

April—May 2017

Windswept

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church



Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!



Jon Mattheis
Coordinator of
Worship Arts

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
8:45 am & 11:00am
Education @ 10am
Wed. Worship 6:15pm
Education @ 7pm

The Mission of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

- 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.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." — Matthew 28:5-6

On the first Easter Sunday morning, two women were in for the surprise of their lives. Instead of finding a closed tomb, they found an open grave, and an angel greeting them. For them and for every follower of the Lord Jesus, life would never be the same. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead changed the course of history.

The resurrection is God's way of announcing that our life does not have to be a one-way journey to the cemetery. God is saying we don't have to be stuck in our past. The risen Savior has hit the delete button on our sins. We don't have to wonder who's in charge, because this Savior has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. And we don't have to wonder what's ahead, because nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

So let's celebrate this Easter Season! Sing out loud: "Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!" And if you are not able to attend church, take some time to praise God that Jesus is alive. With Christians around the world we can say, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> | <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> |
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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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Financial Statistics Thru February 28, 2017	
Checking Account:	
General Fund	\$34,108.81
Building Fund	\$6,514.58
Donor Restricted	\$28,049.62
Sunday School	\$1,403.56
Emergency Fund	\$120,000.00
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Savings Accounts:	
Building	\$76,577.22
Donor Restricted	<u>\$79,514.27</u>
Total Cash Balance	\$346,368.06
Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$89,347.76
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$92,465.72
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	(\$3,117.96)

Comparing Facts and Figures

	Jan./Feb.	Jan./Feb.	Jan./Feb.
Attendance	1218/1504	1589/1667	1564/1474
General Offering	\$84,766.59/ \$32,339.76	\$34,299.49/ \$46,461.29	\$51,518.08/ \$37,825.83
Building Offering	\$18,938.33/ \$11,633.33	\$8,674.33/ \$9,725.33	\$25,533.33/ \$8,501.42

Spirit of Joy Information

Pastor:	Jeff Eisele
Associate Pastor:	Christy Hallenbeck Ask
Office Manager:	Amy Orr
Adult/Family Faith Formation:	Katherine Eisele, Deacon
Children/Youth Faith Formation:	Mike Haddican
Worship Arts Coordinator:	Jon Mattheis
Preschool Director:	Amy Cauble
Worship Arts:	Susan Wold Rohde, Deacon

Leadership Team February 23, 2017 Meeting

I. Unfinished Business

-Personnel Policy Handbook - Briefly discussed the draft of the handbook. Pam Walton moved to approve up to \$1,000 for an employee attorney to review the Personnel Policy Handbook. Darlene Weber second. Motion carries.

-Office Manager Replacement for Maternity Leave - Currently there are no candidates who have expressed an interest in this position. We will continue to advertise and discuss coverage options.

II. New Business

-Ordination and Reception for Christine Hallenbeck Ask, Associate Pastor. The ordination service will be held Saturday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. Rick Lundberg motioned to establish a minimum gift amount for **Christy's ordination gift.** Pam Walton second. Motion carries.

-Boy Scout Charter and Support - Adam Punt moved to charter and support Boy Scout Troop 711 with a financial gift of \$500 from Other Benevolence. Marsha Kadlecik second. Motion carries.

-Audit Committee Election - We need to identify 2 non-Leadership Team members to serve on the audit committee by our next meeting.

-Benevolence Payments: Pam Walton motioned to make the following benevolence payments totalling \$6,750:

\$1,250 Lutheran Church of Nicaragua

\$2,500 Lutheran Outdoors

\$2,000 Shetek

\$1,000 Pine Ridge Retreat Center

Marsha Kadlecik second. Motion carries.

Spirit of Joy Library: The Beauty of Maps With today's increasing use of GPS and navigation apps, paper maps are not as popular as they used to be. There is still, however, much to be learned from a good atlas and much to admire in the art of a well-drawn map.

Zondervan's Atlas of the Bible by Carl Rasmussen (found in the reference section of the SOJ library) is a comprehensive collection of maps and eye-catching photographs. There is much information about the physical geography of the Middle East, as well as about climate and crops, life styles, and also timelines of history. The maps are large enough to be read easily and locations for events and people from the Bible are clearly marked.

