

May 2016

Windswept

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church



There's No Place Like Home, Graduates

It doesn't matter how many times I've seen the Wizard of Oz. Dorothy's "There's no place like home" line always makes me cry. The recent delightful production at Sioux Falls Christian was no exception. Dorothy's heart's desire is to return to her beloved Kansas and her cherished family and friends.

This spring Spirit of Joy will celebrate our high school graduation milestone. These weeks are filled with lists of accomplishments, soaring hopes, and many congratulations. Graduation is usually paired with the reality of leaving home. If you're reading this as a "grown-up," do you remember leaving home? Was it scary? Thrilling? Sad? Joyful? All of the above? Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, did you ever just want to go home? Maybe you still do.

And graduation is just the beginning, isn't it? Paths vary greatly, but there may be more schooling, internships, jobs, marriage, children, accidents, deaths, divorce, promotions, loss of jobs, loss of health, awards, travels, or spiritual awakenings along the way. And many different places to call home.

In all of life, we are promised that God is with us. Psalm 23 reminds us that God is with us and leads us in the easy, bountiful days near the calm waters and in green pastures. God walks with us in the very darkest places. God lifts us up and cares for us – even when our enemies are near. The last verse is my favorite of all:

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

Christian singer/songwriter, Sara Grove's beautiful "Morning by Morning" reminds us of God's faithful presence:

*"Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
Season by season I watch Him, amazed,
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me..."*

There IS no place like home. As children of God, claimed and loved, we are always home with our faithful God. Not just when we die. But here. And now. All the days of our lives. What a beautiful promise for our graduates and for all of us.

Katherine Eisele



Katherine Eisele, AiM

The Mission of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church is:

- To **WELCOME** people into a community of followers of Jesus Christ.
- To **GROW** with one another in faith and hope in Him.
- To **SEND** out one another as Jesus' compassionate servants in the world.

May Sunday Forums

May 1 — Rev. Dr. Paul Rohde “**Reading the Bible to Equip Us for Tough Issues**” Part 2

May 8—EarthBound—Called and Created to Care for Creation— “Here/There”

May 15—EarthBound— “Domination/ Dominion”

May 22—EarthBound— “Me/We”

May 29—EarthBound— “Now/Forever”

We are pleased to welcome our own Spirit of Joy partner, and Augustana Campus Pastor, The **Rev. Dr. Paul Rohde** to Sunday Forum. Paul will guide continue our conversation May 1st on how we may faithfully read our Scriptures; trusting truths revealed in the Word, the witness of our Christian experience, and the model of Jesus for loving our neighbors in complex and sometimes confusing times. Welcome, Paul, to Sunday Forum.



EarthBound is a beautifully produced series which “...takes Martin Luther’s breakthrough understanding of Justification and Vocation and explodes it across God’s magnificent creation. Earthbound is a journey beyond rhetoric into God’s rich and complex creation. Discover the origins of our misconceptions about Scripture’s’ portrayal of creation. Recognize God’s call to us to relate to the whole creation as our vocation. And experience how God’s people throughout the Church are living out that call.”



www.selectlearning.org

Sunday Forums are for EVERYBODY. They are times of hospitality, a time to ask questions, to challenge conventional wisdom, to grow in faith, and to grow in community with one another.

We meet every Sunday (almost) at **10 am in the Galilee Room**—down the hall & across from the kitchen door.

Praise The LORD

A poem by Gerhard E. Frost

“Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens!
...fire and hail...”

We sat together,
This tall man and a tiny child,
before the fireplace.
Enthralled with this, her first,
and looking up at me,
She said,
“It’s clapping!”

I would have said,
“It’s crackling,”
and so would you—
victims of the dulling years—
but who is right?
Who has really heard?
Can fire praise by crackling?

No, she’s the one
who has found the word.
Indeed, it’s clapping.
“Praise the Lord!”

Gerhard E. Frost, *Blessed is the Ordinary*,
1980, Winston Press, Minneapolis, MN, p 84.

