



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Easter/Earth Day

# April 22, 2018

## Welcome to Spirit of Joy!



God has gathered us together to live as God's beloved daughters and sons, and to:

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

We're glad that you have joined us for worship today to meet the God who meets us in the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit of Joy. If you would like to know more about Spirit of Joy, please indicate your interest on the clipboards sitting in our chairs. You may also contact our church office at 333-2004, e-mail us at [info@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:info@spiritofjoy.net), check out our website at [www.spiritofjoy.net](http://www.spiritofjoy.net), follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran](http://www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran) or on Twitter at [@spiritofjoysf](https://twitter.com/spiritofjoysf).

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### **Greeters/Ushers:**

8:45am: Tom & Marilyn Gannon

11:00am: Terry & Gwen Bobbie

### **Communion:**

8:45am: Charlie & Gina Cole

11:00am: Wilma Estes & Sally Hanson

### **Reader:**

8:45am: Katherine Eisele

11:00am: Deb Tams

**Hosts:** Alice Christensen, Shelly Wittrock, Marilyn Gannon

**Spirit of Joy Nursery:** Spirit of Joy welcomes all children to worship with their families. If small children need breaks, parents are welcome to use the nursery at any

time Sunday morning. There is a remote access TV in the nursery so families may continue to listen to the worship.

## Announcements

*As we continue to celebrate Easter today, we also consider what it means for us to serve as faithful stewards of this planet where the Word became flesh and lived among us. We remember that the Lord is in this place—and that He has called us to serve as co-creators of the beauty and bounty we enjoy in our home.*

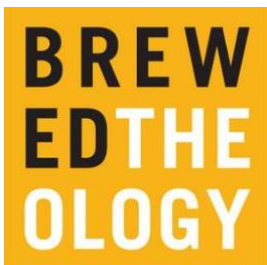


**Our Sunday Forum continues TODAY** with another session of “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.” We’ve had some lively conversations. All sessions are stand-alone & you’re invited to this excellent DVD and discussion. 10 am Galilee Room.

**TODAY is our monthly Food on the Fourth (Sunday) offering of food!** Bring your bag up to the Lord’s table before or during our worship service. All collected items will go to Feeding South Dakota.

### **Upcoming Faith Milestones:**

**Fifth Grade Earthcare Milestone** happens **TODAY at noon** following our second worship service. We’ll enjoy pizza for lunch and active learning opportunities having to do with the privilege and calling of caring for God’s Creation.



Our next **Brewed Theology** will be this coming Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Cody’s BBQ on Louise Ave. just south of 69<sup>th</sup> Street. It’s a time and place to participate in a conversation outside our walls about the intersection of faith and some public issue. The topic this month is **What Matters in Our Dying**. We’ll consider together why it matters learn to approach the end of our lives in ways that help us well to live well. **A resource sheet with suggested articles, a TED Talk and Scripture passages is available at our welcome table and on our website**

**Discovery Class/Introduction to Membership:** Interested in becoming a Spirit of Joy ministry partner or learning more about SoJ? Our next Discovery Class will meet on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:30. We’d love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Amy Orr, our Office Manager (333-2004 or [info@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:info@spiritofjoy.net)).



**Breakfast at the Banquet** – Spirit of Joy will serve breakfast at the Banquet on Wednesday, May 9. Shifts begin at 5:30 or 6:30 a.m. Please sign up at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups).

**Annual Spring Clean-up Days!** Join us Friday, May 4 from 5:00-8:00pm and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00am-Noon for our annual spring clean-up days. Projects will include both inside and outside tasks including but not limited to cleaning light fixtures, wiping down walls, tables and chairs, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, weeding, cleaning the storage shed, picking up trash and raking. Sign-up on the board in the gathering space.



**SOJ Preschool Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser!** Join us on **Monday, May 14 6:30pm** for Springtime Fun and a fundraiser bike ride! Grab a form at the preschool table to participate. If you would like to support the preschool but cannot attend the event, join the virtual bike ride across SD. For each \$1 donated our bike travels 1 mile. Visit the Preschool Table for more information or to share a donation. Thank you!

**Houston Mystery Sponsorship Fundraiser** – Thank you to everybody who took an envelope to sponsor a teen. Please remember to return the \$30 donation & a prayer or note to the student you will be sponsoring by April 27.

**Teens and Traffic** for new (and almost new) drivers, **Sunday May 6 at noon** for pizza and guest Officer Joey Larson. Please RSVP to [family@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:family@spiritofjoy.net) so we have a count for pizza.



**High School Graduation Milestone**, either **May 20 or June 3 at 8:45 or 11:00**. You may choose either date and either time. Senior quilts will be presented. Please RSVP! [family@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:family@spiritofjoy.net)

### **Opportunities for the Week:**

Tuesday:	6:30pm – Brewed Theology at Cody’s BBQ
Wednesday:	10:00am – Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting
	6:15pm – Worship
	*Confirmation Service Night
	7:00pm – Sprouts
	7:15pm – Adult Choir
	8:00pm – HS Youth Group
Thursday:	6:30am – Thursday Men’s Bible Study @ Fryn’ Pan

Friday:	7:00pm – Greatest Story
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Saturday	9:00 am-Noon – Discovery Class