

September 2011

WINDSWEPT

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

God's Living Word



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.

Preparing to attend my first adult Bible study after being confirmed, I remember being quite terrified. Would I know enough, and would I be judged for what I did not know? What kinds of things would they expect of me? Questions like this haunted me and kept me from entering a Bible study group for quite some time.

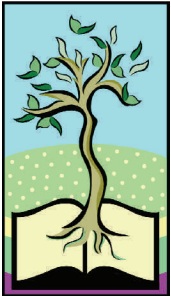
But somewhere along the way, someone invited me to join a Bible study group in a very non-threatening way. This was enough to allow me to take that leap of faith to engage in the book that I wanted to know so much more about, but was afraid to ask.

Barbara Brown Taylor shares these words about the Bible, "When I think about consulting a medical book thousands of years old for some insight into my health, or an equally ancient physics book for some help with my cosmology, I understand what a strange and unparalleled claim the Bible has on me. Age does not diminish its power but increases it. When I recognize my life in its pages – when I am convinced that this story is *my* story – then I am lifted out of my own time and space and set free, liberated by the knowledge that my oddly shaped piece of life is not a fluke but fits into a much larger and more reliable puzzle. In other words, I am not an orphan. I have a community, a history, a future, a God. The Bible is my birth certificate and my family tree, but it is more: it is the living vein that connects me to my maker, pumping me the stories I need to know about who we have been to one another from the beginning of time, and who we are now, and who we shall be when time is no more."

This year at Spirit of Joy, we invite you to join us on a Biblical journey called, "Growing in God's Word." Monthly large group lectures, small group gathering material, memory verses, and opportunities to share in devotions, daily Bible readings, prayers and servant ideas at home will be given consistently throughout the year.

In a world that tends to define us by our successes or failures, our looks, performances or incomes, God's Living Word gives us the truth, the stories we need to hear – stories to help us live, die, and believe that Christ's hand is leading us wherever we go.

Growing in God's Word



As part of our intentional focus on the stories of the **Bible** this year, our **Sunday Forums** will include teaching times and series that highlight the stories. At other times we will have special guests share faith and mission stories.

Sunday Forums Galilee Room ~ 10 am

- September 18**—Genesis: Our Shared Story Part 1
Pastor Rebecca Freeman
- September 25**—Small Group Fair
- October 2**—Genesis: A Living Conversation
PBS series with Bill Moyers
- October 9**—Genesis: Our Shared Story Part 2
Pastor Rebecca Freeman
- October 16**—A Year in Mexico—Samuel Eisele
- October 23**—Genesis: Bill Moyers PBS series
- October 30**—Genesis: Bill Moyers PBS series

For personal and family Bible engagement, take home the **weekly Growing in God's Word insert** from your Spirit of Joy bulletin. You will find daily readings, prayers and conversation questions intended to enhance your Bible reading.

For more on Growing in God's Word, see the brochure inside this newsletter!

Spirit of Joy Book Club

Spirit of Joy Book Club will meet Tuesday, September 6, 7:00pm at Spirit of Joy. The book for September is *The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History* by Joseph Marshall III. (See page 7 for more details)

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 September 15th at Josephine Spencer's home, 5708 Shadow Wood Pl. Please call if you plan on attending—332-3302

Introducing "SOJ Sprouts"

We are kicking off the education year on **Rally Sunday**, Sept. 11 and **Rally Wednesday**, Sept. 14. At both Rally Days, the children will learn more about the Sunday school year and make their nametags.

Christian children's education will follow a new model this year. **Grades K—5** will visit a different workshop each week to learn the Bible story in a new way. **Preschoolers** will remain in their rooms and will explore the stories in different creative ways. This new **rotation model** will be an adjustment for parents, students and the coordinators! We look forward to your support, helpful feedback and assistance as we take this new journey together.

