

March 2011

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Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Who Would Jesus Bless?



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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Matthew 5:1

The preamble to the United States Constitution states: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The poetic words of this preamble characterize in a single sentence a vision of what the founders of our nation believed the USA was, and would become.

In a similar way, the first verses of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew 5-7 and referred to as the Beatitudes, make up the "preamble" for Jesus' vision of the kingdom of heaven come to earth. You can only understand the rest of Jesus' Sermon by reading it through these verses of instruction that teach, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek...."

Sometimes the Beatitudes have been presented as prescriptions for happiness or requirements for discipleship. But they are neither prescriptions nor requirements, and they're not about how to get happy or blessed. Jesus sees the crowds and his disciples, and announces who God's grace surprisingly lands on as Jesus sends it tumbling down from the mountaintop.

This announcement was as stunning and contrary to the first "congregation" who heard it as it is today. Matthew tells us that the first crowds to follow Jesus were ill in all sorts of ways. The early Church suffered isolation and persecution on top of the usual things life throws at people of every century: sickness, death, injustice, conflict. Conventional wisdom then and now assumes the blessed life is one free of poverty and grief, and includes the realization of personal ambitions and dreams. How is it possible for the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and the persecuted, among others to qualify as blessed?

Beginning on Ash Wednesday this month, we're going to hear and claim the blessings extended by Jesus in the Beatitudes, and look together at what it looks like to live as people blessed to be a blessing. Come and see. JE



Small Group ABCs at Spirit of Joy

- A: **Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study** – Meets every Thursday, 6:30 am at Cracker Barrel.
Contact: Bill Briehar wjb@sio.midco.net or Chris Bergst cgbergst@msn.com
- B: **Soul Sisters** – Moms of young children meet for fun/fellowship. Meets monthly. Next gathering March 8th. (See info page 8.) Contact: Kerri Teitgen kerriswee@msn.com
- C: **Retreat in the Real World** – Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. 30 minute prayer and discussion.
Contact: Pastor Paul Rohde sprohde@hotmail.com
- D: **Film and Faith** – NEW group. Next meeting March 20th at 6:30 pm at SOJ to discuss “Secretariat.”
Contact: Pastor Jeff Eisele 333-2004 jeffeisele@spiritofjoy.net
- E: **Prayer and Devotional Life** – NEW group meeting to explore ways to strengthen and nourish our prayer and spiritual lives in Christ. Contact Laura Phillips: lauraphillips@fca.org for next mtg time/place.
- F: **Young Adults Group** – NEW group meets twice a month. Topics and meeting sites will vary.
Contact: Kristen Wilcox: kjwilcox215@gmail.com for next meeting time and place.
- G: **The Greatest Story** – NEW 16 week Friday 9 am Bible Story overview. All are welcome.
Contact: Katherine Eisele: family@spiritofjoy.net
- H: **Christian Parenting** – NEW group. How to raise my kids in the faith? Join other SOJ parents asking the same questions. Contact: Jared & Nancy Brockmueller: jared.brockmueller@poet.com for next mtg.
- I: **Women's Book Club** – Tuesday, March 1st 7 pm at Jo Cannon's home: 707 W. Batcheller Lane. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. April's book: *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carleton.
Contact: Star M. starken@sio.midco.net or Marilee D. mdriver123@sio.midco.net
- J: **Spirit of Joy Golfers** – NEW group will golf together this spring/summer/fall. All levels welcome.
Contacts: Ken and Star Munch starken@sio.midco.net
- K: **Women's Bible Study** – Monthly study using Lutheran Women Today magazine. Next meeting is March 17th at Josephine Spencer's home, 5708 Shadow Wood Place. 332-3302
- L: **Faith and Sports** – NEW group that will focus on faith and sports and other “guy stuff.” Next meeting March 22nd at Spirit of Joy. Contact Daryl Sopko: 333-2004 or info@spiritofjoy.net
- M: **Joyful Classics** – Over-50 social group. March 27 at 2 pm at church. Happy Birthday party to celebrate everyone's birthday! Contact: Carla pikespk71@yahoo.com or Marilyn tomgannon@msn.com
- N: **Good God Questions** – NEW Monday group will meet at church at 11:45 am. BYO lunch. Good questions. Good company. Contact: Kerri Teitgen: kerriswee@msn.com
- O: **Spirit of Joy Woodworkers**—Meets for special Spirit of Joy woodworking projects such as cabinetry, shelving, and our very special Faith Chests. Contact: Dick Sorum: chardick2@sio.mico.net

