

April 2011

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Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Fear and Great Joy



From the Pastor

The Mission of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church is:

- To INVITE people to a transforming faith in Jesus Christ.
- To GROW with one another into Jesus' likeness.
- To SERVE as Jesus' compassionate community in the world.

So [Mary Magdalene and the other Mary] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Matthew 28:8

When we arrive for worship on Easter Sunday morning, we mostly know what to expect: the sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with lilies and tulips; a few more worshipers than usual will make the worship space a bit more crowded; the musicians will lead us in joyful adoration of the Risen Lord; we will eat and drink at the Lord's Table and then head home for a bigger meal. For many of us it's a familiar, comfortable, and meaningful custom.

The women headed to Jesus' tomb on the dawn of His resurrection were expecting to repeat a less pleasant ritual they'd likely practiced several times before that day. In Matthew's account they return to Jesus' gravesite to pay their respects, or maybe to see if what's happened is real or just a nightmare. Perhaps they just want get close to this man who's been so suddenly taken from them—the same reason we visit cemeteries and stand or sit or weep at the stone where the body of a beloved one lies.

Suddenly everything they've assumed about another trip to the cemetery disintegrates in shaking earth, blinding light, and an impossible announcement: *He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.* At the angel's orders they run from the tomb "with fear and great joy" to tell Jesus' disciples what they've experienced.

Easter brings joy—how could anyone not be joyful at the revelation that the great enemy death has met its match! It will no longer have the last word. Mary and Mary are witnesses to what Psalm 30 promises: "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning!" But Easter brings fear too. A God who will not play by our familiar rules and stay in the tomb where we put Him is wild, unmanageable, uncontrollable, and, like Aslan in the Narnia tales, not safe. Easter reminds us what Mark Allan Powell says in *Loving Jesus*: "We ought not get too cozy with God. People who get cozy with God experience joy but no fear; they have no root, and when trouble comes they are likely to fall away... Fear and great joy go together. Joy is what turns fear into worship; fear prevents joy from becoming shallow."



May your Easter be filled with both faith-full fear and great joy! JE

Small Group ABCs

Senior High Youth Happenings

Sunday, April 10, 4-6:30 pm

Meet at the church for a fun outing. Test your GPS navigation skills and enjoy fellowship at our stops. Ben and Jeremy have worked to create this adventure for everyone. (Youth will navigate and adults will do the driving)

Sunday, April 17

Faith Lesson at 10:50 in the youth room.

Thank you to:

- Suzanne Hanson, SD Synod and Brent Haglund, youth director at OSLC, and several parents and youth from Our Saviors Lutheran Church who came to Spirit of Joy to share about Peer Ministry.
- All partners who donated furnishings and building of cabinets for the youth room: Furniture: Joel & Linda Christenson, Kristen and Brian DeVries, Lisa Herr.
- Cabinet makers: Dick and Char Sorum, Dan Hinceman, Dick Waggoner, Ron Frary, Dick Kappedahl, Bob Severtson, Marlyn Adams, Bob Neely, Tom Gannon & Bill Briehner.



Contact person: Teresa Buell
(321-3954; sdmidwife57@yahoo.com)

Sunday School Scoop

As part of our Milestone Ministry Program, on April 10th at 10 a.m. our **2nd Graders** and their parents or guardians will attend a session on the **Lord's Prayer** in the Well. The 2nd Graders will lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer during the 11 a.m. service that morning.

There will be **no Sunday School on Easter Sunday**, April 24th. Happy Easter!

Our **lessons in the month of April** are about the Last Supper, Holy Week and the Empty Tomb.

If you have any questions or concerns in the Sunday School area, please feel free to contact: Stacy (371-2314; skock@sio.midco.net) or Christa (332-8210; mchenderson@sio.midco.net)



Small Groups



Many small groups are meeting regularly for Bible study, conversation, service work or fellowship. For a complete list of small groups, please log on to our website: www.spiritofjoy.net

Follow the bulletin and web page for the latest meeting times and places. Contacts are given for each group. If you are interested in joining a group, be bold! You are always welcome!