Atlas of the European Reformations by Tim Dowley (from the Church History section) is a fascinating visual history of Europe from 1300 to 1700. It includes, in maps and pictures, events leading up to Martin Luther and other church leaders of the Reformation era, through changes in the Catholic church, and into the spread of the various church movements throughout Europe and then beyond. This is a good resource for understanding the impact of Luther and the Reformation.

Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

Debbie Gallipo, Parker Merchant, Leo Schempp, Mary Tranberg, Tessa Kruse, Leonard Stahl, Dean Klein, Jett Markman, Nicole Seeman, Jen Moser, Lee Halstenson, Jeff Peterson, Gloria Winterton, Celeste Yee, Linda Page, David Larson, Sheila Dovenmueller, and Anna Meyer

Comfort for:

***Char Sorum** and her family as they grieve the death of **Dick Sorum**

Thanksgiving for:

***the birth of Vianney Lynn Lennon**, daughter of **Jamie & Alissa Lennon**.

***the birth of Layla Lynne Haddican**, daughter of **Mike & Karissa Haddican**, sister to **Evan and Nora**, and granddaughter of **Morris & Roxanne Patzlaff**.

***the birth of Elise Marjorie Thompson**, daughter of **Hans and Laci Thompson** and sister to **Evie Flittie**.

***the baptism of Wynston John DuBois Hollan**, son of **Rob Hollan & Sarah DuBois Hollan**, on February 19th.

***the baptism of Levi Thomas Schwingler**, son of **Luke & Staci Schwingler**, on February 26th.

***the baptism of Chloe Jade Larson**, daughter of **Brad & Carlie Larson**, on March 5th.

***the baptism of Eastyn Jon Harmening**, son of **Travis & Meghin Harmening**, on April 2nd.

***the ministry of Jennifer Lunder**, director of the **Ayuda Project**, an initiative of our South Dakota Synod to connect area churches with our Latino neighbors.

***Christy Hallenbeck Ask** as she is ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and installed as associate pastor of Spirit of Joy!

Guidance, Protection, Help and Encouragement for:

***for congregations under development in the Sioux Falls area, especially Table of Grace in Harrisburg and Pastor Jess Daum; and Pueblo de Dios, and TEEM Pastor Maria Cabello-Salomon.**

***for sisters and brothers in our companion synods in Cameroon and Nicaragua**

***for members of our armed forces; for police officers, firefighters, and all who work to keep us safe**

***for all who work for justice for immigrants and refugees**

***for our bishops Elizabeth Eaton and David Zellmer**

Prayer Vigil at the Cross

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection:
for by virtue of the cross,

joy has
come to
the
whole
world.
Amen.



May the life-giving cross
be the source of all our joy and peace. Amen.

*Thursday, April 13th starting at 10:00 p.m.
to Friday, April 14th at 5:00 p.m.*

*Sign up in gathering space or on website to
come and pray at the cross.*



“We Must Plant The Church”

This brand new series on the history of the Lutheran church in America will inspire and inform both cradle Lutherans and those new to the Lutheran church. How did the Lutherans honor their European roots while adapting and blessing their new American homes?



10 am Sunday Forums: April
23, 30 and May7, 14 and 21.

The Preschool is growing, thanks to you!

One of Spirit of Joy's key messages states "Every Jesus follower is called to and gifted for ministry." The belief that God gives every believer special gifts and abilities for faithful living and serving. Spirit of Joy Partners have embraced the gifts God has given by assisting in preparations for the Preschool's Fall opening.

Adults, youth, and children are working to ensure a safe and welcoming preschool for future families. Here are just a few of the shared projects : Hallway Cubbies, Photography Documentation, Facebook & Webpage Communications, Gardens, Outdoor Playground, Seed Packets & Informational Mailings, and Supply Donations.



Sixteen preschool Cubbies designed and built from scratch.



Preparing 1000 seed packets for our neighbors!



