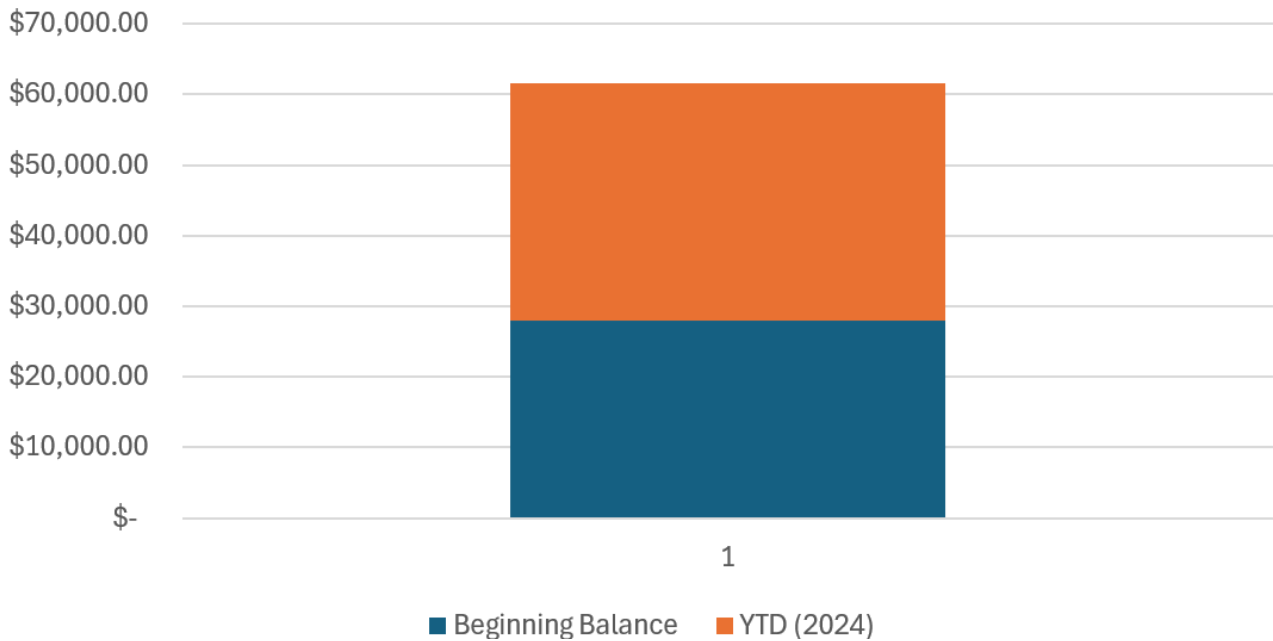
Oct. 30: Indoor Trunk or Treat

6:30pm— Host a room. Donate candy. Bring your family and
friends!



Legacy or planned gifts are donations made by an individual(s) through their will or trust typically after a donor(s) passes away. Bequests (which designate a dollar amount or percent of the total estate to be donated to a beneficiary) are the most common type of legacy gift. It is a wonderful way to leave a memory of a donor’s life and continued good works to SoJ that may also include significant tax benefits. Charitable beneficiaries can also be named in retirement plans & life insurance policies. You may want to talk with your financial advisor, CPA or attorney about the best way to do this type of property transfer. There is a Legacy Gift Worksheet available in the church office to articulate your intentions. Please consider becoming a Legacy Partner today!

Mission Endowment Fund Balance



For more information on Mission Endowment Fund, visit:
spiritofjoy.net/mission-endowment-fund-2

KENYA 2024
TRIVIA NIGHT
Tease Your Brain & Win Prizes
Rootbeer Keg & Popcorn

Saturday, October 19
Spirit of Joy
7:00 p.m.
All proceeds go toward purchases of wheelchairs through Hope Haven Internation

Suggested donation:
\$10 per person
\$50 per team of 6

For registration & further information
WWW.SPIRITOFJOY.NET/SIGNUPS

YOU'RE INVITED...
indoor
TRUNK
or
Treat

SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 6:30-7:30PM

Congregational Life

Social Justice Series: Poverty/Food Insecurity

Tuesday, October 15, 6:45pm

Our next social justice forum is on the issue of food insecurity. The problem of hunger continues to increase in South Dakota and around the world. Todd Smith, a partner at Spirit of Joy and a member of the team at the Banquet presents on the key drivers of food insecurity and the role of the church in making a difference.

Empty Nest Milestone

Sunday, October 6

We invite all adults who have become empty nesters in the past 3 years to be a part of this milestone. We will bless all empty nesters at both worship services.

Monthly Women's Rotational In-Home Fellowship

More information about our 5:30pm group will be in the worship bulletin, or you can contact Deb Stapelman with questions.