*“Praise the Lord!
... Praise the Lord from the earth,
You sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy winds fulfilling his command!”
Psalm 148:1, 7-8*



Financial Statistics Thru March 31, 2016

Checking Account:	
General Fund	\$171,470.60
Building Fund	\$10,200.33
Donor Restricted	\$35,731.39
Sunday School	\$978.46
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Savings Accounts:	
Building	\$65,443.95
Donor Restricted	\$79,514.27
Total Cash Balance	\$363,539.00
Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$120,903.10
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$135,337.76
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	(\$14,428.46)

Comparing Facts and Figures

	March 2014	March 2015	March 2016
Attendance	1716	2023	1813
General Offering	\$ 41,607.78	\$ 55,315.54	\$ 40,142.42
Building Offering	\$ 13,588.33	\$ 13,008.33	\$ 10,200.33

Spirit of Joy Information

Pastor: Jeff Eisele
 Office Manager: Amy Orr
 Adult/Family Faith Formation: Katherine Eisele, AiM
 Children and Youth Faith Formation: Mike Haddican
 Outreach & Hospitality: Laura Phillips
 Worship Arts Coordinator: Jon Mattheis
 Worship Arts: Susan Wold Rohde, AiM
 Church Office: (605) 333-2004

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:45am & 11:00am
 Adult Education & Sprouts from 10-10:50
 Wednesday Worship 6:15pm

Nursery available for children accompanied by parent.
Location: 2208 W. LaQuinta Street
Website: www.spiritofjoy.net

Leadership Team

April 18, 2016 Meeting

Unfinished Business

1. Debt Reduction Tithe - The Leadership team is working on putting together a list of choices to receive this tithe. Suggestions so far include: Cedro Galan Facilities, Roofs for Congregations, the Hospital in Garoua Boulai, and two local options (still researching ideas.)
2. Partnership with Table of Grace - we will appoint a liaison from our congregation.

New Business

1. Laura's summer hours - Adam Punt motioned for Laura Phillips to decrease her hours this summer to 15-20 hours per week so that she may complete her Clinical Pastoral Education requirement. Marsha Kadlecik second. Motion carried.
2. Ministry Team recruitment - work has begun to extend a call for members to serve on core ministry teams. The commitment is for 2 years.
3. Benevolence Payments - the following payments will be made:
 - A. \$1,500 St. Francis House
 - B. \$1,000 Habitat for Humanity
 - C. \$1,000 Pine Ridge
 - D. \$1,000 Table of Grace

Spirit of Joy



Friday, May 13th from 5-8pm
 Saturday, May 14th from 9am-noon

We will be pruning shrubs, cleaning garden beds, refreshing mulch, and general sprucing up. Join us for all or a portion of the time. Bring your work gloves. All are welcome!



SOJ will be serving breakfast at the Banquet on May 18th! Many people are needed for this outreach event! Please sign up in the Gathering Space!

Welcome New Partners!



Join me for **SOJ Craft Night** on Friday, May 20th from 6-9:00 pm! Is there project you have been admiring on Pinterest? (I'm planning on making this cute paper flower bouquet!) Come and work on it with your friends at SOJ! Sign-up in the gathering space for this fun time of fellowship— all ages are welcome! Contact Laura with any questions
laura@spiritofjoy.net



Michael ,
Danielle
and Garrett
Mourer



Theresa Bass, Jeremy and
Savannah Fischer



Morris and Roxanne Patzlaff



Pastor Wayne and Debbie
Gallipo



Darin and Stefanie Hage
Sydney, Dylan and Sawyer



Sheldon and Jan Ahrndt

Not Pictured: Randy and Jen Balster, Lincoln and Charlie

FOOD ON THE 4TH SUNDAY WILL BE MAY 22ND! Recyclable grocery bags are available throughout the month to pick up at Spirit of Joy. Grab a bag, fill it up and return it on the 22nd. These food and hygiene offerings will be distributed to Food to You and to the Sioux Falls Food Pantry. The Food to You food of the month will be **TUNA & TUNA HELPER**. Thank you for your continued generosity to these important ministries!



Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

Dylan Rehnke, Dennis Ellingsen, Jett Markman, Gloria Winterton, Debbie Gallipo, Kerstin Schempp, Jen Balster, Judy Kuzepa, Gary Molzen, Catherine Webb, Anna Meyer, Mike Kelley, Richard Swanson, Chee Pearson, David Larson, and Ed Nesselhuf.

Thanksgiving for:

*new partners welcomed in April
 *the baptism of **Garrett Mourer**, son of **Danielle and Michael Mourer**, on April 10th.

