

July 2011

# WINDSWEPT

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

## Bread for the Journey



Pastor Rebecca Freeman

### 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.

*"Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them..."*  
*John 6: 11*

Eleven years ago, I had the great opportunity to meet Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche communities, and a spiritual hero of mine. He came to Minnesota to receive an award at St. John's University, but along the way, he made a stop in Minneapolis to speak at Augsburg College. I had the privilege of picking him up at the airport and welcoming him to my home state. But the question soon arose, "How would I best welcome him?" I brought this question to someone who knew Jean well, and she said that more than anything, he would appreciate a loaf of good, hearty bread.

In the book *Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life*, the opening story describes the nourishment and the consolation that bread gives. It says, *"During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, 'Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow.'"*



We, too, celebrate the gift of bread and wine each week as we share in the Lord's supper. Christ welcomes us, brings us new life and nourishes us as we join each other at the table. As Henri Nouwen says, it is here that we are assured that we are God's beloved. Just as Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it, so too we are taken, blessed, broken and shared to be bread for our neighbor.

From the manna in the wilderness to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, God's people are nourished with bread. As we live as God's beloved, may God continue to nurture our commitment to being bread for one another!

### Growing in Faith this Summer

**30 Minutes in the Garden** - Join Katherine in the prayer garden at 8 am Sunday mornings for some favorite Old Testament Bible stories. Experience how these ancient stories continue to carry good news for us today. We'll be done in time to gather together for worship at 8:45. If raining, we'll meet in the Galilee Room. **Dates: July 17, and August 21.**

**Walk and Worship** - Join Pastor Rebecca in our prayer garden and outdoor labyrinth to hear a "journeying" story from the Bible.



After hearing God's word, we invite you to **journey with Jesus** by walking the labyrinth or spending contemplative time in the prayer garden. If raining, we'll meet indoors. **Dates: July 20 and August 24.**

We invite you to join us for some quiet and peaceful times of reflection, prayer and encouragement.

### Earthcare Team Report...

#### Green Team Meeting

**Wednesday, July 6th at 7 pm at Spirit of Joy**

Join us for a second conversation—how can Spirit of Joy be a faithful steward of the gifts of land and resources entrusted to us here at 2208 W. Laquinta? And how can we be witness to earthcare to each other and to our community?

In June it was clear that our congregation is *already* well engaged in joyful earthcare! How?

- Recycling of paper, plastics, glass, and aluminum
- Use of ceramics rather than Styrofoam/paper mugs/dishes
- Auto lights in bathrooms
- Auto climate controls to conserve energy year around
- Promotion of Fair Trade products and use of Fair Trade coffee for all events
- Community gardening—sharing our abundance of land
- Landscaping that is beautiful and promotes wildlife habitat
- Multiple garden/landscaping tours throughout the year
- Our cleaning service uses all "green" products
- Summer AC energy saving program through X-Cel Energy

#### How can we joyfully model more earthcare practices?

Watch for a "green" suggestion box coming soon in our gathering space. If you would like to join the conversation, we'll see you here **Wednesday, July 6th.**



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### Pandamania VBS

*Where God is wild about you!*

**July 24 - 28, 2011**

Register today! Online at [spiritofjoy.net](http://spiritofjoy.net)  
Or Michele Almquist [michele@sio.midco.net](mailto:michele@sio.midco.net)

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There will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers on **Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Please plan on attending if you have signed up to help during the week of VBS. We will go over job specifics and answer any questions about the VBS program. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Tracy Kolb or Sarah Yee.

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Decoration Supplies Needed!! We need **large** cardboard tubes from carpet rolls or large fabric rolls, brown paper grocery sacks, artificial plants (just to borrow for the week), any type of tropical/bamboo/jungle-looking decoration. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time, preferably by July 18th.

For more information contact:

[Tracy.Kolb@hilton.com](mailto:Tracy.Kolb@hilton.com) or [ayee@sio.midco.net](mailto:ayee@sio.midco.net)

### Spirit of Joy Book Club

Spirit of Joy Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 5th, 7:00pm at Spirit of Joy. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 3 to Marilee Driver (310-3251 or [mdriver123@sio.midco.net](mailto:mdriver123@sio.midco.net)) if you plan to attend the meeting. Discussion leader is Evie Brower Thompson -- The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes by Diane Chamberlain.

