



Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
--Ephesians 5:15-16

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 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:

8:30am: Ron & Lynn Risty

10:00am: Don & Michelle Stanek

Communion:

8:30am: Pam & Mark Schroeder

10:00am: Brian & Jamie Oyen

Reader:

8:30am: Peg Preston

10:00am: Laci Dahl Thompson

Hosts: Karen Kruse, Dorothy Merchant, Suzanne DeBoom

Offering Counters: Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Darlene Weber-Scott

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

Unlocking the Mystery of Us

We continue our summer series on the Letter to the Ephesians this week, and hear the missionary Paul's exhortation to "make the most of our time," and to "understand what the will of the Lord is." Many of us have wondered at what that looks like for our lives. Jesus helps us unlock this mystery with his invitation in our Gospel for today to eat living bread, offered to us.

Next Sunday: Blessing of Backpacks, Students, & Teachers. Join us Sunday, August 26 for a special blessing of all students at both the 8:30 and 10:00am worship services. Each student - no matter how old - will receive a gift for their backpack! We'll also bless Spirit of Joy partners and friends who are preschool/K-12/university faculty and staff.



Food on the Fourth! NEXT SUNDAY will be our monthly food on the fourth offering. Make sure to grab a recyclable grocery bag on your way out, fill it with non-perishable food items, and return it Sunday, August 26. All collected food items will go to feeding our neighbors through Feeding South Dakota.

Spirit of Joy's RBM-Really Big (Congregational) Meeting! will be held NEXT SUNDAY, August 26th at 6:30 p.m. The leadership team has recommended three resolutions for the congregation to consider at this meeting:

1. To move forward with the building expansion process.
2. To hire Journey Construction as our Construction Manager at Risk
3. To move into a capital campaign by hiring Gronlund, Sayther and Brunkow as our capital campaign consultant.

All partners are urged to look at your email later this week for a full packet of information about these resolutions. Paper copies of the information will also be available Thursday of this coming week, and at our welcome station next Sunday.

All confirmed partners are strongly urged to attend this meeting and share in deciding these important resolutions about the future direction of our congregation.



Two great Children's Ministry Programs are coming up soon! **Faith 5** is our brand new, family based time for education & faith formation. **Faith 5** will serve all Sunday families (3 Year Olds up to 5th Grade) as well as Wednesday families

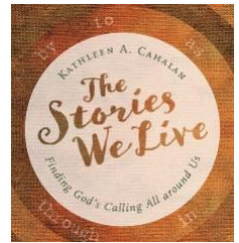
(4th & 5th Grade). Wednesday families with Kindergarten – 3rd Grade will continue with our **Sprouts Rotation model**. Wednesday activities start up on Sept. 5. Sunday activities start up Sept. 16.

Thank you to all partners who served breakfast at the Banquet this past Wednesday. We served 227 of our neighbors! Also a special thank you to all those who donated to the Banquet SOS program. The staff of the Banquet and it's guests were thrilled!



Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to visit today. All are welcome. **Fall 2018 classes openings** for preschool children 3,4, and 5 years old. Scholarships are available. For more information, including photos and registration details visit our webpage: spiritofjoy.net/preschool or contact Amy Cauble at 333-2004.

Upcoming Retreats: Both the **Men's & Women's Retreat** this year will be in conjunction with our Creating a Culture of Calling Initiative. The theme will be "The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us". **The Men's Retreat will take place September 28-29 at NeSoDak Bible Camp and the Women's Retreat will take place October 12-13 at Joy Ranch.** Join us for wonderful fellowship, passionate worship experiences, and a lot of fun! Registration forms and sign-up can be found in the office.



Listen to weekly sermons online! Weren't able to attend church this past Sunday? Did you know that you can listen to Spirit of Joy sermons online??? Weekly sermons are available via our website and podcast channel: <https://podpoint.com/spiritofjoy>.

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Opportunities for the Week:

Wednesday:	10:00am – Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting
Thursday:	6:30am – Thursday Men's Bible Study @ Fryn' Pan at 4204 W. 41 st St.
Friday:	6:30-9:00pm Befriender's Training

Saturday:

9:00am-5:00pm **Befriender's Training**