Sunday Forums

April 3: Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation

April 10: "The Lamb of God: A Study of Palm Sunday from the Holy Land"

April 17: No forum.

We welcome Pastor Rebecca this morning!

April 24: Holy Easter Sunday—no forum.

May 1: Special guest, Mary Mortenson—Prison Ministries in America.

The Earthbound series will continue May 8.

Sunday Forums meet at 10 am in the Galilee Room most Sunday mornings. All are welcome.



Spirit of Joy Book Club

Book Club will meet Tuesday **April 5th**, at Spirit of Joy. The book for April is *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carleton. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast

Spirit of Joy men are invited to breakfast and conversation Thursday mornings, 6:30-8:00 at Cracker Barrel.

Women's Bible Study

The SoJ Women's Bible Study is in Lutheran Woman Today. The study this month is April 28th, 7:00pm at Lois Klein's home, 6523 S. Killarney Ct. 221-0798. Please call if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Financial Statistics Thru February 28, 2011

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$ 17,865.37
Building Fund	\$ 7,682.80
Donor Restricted	\$ 14,234.71
Sunday School	\$ 2,084.11

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$ 84,238.05
Donor Restricted	<u>\$ 79,514.27</u>

Total Cash Balance **\$205,619.31**

Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$ 63,392.33
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$ 53,244.33
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	\$ 10,148.00

Comparing Facts and Figures

	February 2009	February 2010	February 2011
Attendance	1091	1217	1081
General Offering	\$23,444.72	\$22,356.96	\$25,040.15
Building Offering	\$11,918.75	\$7,793.25	\$7,682.80

Spirit of Joy Information

Pastor: Jeff Eisele
 Operations Manager: Daryl Sopko
 Family Ministry: Katherine Eisele
 Worship Arts: Robyn Starks Holcomb
 Susan Wold Rohde

Church Office: (605) 333-2004
 Fax Number: (605) 333-6908
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-Noon; 1:00-4:30

Sunday Worship: 8:45am 11:00am
Sunday School & Adult Education: 9:50am

Nursery is available for children accompanied by parents. The nursery is not currently staffed.

Location: 2208 W. LaQuinta Street

Website: www.spiritofjoy.net

Dear President Versteeg and Partners in Ministry at Spirit of Joy,

It is with great humility and delight that I write today to accept your call as Associate Pastor of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, focusing on congregation connections.

As your mission states, God has called us together to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, to grow together into His likeness, and to serve as His compassionate community in the world. I look forward to joining you in committing to these values and in living lives of discipleship.

I ask for your prayers as we live this call together, welcome all people to Christ's table, and encourage one another in faith. I have been so energized by your spirit, your notable hospitality, and your sincere desire to live the Gospel. It is my privilege to enter into community with you.

I look forward to beginning my time at Spirit of Joy on April 15, 2011.

Thank you again for your call and for the opportunity that has been set before me. I accept with eagerness, gratitude and humility.

In Christ's Love,

Rebecca Wold Freeman

Pastor Rebecca Wold Freeman



You are invited to Welcome Pastor Rebecca
 her husband Sedge and son Stellan
Sunday April 17th between worship services

A special thank you to **Mike Schroeder** who contributes his time and talents to Project CAR.



Mike helps provide transportation for the elderly so that they may participate in church activities and worship services; volunteer throughout the city and serve as Senior Companions.

In 2010 Project CAR volunteers traveled almost 60,000 miles, provided about 12,000 rides and donated over 6,000 hours.

Please join Project CAR in thanking Mike for volunteering during 2010.

Necessities for Neighbors

Necessities for Neighbors is a mission of the Mobile Food Pantry that is held at Peace Lutheran the first Sunday of the month from 3:00-4:30PM.