If you haven't already enrolled your child in Christian education, contact Stacy Kock (skock@sio.midco.net), Christa Henderson (mchenderson@sio.midco.net) or the church office (info@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004) TODAY! *Early registration will prevent confusion on the first days of Sunday or Wednesday school.*

Our first **Story Rotation** is "**Abraham and Sarah.**" If you are available to help in any capacity from Sept. 18 - Oct. 6 on either Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings, please let us know.

God's Blessings as we continue to grow our Children's Education experience.

Stacy Kock and Christa Henderson



Small Group Fair

Sunday, September 25th, 8:45-12:00



Are you interested in joining a small group this fall? There are many small groups at Spirit of Joy that will welcome you warmly!

Small groups gather around many different interests and missions. Some examples: *book clubs, devotion and prayer groups, Bible studies, young adults, parenting groups, faith and film groups, sports lovers, woodworkers, joyful classics, and more...*

On September 25th, you are invited to visit with participants of the various small groups in our gathering space. Be bold! Join us! For a complete small group list visit www.spiritofjoy.net

Financial Statistics Thru June 30, 2011

Checking Account:

General Fund	\$ 24,865.07
Building Fund	\$ 10,966.46
Donor Restricted	\$ 14,341.74
Sunday School	\$ 2,424.91

Savings Accounts:

Building	\$ 77,979.73
Donor Restricted	\$ 79,581.85

Total Cash Balance \$210,159.76

Year-to-Date Income for Ministry \$222,578.51

Year-to-Date Ministry Expenses \$206,980.55

Net Income/(Deficit) for Ministry \$ 15,597.96

Comparing Facts and Figures

	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011
Attendance	654	753	982
General Offering	\$21,957.41	\$20,386.00	\$32,539.06
Building Offering	\$8,929.75	\$7,276.16	\$10,966.46

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

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



You are invited!

The church library is now open

The new library is now open for everyone. For children there are Early Readers, Youth and Chapter Books, books for teens, and some Picture Books. The complete selection of Picture Books will be available when the wooden cart is ready. For adults there is a wide selection - including Biblical commentaries and dictionaries, informal prayers and devotions, crafts, biographies plus a wide variety of fiction - 'Christian', classic and current. Stop by for a book.

2011 Churchwide Assembly Summary of Actions

The Twelfth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve."

- ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched
- "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted
- Review process for social statements adopted
- Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted
- 2012-2013 Budget proposals adopted
- Memorials and constitutional changes adopted

For more information on the work of the assembly, including daily legislative updates, videos and a news blog, visit www.elca.org/assembly.



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Did You Know:

Spirit of Joy has been saving money and energy by participating in Xcel Energy's program. Switches that Xcel can turn off our A/C units at peak energy use times have been installed and in use for the past two years. During the cooling months of May thru September we realize a savings on our energy bill of \$272.50 per month. Over the five month period this amounts to \$1,362.50. Not only are we saving money but we are helping conserve our earths resources.

ELCA Malaria Campaign

Last week, the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly passed the vote to launch the **ELCA Malaria Campaign**. We will join hands with our sisters and brothers in Africa to do our part and help end deaths from malaria -- for good.

Nearly 800,000 people die each year from malaria. Most live in Africa. Most are children under 5.

Working as a church, through churches in Africa, we already have the structure in place to reach individuals and communities that other organizations cannot reach. We already have health care providers trained to save lives. ***We need your help.***

Please learn more and help spread the word, give generously to support this important work. Your donations to the ELCA Malaria Campaign will help provide mosquito nets, health care, education and more to help those most in need.

Blessings as we continue this work together,

The Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl
Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign

Dear Partners of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all those who work with and who receive from the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry I want to express heartfelt thanks to you great people of Spirit of Joy for stepping up to share the sponsorship and provide volunteers with the Augustana College Norwegian Nursing Students for our Food to You Mobile Food Pantry distribution on Thursday, August 25, 2010, at St. John Lutheran.