Comfort for:

***all who grieve** the loss of loved ones in the earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan.

Guidance, Protection, Help and Encouragement for:

*for our brothers who are part of **St. Dysmas Lutheran Church**, and for **Pastor Bob Chell**
 *for all of our partners who are graduating from high school, college, and seminary this month.
 *for our **partners in mission** in Sioux Falls, especially **Table of Grace** in Harrisburg, and **Pastor Jess Daum**, **Westside Lutheran Church** and **Pastor Heidi Binstock**; **Pueblo de Dios** and **Pastor Jeanette Clark**;
 *for our bishops **David Zellmer** and **Elizabeth Eaton**.
 *for sisters and brothers in our companion synods in **Cameroon and Nicaragua**
 *for **Ben and Kristen Eisele** as they discern opportunities for their first call to serve as pastors.



Luther Seminary Commencement

Sunday, May 22nd at 3:00pm

Central Lutheran Church

333 S. 12th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

Faculty Speaker: Lois Malcom,
 Professor of Systematic Theology

Student Speaker: Ben Eisele,
 Master of Divinity Candidate

Pastor Jeff Eisele will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership
The commencement service will be livestreamed via Central Lutheran's website. Follow the link:
www.centralmpls.org/#/worship/listen-live

May Words for Worship

May 1st–Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:23-29

Peace the world cannot give.

May 8th-Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the disciples will be one.

May 15th-The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you the Spirit of truth

May 22nd–The Holy Trinity

John 16:12-15

The Spirit will guide you into the truth

May 29th—2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

First Sunday in our summer series on Galatians (Service of Healing at 8:30 and 11:00)

First Wednesday Summer Worship

Wednesday June 1st-6:15 p.m. Worship

Blessing of the Bikes—Ride your bikes (pedal and/or motorized) to church this evening. Ice cream will be served after worship.

Wednesday July 6th-6:15 p.m. Worship

Meeting God in the Gardens—We will begin with a picnic BBQ starting at 5:30 p.m. Worship follows with prayer and scriptures in the gardens.

Wednesday August 6th-6:15 p.m. Worship

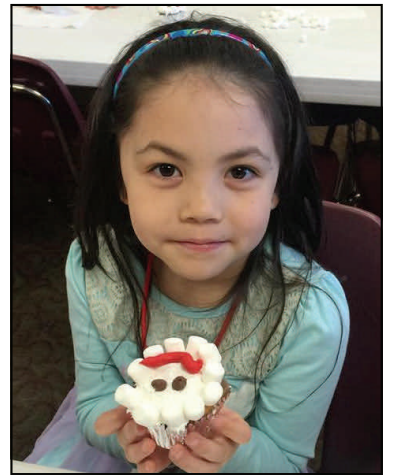
Blessing of the Animals—Bring your pets (or a picture of those who are unable to attend) to

SOJ Outside the Walls

Where is Spirit of Joy going this summer?

We would love to have you share pictures of ways you are reaching out to others this summer. Examples would be worshipping in another church or doing a service project. You can email photos to jon@spiritofjoy.net. We will make a display showing all the different ways SoJ reaches out to neighbors this summer.





Spirit of Joy Library: YOU ARE INVITED!

Have you seen the new shelves in the Spirit of Joy library? Everyone is invited to visit the library and enjoy the many books--now on both the north and south walls.



Thanks go to Sorum Construction for building and installing the shelves and to the Friends of the SOJ Library for organizing and rearranging the books and supplies.

If you are new to the SOJ library, here are a few facts: The library was started in 2011 and now has over one thousand books. The library is open whenever the church is open. It operates on the honor system--to check out a book, just sign your name on the little card inside the book cover and leave the card in the basket near the door. When you are done with the book, please return it to the basket.

Books are arranged in sections such as fiction, biography, prayer & devotions, etc. Children's picture books are found on the wheeled cart, which can be moved in to classrooms. When you want to do some research, there are many references to help, including atlases and dictionaries. Bible studies can be found according to books of the Bible or by themes. There are several different translations of the Bible and also large-print versions. Contemporary interests such as Health & Wellness, Caregiving, and Home & Family are available too.

Books, language, and learning are all gifts from God. You are invited to share these gifts at the SOJ library!

Book Clubs & Studies

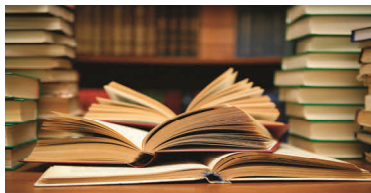
Evening Book Club will meet at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 5** in the church library where they will be discussing Calling Invisible Women by Jeanne Ray.