Items needed for the monthly distribution are feminine hygiene products, diapers-all sizes, wipes, detergent and toilet paper. If you would like to contribute any of these items you can leave them in the SoJ narthex.

If you are interested in helping with the distribution of items contact Correen Major, 333-7310.



I've Got Your Goat

Well, actually three goats. The **SOJ Joyful Classics** held a birthday party in March. Rather than receiving birthday gifts, the group gave gifts. They provided **three goats** to the ELCA Good Gifts for the World Hunger program.

Goats change lives. In extreme climates where other animals cannot survive, goats provide families with fresh milk to drink and fertilizer for the land. As goats multiply, families share offspring with a neighbor in need -- helping lift entire communities out of hunger and poverty.

Animals provide families living in poverty with food, funds and fertilizer—all for a better future. Gifts to God's Global Barnyard support animal-related projects of ELCA World Hunger.

Thank You Joyful Classics!

Sharing Christ's Joy and Blessing



Karen Soli, Kathy Herreid, Laura Phillips, Pastor Jeff Eisele

Spirit of Joy has voted to share 10% of every \$100,000 received in our Sharing Christ's Joy and Blessings 3- year building debt reduction campaign to support ministries beyond our walls. At the end of February we had received \$106,000 of the money committed to the campaign.

Sioux Falls Food To You Mobile Food Pantry Was the first ministry selected by the congregation to receive the tithe. A check for \$10,000 was presented on Sunday March 27th .

Thank you Spirit of Joy partners for practicing *Extravagant Generosity.*

Help Feed Your Neighbors



Each month a "Food of the Month" is designated to be collected and given away by Food to You. Food for April, to be distributed in May is **pasta** of any kind.

Hygiene packs are always needed. Items needed for the packs are medium shampoo, toothpaste, a bar of soap and a large roll of toilet paper. One gallon ziplock bags are also needed to assemble the packs. Shampoo and toilet paper are always the biggest need.

For more information about Food to You contact Karen Soli, foodtoyousiouxfalls@gmail.com or phone 336-3597.

Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

***Amy Miller; Ron Frary; Tom Gannon; Marge Hagen; Dick Waggoner; Mike Savold; Bob Mayer; Bill Koolstra; Jackie Hanson; Bob Hinceman; Bob Crump; Pete Wold; Tracy Van Sickle and Carrie Hawkins**

Comfort for:

***Wilma Estes** and her family as they grieve the death of Wilma's sister; and **Joyce Baumgartner** and her family as they mourn the death of Joyce's mother;

Praise and Thanksgiving for:

*Birth of twin daughters to **Jenny and Tyler Clementson**; for birth of son **Oliver John Punt to Brittini and Adam Punt**

*Holy Baptisms of **Easton Thomas Petrick**, son of **Lexie and Jamie Petrick** on March 13th; and **Hailey Marie Wallace**, daughter of **Tiffany and Treven Wallace** on March 20th

*Wedding of **Shane Olivier and Brandy Thompson** on March 26th

*Extravagant generosity of **Spirit of Joy** that led to our first "Sharing Christ's Joy and Blessings" title of \$10,000 to the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

***Pastor Rebecca Wold Freeman**, her husband **Sedge** and son **Stellan** as they join us this month in mission and ministry.

Guidance, Protection and Encouragement for:

*For missionaries **Samuel Eisele in Mexico** and **Miranda Meyer in Nicaragua**

***Brother and sister Christians** who live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith

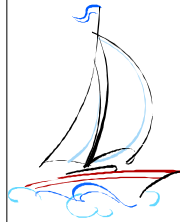
***All who struggle for freedom with justice in Libya, Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afganistan, Syria and the Ivory Coast.**



Celebrating Justice

On Palm Sunday again this year we will partner with **Lutheran World Relief** to use Eco-Palms as we sing "Hosanna!" Five cents of every Eco-Palm sold for Palm Sunday directly benefits harvesters who also gather palms in a way that does not damage the habitat where they come from.