Thank you so much for the amazing amount of **250 boxes of macaroni and cheese** that the congregation donated. We were able to be very generous with our guests as we gave it away that night. We also want you to know once again how much we appreciate Spirit of Joy's ongoing financial support of Charis Ministry Partners. Your gifts continue to make a big difference as our costs go up and the need in our community increases. This plus your time, energy, and prayers truly make a positive impact on this Christ centered servant ministry.

For this distribution we were able to provide more than 15-20 pounds of groceries for 122 households (406) people). That was a strong turnout for that site and our folks worked hard alongside the nursing students to make it happen. We were able to distribute 2,017 lb of Walmart salvage, government commodities, frozen meat, beef ravioli, as well as macaroni and cheese and toilet paper. A few boxes of leftovers were brought to The Banquet and the Arch Halfway House following the distribution.

Thank you again for your partnership in this servant ministry. You are a great blessing through your efforts,

Karen Soli

Community Offering

For the month of September we will be collecting:

Pasta of Any Kind

To be distributed by Food to You in October

Please leave your donation in the basket in the church narthex



www.elca.org/malaria

Agogo Maria—that's "grandma Maria" in the Chichewa language of Malawi—used to lie awake at night listening for the tell-tale whine of a mosquito and worrying about her little granddaughter, Chikondi. Just one bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria—which is especially dangerous for young children. Though the disease is preventable and treatable, it is still a leading cause of death in Africa, claiming the life of a child every 45 seconds.

Chikondi has already had malaria twice. The last time, she had to spend a week in the hospital—but she's one of the lucky ones. She survived. No wonder Agogo Maria would lie awake and worry.

But those days are over. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Agogo Maria now has an insecticide-treated net to keep the mosquitoes away from her sleeping family and has been trained in its use. The village water committee works hard to clean up standing water where mosquitoes breed. And a clinic has been built and equipped to treat people with malaria as soon as symptoms appear.

"See," Agogo Maria shouts loudly. "She has no fever! *Tathakoza*—Thank you! Thank you for helping us fight malaria."

Your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign will help our companion churches in Africa provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, mosquito control and comprehensive health education—methods proven to be highly effective in fighting malaria. Please help with your gift today.

YES! I would like to help fight malaria.

- I have included my gift of \$250.
 I have included my gift of \$100.
 Other \$ _____

Please make your check payable to the "ELCA Malaria Campaign." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA Malaria Campaign, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. To give online with a credit card, please visit www.elca.org/malaria.



ELCA Malaria Campaign
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Prayers of the Church

Healing and Strength for:

***Deb Nelson; Dick Waggoner; Ken Starks; Melvadeen Neely; Duane Smith; Jackie Hanson** (mother of Jodi Hanson), and **Genevieve Sorum** (mother of Dick Sorum).

Thanksgiving for:

*the baptism of **Macklin David Miller**, son of **Amy and Jared Miller** on August 14th; and for the baptism of **Jeremy Lee Freesemann, Jess Tyler Freesemann,** and **Kessler Lee Freesemann**, son of **Jess and Nichole Freesemann** on August 28th.

*the installation of **Pastor Rebecca Wold Freeman** as pastor of congregation connections on August 21st

Comfort for:

*families and friends who continue to grieve those who died on September 11, 2011; and families and friends who grieve all who have died in wars fought since then.

Guidance, Protection and Encouragement for:

*for all who suffer from hunger in the Horn of Africa.

*for all starting to rebuild homes and lives following flooding in South and North Dakota.

***all who struggle for peace in Libya, Palestine and Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan**, especially 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**

*For all Spirit of Joy teachers and small group leaders

*For public and private school students, teachers, bus drivers, mentors, assistants, coaches, librarians, custodians, principals, superintendents, and all people in-

A Prayer for Peace on 9-11

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

W.O.W.



Word on Wednesdays

Beginning **Wednesday, September 14th** Spirit of Joy will offer a Wednesday night worship opportunity from **6:15-6:45** as part of our Wednesday night growth opportunities. Music, drama, teaching and prayer will be part of our time together.