Current details and meeting information can be found on the Spirit of Joy website: www.spiritofjoy.net If you have updates on topics/activities/ meeting information for your small group, please contact us at info@spiritofjoy.net so we can update our webpage. Look for the links to small group information with the logo to the right:

We keep all our small groups—old and new—in our prayers as they grow together in Christ's love.



Financial Statistics Thru January 31, 2010

Checking Account:	
General Fund	\$ 17,957.96
Building Fund	\$ 43,346.63
Donor Restricted	\$ 9,666.79
Sunday School	\$ 2,270.00
Savings Accounts:	
Building	\$ 50,957.73
Donor Restricted	\$ 79,514.27
Total Cash Balance	\$203,780.95
Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$ 38,348.71
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$ 27,980.59
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	\$ 10,368.12

Comparing Facts and Figures

	January 2009	January 2010	January 2011
Attendance	1126	1476	1350
General Offering	\$21,793.67	\$26,946.94	\$38,344.12
Building Offering	\$15,529.72	\$7,856.00	\$12,742.80

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

Spirit of Joy Annual Winter Meeting

Following is a summary of the Feb 6th Annual Meeting:
 The meeting was called to order by President Ken Versteeg.
 Secretary, Treasurer, Growth team, Ministry Resource Team, Worship Team, Outreach Team and staf reports were given and approved. Complete copies of these reports are available in the church office.
 Pastor Jeff thanked the congregation and the staff for all they have done this past year. Pastor Jeff will be participating in a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Mission and Leadership degree program.
 Lori Berdahl reported that the Call Committee will soon be presenting a name to the Leadership Team for the part-time position for Pastor of Congregation Connections.

Election of Nominating Committee – Ken Versteeg asked for additional names for the 2011 Nominating Committee. Two members shall be outgoing members of this year’s Leadership Team (Ken Versteeg and Gene Kruse). Names brought forth during the meeting: **Jeff Holcomb; Char Sorum; Star Munch; Arden Yee.** Approved by unanimous ballot.

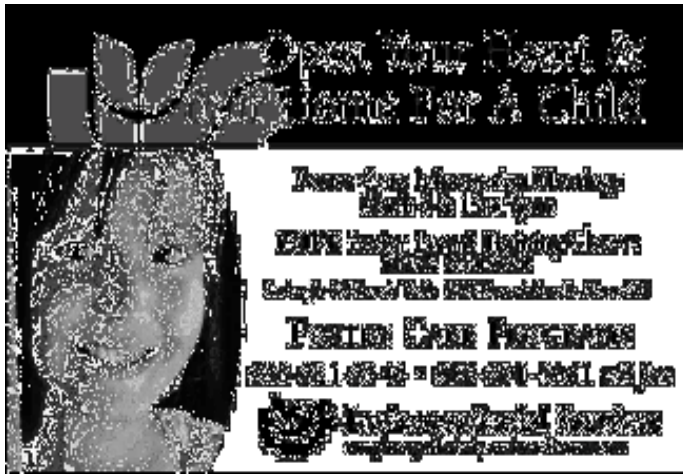
Election of one male and one female representative to SD Synod Assembly (Friday-Saturday, June 11-12 at Augustana College).

Laura Phillips and Fran Phillips
 Approved by unanimous ballot.

Complete minutes are available in the church office.

Special Congregation Meeting

Spirit of Joy will hold a special congregational meeting **Sunday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.**
 The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on our call committee and leadership teams’ recommendation to extend a call to Pastor **Rebecca Wold Freeman** to become part time Pastor for Congregation Connections. All confirmed partners are encouraged to attend.