New Partner Class



Spirit of Joy's next **Discovery Class** for persons interested in becoming partners (members) of our congregation will be offered in two sessions on **Tuesday, May 3 and 10th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** We'll look together at Spirit of Joy's core beliefs, values and mission. Please indicate your interest on our welcome pads, or call or email the church office.

Come and Worship!

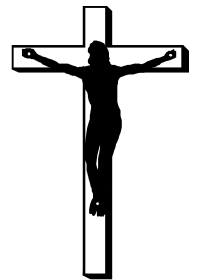
Join us for supper and evening prayer on **Wednesdays in Lent** as continue our look at **The Beatitudes**

Wednesday, April 6th

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

Wednesday, April 13th

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8)



Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Procession of Palms and The Passion Story
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Maundy Thursday, April 21st-

Holy Communion with First Communion for first graders and Stripping of the Altar

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Good Friday, April 22nd- Prayer around the Cross

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 24th

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

The Body of Christ



Thanks to everyone who provided pictures this month.

Spirit of Joy Spring Cleanup



Several work days are scheduled to cleanup Spirit of Joys building and grounds. We will be cleaning flower beds, pruning trees and shrubs, adding mulch, setting out bird feeders adding supports for the grapevines, and removing plant foliage. On May 23rd we will be planting annual flowers. All work days are on **Monday's from 5:30 to dark**

May 9th, May 16th & May 23rd.

If you are able to help you can bring shovels, brooms, rakes and wheel barrels and other garden tools. If you don't have tools we still want you, just bring gloves and plan on having a good time!

If you are able to help on any of these days please contact Daryl at 333-2004 or daryl@spiritofjoy.net

Needed - Summer Garden Help

If you like to work in the dirt then the SoJ Garden Team could use your help. Through the growing season help is needed to maintain the gardens around SoJ. No experience necessary, SoJ Master Gardeners Sharon Starks & Daryl Sopko will show you what needs to be done and how to do it. To help contact garden volunteer coordinator Karen Soli, 336- 3597 or Daryl in the church office, 333-2004

Handel's Messiah



Handel's Messiah will be performed at the Washington Pavilion Saturday April 9, 7:30pm and Sunday April 10, 2:30pm.

Spirit of Joy partners Mick and Mary Evanson will be performing with the South Dakota Symphony.

Group discounts are available so if you are interested in attending please let Susan Rohde know. 357-3469.



Spirit of Joy Library

To celebrate the joy of learning as we are called by God to Invite, Grow, and Serve

In memory of Robert Spencer, his family is giving to Spirit of Joy a library, or goodly portion thereof, in thanksgiving for his life of learning, and the joy of reading he shared with his children and grandchildren which could indeed, by example, build character, wisdom, virtue and endless pleasure.

We also hope to start a small library in or near the village of San Jose, El Peten, Guatemala.

For Spirit of Joy, there will be several 'libraries' in various rooms with books for children and adults.

We are not accepting book donations at this time however, we are currently developing guidelines for purchases and future donations.

Prayer Breakfast



The Christian Men's Business Committee (CMBC) will be hosting their annual prayer breakfast on Friday, April 22nd (Good Friday) at the Sioux Falls Ramkota from 7:00AM to 8:30AM. This year's keynote speaker is Michael Franzese. Michael is a former high level mafia boss who will tell his powerful story about how committing his life to Jesus Christ allowed him to overcome his dark past and inspired a new life and a new mission of spreading God's word.

If you are interested in attending the event please contact the church office or Jason Appel at 605-530-0426 or jappel@plainscommerce.com. Find more info about the event at www.siouxfallsprayerbreakfast.com



Save the Date for SoJ VBS
"Pandamania"

**July 24 -28 from
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

People interested in helping with VBS can contact:

Sara Yee at: ayee@sio.midco.net

Tracy Kolb at: Tracy.Kolb@hilton.com

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying...