Delivering preschool and worship information to our neighbors at Christmas.

Thank you for joining me in this wonderful opportunity to help our youngest members of the community grow in their faith and support their education. I look forward to serving with you in the future.

Our High School youth are interviewing adults in the congregation to hear stories of their faith lives.

On February 1st, they interviewed Christy Hallenbeck-Ask

Here are some highlights:

What do you want to be remembered for?

Having joy. Not just being cheery and happy, but expressing joy as a deeper way of living. Then, Christy asked the teens what their response to that question would be. Their responses were:

- Being happy.
- Giving back to people.
- Having perseverance.
- Being kind and friendly.
- For being the best at everything.
- Being involved in the lives of others.
- Defending people and standing up for what is right.
- Caring for others.
- Putting yourself out there.
- Making people smile/laugh.
- Being a good person.



Who is the first person you go to for help?

Her husband Jon because they have different outlooks on life. He gives a new perspective to things that she might not have thought about.

Keep Calm and Camp On—

Why send your child to Lutherans Outdoors or Shetek Lutheran Ministries?

At camp, children experience things such as:

- Independence. (Great life skill!)
- They learn the value of community.
- Worship of God that is vastly different from their congregational settings.
- They learn about new hobbies.

-Added bonus:

Faith based camping ministries help keep children and teens connected to their faith years after the camp experience!



For our March InterGen Day of Sprouts, families gathered to experience some creative prayer practices. Families prayed by building with Legos, creating a prayer chain, decorating graffiti posters and many other fun ways to pray.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who led the prayer stations!



“My Church!”

Some of our littlest partners and their families and baptismal sponsors recently experienced the brand-new milestone, “My Church,” designed just for our two year olds (and 3 year olds not yet in Sprouts). Why another milestone? Our monthly Little Lambs Sunday school offers a time for parents and our youngest children to learn together. We now want to emphasize that this is THEIR CHURCH, TOO!

With simple and fun activities, each child had their photo taken at various places around the church—the baptismal font, the children’s offering jar, the new preschool room, the library, the front door, and snack time. They will receive a beautiful individualized “My Church” book (think Shutterfly) so they can always remember that they are God’s children and they truly belong in God’s church.

We love our children! And God loves them even more than we do.

Thank you to Pastor Jeff, Amy Cauble, Karissa Haddican, Anna Yee, and Mary Tranberg for leading this new milestone! And thanks, parents and children, for participating. Your “My Church” books will be here soon!

Deacon Katherine Eisele, Adult and Family Faith Formation



Pine Ridge Trip: March 26-29

In late March seven Spirit of Joy partners and friends visited the town of Pine Ridge on its namesake reservation in Southwest South Dakota. We stayed at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, a joint Lutheran-Presbyterian ministry. Our time included meeting elders, hearing stories, touring around the area, and playing games with local children during the Retreat Center's daily "Kids' Time."



Upon arriving, our host Pastor Kay Ressel encouraged us to approach our experience with openness and a willingness to listen. We then heard stories from several residents of Pine Ridge and the surrounding area. Their stories were at times inspiring, at other times heartbreaking: a fitting combination in a place so rich with tradition and beauty yet so plagued with death and addiction.

If you'd like to learn more about Native American culture and reservation life, read Kent Nerburn's book *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*; it was our recommended reading prior to the trip. To learn more about the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, visit pineridgeretreatcenter.org. If you are interested in being part of another Spirit of Joy visit to Pine Ridge, contact me (Christy): christy@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004. I would love to talk about another trip!



Basil Braveheart, elder, veteran, educator



Kelly & Suzie Looking Horse, artists and storytellers, with the group



*Kevin Poor Bear, artist
(Check out this piece, which is now in Christy's office!)*

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 9th 8:45 and 11:00
Procession with Palms and First Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 13 6:30p.m.
Worship as You Dine at Table in our Worship Café

All Night Prayer Vigil-Thursday at 8:00 pm until Friday 6:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14 6:30 p.m.
Prayer around the Cross in the Round

The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Sunday, April 16th
Festival Worship at 7:00, 8:45, and 11:00 a.m.