Help Build One More House

Beauty and the Beast
April 5-7, 2011
at the Washington Pavilion

Use promo code "**Cogsworth**" when purchasing tickets online, over the phone, or at the Washington Pavilion box office and 10% of each ticket sale will help build a local home through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls. <http://www.beautyandthebeastontour.com/>



To buy tickets on line go to: <https://boxoffice.washingtonpavilion.org/online/> and don't forget Promo Code **Cogsworth!**

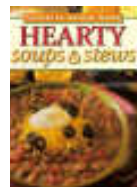


A CHANCE TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES

Spirit of Joy will sponsor and provide volunteers for the distribution of groceries and hygiene items at East Side Lutheran Church.

Thursday, March 3rd
5:00-8:00pm

Able bodied adults are invited to sign up to help unload, organize, and distribute items. A few "earlybirds" are needed and should sign up to be on hand by 4:30pm to help with unloading and preparations. Others will need to be at East Side no later than 5:10pm. A limited number of middle and high school youth are welcome to help along with the adults. No elementary youth please.



All friends and partners of Spirit of Joy are asked to donate hearty soup – the Food of the Month for March. We need to collect over 150 containers of hearty soup for distribution on March 3rd.

The sign-up sheet and collection bins for the soup are in the narthex. Please feel free to contact Karen Soli, Food to You Coordinator, with questions or concerns, foodtoyou@siouxfalls.org

Sharing Christ's Joy and Blessings

Spirit of Joy has voted to share 10% of the money received in our Sharing Christ's Joy and Blessings 3-year building debt reduction campaign to support ministries beyond our walls. This tithe will be paid in \$10,000 increments for every \$100,000 received.

The votes are in and the ministries that you have selected in order that the tithe will be paid are:

1. **Food 2 You Mobile Food Pantry**
2. **Children's Inn**
3. **Heartland House**
4. **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**
5. **Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries**
6. **Shriners' Hospitals for Children**

Information about each of these ministries is located in the church narthex.

Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

***Bob Mayer; Dick Waggoner; Jackie Hanson; Carrie Hawkins** (daughter of Larry and Sandy Gruseth); and the yet to be born twins of **Jenny and Tyler Clementson**

Comfort for:

***Andy Vos** and his family as they mourn the death of Andy's father, Jim Vos

Praise and Thanksgiving for:

*Holy Baptisms of **Brody James Fink**, son of **Justin and Lisa Fink**; and **Briggs Edward Appel** son of **Jason and Jamie Appel**, on February 27th

Guidance, Protection and Encouragement for:

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

*For those serving in the military in Afghanistan and Iraq: **Amber Selchert** and **Eric Vargas**

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

***All who struggle for freedom** in the Middle East.

Faithful and Courageous Discernment for:

*Our congregation as we meet to consider calling **Rebecca Wold Freeman** to the part time position of pastor for congregation connections.

A Mardi Gras Prayer

for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday

(from the online ministries of Creighton University)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for it is from your goodness that we have this day
to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Prepare us for tomorrow.

Tasting the fullness of what we have today,
let us experience some hunger tomorrow.

May our fasting make us more alert
and may it heighten our consciousness
so that we might be ready to hear your Word
and respond to your call.

We ask you these graces
with our hearts full of delight
and stirring with readiness for
the journey ahead.

We ask them with confidence
in the name of Jesus our Lord.



Come and Worship!

The Way of Blessing (The Beatitudes-Matthew 5:1-10)

Through these words, and through his alternative way in the world, Jesus points to a God who is always doing something new, a God who engages this world with healing mercy, endless compassion, and liberating justice. We see a God who is most concerned about those who have the least. The beatitudes give us not only a way to see God, but a way to see our world. At the same time, they invite us to participate in the blessed way of God's rule and reign.

In each of our midweek worship services during the season of Lent we'll examine one of the Beatitudes Jesus proclaimed in his Sermon on the Mount:

Ash Wednesday, March 9th

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Wednesday, March 16th

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Wednesday, March 23rd

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Wednesday, March 30th

Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Wednesday, April 6th

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Wednesday, April 13th

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

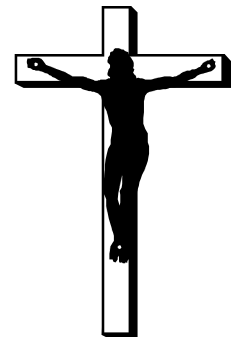
Maundy Thursday, April 21st

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Good Friday, April 22nd

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

In these midweek worship experiences, we'll use drama, video clips, guest speakers and other creative worship practices to show how the Beatitudes are both an invitation and a gift.