Our kindergartners gathered recently to learn about God's gift of prayer. We learned that we can pray to God anywhere, any-time, and about anything.

Here's another way to practice prayer with our kids. Try a **prayer hike**. Take a walk with your child around your neighborhood. Pray for the people who live in the homes you pass. A simple sentence prayer will do! If you hear a fire truck or ambulance siren, pray for those in danger. Pray for creation. You will no doubt see or hear birds, feel the wind, touch the grass, (or snow!). Pray for the new animal babies that will be born this spring.

At the grocery store, remember those who are hungry. At the mail box, remember to pray for those dear to you who live far away.

The prayer possibilities will be exciting and your child will learn *from you*, that God loves to hear our prayers every day.



A Blessed Lent and Easter, Katherine

Easter Prayer for Families

May the joy of Easter be ours every day. Fill us with a sense of adventure as we face the challenges of this world in the light of eternity. Help us to keep our eyes on Jesus and the victory we have through faith in Him. In the name of the One who conquered even death, Jesus. Amen.

Women's Fall Retreat

September 23-24, 2011



Join us for time with Spirit of Joy friends and partners. Expect faith nurturing, rest, and soul tending. One night. One great time away with Spirit of Joy friends and partners.

What's Happening for Kids?

April 3, 10 am: Little Lambs—Story of Moses. Infants, toddlers and preschooler not yet in Sunday School. Meet across from 5th grade room.

April 16, 9 am: First Communion Instruction for 1st graders and older children who have not yet received communion instruction. Please RSVP to family@spiritofjoy.net to ensure we have enough supplies!

April 22, 10 am: Family Good Friday Activity. Come for 90 minute exploration of the cross of Jesus using all our senses. All kids and parents welcome.

May 6, 6:30 pm: It's Pajama Party Time!!! Join us for our annual PJ party. Pre-schoolers through 2nd graders are welcome. Wear your PJs and bring your pillow and favorite stuffed animal!

July 24-28: Save the date for VBS! Adult helpers needed.



Soul Sisters : April 11 at 6:30 at Tre for Dinner Out!
Contact Terri: terriberman@yahoo.com

Women's Black Hills Backpacking June 26-July 1

"Discover your place in God's beautiful creation during a week of backpacking designed for ladies only. Strengthen your faith, relationships, and muscles as your experienced staff guide your through a week of team-building, fellowship and fun. A relaxing sauna, back at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, provides time to rejuvenate and reflect after a life-changing week!"



This is the description from Lutherans Outdoors. Any women friends or partners of Spirit of Joy are welcome. More details are available on the LO website: www.losd.org Please contact Katherine by April 20th if you are interested.

Upcoming Events for Spirit of Joy Families

- April 3 ~ 10:00 am **Little Lambs Sunday School**—The Story of Moses
- April 10 ~ **Lord's Prayer Milestone**—2nd graders and parents. Meet in the WELL during SS hour.
- April 16 ~ Saturday, 9 am. **First Communion Instruction** for all 1st graders and older kids not yet instructed.
- April 17 ~ **Palm Sunday** and **Pastor Rebecca's first Sunday with us! Let's welcome her warmly!!!**
- April 21 ~ 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship and **First Communion for children who have received instruction.**
- April 22 ~ 10:00 am **Good Friday Family Activity**—All SOJ children and families welcome.
- April 24 ~ 7:30, 8:45 and 11:00 **Holy Easter Sunday Services.** No Sunday School this morning. **Happy Easter!**





Dakota Gringo

By Samuel Eisele

This newsletter is something of a “special edition,” in that it focuses exclusively on our group’s weeklongtrip to the border in mid-February. I hope you all enjoy it.