### 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 July 21st at 7:00Pm at the home of Sharon Sopko 4704 Yellowstone Lane. Please call if you plan on attending—334-7686

## Financial Statistics Thru May 31, 2011

### Checking Account:

General Fund	\$ 29,466.48
Building Fund	\$ 11,267.80
Donor Restricted	\$ 12,750.59
Sunday School	\$ 2,371.46

### Savings Accounts:

Building	\$ 77,716.47
Donor Restricted	\$ 79,581.85

**Total Cash Balance** **\$213,154.65**

Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$163,656.22
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$143,432.92
<b>Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 20,223.30</b>

## Comparing Facts and Figures

	May 2009	May 2010	May 2011
Attendance	1148	1029	1558
General Offering	26,252.13	27,001.56	37,734.24
Building Offering	8,178.00	12,725.75	12,017.80

## Spirit of Joy Information

Pastor:	Jeff Eisele
Pastor:	Rebecca Freeman
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

### Summer Worship Schedule

**Sunday: 8:45am & 10:15am**

Nursery available for children accompanied by parent.

Location: 2208 W. LaQuinta Street

**Website: [www.spiritofjoy.net](http://www.spiritofjoy.net)**

*Windswept is published the last Thursday of every month. All submissions are due in the office by the Thursday prior to publication.*

## Library News: Opening Soon!



The adult section of the new church library will be opening in August. Watch the bulletin for details. The children's section is still in progress, with many books on order.

There are currently almost 300 books in the adult section. They are organized by category, such as Biograph, Prayer and Devotions, Fiction, etc., so they will be easy to find. There is a special reference sections with a set of Bible commentaries. You will be able to do reserce on each book of the Bible.

Everyone is welcome to use the library whenever the church is open. Books may be checked out - the honor system - and borrowed for one month. Hope to see you at the library soon!

*Check out the display in the church narthex and see if there is a book or books you would like to donate.*

If you have questions, please contact one of the library team members; Josephine Spencer, Suzanne and Gary

## You are invited to be a Spirit of Joy Companion!

We all know what it's like to be new. We can all probably think of situations in which we've been welcomed well and when we have not. Hospitality and welcome are core gospel values and are essential parts of the Spirit of Joy community. As Spirit of Joy commits to its core value of radical hospitality, we are excited to offer the opportunity for each New Partner to be accompanied by a Spirit of Joy Companion at the time of the Fall Discovery Class.

What does it mean to be a Spirit of Joy Companion? Companion comes from two Latin words - "com" meaning "with," and "panis" meaning "bread." At its root, companion means, "with bread." To be a Spirit of Joy Companion, all it takes is a gracious and welcoming spirit. You all qualify!

A wise Spirit of Joy partner just shared with me that it is essential that *everybody* at SoJ knows *somebody*. To make that happen, we would love for you to be a Spirit of Joy Companion!

Would you like to learn more? Pastor Rebecca would love to talk to you about it. Please contact her at [Rebecca@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:Rebecca@spiritofjoy.net) or 333-2004.



### Blood Mobile!

The Blood Mobile will be at SoJ

**Sunday, July 31st  
from 8:30-12:30pm.**

Donating does not take long and helps to save lives!

- You must be at least 17
- Be in general good health
- Eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of water

**Sign-up in the narthex.**

### Community Offering

For the month of July we will be collecting:



### Macaroni & Cheese

*Please leave your donation in the basket in the church narthex.*

### Thank You

Dear Spirit of Joy,

Thank you so much for allowing me to use Spirit of Joy's facilities for my recital/graduation celebration! It was wonderful to be supported by friends and family. As for post-graduation plans, I will be attending Boston University in the fall for a two year Master of Music program in Musicology. The degree is a combination of research, analysis, writing and performing. Moving to Boston is a very exciting and scary prospect and I am hoping for the best. This summer I am spending my time studying for the fall and working on new repertoire, including Prokofiev, Ligheti, and Rachmaninoff. They are challenging pieces but quite rewarding.