The Morning Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 26 at 9 am, in the SOJ library. The book will be The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

New members are always welcome!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

All Spirit of Joy men are invited to come for breakfast and conversation Thursday mornings, 6:30-8:00am at the Cracker Barrel.



Summer

Fine Arts Series

Sunday June 12th

We will have a partner art/craft display. You are invited to bring artwork or crafts you have made and display them on Sunday morning and evening at the hymn sing. This would be a great time to share artwork your children have done in school or projects you have worked on.

Sunday June 12th 7:00 p.m.

Jon Mattheis will lead a hymn sing based on "Hymns of Old".

Sunday July 10th 7:00 p.m.

One Sunday will perform a concert of their favorite pieces as a group and individuals.

Sunday August 14th 7:00 p.m.

Wartburg junior vocal performance major Ethan Vander Woude will present a vocal recital.



Annual Spirit of Joy Plant Sale

May 21, 2016
9am-Noon

All proceeds from the plant sale are used to help maintain the Spirit of Joy Gardens.



5th Grade Earthcare Milestone—April 24, 2016



Little Lambs Sunday School—May 1 Thank you, Jesus!

This month's story—**Thank you, Jesus!** Infants, toddlers and preschoolers not old enough for Sprouts—all welcome to come with parent(s), grandparent or caring adult. Meet in the far SW classroom. Your little one will love it!

Teens and Traffic—May 1 at 11:00 worship

Pizza and SFPD Officer guest speaker following worship.
ALL new drivers invited to attend! RSVP to family@spiritofjoy.net



High School Graduation Milestone May 15 and June 5 (8:45 am services only)

Congratulations to all our Graduates!
Michael Bertsch, Joshua Boraas, Baylor Devries, Kyle Hill,
Laurel Holcomb, Lorin Phillips, Ethan Roth,
Dylan Tams, and Bailee Tordsen.

Upcoming Events for Children and Their Families

- May 1—**Teens and Traffic Milestone**, 11 am worship followed by pizza and milestone activity.
- May 1—**Little Lambs** 10 am in "Thank you, Jesus!"
- May 15—8:45 am worship **Graduation Milestone** for High School (option #1)
- June 5—8:45 am worship **Graduation Milestone** for High School (option #2)

God's Love Shines Through: Dylan Rehnke

Dylan Rehnke, a Spirit of Joy 5th grader, competed in the 2nd Annual Miss Amazing South Dakota Pageant this past April. Miss Amazing was created to give girls and young women with disabilities the opportunity to build confidence, self-esteem, and be a part of the pageant sisterhood. Dylan competed in the Pre-Teen category (ages 10-12) with seven other girls from SD.



After a day of interviews with four judges and getting to live out her dream of being a princess thanks to the evening wear portion of the pageant, Dylan was crowned the 2016 Miss Amazing South Dakota Pre-Teen! Now, she's invited to attend the National Pageant this summer in Chicago where she will be the face of South Dakota, and vie for the National title.

We thank God for Dylan's gifts and talents!



Camping Options for Spirit of Joy Children/ Youth

Both Lutherans Outdoors and Shetek offer great opportunities for 1st graders – 12th graders.

I strongly encourage you to consider sending your child to a week of Bible Camp. Please check out www.losd.org and www.shetek.org for summer programming and schedules.

Did you know...

- Spirit of Joy has scholarship money for all campers. \$100 (whole week) \$50 (half week)
- Check out the Camp Table in the Gathering Space! Also, email Mike Haddican at mike@spiritofjoy.net to inform him of when your child is going to camp.

Vacation Bible School Announcement!

Who is it for: Current Preschool children who have attended Sprouts this year.

Dates: June 27-29

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Cost: \$10

Day Camp Announcement!

Who is it for: Current children attending Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Dates: June 27-30

Time: 9am-3pm

Costs: Early Bird price: \$15 (Register before June 5th) Regular price: \$20

Do you have a favorite verse in the Bible?

Recently, our High School youth spent time looking at the Top 100 verses from biblegateway.com and each participant came up with 10 verses that spoke to them.

