

May 2011

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Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

“Threatened with Resurrection”

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” – John 20:19



Pastor Rebecca Freeman

The disciples gathered on the Sunday evening of the resurrection behind closed doors, trying to lock out all of their fears, but you and I know, locking out fears is not a thing of the past.

I recently read a book called *The Active Life* by Parker Palmer in which he references Julia Esquivel’s poem, “Threatened with Resurrection.”

Reflecting on her poem, Palmer writes, “Every life is lived toward a horizon, a distant vision of what lies ahead. The quality of our action depends heavily on whether that horizon is dark with death or full of light and life...We may become paralyzed, unable to act freely. We may become driven by fear, obsessed with protecting and preserving what we have...But when we envision a horizon that holds the hope of life, we are free to act without fear, free to act in truth and love.”

On Easter, Jesus proclaims that death does not have the last word, that our lives are shaped by the Risen Christ. Our Lord loves us, cares for us and uniquely designs us for lives of service and joy in Christ. And yet, so often our fear of life, our attraction to what is familiar or our desire to stay safe and lock doors, dictates our ability to hope and dream.



But as Palmer says, “When we are willing to let go of life as we want it to be and allow the larger reality to live in and through us instead, then in our dying we come alive.”

As your new pastor of congregation connections, it is my joy to walk together as Easter people—finding glimpses of resurrection all around us, encouraging and affirming the gifts in and among us and seeking the guidance of a God who is constantly surprising us. As we live into our call as the priesthood of all believers, may we continue to be led into deeper relationships with Christ and with one another, and dare to live lives “threatened with resurrection!”

May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding be yours in abundance this Easter season! Pastor Rebecca

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.

Small Group ABCs

Youth Happenings

GPS Progressive Dinner-Sunday, May 15th

High school youth are invited to gather at Spirit of Joy's mission center for a GPS Progressive Dinner starting at regular Sunday school time (9:50) and returning to the church by 1pm. You may bring a friend!



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 22nd we will recognize and bless graduating high school seniors **Alex Bertsch** and **Ryan Clayton**. May God's love be in your heart to strengthen you along life's way. God's grace also be with you

citizens with the saints-Summer 2012

More information coming soon about our trip to the 2012 National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Sunday School Scoop

As we wrap up the Sunday School year, we have some special dates to note.

Sunday May 1st - The following classes will be singing at the 11 a.m. service.

Preschool 2

1st Grade

3rd Grade

*The children will stay in the Well after Sunday School. We will practice the song with them and then bring them to worship with us at **11:00**. They will sing at the beginning of the service. After singing, the children are free to sit with you or leave.

Sunday, May 15th will be the **last day of Sunday School**. Please be sure to **thank your child's teacher(s)** for their service this year. They have all done a fantastic job.

As the year draws to a close, we are evaluating our curriculum and class format (including time, music, etc). If you have a desire to share in these discussions, please contact Stacy or Christa. We are happy to take into consideration your thoughts and ideas and we are always accepting of help in any way!



We have enjoyed getting to know your children this year and look forward to beginning classes again in the fall!

Stacy Kock & Christa Henderson

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

May 1: Prison Congregations of America

Join us as we welcome *Mary Mortenson* who represents this important ministry with prison congregations.



May 8: Earthbound

May 15: Earthbound

May 22: Earthbound

Our Earthbound series continues this month. You are welcome to join us for this inspiring and beautiful DVD presentation which guides us in a fresh look at our role in caring for this world.

On May 22 we will celebrate Earth Care in our worship services!

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 **May 3rd**, at Spirit of Joy. The book for May is *Escape* by Carolyn Jessop. The book for June is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. 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 May 19th, 7:00pm

Financial Statistics Thru March 31, 2011

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$ 20,868.58
Building Fund	\$ 353.80
Donor Restricted	\$ 9,542.30
Sunday School	\$ 2,165.49

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$ 81,826.74
Donor Restricted	\$ 79,514.27

Total Cash Balance \$194,271.18

Year-to-Date Income for Ministry	\$ 94,653.71
Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses	\$ 81,668.58
Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry	\$ 12,995.13

Comparing Facts and Figures

	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011
Attendance	1119	1295	1368
General Offering	29,813.67	29,063.00	31,268.82
Building Offering	8,766.75	8,745.00	10,353.80

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

Sunday Worship: 8:45am 11:00am

Sunday School & Adult Education: 9:50am

Nursery available for children accompanied by parent.