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 10am in Galilee Room

Watch the bulletin for our text and topic of discussion or check out the SOJ website for our Sunday school scripture and discussion topics. Come just as you are, and we will learn together just as we are. No prior knowledge is required.

Surviving The Holidays: GriefShare Sessions

Sign up online: spiritofjoy.net/signups

Thursday, 11/7, 7pm | Monday, 11/11, 9:30am | Monday, 12/9, 9:30am

The SOJ Befrienders invite you to a two-hour meeting to learn about honoring your loved one while also navigating the holiday season. GriefShare offers a Christ-centered time of discussion, videos and a participant guidebook to help your grief journey during the holiday season. For more information go to GriefShare.org or contact BeFriender Marilyn Gannon. All (SOJ partners or non-partners) are welcome.

Outreach Opportunities

FOOD TO YOU

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

MESSIAH NEW HOPE
5001 E MADISON ST



Sign up: spiritofjoy.net/signups

Church on the Street Worship

Spirit of Joy is hosting on Saturday, October 12
11:00 a.m. Heritage Park (330 N Weber Ave)

For food donations and to help serve the meal,
please sign up online at spiritofjoy.net/signups

Partner Congregations are encouraged to attend
and meet the people that worship





October Calendar

2---It's your calling HSY

9--- Lesson

16---Corn Maze Fellowship

23---Lesson

30---Trunk Or Treat

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Confirmation Sunday • 10 Grade Milestone

Sunday, October 27 | Both Services



10th Graders, their parents, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, family members, friends, and all partners of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church will be a part of this blessed experience as our students move to another level of their faith formation.



Creation Care Corner



Fall is upon us. Not only is it apple and pumpkin season, it is also time to pull out and put on our cozy sweaters, flannels, long-sleeve shirts, cardigans, and boots. We can make a whole new look for ourselves.

Let's revisit clothing again. We are aware that fast fashion is a problem. In fact, textile waste is a massive problem. Quick stats: There has been a tenfold increase in the amount of textile waste in the US since the 1960s. Sadly, just around 15% of our clothes and other textiles gets reused when we're done with them, even though approximately 95% of the materials in them are recyclable (to include buttons, zippers, yarns, fabrics, and fibers).

Of course, it is a good idea to donate to thrift stores, charities, clothing collectors, etc., whenever possible; however, it should be noted that when donations are damaged and/or no longer usable, they often end up in our landfills or even overseas. In Ghana, for example, they receive as much as 15 million cast-offs each week (that is NOT a typo) and this has become known as "waste colonialism."

As you can surmise, this issue is quite serious. Thankfully, some European countries have begun tackling this problem and now, one of our states is beginning to address the matter as well. There is a bill being proposed, which is known as the Responsible Textile Recovery Act, that would require producers of apparel, bedding, towels, and upholstery to implement and fund a statewide reuse, repair, and recycling program for their goods. Something such as this is helpful because it promotes a circular versus linear economy. It also helps to take some of the onus off individuals to always have to figure out what to do with items, where to take them, etc. Many of us lead busy lives and if we are required to go through too many steps, we end up just tossing things out because it's easier. With this proposed legislation, under that state's recycling department, manufacturers would have incentives to take on less wasteful practices and assume more responsibility for their wares throughout the entirety of lifecycle.

This is just one example of approaches currently being discussed to render a change in the way we have always done things. As variations and deviations continue to occur with respect to our weather, our climate, our landscapes, and our ways of life, we will be faced with more of these types of questions and situations. How will we move into action to tackle these tribulations?

Creator God, stir in us a fiery passion to face problems head-on, to overcome our fears and buck the status quo, and to care for our neighbors and your creation, as you so lovingly and patiently care for us. Amen.

"¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."—Colossians 3:12-14



Spirit of Joy Preschool

Welcome to Spirit of Joy Preschool Year 2024-25

Things are off to a great start: new friends, returning families and lots of fun planned! We are happy to introduce new staff members and reintroduce old friends...



Amy Cauble, Program Director

Amy has been teaching for over thirty years, working with children of all ages. Her experiences include Director & Teacher of Preschool, Director of Christian Education, and a published Writer & Curriculum Developer for students ages 2-18. Amy and her husband, Bill have been married for 32 years. They have two children, Brita (married to Aric) and Murphy (soon to be married to Chaise).

They have a one year old grandson named Charlie.

Amy Knutson, Preschool Teacher

Amy has been a professional education for 25 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood minor & Kindergarten endorsement. Amy and her husband, Shane have been married for 22 years. They have three children: Jaykob (20) U of MN, Haylee (18) Montana State, and Maycie (13) Patrick Henry. Amy's family enjoy the outdoors, playing games, watching movies, and traveling together. Amy is excited to be a part of Spirit of Joy and to share her love of God, early learning, and partnering with families.