In the Beginning....

Starting this month, our congregation will be digging in deeper to selected books of the Bible for a month at a time. We begin with the *Book of Genesis* and a closer look at how God was at work in the lives of **Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.**

Sunday, September 11th-Genesis 12:1-3

“God Leads Us Into Life”

Sunday, September 18th-Genesis 18:1-15

“What’s So Funny?”



Sunday, September 25th-

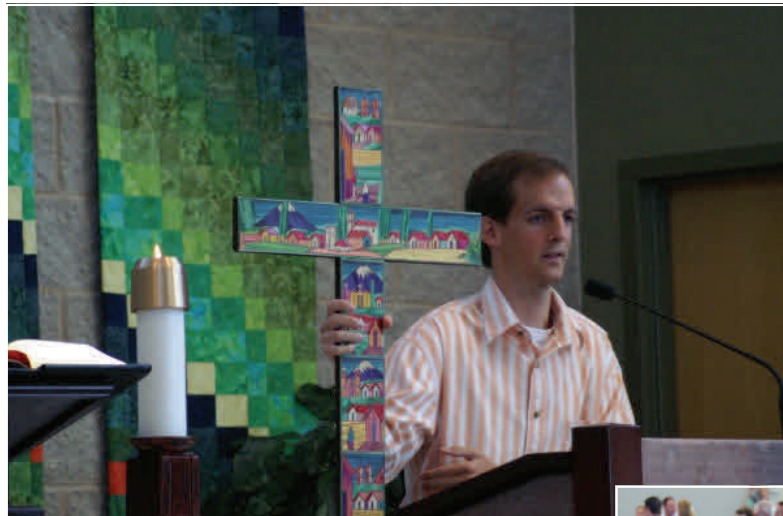
Genesis 22:1-18 “The Test”

New Partners Class

Our next **Discovery Class** for persons interested in becoming partners (members) of our congregation will be offered on Sunday mornings **October 9th, 16th and 23rd** during the education hour (10:00-10:55). 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.

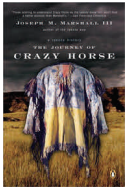


The Body of Christ



Thanks to everyone who provided pictures this month.

Spirit of Joy Book Club



Here's your opportunity to talk about the One Book SD. The SOJ Book Club invites the congregation to join the Tuesday, September 6, meeting in the Galilee Room at 7:00. The One Book SD is *The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History* by Joseph Marshall III. Our guest discussion leader is Nancy Veglahn from the SD Humanities Council. Come and bring a friend!

Please contact Marilee Driver if you can come, contact her at 310-3251 or mdriver123@sio.midco.net.

Earthcare Green Discernment Team Meets

Tuesday, September 13th at 6 pm.

All are welcome to join us in discussing how Spirit of Joy will move forward in good faith and stewardship of God's gift of creation.



Fall 2011 Series

Augustana College invites you to take part in year nine of the *Augustana Academy for Seniors*.

- September 21** - "School Funding Facts & Figures"
Todd Vik, Sioux Falls School District Business Mgr.
- October 12** - "Where Does Government Money Come From and Where Does it Go?"
James Fry '70, Director, Legislative Research Council
- November 16** - "Nursing Home Present and Future Reimbursements"
Tom Syverson, Good Samaritan Society
Dan Fosness, Director of Operations Good Samaritan

Cost is \$37.50 for the semester, which covers 3 lunches and programs. For more information call Kay Dahlquist at the Development office - 274-5521 or www.augie.edu/aas

Registrations are due September 13, 2011

Senior High Youth Trip back to New Orleans!

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to travel to the Big Easy **July 18-22, 2012** for our church's National Youth Gathering. Join us to discover new ways to follow Jesus on the path of **discipleship, peacemaking, and justice.**

SoJ will host a meeting for senior high youth on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30** in our mission center to begin planning the adventure!