Location: 2208 W. LaQuinta Street

Website: www.spiritofjoy.net

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Spirit of Joy's 2011 Leadership



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Laura Phillips



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Peg VanMeter



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Fred Thrumman



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Kelly Ballew



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Scott Wittrock



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Teresa Buell



Worship Team
Gene Kruse

Congregational Meeting-May 8th

Spirit of Joy will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting on a proposal to consolidate our two building loans and vote on a refinancing offered by the Mission Investment Fund. All partners are urged to attend.



The Banquet

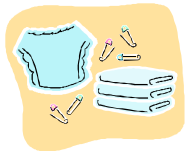
Spirit of Joy is scheduled to serve breakfast at The Banquet :

**Wednesday Morning
May 18th**

We need volunteers for a 5:30am prep crew, as well as the 6:30am serving crew. We also need one person to lead the morning devotions. One of SoJ's core missions is meeting the basic needs of our neighbors; feeding breakfast at The Banquet is one of the ways we do that. Signup sheets are in the church narthex.

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.



In May we will be collecting **Diapers** of all sizes for Necessities for Neighbors for the June 5th distribution.

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

We are looking for 5-10 volunteers for the distribution on June 5th, volunteers arrive around 2:30 and are done between 4-4:30- if anyone is interested they contact Kelly Ballew at 359-5706 or email ballewkelly@yahoo.com.

Thank you

The Family of Spirit of Joy,
Thank you for opening your doors to our ministry! It was so nice to worship with you and feel the warmth of your congregation as we visited. Your generosity has helped us spread the word of God through our ministry. We hope that God continues to bless Spirit of Joy as you witness to the community! Thanks once again for your support and prayers.

Jason & Sarah Andera
Heartland Ephphatha Ministries
www.DeafFaith.com

Turn Sprite tabs, Coke bottle caps into dollars!

Now through June 30, Sprite will donate 10 cents to Habitat for Humanity for each **green tab** redeemed from specially marked Sprite or Sprite Zero cans. Fans of other Coke brands can help, too: My Coke Rewards members can donate their points, found on Coke bottle caps, to provide funding for Habitat.

Place the green tabs in a regular or padded envelope. If using a regular envelope please limit the number of tabs to 20 per envelope. Affix the appropriate postage and mail to:

Sprite Green Tabs
PO Box 52666

Knoxville, TN 37950

Tabs Must be Received by June 30 2011

Biking to Build



Support Habitat Sioux Falls & Habitat South Dakota by riding in the 7th Annual Tour de Kota be held June 5-10.

This year's route begins and ends in Sioux Falls. The 6 day tour will cover 430 miles. The Tour de Kota™ travels the back roads of our beautiful state, on what has become one of the best tours in the Midwest. To learn more or become a rider for Habitat Sioux Falls call 339-6406 or visit www.tourdekota.com.



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 zip-lock 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:

***Melvadeen Neely; Dick Waggoner; Mike Savold; Ken Starks; Tracy Van Sickle; Jackie Hanson** (mother of Jodi Hanson); **Madeline Winterton** (mother of Alice Christensen; **Burdette Van Meter** (father of Greg Van Meter);

Comfort for:

***Carrie Rehnke** and her family as they mourn the death of Carrie's father, Craig Fickbohm.
***All who grieve the loss of loved ones and property** following violent storms in the southern U.S.
***The people of Japan** as they continue to heal and recover from the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis in their country.

Praise and Thanksgiving for:

*The **24 boys and girls** who joined us at the Lord's Table for First Communion last Maundy Thursday.

Guidance, Protection and Encouragement for:

*For missionaries **Samuel Eisele in Mexico** and **Miranda Meyer in Nicaragua**
***President Obama, Senators Johnson and Thune, Representative Noem, Governor Daugaard, Mayor Huseth and all leaders in government**, that they will govern with wisdom, mercy and a desire for justice for all people.
***All who struggle for peace in Libya, Palestine and Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Afganistan**, especially soldiers, diplomats, and relief workers; and for **neighbors who await the safe return** of loved ones working for peace far from home.