Thank you again for the kindness and support; I am greatly appreciative.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Clayton

### Home Meal Delivery



The Outreach Team is going to organize "Home Meal Delivery" for our Congregation partners who have suffered from illness, injury and have given child birth. We are projecting that 20 volunteers will be needed to prepare and deliver meals to these partners. It is the intent to offer a frozen entree for emergencies, as well as fresh prepared meals, with no volunteer having to prep and deliver more than one meal per month.

Within the near future we will have a bulletin and signup sheets to gather volunteers for this outreach project.

### Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

Spirit of Joy will be serving at the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at East Side Lutheran Church (10<sup>th</sup> Street and Cliff Ave.) We need 4 to 6 volunteers (some heavy lifting) to unload the grocery truck at 4:30pm. We will also need 14 to 16 more people to help with the distribution of groceries starting at 5:15pm. If you are able to help please sign up on the sheet on the table in our gathering area.

We are collecting **tuna and tuna helper** to distribute at the Mobile Food Pantry. The tuna and tuna helper can be dropped off in the basket located in the church narthex.



**We need your help!**

Our goal is to collect 200 cans of tuna and tuna helper. **We are short of our goal and need your help!**

There are children all over the world who need a forever family. Could you be a resource for a child in need of a family? Bethany Christian Services of Eastern South Dakota is holding an informational meeting to learn more about domestic and international adoption in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

**When: Wednesday July 13, 2011**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Where: Bethany Christian Services**

**400 S Sycamore Ave Ste 105-2**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57110**

Please RSVP to save your seat at 605.336.6999 or email us at [bcssiouxfalls@bethany.org](mailto:bcssiouxfalls@bethany.org).

Contact person: Judee Howard or Joyce Hurley

## Prayers of the Church

### *Healing and Strength for:*

\***Melvadeen Neely; Dick Waggoner; Ken Starks; Jackie Hanson** (mother of Jodi Hanson); **Madeline Winterton** (mother of Alice Christensen and Gloria Winterton); **Al Bortnem** (father of Jason Bortnem); **Genevieve Sorum** (mother of Dick Sorum)

### *Comfort for:*

\***Greg Van Meter and his family** as they grieve the death of Greg's father, **Burdette Van Meter**

### *Thanksgiving for:*

\*the birth of twin girls **Kendall Claire** and **Taylor Lynn** to **Kelli and Jay Yungbluth** on June 20th.  
\*the baptisms of **Quinn Harrison Van Well**, son of **Jeremy & Michelle VanWell**; and **Oliver John Punt**, son of **Adam and Brittni Punt**, on June 19th  
\*the one year anniversary of the successful kidney transplant from **Deb Nelson** to **Mike Schroeder**.

### *Guidance, Protection and Encouragement for:*

\*For **Samuel Eisele**, Young Adult in Global Mission in Mexico City, as he prepares to come home this month.  
\***Residents of Minot, Pierre, Fort Pierre, Yankton, Dakota Dunes** and other places in our region whose lives and property are threatened by floods.  
\***All who struggle for peace in Libya, Palestine and Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Afganistan**, especially all soldiers, diplomats, and relief workers; and for **neighbors who await the safe return** of loved ones working for peace far from home.  
\*For our Bishops **Mark Hanson** and **David Zellmer**



**Joy Ranch** is nearing completion! Spirit of Joy partners visited the ranch for possible retreat options in 2012. It is beautiful! Youth and adult camp/retreat opportunities abound!

## July Bible Conversation 4-Week series

Friday Mornings at 9-10 am beginning July 15th

We will explore the Bible book of

## NUMBERS

How can these ancient writings still speak to us? You may be surprised at what we discover.

**Be the first on your block to study the book of Numbers!** No Bible expertise needed. We're all learners.



If you would like to join us, please reserve your **participant book**. Contact Katherine to reserve your copy.  
[family@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:family@spiritofjoy.net)

## Come and Worship... and meet our summer guests!

This July and August Spirit of Joy will have the pleasure of welcoming several partners and guests who will lead us in worship and share God's Good News:

### July 10th-Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen

Ingrid is our seminary student who has been attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul; she will begin her internship in West St. Paul this fall.