Marissa Kadinger, Assistant Teacher

Marissa has eight years of experience in education. She has two fur babies, kitties named Tinker & Lexi. Her favorite Bible memory is her mom reading the Bible every night when she was growing up!



Kendra Namanny – Assistant Teacher

Kendra is beginning her fifth year at Spirit of Joy Preschool. She taught middle school math for eleven years. Kendra has three children: Marillya, Kenley, & Nolan.

The preschool van ministry is growing!

We have been gifted by shared time from several volunteers. These gracious helpers make this ministry possible- thank you. Here are just a FEW of the drivers for this year.



Bob Jenson

How long have you been a part of the SOJ community? We joined SOJ in the fall of 2019

What do you like to do for fun? I enjoying singing harmony (bass), biking, playing pickleball. I enjoying using my talents or tools to help others when I can.

What is your favorite candy/food? Junior high/school was Brach's Chocolate (peanut clusters). Now, I have become nostalgic and enjoy Necco Wafers for candy and pizza as a favorite food.

What is your favorite Bible story? Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the fiery furnace. I still remember being enthralled with this story from the Arch Books series my parents read to me as a child.



Pastor Eric

How long have you been a part of the SOJ community? A little more than 3 years.

What do you like to do for fun? Golf and ride motorcycle.

What is your favorite candy/food? Steak and ice cream!

What is your favorite Bible story? Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch.



Joel Christensen

How long have you been a part of the SOJ community? 2003, shortly after the Charter was signed.

What do you like to do for fun? Follow our grandchildren with their activities, travel, cabin, volunteer work, concerts/shows, golf, read.

What is your favorite candy/food? Salmon or a good old steak.

What is your favorite Bible story? The parable of the prodigal son – it is a wonderful story of forgiveness.

Stay tuned for more wonderful drivers to come! If you would like to join the fun, please contact Amy Cauble for more information. Words of welcome and gratitude to the van drivers!

SOJ Congregation, Friends & Families

Thank you for sharing your support through prayer, kindness, and donations to this ministry. We would love to have you visit the preschool classroom, share a hobby or time with us. Contact Amy Cauble for opportunities or ideas!

NEW PARTNER CLASS

Interested in becoming a ministry partner of Spirit of Joy?



Sunday, October 13 | 12:15 - 2:30 PM

Come for Lunch, Fellowship, Learning

Sign up online: spiritofjoy.net/signups

Please check your email for our quarterly financial update or visit spiritofjoy.net/give to watch.

Financials through August 2024

Checking Account:

General Fund	(\$37,542.09)
Building Fund	\$18,096.19
Donor Restricted	\$6,136.27
Sunday School	\$1,650.73
Reserve Fund	\$4,360.10
Petty Cash	\$200.00

	August 2022	August 2023	August 2024
Attendance	1046	814	876
General Offering	\$ 62,530.44	\$ 40,861.29	\$ 48,140.53
Building Offering	\$ 25,475.27	\$ 28,119.64	\$ 18,096.19

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$154,263.58
Donor Restricted	\$41,464.01
Total Cash Balance	\$188,628.79

Overflowing! Campaign Totals

Pledged: \$678,770
 Received as of August 31, 2024: \$627,395.80

Year-to-date Income for Ministry	\$514,960.64
Year-to-date Expenses for Ministry	\$572,851.53
Net Income/Deficit for Ministry	- \$57,890.89

Indoor Walk of Remembrance

Sunday, November 3 | 4:00-5:00 PM

Spirit of Joy partners and friends are invited to gather this All Saints' Day evening for an Indoor Walk of Remembrance anytime from 4-5 p.m. Follow a path lit with luminaries and names of saints that will lead to our indoor labyrinth in Shalom Center. Instructions for use of the Labyrinth will be available. Participants are invited to come and go as they please and walk at your own pace.



SOJ Spirit Wear Store

Visit the online shop: spiritofjoy.net.

Please Join Us for the 6th Annual

Olive Branch

Women's Retreat

Founded By Dawn Freeman

When: Fri Oct 4th 7 pm - 9 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sat Oct 5th 8 am - 7 pm

Doors open at 7:30 am

Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper will be served.

If you are able to bring food to share or help with a meal please let us know.

Where: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
2208 W La Quinta St
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Cost: \$45

Please us know if you cannot afford the \$45. We do not want cost to hold you back from partaking in this wonderful event.

Connect with God and others through worship, prayer, fellowship, crafts, and teaching from various leaders including, guest speaker

Gina Colburn of Gina's Table Podcast.



Gina Colburn

Registration or Questions

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