Congratulations

to our senior high confirmation students who affirm their faith in worship on May 1st:

Megan Nicole Bertsch

Brooklyn Lee DeVries

Brianna Nicole Hammerstrom

Dexter Miles Herr

Adrienne Alexis Kirschenman

Brett Michael Korn

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!

Spirit of Joy's celebration of **The Resurrection of Our Lord** continues throughout this month. To help you prepare for worship, here are the readings from Scripture for Sundays in May:

Second Sunday of Easter-May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter-May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter-May 15th

Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter-May 22nd

Earth Stewardship Sunday

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter-May 29th

Summer Worship Schedule Begins!

(Worship at 8:45 and 10:15 a.m.)

Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



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

SPIRIT OF JOY PLANT SALE

Plants from the Spirit of Joy gardens will be on sale on Saturday, **May 21, starting at 9:00am.** Plants will be sold until they are gone. All proceeds go to support the ongoing care and maintenance of the Prayer Gardens.

SoJ partners and friends are invited to donate extra plants they have taken from their own gardens to be part of the sale. Healthy houseplants are also welcome. Bring plants to the church by Wednesday, May 18, and place outside on the patio on the east side of the church.

If you have questions or would like to help with the sale, please contact Sharon Starks, 214-4140, or Karen Soli, 366-3476.

Division of perennials related to the plant sale will take place on Monday, May 16, from 5:30pm-dark.

Camp Bake Sale



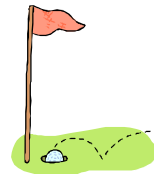
Our 2nd bake sale to help raise money for camp is happening **Sunday, MAY 1st!** Free will donations to support Lutheran summer camping experiences for our SOJ youth.

Spirit of Joy Golfers

Sunday May 15

Tee times start at 2 PM

Prairie Green



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.

Friends and family non-golfers may join golfers at a restaurant after golf around 5 PM. (place to be determined)

PLEASE RSVP by MAY 10th to Ken Munch at starken@sio.midco.net or 334 9969

SoJ Softball Team!



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

May Schedule:

May 9th: 9:00pm (field D)

May 16th: 7:45pm (field B) & 9:00 pm (field A)

May 23rd: 6:30 pm (field D)



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

It Takes a Church



A recent **Dennis the Menace** cartoon showed Mr. Wilson and Dennis in a garden on their knees. Mr. Wilson tells the on-looking Dennis: "I always plant *three* seeds... one for the birds, one for the bugs and one for me."

I think Mr. Wilson—and all of you, Spirit of Joy partners—are planting seeds when you take time to take time to talk to, encourage and nourish our children in the Christian faith. Sunday School teachers, baptism sponsors, friends, music teachers, confirmation leaders and mentors, parents, pastors, guardians, and all who touch the lives of our kids are sowing seeds of faith in every conversation—every encounter.

Our faith community promises to **support** and **pray** for all the newly baptized in their lives in Christ. And together in faith we worship God, Giver of all good gifts.

As you plant seeds in your gardens this month, remember, like Mr. Wilson you are also planting seeds—seeds of *faith*—with all our children. It takes a church...

You are sowing seeds of God's love, Spirit of Joy.

Katherine Eisele—Family Ministry and Adult Spiritual Formation



THANK YOU! to Spirit of Joy Partners and Friends who have supported our kids' fundraising efforts this spring. Through Lenten dinners and bake sales you have been very generous and are making it possible many of our kids to attend Bible camps. The photo above shows our future summer campers serving and cleaning up after a recent dinner. Thanks, guys and gals! We have nearly 30 kids 2nd grade through middle school who will be attending Bible camps this summer.

Soul Sister's Women's Brunch

May 14

10:00 am in The WELL

Potluck Brunch

All Spirit of Joy Women Invited!

RSVP to Kerri Tietgen

kerri@msn.com



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.

SIGN up May 8th (Mother's Day) and watch for another fabulous Women's Retreat Skit this year!

What's Happening?

May 1, 10 am: Little Lambs—Jesus is Risen is the story for this month. Infants, toddlers and preschooler not yet in Sunday School. Meet across from 5th grade room.