### July 24th-Pat and Roe Eidsness

Pat and Roe are serving as mission developers of WestSide Lutheran Church in northwest Sioux Falls.

### July 31st-Sarah Rohde

Sarah is our seminary student who's been attending the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago; she will begin her internship in New York City in August.

### August 14th-Samuel Eisele

Samuel has been representing Spirit of Joy as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer in Mexico for the past year.

# The Body of Christ



Thanks to everyone who provided pictures this month.

## Pheasants Baseball Game



The Joyful Classics summer event is a Pheasants Game and Picnic on Sunday, August 14, at 5:05. We reserved a party deck for 25 people. The combined price of your game ticket and picnic is \$25.00 per person. If you are interested send a check to Marilyn Gannon to hold your reservation. If you would like to attend Contact Tom and Marilyn Gannon at [TomGannon@msn.com](mailto:TomGannon@msn.com) or call 271-2275.

## Garden Help Needed



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 Spirit of Joy.

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

## Christian Parenting Picnic

The Christian Parenting Small Group will be meeting for a family picnic on **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** at



Tuthill Park. Pizza will be ordered, keeping it simple and time for everyone to relax and enjoy meeting everyone's family! Please contact Jared & Nancy Brockmueller at [nbrockmueller@hotmail.com](mailto:nbrockmueller@hotmail.com) or

call 605-351-8274 if you are able to attend.

## SoJ Softball Team!



Come cheer on your SoJ co-ed softball team on Monday nights at beautiful Sherman Park. (right next to the zoo.)

### July Schedule:

July 11th: 9:00pm (field C)

July 18th: 6:30pm (field A)

July 25th: 6:30pm (field D) & 7:45pm (field C)



Please join us for the Third Annual  
Golf with the Bishop Event  
**18 Hole, Four-Person Scramble**  
**Monday, July 11th**

**Minnehaha Country Club,**  
**1:30 pm Shotgun Start**

Teams may register with Karen Rollag at  
[kraigr@alliancecom.net](mailto:kraigr@alliancecom.net)

Or call 212-5441

For more information, visit [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org)



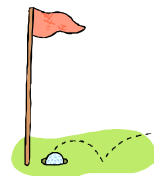
## Spirit of Joy Golfers

**Sunday July 10th**

**Tee times start at 2 PM**

**Spring Creek Golf Course**

**Anyone can participate in this fun scramble.**



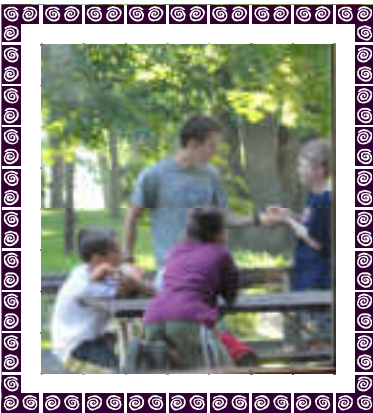
Format: Two Person Scramble

Men: GOLD Tees Women: Red Tees

You must use each team members' drive one time. All players must hit from within one club length of the selected shot when off green and 1 putter head length when on green. You may not improve the lie of the ball. Once ball is holed out that is your team score.

**PLEASE RSVP by June 7th to Ken Munch**  
**at [starken@sio.midco.net](mailto:starken@sio.midco.net) or 334 9969**

## Windows



This is a photo taken through a window from inside the dining hall at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. I tried to catch our campers at different activities at camp: swimming, eating, on “KP” duty, worshipping, goofing off. They were busy guys! And so were their counselors. The young men and women who were leading our campers were patient, funny, helpful, serious about their faith, and loving. They were also “**windows**” for our kids into the heart of God. Through their ministry of caring, acceptance and genuine love, they were windows for “seeing” how much God loves, cares and accepts us, too.

I am grateful for all the “**windows**” God has called into camp ministry this summer. Please keep all these wonderful young Christians in your prayers this summer, including our Inga Rohde in Montana. They are all “windows” into God’s heart for so many.