The Body of Christ



Thanks to everyone who provided pictures this month.



Save the Date for SoJ
VBS "Pandamania"

July 24 -28

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join in the fun this summer as "Pandamania" comes to Spirit of Joy.

People interested in helping with Vacation Bible School can contact:

Sara Yee at: ayee@sio.midco.net

Tracy Kolb at: Tracy.Kolb@hilton.com

Camp Sunday—March 13

Calling all campers: young and old, experienced or "first-timers." On Sunday, March 13th, representatives from **Shetek Lutheran Ministries** and **Lutherans Outdoors** will be present with us in worship to share their love for camping ministries. **During the Sunday School hour, grades 2-5** will be visited to learn more about camp. **Parents** are invited to join their 2nd through 5th grade students in the WELL to learn more about camping opportunities this summer.

Have you ever considered taking your **grandchild** to camp? There are opportunities for overnight "**Grandparent Camps**" that are very fun for everyone. There are **backpacking opportunities** this summer in the Black Hills for ambitious men and women!

A little anxious about sending your child to camp for the first time? Please talk to Katherine or to another parent who has sent their child to camp. It's such a great growing experience and can have life-long impact on a child's faith.

Spirit of Joy will be giving small scholarships to children attending camp this summer. *All proceeds from this year's Lenten dinners will go toward camp scholarships.*

See you March 13th for
CAMP SUNDAY!



Lutherans Outdoors
in South Dakota
"We've got just the place for YOU!"

Family Camp at Outlaw Ranch

It's that time of year when we start thinking about summer trips...where we should go and what we should do. Here's an idea, how about spending a week at Family Camp this summer?

Family Camp welcomes all types of families and ages including parents with kids, couples, singles, grandparents with grandkids, step families, and groups of friends.



Scenes from Family Camp at Outlaw Ranch Summer 2008!

Weeks still available for Family Camp:

July 3-8—Bishop David Zellmer & Dr. Anna Madsen

July 17-22—Pastor Lori Hope

July 31-August 5—Dr. Terry Fretheim

August 7-10—Pastor Mary Anna Nelson Loeffke

Camperships Available!!! For more info on camperships and to register contact : Cheryl at 800-888-1464 or email info@losd.org.

Rodeo Bible Camp

The Willow Creek Fellowship of Christian Cowboys

Boys & Girls ages 8-13

June 6-9

Sioux Falls Expo Building



Come experience Rodeo Bible Camp. - Bible Study, singing, horsemanship, roping, goat tying, barrels, mechanical bull riding and more.

Pre-registration due March 15th

For more information contact Pam Winter - 743-5659 or SoJ partner Marsha Kadlecik - 763-587-3406

Senior High Youth Happenings

Thursday, March 3, 5-8 pm East Side Lutheran Church
 Calling all senior high youth, 9th grade mentors and adults engaged with youth to help with food distribution at **Food For You**. Join us for a evening of fun, fellowship and service!!

Sunday, March 6, 6:30-7:30 pm Peer Ministry
 "Peer Ministry is about youth being Christian leaders by caring and welcoming others everyday, everywhere and in every relationship." All confirmation 8th graders, high school youth, adult leaders and parents are invited to come and listen to several adults and youth currently doing this exciting kind of ministry and learn how we might start peer ministry at Spirit of Joy! For more information on peer ministry check out www.everday-everywhere.org



Sunday, March 20, 9:50 - 10:45
 Faith lesson in our newly finished youth room. Come and see the digs and participate in discussion stimulated by watching a DVD on our new TV. Help name our space. Future faith lessons will be on the 2nd Sunday of April and May

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Hope to see you.
 Sign up for Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in SF **facebook** to stay in touch.

Sunday School Scoop



During the month of **March** the Sunday School children will be exploring some of the stories and characters in the **early Christian church**. What do you remember about the Disciple Peter? How about Lydia? All the stories will be taken from the **Book of Acts**. **Acts** is truly an inspiring and amazing history of how the Christian church survived and thrived during the first tumultuous years after Jesus death and resurrection. Take some time to explore this history with your child!