2011 Fall Stewardship Days and Burgers with the Bishop



"Filling the Plate"

Come and be fed!
5 Dates and Locations
September 6 - October 13

An event for ALL leaders: rostered leaders, presidents, treasurers, and stewardship leaders.

Tuesday, September 6
6:00-8:30pm
Grace Lutheran, Sioux Falls
(3300 East 18th Street)

Experience fellowship, bible study, and conversation.

Receive tips for your fall stewardship ministry. **Discuss** ideas on how to integrate and live into our new vision: "That All May Be Fed".

Learn about Mission Support and how to lift up and support the shared mission and ministry of the South Dakota Synod and ELCA.



Dear Parents,

Fall is here! Are you trying to catch your breath? As school begins, the extra activities and demands on your family's time can be draining. Take time to breathe and to pray. Prayer will center us, bring us into God's presence, and remind us of God's desire for our lives. God provides enough time, enough love, enough joy, and enough peace for each day. Invite God into the busy-ness of your lives.

A Parent's Prayer

*Almighty God, with a mother's love and a father's care you have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of children. As we bring them up, give us gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

God's Peace,

Katherine Eisele

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Augsburg Fortress, 2006, p.82.

Divorce Care & Divorce Care for Kids

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls will be host to a **Divorce Care Support Group** and a **Divorce Care for Kids Support Group** this fall. Divorce Care features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics.

Sessions for **adults** include topics like "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depressions," "Kid Care," and "Forgiveness."

Divorce Care for Kids Support Group will meet the same time as the adult classes are meeting but will meet in their own peer groups with adult facilitators. Sessions will combine games, crafts, activities, music and DVD dramas to create a fun atmosphere where children feel comfortable and understood.

Sessions will be every **Tuesday, September 20 through December 20** meeting together for a meal at 5:30 and with groups following. Information: Pastor Tim at tlemme@olschurch.com

To register, call Our Savior's Lutheran at 336-2942.



**Bibles and Blessings
3 Year Old Milestone Activity**

Saturday, 9:30 am at Spirit of Joy

All 3 year olds entering Sunday School are welcome to attend with their parent(s). Please RSVP to Katherine family@spiritofjoy.net

Soul Sisters Gathering & Play Date for our children

**Tuesday, Sept 20 at Spirit of Joy in the WELL
9am-11am**

Here is an opportunity to connect with other Spirit of Joy moms. Children are welcome to attend. During our time together we will discuss what we'd like to do as a group for the remainder of the year. Come with ideas of possible outreach or service projects that Soul Sisters could be a part of, as well as other fun activities for our group. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 371-1133 or sarahmanthey@hotmail.com

Feel free to invite other moms to join our group as we'd love to see more women join our group of fabulous moms!! Thank you, Sarah Manthey



Little Lambs Sunday School

Are you not old enough for Sunday School? Are you a newborn or toddler? You and your parents/grandparents are welcome to come to Little Lambs Sunday School!

Once a month our littlest partners are welcome to share a simple Bible story, music and gentle activities. You will have fun *and* your mom and dad will meet other moms and dads. The first Little Lambs will be Sunday, September 18th at 10 am in the classroom across from the 5th grade room.



No need to pre-register. All are welcome!

Mary Tranberg and Kerstin Schempp

Upcoming Events for Spirit of Joy Families

September 4 ~ **Library Dedication!** Come and see the books for adults and children!

September 10 ~ Saturday at 9:30 am **Blessings and Bibles!** Entry into Sunday School Milestone for 3 year olds.

September 11 and 14 ~ **Rally Days** for Spirit of Joy Sprouts—New Sunday School Model! (See "Sprouts" p. 2)

September 23-24 ~ **Women's Retreat** at Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

October 14-15 ~ **4th and 5th Grade overnight retreat** at Shetek! Email Katherine to sign up! family@spiritofjoy.net

Nursery Co-op

Starting **Sunday, September 11**, Spirit of Joy will be offering nursery care at both Sunday worship services through a rotation of families who have volunteered to help. We are calling this a nursery co-op. No family is signed up to serve more than once a month. We have a strong core of people to start with, but are still eager to welcome new people into the rotation! Do you love children? Would it energize you to serve in this way?