Katherine Eisele

## Women’s Fall Retreat

September 23-24, 2011

### Reservation deadline August 30th!

Expect faith nurturing, rest, and soul tending, and Bible conversations. **One night. One great time away with Spirit of Joy friends and partners.** Shetek Lutheran Ministries—90 minutes away. Pick up an information sheet at the retreat display table in the Gathering Space.

**Reservation deadline: Please reserve your place with your \$68 reservation fee by August 30th.**



This year’s theme will encompass all the ages and stages of our lives as women—and how God is present with us with every step we take.

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## Prayer for Spirit of Joy’s Earthcare Mission



Good and Gracious God,  
 Creator of the amazingly intricate and vast web of life.  
 We celebrate the gift of your creation—truly a form of heaven on earth.  
 We thank you for this beautiful piece of land that bears our name.  
 Guide us in our discernment as we seek an action plan for Spirit of Joy.  
 But first transform each of us so that our own hearts might be greener. Let our actions spring out of a spirit of celebration, creativity, and hopefulness rather than legalism and judgment.  
 Empower us that we may empower others.  
 Help us to focus on small first steps so that no one will be overwhelmed with the magnitude of the challenge.  
 Eventually, may the impact be felt in our own lives, our congregational life, and beyond to our city, region, nation and world.  
 And may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!  
 Amen.

Prayer written by Chris Moech for Spirit of Joy first earthcare team gathering, June 8, 2011.

## Upcoming Events for Spirit of Joy Families

July 4 ~ **Happy Independence Day!**

July 10—14 ~ **Canoe Trip** on the Namekagon River—Confirmation students and adult leaders. Happy paddling!

July 12 ~ **VBS Volunteer Meeting** 6:30 at Spirit of Joy

July 13 ~ Volunteering Opportunity for **Kid’s Club** at Augustana Lutheran Church. We will read and provide lunch!

July 24-28 ~ **VBS Pandamania!**



## Western North Dakota Flooding Update

Bishop Mark Narum of the Western North Dakota Synod shares with us the following updates on flooding in their synod:

6/26/11

We have crested about two feet lower than the worst projections. While that is good news, it is still three feet above the highest recorded flood stage reached in 1881. At this point I know that flood waters are in the main sanctuary of Augustana and Christ Lutheran in Minot, and am guessing that Peace Lutheran at Burlington has water in the basement. First Lutheran in Minot is protected by a dike (which is 15 to 20 feet tall depending on the location according to the Corp of Engineers) and Oak Valley Lutheran at Velva has been evacuated.

Last evening and this morning I worshipped in three of our four current locations in Minot. I saw lots of tears, heard awesome sermons, and had a chance to talk with evacuees and host families. I heard one pastor, who currently has two feet of water on the main floor of his house, talk about taking a break yesterday and getting a huge hug from his four year old granddaughter. He talked of how that is what all of us need to be doing now - caring for each other as Christ cares for us. I also heard a young first call pastor, who does not know if he has a home to return to, preach the most powerful sermon I have heard in a long time about how God is not done yet. It was a sermon of deep truth; life bites right now as we are floating but God is faithful.

I stopped at one of the television stations this morning and spent about 15 minutes talking with the anchor person, live on-air, about lament and the need to drop our independent ways and begin to reach out to one another. God has gifted us so that we can do this. The anchor, along with at least three other members of the television staff, are now homeless. I got a call after I got off the air and was told by the person they were glad to be Lutheran. I talked about how currently the city officials, Corp of Engineers, National Guard, and others were working to keep us safe in this crisis but behind the scenes people are at work ready to help with rebuilding.

I worry deeply about our rostered leaders. They are either homeless or, if they have a home, feeling guilty.

I spent an hour at the National Guard Emergency Operations Center. My younger brother is a Sgt. Major working most of the day (like lots of soldiers) and grabbing a couple of hours of sleep in a back office. He introduced me to one of the National Guard Chaplains, an ELCA Lutheran from Fargo, ND, Cory Bjertness. Soldiers are well served by faithful people like this. Wow!