A reminder for parents of **2nd through 5th graders**: **Summer Bible Camp** representatives will be with us **March 13th** with camp information. **Parents are invited to The WELL at 10 am March 13** for more information. Please come!

Contacts: Stacy (371-2314; skock@sio.midco.net) or Christa (332-8210; mhenderson@sio.midco.net)

Soul Sisters

Motivation for a Healthy You



Our next Soul Sister's event will be held on **March 8th at 7:30 at Sanford's Mutch Women's Center for Health Enrichment**. The address is 5019 South Western Ave., Suite 200.

The class is called "Motivation for a Healthy You" Has winter put you in a rut? Get a jumpstart on living a healthy lifestyle this spring.

Put your health goals in drive with tips and tools to get your health wheels turning. You can register at by calling (605) 328-7155 or online at www.mutchwomenscenter.org The cost is \$5.00 and you can bring a friend for free.

For more information on **Soul Sisters** (moms with young children group at Spirit of Joy, contact Kerri Tietgen: kerriswee@msn.com)

Kindergartners! Prayer Milestone

Saturday, March 26th 9:30 am



Parents and kindergartners will explore the gift of prayer through playful learning.

During worship on **Sunday March 27th**, kindergartners will receive their very own **prayer pillow and blessing**. Please plan to attend these special faith milestone events with your child.

Questions? Katherine E.: family@spiritofjoy.net

Upcoming Events for Spirit of Joy Families

- March 6 ~ **Little Lambs** Sunday School (for infants-preschoolers) meets at 9:50 across from the 5th grade classroom.
- March 8 ~ **Soul Sisters** meet at 7:30. See above for information.
- March 9 ~ **Ash Wednesday** Services at 6:30. Bring your family to worship and experience the imposition of ashes.
- March 13 ~ **Camp Sunday** at Spirit of Joy! Come and meet representatives from Shetek and Lutherans Outdoors.
- March 26 ~ Saturday 9:30 am **Prayer Milestone Activity for kindergartners and parents**.
- March 27 ~ **Prayer Pillow Presentation at 8:45 and 11:00 services. For all kindergartners.**





Dakota Gringo

By Samuel Eisele

From Samuels blog Feb 6, 2011:

Life Is Good

It's been a pretty fun weekend - thought I'd jot down some of the stuff I did here on the blog.

Friday (my day off during the week) I woke up to a knock at my door - "Sam, get up, we're going pretty soon!" said Juan, my Mexican host father. I was in bed. "Whaa? Where we goin?" I managed to groan back. Little did I know that Juan had made plans to take me out and about that morning. So, after breakfast Friday morning, we headed to Cuicuilco, a very tiny national park right in Mexico City, very near my house. We took a walk around the place on some pretty trails, Juan telling me about what this place is, was, and how it used to be when he came here in his youth. The main part of the park is a pyramid-like structure of rocks and terraced earth, constructed by indigenous populations centuries ago.



Later we went to another small park where there used to be - so I'm told - a swift, crystal clear stream along which strawberries grew for visitors to eat. Nowadays, there's still a little stream, but virtually no strawberries. We actually came across one, with itty bitty strawberries which we picked - Juan thought it was some sort of miracle that we found some. Connected to the park was a little man-made pond which used to be a swimming pool, and today it is occupied by ducks and turtles.

Saturday after work I went to Kate's house and had lunch (we had delicious *pozole*, mentioned in a previous post and my most recent newsletter) with her and her host family, as well as Stephanie, volunteer and communications director of Amextra. Afterwards, we went to to the plaza of Tlalpan, a quaint little area with great coffee shops and an outdoor market. After enjoying coffee, banana bread, and great conversation, we headed home for the evening.

Today, (Sunday) I went to church with my host family. The service was preceded by the first in a series of Bible studies for young adults (called "Even in the Best Families") that the church is doing, with a focus on different families in the Bible and what we in the 21st century can learn from them. It should be good.

Juan and Rosa had invited a couple of friends from church over for lunch, so after church we came back and enjoyed *quesadillas* and *sopes*, one of my favorite Mexican foods. Our guests just left a few hours ago, and now I'm just hanging out, pondering life and writing it down as I go.

