



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church  
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 11, 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](mailto:info@spiritofjoy.net), check out our website at [spiritofjoy.net](http://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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**Musicians:** One Sunday

**Ushers:**

8:45am: Dan & Diane Wheeler

11:00am: Don & Michelle Stanek

**Greeters:**

8:45am: Marge Hagen and Gina Cole

11:00am: Marsha Kadlecik and Sandy Ellingsen

**Communion:**

8:45am: Ron & Elaine Frary

11:00am: Bill & Tracy Webb

**Reader:**

8:45am: Jodi Hanson

11:00am: Michelle Stanek

**Hosts:** Wilma Estes, Ali Lennon, Deb Nelson

**Offering Counters:** Tom Gannon, Michelle Stanek, Don Stanek

**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

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*



Spirit of Joy's **Annual Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held **NEXT Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** to elect leaders and vote on a mission plan for 2019. A special adult forum to review the proposed budget and provide extra time for Q & A will be held **TODAY** at 10am in the sanctuary. All confirmed partners are urged to attend!

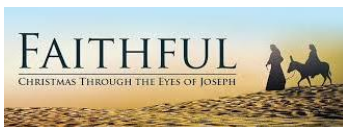


**TODAY** in the gathering space support **Sharing the Dream** by purchasing some of the beautiful fair trade products made by artisans in Guatemala. Profits are used for community projects including supporting elders, students scholarships and the building of a training center. Don't forget to ask about volunteer opportunities at the new store located in downtown Sioux Falls.

**Fourth Graders & Parents: Kids and Money Milestone** This morning at 10 am, Chris Bergst of our congregation will lead parents and children to explore the ways we give back to God who has given us so much. Meet in the Galilee Room. Each child receives a special piggy bank!

**Necessities for Neighbors Toilet Paper Drive:** During the month of November we will be collecting toilet paper for Necessities for Neighbors. As always, we'll have a little friendly competition: families A-M versus families N-Z. The A-M's won bragging rights last year. Let that be motivations N-Z families!

**Breakfast at the Banquet** - Friday, November 16: All ministry partners and friends are invited to serve at the Banquet (soup kitchen) on Friday, November 16. Breakfast preparers begin at 5:30 a.m., and breakfast servers begin at 6:30 a.m.; all volunteers finish by around 8:30 a.m. Sign up at the kiosk in the gathering space or online at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups).



**All-Congregation Advent Read** is coming soon. This year we will read: **Faithful: Christmas Through the eyes of Joseph**, by Adam Hamilton. Copies will be available later this month.

**Spirit of Joy Tree Decorating Party!** Join us Monday, November 26 at 1:00pm for cider, cookies and tree decorating! The more the merrier! Falalalalalala! Contact Amy in the office with any questions.

**Family Winter Retreat – February 15-17 at Joy Ranch** (near Watertown, SD). Spirit of Joy partners (families, grandparents, singles, couples, friends) are welcome to join us President’s Day weekend (two nights) for fun, delicious meals, cozy fireplaces, sleigh rides, games, time away with your loved ones. Sign up at the kiosk. Contact Katherine Eisele with questions.



The Christmas Season – perhaps the most wonderful season mankind has ever known. A time when we anticipate the coming of The Messiah, child that came to Earth as God wrapped in flesh to shed light in the darkness, bring hope to the hopeless, and peace to the restless. Join us **Sunday, December 2** for a special Christmas Cantada Worship: “God With Us”.

**Music & Mocha Update:** Thank you for attending, participating, and sharing donations with the preschool. With your help, the preschool raised over \$1300. Funds raised will help offset the operating costs of the preschool. We hope you had a wonderful time. If you were unable to attend, visit SOJ’s Facebook page and newsletter for amazing pictures.



**2019 Camp Registration Now Open!** Are you thinking of sending your child to camp next summer? Registration is now open for Lutherans Outdoors. Visit [losd.org](http://losd.org) to register for a wonderful faith-filled experience at a Lutherans Outdoors camp (NeSoDak, Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, Joy Ranch).

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

- Tuesday: 5:15pm - Hospitality Team Meeting  
6:00pm - Growth Team Meeting  
6:30pm - Ministry Resource Team Meeting  
7:00pm - Outreach Team Meeting
- Wednesday: 10:00am - Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting  
6:15pm - Worship  
7:00pm - Sprouts, Faith 5, & Confirmation  
7:15pm - Choir  
8:00pm - High School Youth Group
- Thursday: 6:30am - Men’s Bible Study at Fry’ Pan (4204 W. 41<sup>st</sup> St.)  
6:30pm - Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30pm - Pack Meeting

Friday:

5:30am - Spirit of Joy Serves the Banquet