



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 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 fill out a "Let's Connect" sheet and place it in the offering basket. You may also contact our church office at 333-2004, email us at info@spiritofjoy.net, check out our website at spiritofjoy.net, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran](https://www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran) or on Twitter at [@spiritofjoysf](https://twitter.com/spiritofjoysf).

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Ushers:

8:45am: Ryan & Emily Geraets

11:00am: Aaron & Heather Johnson

Greeters:

8:45am: Cheryl Zell & Arlene Drew

11:00am: Sue & Jim McAdaragh

Communion:

8:45am: Mary Tranberg & Elaine Frary

11:00am: Eric & Jodi Haugland

Reader:

8:45am: Jodi Hanson

11:00am: Sally Hanson

Hosts: Terri Bierman, Deb Nelson, Pam Walton

Offering Counters: Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek, Eric Backstrom

Spirit of Joy Nursery: We welcome all children to worship with their families. If small children need breaks, parents are welcome to use the nursery at any time. It is located in the first hallway west of the sanctuary, just past the kitchen on the right. There is a remote access TV in the nursery so families may continue to listen to worship.

Announcements



Today we hear Jesus' disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Discovery Class (DATE CHANGE!): Interested in becoming a ministry partner of Spirit of Joy? If so please join us for a Discovery Class on **Sunday, October 14, from Noon-3:00 p.m.** We'll start with lunch together and then share the basics of our mission and ministries. To sign up visit spiritofjoy.net/signups or contact Amy Orr, our Office Manager, at 333.2004 or info@spiritofjoy.net.



Music & Mocha to Support Spirit of Joy Preschool: Have a musical piece (vocal or instrumental) you would like to share? Enjoy baking? **Sign up online at our website or contact the office** to bring a dessert or to share your musical talents! Mark your calendars for October 21 at 6:30pm for an evening of fellowship, preschool fundraising and fun. Contact Amy Cauble for more information.

Social Singles of Spirit of Joy are meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday, Sept 25, at All Day Café. All singles are welcome. Questions? Call or text Sue Edwardson at 310-2737.

For those attending the **women's or men's retreats** this fall: Please pick up your **FREE** copy of *The Stories We Live* on the counter in the main office. If you have not registered, please sign up and turn in your registrations soon.



Parents of **THIRD graders:** The Bible Milestone will be two consecutive Wednesdays, October 10 and 17 in The WELL from 7-8 pm. For Sunday *and* Wednesday Sprouts. Parent(s) to accompany their child. Bibles will be presented in worship on October 21.

The Passion Play of Oberammergau Trip - Summer 2020. Every ten years, people gather from all over the world to see the Passion Play in the small Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Some partners and friends of Spirit of Joy have begun planning an 11-day trip in early summer 2020 to visit Italy, Austria, and the Passion Play at Oberammergau. There will be an informational meeting about trip details on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30pm in the Galilee Room. Come and see if you're interested, or even just a bit curious.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Opportunities:

TODAY (note change of content/dates!): Join us TODAY at 10am in the Galilee Room with Spirit of Joy partner Pam Walton. She'll share with us information on the "**Sharing the Dream in Guatemala**" project. Come to learn about Sharing the Dream's model of sustainability, products including those made from recycled and renewable materials, sponsored community projects in Guatemala, and local volunteer opportunities.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: Our congregation is discerning a sponsoring relationship with **Bridges at Horace Mann Elementary School**, beginning in the next several months. Join us at 10am in the Galilee room as we hear from Tara Eckstaine, Principal of Bridges at Horace Mann.

Tuesday, October 2: 6:30 pm, **Women of Spirit** - for ALL SoJ women and friends. Speaker from Call to Freedom - non-profit organization who help lift victims of human trafficking.

Sunday, October 7 - NEW series: **The American Protestant Experience**. 10 am in the Galilee Room (double classroom behind the kitchen). Don't miss this excellent series!

Friday Morning Bible Study, October 5 at 9 am or Thursday, October 11 @ 7pm: "**Enter the Wardrobe**" A 4-week conversation on The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe," a beloved CS Lewis classic. To reserve a copy of your book, contact family@spiritofjoy.net or see display in gathering space.

Be Peanut/Tree Nut Aware! For safety reasons, snacks provided for all children's ministry programming will be **peanut and tree nut free**. Please have kids wash hands before Faith 5 if they've had any snack from the kitchen. We thank you for helping keep SoJ stay a safe place for all children.

Opportunities for the Week:

- Wednesday: 10:00am - Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting
6:15pm - Evening Worship
7:00pm - Sprouts & Faith 5 & Confirmation
7:15pm - Spirit of Joy Adult Choir
8:00pm - High School Youth Group
- Thursday: 6:30am - Men's Bible Study at Fry' Pan (4204 W. 41st St.)
5:00pm - Johnson Wedding Rehearsal
7:00pm - Preschool Advisory Team Meeting
- Friday: Men's Retreat at NeSoDak Bible Camp
4:00pm - Johnson Wedding
- Sunday: 6:00pm - Scouts Troop Meeting