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!



May 15: Last Day of Sunday School and Sign up for VBS. Please register NOW for VBS. It will be a huge help for our VBS team. Volunteers still needed. Adults sign up in the narthex.



May 22, 8:45 am: High School Graduation Milestone blessing and presentation of quilts.

Upcoming Events for Spirit of Joy Families

May 1 ~ 11:00 am **Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday)**

May 1 ~ **10:00 am Little Lambs Sunday School**— "Jesus is Risen!" Meet across from the 5th grade classroom.

May 6 ~ 6:30 pm **PJ Party for preschoolers through 2nd grade. Wear your PJs, bring a pillow and favorite stuffed animal!**

May 8 ~ **Happy Mother's Day! Sign up for our Women's Fall Retreat TODAY!**

May 15 ~ **Last Day of Sunday School—Sign up for VBS TODAY!**

May 22 ~ 8:45 am **Blessing of High School Graduates Milestone. Earth Care Sunday Worship Celebration 8:45 and 11:00.**

May 29 ~ Summer **worship schedule: TWO services at 8:45 and 10:15.** See you in worship!

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



Dakota Gringo

By Samuel Eisele

Hey everybody!

This newsletter is short and sweet. March was a pretty chill, low-key month, especially considering the months preceding it.

I hope life is well with all of you back in the states, or wherever you may be reading this newsletter.

A quiet 36 hours

At the end of the month, our group had another retreat, very different from the previous one. We headed to Ahuatepec, north of Cuernavaca, where we would explore a number of spiritual practices and ideas. One of these was engaging in a day and a half of silence.

We began the silence in the evening after dinner, and at first it was a bit uncomfortable. Waking up Wednesday morning knowing I would not speak until the after the following day's breakfast was a strange feeling.

But the day went well. I did not set out or plan to have any major, life-changing revelations during this period of silence, but one thing I did note was the power of our words. Learning to value silence, I found, is at the same time an exercise in devaluing idle talk. There is a time for small talk, but I think not as much as we might want to believe.

Silence helps us to recognize the power of what we say when we do speak. Keeping silence, however, is unfortunately not a normal thing to do on a regular basis – at least not in most cultures. Our group thus noted the luxury of this opportunity, and I hope it something that I may practice more in the future.

Try to take some time this week to engage in intentional silence – consider the power of your speech, how and when you use it, and when it might be best to be still (Psalm 46:10).



Making a visit while on retreat to the home of an indigenous Nanuet man and his family

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!

email: speisele06@ole.augie.edu

blog: <http://dakotagringo.blogspot.com>

A message from Miranda Meyer, our missionary in Nicaragua:

Greetings from the Lutheran Church in Managua, Nicaragua,



The past two months have flown by with three groups visiting from South Dakota. The first delegation came down mid-February and we traveled to the Northern

region of Nicaragua to do some medical clinics. It was not only my first delegation, but my first medical delegation. It was a lot of fun working with the group because they were so positive and came here with a goal in mind. We saw around 400 patients in 4 days. It was exhausting, but very rewarding.

The next two delegations came down within the two weeks following the first group. They had different interests, but were equally as fun.

With each delegation we traveled to different parts of Nicaragua, visiting churches, and speaking with/learning about the communities.

One of my favorite parts about the work here in Nicaragua is that there is something for everyone.

Whether you are interested in theology, education, or agriculture, you can find it here through the church.