We have a few open slots in the months to come. If you're interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Pastor Rebecca (Rebecca@spiritofjoy.net or 333-2004). Thank you!



Dear Spirit of Joy,

Sedge, Stellan and I would like to once again say thanks for so warmly welcoming us to Spirit of Joy. Thank you for also welcoming my extended family for the installation service last month. We were all so touched by your hospitality. The gifts you've given us, the beautiful installation service, the hospitality and support are all things that we cherish. Thank you for living into the name Spirit of Joy. To witness your dedication to the five core values of radical hospitality, passionate worship, lifelong faith formation, extravagant generosity and bold service makes this a very special faith community. Thanks for welcoming us to be part of it all.

With gratitude,

Pastor Rebecca, Sedge and Stellan Freeman



Spirit of Joy Companions

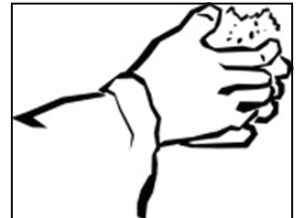
As Spirit of Joy commits to its core value of radical hospitality, we are excited to offer the opportunity for each New Partner to be accompanied by a Spirit of Joy Companion at the time of the Fall Discovery Class.

What does it mean to be a Spirit of Joy Companion? Companion comes from two Latin words – “cum” meaning “with,” and “panis” meaning “bread.” When you combine “cum” and “panis,” we get the English word “companion.” A companion is one who breaks bread with you, or on an even more basic note, is one who is *with you*.

Hospitality and welcome are two trademarks of Spirit of Joy, and yet as our community grows, it is hard to get to know everyone. Companions will help bridge the gap between knowing *nobody* to knowing *somebody*. To make this 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 or 333-2004.



Voice on Vocation

“Only look at your tools, your needle, your thimble, your beer barrel, your articles of trade, your scales, your measures, and you will find this saying written on them. You will not be able to look anywhere where it does not strike your eyes. None of the things with which you deal daily are too trifling to tell you this incessantly, if you are but willing to hear it; and there is no lack of such preaching, for you have as many preachers as there are transactions, commodities, tools and other implements in your house and estate, and they shout this to your face: ‘My dear, use me toward your neighbor as you would want him to act toward you with that which is his.’” - Gustaf Wingren, *Luther on Vocation* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1957), 72.

September 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:45-Worship 10:15-Worship	5	6 7:00pm Book Club	7 6:30pm Senior High Youth	1 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	2	3
11 Rally Sunday 8:45-Worship 10:00-Education 11:00-Worship	12	13 6:00 Earthcare Team 7:00pm Ministry Teams	14 5:30-Evening Meal, Children's Choir 6:15-Worship 6:45-Church School & Confirmation 7:15-Adult Choir & Band	15 6:30am-Men's Bible Study 7:00pm-Women's Bible Study	16 9:00 Friday Bible Study	17
18 8:45-Worship 10:00-Education 11:00-Worship	19	20 9:00am Soul Sister Kid's Play Date 7:00pm Leadership Team	21 5:30-Evening Meal, Children's Choir 6:15-Worship 6:45-Church School & Confirmation 7:15-Adult Choir & Band	22 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	23 9:00 Friday Bible Study Women's Retreat @ Shetek →→→→→	24 Women's Retreat Shetek
25 8:45-Worship 10:00-Education 11:00-Worship Small Group Fair	26	27 5:30pm Equipping Minis- tries Team	28 5:30-Evening Meal, Children's Choir 6:15-Worship 6:45-Church School & Confirmation 7:15-Adult Choir &	29 6:30am-Men's Bible Study	30 9:00 Friday Bible Study	

September Birthdays!

