



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Easter

April 29, 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, check out our website at www.spiritofjoy.net, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran or on Twitter at @spiritofjoysf.

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Greeters/Ushers:

8:45am: Steve & Joan Fagerness

11:00am: Adam & Brittini Punt

Communion:

8:45am: Ron & Elaine Frary

11:00am: Bill & Tracy Dahl-Webb

Reader:

8:45am: Tom Gannon

11:00am: Adam Punt

Hosts: Elaine Frary, Sally Watterson, Ann Engebretson

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



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Our Sunday Forum continues. Today's topic: "Devotional Bible Reading." Sometimes it's difficult to know where to start when reading the Bible for personal devotions. Need some helpful tips? Join us 10 am Galilee Room.

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.

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.

NeSoDak Day Camp – Our week of Day Camp will be July 16-19th. Mike Haddican is seeking volunteers to provide meals for counselors, housing for counselors and individuals to help with prep work and decorating. Email mike@spiritofjoy.net.

Offering Counters Needed: The Spirit of Joy Offering Counter Team is looking to add a few new counters. Counters are schedule once every 6-8 weeks. If interested please contact Amy in the SOJ Office at info@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004.

Teens and Traffic for new (and almost new) drivers, **Sunday May 6 at noon** for pizza and guest Officer Joey Larson. Pease RSVP to 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

BeFriender Ministry Coming Soon to Spirit of Joy: There will be an information meeting at 10:00am on Sunday, May 20th in Galilee Room. We'll be sharing more information in the coming weeks.



Evening book club will meet in the library at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1st. We are reading “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See. All are welcome!

Other Important Dates for your calendar:

May 9th: Last night of Middle School Confirmation

May 16th: Last Wednesday Evening Worship & Sprouts

May 27th: Sunday Morning Worship Time Changes to 8:30 and 10:00am

Opportunities for the Week:

Tuesday:

City Election: Spirit of Joy Polling Station

Wednesday:

10:00am – Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting

6:15pm – Worship

7:00pm – Sprouts & Confirmation

7:15pm – Adult Choir

8:00pm – HS Youth Group

Thursday:

6:30am – Thursday Men’s Bible Study @ Fryn’ Pan

7:00pm – Greatest Story

Friday:

9:00am - Greatest Story

5:00-8:00pm - Spring Clean-up

Saturday

9:00 am-Noon - Spring Clean-up Days