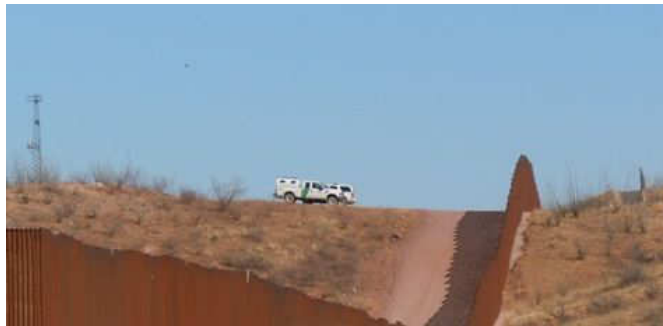
After a long travel day that ended in a Motel 6 in Douglas, Arizona, we woke up Monday morning and headed back across the border we flew over the day before, into the town of Agua Prieta. Our first stop was at Centro Comunitario Nueva Esperanza (New Hope Community Center), where we met with Mark Adams, a missionary pastor working with Frontera de Cristo (literally, Christ’s Border). Mark shared a bit about the ministry of FDCand led us in a biblical reflection on Mark 4:35-41, a passage in which Jesus says “Let us go across to the other side.” That is, let’s go to Gentile land, foreign territory. The storm in this story was probably not the disciples’ only source of fear.

We then drove a few minutes to the wall right in Agua Prieta. At one point on the wall there is a large cross set up that has hundreds (probably thousands) of ribbons, each representing a death of a migrant attempting to cross the border. Here we had another brief biblical reflection, this time reading from Ephesians 2, which speaks of unity in Christ, “in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.” A powerful text that reminds us, as the Lutheran Study Bible says, “In the reign of God, ‘illegal aliens’ do not exist.” That’s more than food for thought.



After our reflection at the wall, we headed to CRREDA, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Agua Prieta. We learned a little about the work they do there, and got a small tour of the place.

CRREDA is a branch of the organization No More Deaths, a human rights group that strives to prevent the deaths of migrants crossing the desert.



Part of this work involves putting water out in the desert. CRREDA participates in this work, filling water tanks on the Mexican side of the border. Part of our visit with them included a drive out to the desert to do just that with them. It was a powerful thing to see even a little piece of a migrant’s trail. We drove out of Agua Prieta, into a more rural zone, where most migrants attempting to cross get dropped off by their taxi drivers. Along the highway on the way out I saw a number of crosses and mini-chapels, probably put there in memorial of those who didn’t make it and/or built by the smugglers who frequent that territory. After several miles we turned north onto a rancher’s property, owned by a man whose land extends right up to the wall. The drive through this terrain made me thankful for the vehicle, water, air conditioning, and my U.S. passport. And that was only a small piece of the journey for any travelers through that area.

You can read the entire newsletter on the SoJ website www.spiritofjoy.net

Stay in touch!!

Thank you to all who have been sending emails, facebook messages, and everything else my way! I *love* hearing from you all back in the states, and it makes me glad to know you are keeping up with me here in Mexico. As both reminder and notice, you are always welcome to get a hold of me, and please stop by my blog to get more regular updates on my day-to-day life and activities!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:45-Worship 9:50 Education 11:00-Worship	4 11:45 Good God Questions	5 7:00pm-Book Club	6 6:30-Worship Service 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:00-Bible Study No Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	7 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	8 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study	9
10 8:45-Worship 9:50-Education 11:00-Worship	11 11:45 Good God Questions	12 7:00pm Ministry Teams	13 5:30-Meal served 6:30-Lenten Service 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	14 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	15 9:00am The Greatest Story Bible Study	16 9:00 am First Communion Instruction
17 Palm Sunday 8:45-Worship 9:50-Education 9:50- Welcome Pastor Rebecca 11:00-Worship 6:30-Film & Faith	18 11:45 Good God Questions	19 7:00pm Leadership Team	20 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	21 Maundy Thursday 6:30am-Men's Bible Study 6:30pm-Worship and First Communion	22 Good Friday 10:00 Family Activity—Good Friday 6:30pm-Worship Service	23
24 Easter Sunday 7:30-Worship 8:45-Worship 11:00-Worship	25 Office Closed 11:45 Good God Questions	26 6:45pm-Faith and Sports	27 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	28 6:30am-Men's Bible Study 7:00pm-Women's Bible Study	29 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study	30



April Birthdays!