I was trying to come up with a title for this blog post, but "A good weekend" just seemed simple and dull. I really have been enjoying the past few weeks (despite a bit of homesickness!), and I found myself thinking "You know, life is pretty darn good right now." And so there you go. Wherever you are as you read this, I hope your life is going well too!

To read the entire blog visit Samuel's blog site listed below

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
		1 7:00pm-Book Club	2 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:30-Bible Study No Confirmation 6:30-Band 7:15-Choir	3	4	5
6 8:45-Worship 9:50 Education Special Congregation Meeting 11:00-Worship	7 11:45 Good God Questions	8 7:00pm Ministry Teams	9 Ash Wednesday 6:30-Worship Service 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:00-Bible Study No Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	10 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	11 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study	12 Cub Scouts Pine-wood Derby
13 8:45-Worship 9:50-Education 11:00-Worship	14 11:45 Good God Questions	15 7:00pm Leader-ship Team	16 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	17 6:30am-Men's Bible Study 7:00pm-Women's Bible Study	18 9:00am The Greatest Story Bible Study	19
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March Birthdays!

Shelly Wittrock	March 1 st
Lisa Yager	March 1 st
Kelly Harder	March 2 nd
Duane Smith	March 2 nd
Sydney Voss	March 2 nd
Jessica Bettencourt	March 3 rd
Dick Waggoner	March 3 rd
Kailee Versteeg	March 4 th
Preston Craig	March 5 th
Emily Rogness	March 5 th
John Sutton	March 5 th
Soren Weeg	March 5 th
Ingrid Rasmussen	March 6 th
Susan South	March 7 th
Alex Jensen	March 9 th
Kevin Nelson	March 9 th
Ryan Johnson	March 10 th
Mark Wagner	March 10 th
Michael Detert	March 11 th
Cheryl Larson	March 11 th
Michael Bertsch	March 12 th
Elise Holcomb	March 13 th
Inga Rohde	March 13 th
Dion Pease	March 14 th
Arlene Drew	March 15 th
Nathan Dokken	March 17 th
Jaysie Witkop	March 17 th
Susan Hagebock	March 19 th
Sara Wishard	March 20 th
Kerri Tietgen	March 21 st
Ainsley Jacobson	March 22 nd
Laurie Clayton	March 23 rd
Elaine Frary	March 23 rd
Ray Iwen	March 23 rd
Randy Witkop	March 23 rd
Brian DeVries	March 25 th
Brooklyn DeVries	March 25 th
Josh Krull	March 25 th
Terri Bierman	March 26 th
Brian Rehnke	March 26 th
Jace Eckert	March 27 th
Afton Keller	March 27 th
Jeremy Tietgen	March 27 th
Sharon Sopko	March 28 th
Jericka Nolmans	March 30 th

March Anniversaries!

Bob and DeNay Hendrix	March 5 th
David and LaDonna Zellmer	March 6 th
Dick and Char Sorum	March 16 th
Scott and Shelly Wittrock	March 21 st
Bob and Jeanie Mayer	March 25 th
Ken and Sharon Starks	March 28 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 March birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office, 333-2004.

Joyful Classics Birthday Party



Save the date. Sunday afternoon, **March 27th**, for the Joyful Classics Birthday Party. Come to SoJ at 2:00 to play birthday games and eat cake and ice cream. We'll celebrate everyone's birthday on that date. For more information contact, Dennis & Sandy Ellingsen, Ron & Elaine Frary or Tom & Marilyn Gannon.

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, **March 19th** from 6:00-8:00pm, Sunday afternoon, **March 20th** from 12:30-2:30pm and Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. April dates are the 9th and 10th. Watch for your invitation in the next few days.

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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The Way of Blessing

Join Spirit of Joy this Lent for midweek worship experiences that will lead you into the Beatitudes and over the Way of Blessing

Ash Wednesday, March 9th

6:30 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays, March 16th, 23rd and 30th

5:30-6:15: Soup and Sandwich Supper
(A voluntary will be received for camp scholarships.)

6:30-7:00: Worship