Christ Lutheran Church, Minot ND

So what next? We are told that it will take 14 days for the river to get back within the banks. It is estimated that there are 4,000 homes in Minot alone that will need to be gutted. We have lots of work to do. Thanks to all of you who have sent words of support. I have passed them along. These words are important for the people in the midst of the devastations. Keep us in your prayers. I am concerned for all of the congregations involved, and the rostered leaders. I will continue to keep you informed of ways that you can help.

Blessings,

Bishop Mark Narum  
Western North Dakota Synod

Please keep in your prayers all who are being affected by flooding and spring disasters.

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00am WELCA Tour SoJ Gardens
<b>3</b> 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00pm Book Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30am-Men's Bible Study  7:00pm-Food to You	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship  Confirmation Ca- noe Trip departs	<b>11</b>  9:00pm Softball	<b>12</b>  6:30 VBS Volunteer meeting.	<b>13</b> 9:00 Kid's Club at Augustana Lutheran  City Garden Tour departs SoJ 9:00am & 6:00pm	<b>14</b> 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9:00am Numbers Bible Study  11:00 pm Samuel Eisele returns from Mexico!	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 "30 Minutes in the Garden"  8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship	<b>18</b>  6:30pm-Softball	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00pm- Walk & Worship	<b>21</b> 6:30am-Men's Bible Study  7:00pm-Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Numbers Bible Study	<b>23</b>
<b>2</b> 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship  <b>6:00-8:30pm VBS</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>6:00-8:30pm VBS</b>  6:30pm-Softball	<b>26</b>  <b>6:00-8:30pm VBS</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>6:00-8:30pm VBS</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30am-Men's Bible Study  <b>6:00-8:30pm VBS</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Numbers Bible Study	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship <b>8:30-12:30</b> <b>Blood Bank</b>						



## July Birthdays!

Joyce Baumgartner  
Trevor Samuelson  
Correen Major  
Jason Appel  
Marcy Colwell  
Parker Cole  
Mary Lou Savold  
Christa Henderson  
Wyatt Yager  
Griffin Petersen

Brenda Eden  
Brady Woitzel  
Peggy Arnoldy  
Brett Hanson  
Gloria Winterton  
Brett Flittie  
Rachel Nelson  
Bob Severtson  
Allison Ammon  
Tori Tams

Steve Selchert  
Kyle Hendrix  
Mary Nelson  
Alma Tonsager  
Mackenzie Almquist  
Megan Nelson  
Katie Padilla  
Erin Watt  
Tate Wishard



## July Anniversaries!

Joseph Holt and Karen Soli	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rodney and Brenda Eden	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Kurt and Becky Peppel	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave and Karie Geyer	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Paul and Susan Rohde	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger and Diana Ryan	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Orvin and Melody Torstenson	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark and Rosie Wagner	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ron and Elaine Frary	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joel and Linda Christensen	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Russ and Jodi Pixler	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chad and Mandi Roskam	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
Jared and Kim Ducommun	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gary and Monica Huber	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Tim and Erika Hazlett	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Pam Schroeder	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ryan and Laurie Dokken	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jay and Kelly Yungbluth	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Darren and Sarah Manthey	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Alec and Joyce Boyce	July 27 <sup>th</sup>
Ryan and Nikki Punt	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Paul and Ingrid Rasmussen	July 30 <sup>th</sup>
John and Jacci Nickell	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	David and Alma Tonsager	July 31 <sup>st</sup>
Jason and Heather Ahrendt	July 13 <sup>th</sup>		

*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 July birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office, 333-2004 or [info@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:info@spiritofjoy.net)*

## Nursery Co-op



It is a blessing and a joy to worship with and share in community with all of our little ones at Spirit of Joy. Children captivate us, transform us and invite us to a deeper trust in God.

We love for our children to be in worship. We also love to provide the resources needed to feed all families in worship. When a young child desires nursery time during the worship service, very often parents miss out on opportunities to sit through an entire worship service. Because of this, we are putting together a nursery coop where nursery attendants would rotate week after week.

Do you love children? Are you looking for a life-giving way to serve our community? We invite you to give the Nursery Coop a try! For more information, please contact Pastor Rebecca: [Rebecca@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:Rebecca@spiritofjoy.net) or 333-2004. Thank you!

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