Saludos,

Miranda Meyer

La Iglesia Luterana de Fe y Esperanza

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45-Worship 9:50 Education 11:00-Worship	2 11:45 Good God Questions	3 6:30-8:00 Discovery Class 7:00pm-Book Club	4 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:30-Bible Study 6:30-Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	5 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	6 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study 6:30 PJ Party!	7
8 8:45-Worship 9:50 Education 11:00-Worship	9 11:45 Good God Questions 9:00pm-Softball	10 6:30-8:00 Discovery Class 7:00pm Ministry Teams	11 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:30-Bible Study 6:30-Confirmation 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	12 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	13 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study	14 10:00am Soul Sisters Brunch in The WELL
15 8:45-Worship 9:50-Last Day Sunday School 11:00-Worship 2:00pm-Golf	16 11:45 Good God Questions 7:45 & 9:00pm Softball	17 7:00pm Leadership Team	18 6:30-8:00 a.m. Serve at the Banquet 5:55-Childrens Choir 6:30-Bible Study 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	19 6:30am-Men's Bible Study 7:00pm-Women's Bible Study	20 9:00am The Greatest Story Bible Study	21
22 8:45-Worship 9:50-Sunday Forum 11:00-Worship 6:30pm-Film & Faith	23 11:45 Good God Questions 6:30pm-Softball	24 7:00 Adult Spiritual Formation Team	25 5:55-Childrens Choir 7:00-Band 7:15-Choir	26 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	27 9:00 am The Greatest Story Bible Study	28
29 Summer Worship Schedule Begins 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship	30 Office Closed Memorial Day	31				



May Birthdays!

Leroy Dinger	May 1 st
Mary Eckhoff	May 4 th
Marvyl Eldal	May 4 th
Shelley Watson	May 5 th
Greyson Bortnem	May 6 th
Anika Pedersen	May 6 th
Carla Hinceman	May 7 th
Eric Watson	May 7 th
Amy Bjorklund	May 8 th
Dean Klein	May 8 th
Adam Schrader	May 9 th
Tyson Albertsen	May 12 th
Tim Krause	May 13 th
Breanna Arnoldy	May 14 th
Aaron Keller	May 15 th
Amy Miller	May 16 th
Abbie Versteeg	May 16 th
Addison Breidenbach	May 17 th
Laci Dahl Flittie	May 17 th
Susan Edwardson	May 18 th
Meghin Ryan	May 19 th
Carter Friske	May 20 th
Ray Christensen	May 21 st
Jon Friske	May 21 st
Sarah Rohde	May 21 st
Eric Syverson	May 21 st
Bob Dovenmuehler	May 22 nd
Deb Koolstra	May 22 nd
Gene Kruse	May 22 nd
Cooper Tietgen	May 22 nd
Macy Andresen	May 23 rd
Jared Brockmueller	May 23 rd
Bruce Hagen	May 23 rd
Gary Huber	May 23 rd
Rylee Punt	May 23 rd
Carrie Rehnke	May 23 rd
Avery Friske	May 26 th
Marlyn Adams	May 28 th
Cierra Haffner	May 28 th
Haleigh Lane	May 29 th
Mike Schroeder	May 29 th
Connor Eng	May 30 th
Marianne Watt	May 30 th
Lori Johnson	May 31 st

May Anniversaries!

Terry & Kathy Elgethun	May 1 st
Jeff & Kristi Paulsen	May 10 th
Robyn & Jeffrey Holcomb	May 11 th
Tim & Sarah Krause	May 15 th
Scott & Michele Almquist	May 22 nd
Michael & Mary Lou Savold	May 22 nd
Mike & Christa Henderson	May 24 th
Ray & Pat Iwen	May 26 th
Roland & Donna VerWey	May 27 th
Greg & Shannon Hill	May 30 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 May birthday or anniversary that is not included here, please contact the church office, 333-2004.



First Communion Class 2011

Jack Sutton; Aidan Paulsen; Blake Manthey; Jackson Hazlett; Bennett Geraets; Landon Freeseemann; Carter Nelson; Carolyn Haar; Matthew Haar; Andrew Haar; Esten Odney; Emma Odney; Kai Youngbluth; Remington Kock; Soren Weeg; Sophia Schoepf; Graci Breidenbach; Anaka Jacobson; Anna Yee; Lexi Coy; Nicholas Gromer; Hunter Kadlecik; Haley Christensen and Sabren Bortnem.

For individual photos, check out the Spirit of Joy photoblog under Youth Ministries—First Communion on our website: www.spiritofjoy.net Thank you Sharon Starks for the fantastic photos!

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Earthbound!

Created and Called to Care for Creation*

May 8, 15 and 22

Join us at 10:00 in the Galilee Room for Sunday Forums. *How has God called Spirit of Joy to care for creation?*

May 22

**“Earth Care Sunday” 8:45 and 11:00
We will worship God and celebrate the wonderful gifts God gives us in creation.**