We also looked at some of the verses that 3 or more of us loved and spent additional Wed. nights reading and discussing these verses in-depth. Some that we covered were:

- John 3:16
- Romans 3:23
- Philippians 4:13
- Joshua 1:9

So what now? Well, we encourage our teens to have favorite Bible verses and keep those words on their hearts and in their heads... you never know when you'll need them.

High School Overnight at Spirit of Joy

When: Friday, May 20-Saturday, May 21

Time: 7pm Friday - 7am Saturday

Who is Invited: Current 8th-12th graders

Theme: Rock Solid Faith

What we'll be doing:

- Study of 2 Timothy (Rock Solid Faith)
- Creating some Pinterest Projects
- Snacking
- Games

Note to Parents—In order to make this event a success, teens must be registered for this event by Monday, May 16th. Parental involvement is greatly appreciated too. I'll have jobs and responsibilities (and fun) for anybody who'd like to help serve.

Stay Connected & Informed

High School E-News—An email of upcoming events will come to your inbox 2 times a month.

Email mike@spiritofjoy.net to sign up if you're not receiving the E-News yet.

Remind—In an effort to make texting easier for updates, we're using a texting option called Remind. Text the number **81010** with the message **@sofj**. You'll get a welcome message. Then, type your first and last name and that is it! You'll get (at the most) 2 texts a week pertaining to Sunday Funday, Youth Group or special events.

Twitter @SOJYouthSF

www.sojyouthsf.weebly.com

Summer Youth Group

Our youth group will be participating in events and special outings this Summer.

We hope that all current High School youth AND

current 8th graders will be joining us.

Parents— I (Mike) am looking to you to help encourage your child to get involved. Summer is a great time to get active—and what better way to get active than with High School Youth Group!

This Summer, we'll be gathering for:

- The Word of God
- Food
- Service Projects
- Fun
- Pinterest Projects
- Games
- Assisting with Vacation Bible School too!

May Birthdays

Leroy Dinger	Adam Schrader	Vaughn Schneider	Carrie Rehnke
Sophia Jones	Ross Alvine	Kordell Wiseman	Roger Ryan
Don Stanek	Phil Johansen	Meghin Ryan	Kessler Freeseemann
Bill Bauer	Lexi Nelson	Peyton Timmer	Scot Namanny
Boston Mair	Amy Kittams	Karen Eng	Ivy Freeseemann
Mary Eckhoff	Reece Pixler	Ray Christensen	Marlyn Adams
Marvyl Eldal	Tim Krause	Sarah Rohde	Cierra Haffner
Noah Orr	Leo Sheik	Erik Syverson	Haleigh Lane
Jordyn Osmond	Breanna Arnoldy	Bob Dovenmuehler	Darin Hage
Shelley Watson	Josie Wassink	Gene Kruse	Chad Schilmoeller
Greyson Bortnem	Sophia Creviston	Craig Samuelson	
Eric Watson	Amy Miller	Deb Tams	
Ladean Klein	Abbie Versteeg	Cooper Tietgen	
Amy Orr	Addison Breidenbach	Bruce Hagen	
Margaret Preston	Laci Dahl	Gary Huber	
Brooklyn Schilmoeller	Susan Edwardson	Rylee Punt	



May Anniversaries

Douglas & Elizabeth Lynch	05/07	Mike & Christa Henderson	05/24
Jeff & Kristi Paulsen	05/10	Joe & Michele Vogel	05/25
Jeff Holcomb & Robyn Starks-Holcomb	05/11	Roland & Donna Ver Wey	05/27
Brooke & Peter Boyle	05/15	Charles & Judy Berdahl	05-30
Tim Krause & Sarah Werner	05/15		
Don & Mary Nelson	05/20		
Aaron & Heather Johnson	05/23		



Spirit of Joy is always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks both inside our walls and out in the community. If you are interested in serving as a Sunday Servant, cleaning the font, helping in the gardens, counting offering, serving at any of our awesome outreach opportunities, or any other "job" give Amy at the SOJ office a call at 333-2004.

Spirit of Joy publicizes birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter as a way to encourage our partners to pray for one another throughout the year. If you have a July birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office at 333-2004 or email info@spiritofjoy.net

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Summer Worship

Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(Beginning May 29th)

Join us for special Wednesday Worship Services

June 1st—6:15 p.m.

Blessing of Bikes (Pedal & Motorized)
followed by ice cream

July 6th—6:15 p.m.

BBQ starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by
walking worship in the gardens

August 3rd—6:15 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