Mike Edwardson	April 1 st
Dawn Krull	April 1 st
Beth Versteeg	April 2 nd
Landry Coy	April 2 nd
Noah Johnson	April 2 nd
Jason Bierman	April 3 rd
April Syverson	April 3 rd
Kyla Hanson	April 5 th
Anna Rohde	April 5 th
Don South	April 5 th
Brooklyn Ver Wey	April 6 th
Ryan Almquist	April 7 th
Reece Palmer	April 7 th
Teresa Buell	April 8 th
Sabren Bortnem	April 9 th
Donna Boyda	April 10 th
Chris Eng	April 10 th
Calla Freeseemann	April 10 th
Allison Hendrix	April 10 th
Alexander Bertsch	April 11 th
Cole Palmer	April 11 th
Gabriel Ver Wey	April 11 th
Kera Heier	April 12 th
Monica Huber	April 12 th
Diana Ryan	April 12 th
Virgil Eckhoff	April 13 th
Kathy Elgethun	April 14 th
Caitlin Gronewold	April 15
Connor Watson	April 15 th
Bruce Watt	April 15 th
Dennis Hagebock	April 16 th
Corey Ballew	April 17 th
Joel Christensen	April 17 th
Kelly Yungbluth	April 17 th
William Boyda	April 19 th
Emma Albertsen	April 20 th
Pat Anderson	April 20 th
Melvadeen Neely	April 21 st
Jean Selchert	April 21 st
Ben Salestrom	April 23 rd
Fred Thurman	April 23 rd
Grant Palmer	April 24 th
Kaden Pease	April 24 th
Michael Savold	April 25 th
Hope Lane	April 27 th
Joni Miller	April 28 th
Jack Sutton	April 28 th
Mandi Roskam	April 29 th
Ken Versteeg	April 29 th
Alicia Collura	April 30 th
Mandy Freeseemann	April 30 th
Tom Gannon	April 30 th
Nikki Punt	April 30 th

Special Events

April Anniversaries!

Brad and Erika Thedens	April 16 th
Mark and Kari Kirschenman	April 20 th
Dale and Kirsten Schempp	April 20 th
Scott and Heather Jacobson	April 22 nd
Greg and Kelly Harder	April 25 th
Evie and Jeff Thomson	April 21 st
Vince and Arlene Lange	April 26 th
Jeremy and Kerri Tietgen	April 29 th

Spirit of Joy publicizes birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter for information, but also as a way to encourage our partners to pray for one another throughout the year. If you have a April birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office, 333-2004.



Spirit of Joy Dinner Groups!



SoJ Dinner Groups will be gathering again in March & April. We will be offering not only Sunday afternoon groups but a Saturday evening group. SoJ partners and friends are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and food Saturday evening, **April 9th** from 6:00-8:00pm, Sunday afternoon, **April 10th** from 12:30-2:30pm and Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. If you would like to get your name on the dinner list please contact Char Sorum, 334-3541.

We are looking for people that would like to open their homes to host one of these gatherings. Please contact Char Sorum, 334-3541 if you would be able to host one of these dinner events.

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Holy Week 2011

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, April 17th

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.-The Passion Story with Holy Communion

10:00-*Welcome Reception for Pastor Wold Freeman and her family*

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

6:30 p.m.-Holy Communion and Stripping of Altar

Good Friday, April 22nd

6:30 p.m.-Prayer around the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 24th

7:30 a.m.- (Just after) Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

8:45 a.m.- Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord!

10:00 a.m.-Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m.- Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord!