Avery Thorson	Lily Holcomb
Fran Phillips	Becky Mair
Tommy Woitzel	Jeff Heier
Tom Arnoldy	Jerry Moench
Tony Barlow	Janet Ryan
Rosie Flores	Isabella Thurman
Tracy Kolb	Abbie Gruseth
Joshua Bettencourt	Kris Detert
RJ Fitzsimmons	Anaka Jacobson
Shannon Backstrom	Anna Yee
Kimberlee Tams	Wilma Estes
Laura Phillips	Devon Pease
Karen Kirkeby	Ryan Dokken
Kyle Schempp	Bergen Jacobsen
Don Nelson	Siri Knutson
Autumn Pedersen	Samuel Dokken
Colt Harder	Kristen Erickson
Eric Haugland	Bergen Christensen
Rodney Eden	Laverna Padilla
Kenny Schempp	Trevor Pease
Jeremy Tordsen	Angie Schrader
Arlene Lange	Pam Schroeder
Jackson Bierman	Greg Bertsch

September Anniversaries!

Gary & Geneva Molzen	September 2nd
Bob & Trish Swanhorst	September 2nd
Brian & Kristen DeVries	September 3rd
John & Rachelle Sutton	September 3rd
Dick & Better Kappedal	September 4th
Rich & Margie Jensen	September 8th
Brian & Carrie Rehnke	September 8th
Torrey & Alison Sundall	September 8th
Chris & Jerrice Thorson	September 9th
Greg & Nancy Bertsch	September 10th
Steve & Jean Selchert	September 12th
Scott & Shelly Lane	September 14th
Matt & Angie Schrader	September 14th
Wyatt & Lisa Yager	September 15th
Dennis & Susan Hagebock	September 16th
Xavier & Amy Johnson	September 21st
Jon & Tawnya Friske	September 25th
Brian & Angela Tordsen	September 28th
Byron & Terese Hammerstrom	September 30th

Spirit of Joy publicizes birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter as a way to encourage our partners to pray for one another throughout the year. If you have a September birthday or anniversary that is not included here, the church office, 333-2004 or info@spiritofjoy.net

Sunday Dinner Groups!



Fall Dinner Groups will be starting in October. This year 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, **October 8th** and Sunday afternoon, **October 9th**. Watch for your invitation in the next couple of weeks.

The Dinner groups will meet again in November on Saturday evening, November 12th and Sunday Afternoon November 13th.

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 can host or if you would like to get your name on the invitation list.

Fall Harvest Festival

St John American Lutheran Church
13th Street & Western Ave.

Saturday, October 1st

Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Pie & Coffee: 1:30pm to 4:00pm

Soup Supper: 4:30pm to 7:00pm

Crafts—Garden Shop—Baked Goods

All Proceeds Go to Local and World



4th and 5th Grades

October 14-15 Shetek Retreat!

Come to camp for **Octoberfest** and:

- ✦ Hear S'More about God's love and forgiveness
- ✦ Experience S'More wacky games and activities
- ✦ Meet S'More friends & counselors
- ✦ Create S'More memories & sweet treats

When: October 14-15, 6 pm Friday to 6 pm Saturday.

Cost: **\$20 to be paid with registration.** Pick up registration form in the narthex or ask Katherine.

What to bring: Follow-up info including what to bring will be sent once your registration is received.

Deadline to register is October 7th.

Please contact Katherine if you are interested in going. Parents, let me know if you can attend and/or provide transportation.

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Fall Worship Schedule

begins

Sunday, September 11th

8:45 a.m.-Worship

10:00 a.m.-Christian Education

11:00 a.m.-Worship



On this tenth anniversary of the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 Spirit of Joy will offer a special service of hope and remembrance during morning worship.

Fall Wednesday Schedule beginning September 14th

5:30-6:15: Supper

6:15-6:45: Worship

6:45-7:45: Christian Education