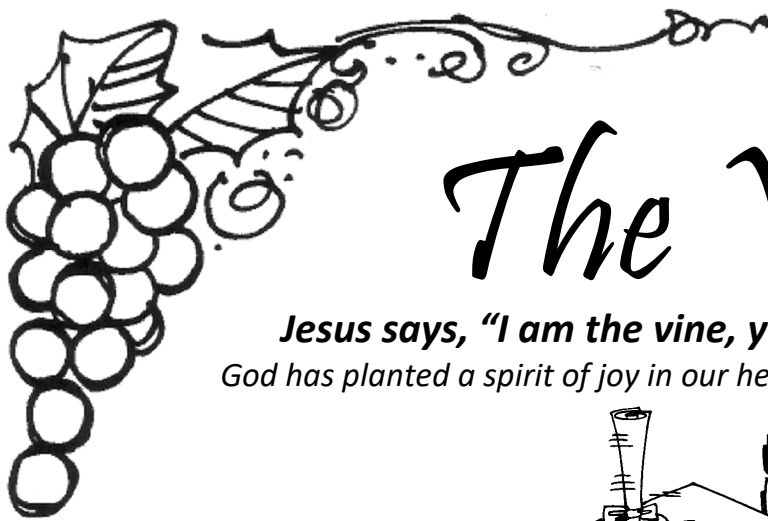
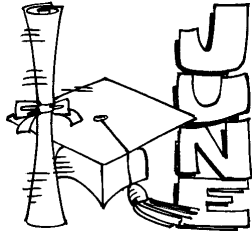




The Vine

2026

Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." John 15:5
God has planted a spirit of joy in our hearts. May the Good News of Jesus flourish!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Spirit of Joy will be receiving new members in the month of June. If you are interested in pursuing membership, this class is for you!

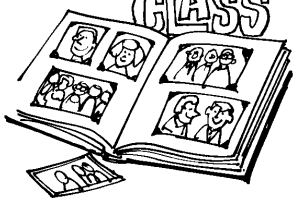
New Member Class
Monday, June 8 at 5:00 pm
Meet at the Sizzler

After dining together we will meet back at the church where you will be introduced to the basic beliefs of Spirit of Joy Community Church as it pertains to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and learn the history of the congregation, its challenges and practices, current ministries, and dreams for the future. This time is for all potential new members to become better acquainted and to celebrate our faith! Childcare will be provided, if needed.

If you think you might be interested in becoming part of our Christian family or just learning more about Spirit of Joy, please sign up in the Narthex/lobby on a Sunday morning. If you have questions or concerns, please call

Pastor Brian at the office
(951) 652-2519.

**MEMBERSHIP
CLASS**



We will be receiving new members on Sunday, June 28. We would love for you to be part of our gang!

TRINITY & SOJ MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Saturday, June 20

Are you looking for a good breakfast, fellowship, or a message from the Bible? Well, you are able to obtain all three at one time at the monthly Men's Breakfast. This month they will meet on the third Saturday at 8:00 am at J&M's Restaurant located at the southeast corner of State St. & Stetson Ave. If you have any questions, please contact Lyle Roberts.

BOOK STUDY GROUP

"THE IMMORTAL DIAMOND"

Tuesday, June 9
11:30 — 12:30

As last month's final meeting had to be rescheduled, this is the real final meeting for this group. Chaplin Mark has been accepted into a doctoral program at a local university. Just over a year ago, Chaplin Mark Ruybalid volunteered to lead a Spiritual Support group at SoJ and what a gift that has been to the folks who have attended.

Most recently, this group delved into the book "The Immortal Diamond" by R. Rohr. This book provided insightful and challenging information while fostering deep contemplation and reflection. We thank Chaplin Mark for his dedication to the folks at Spirit of Joy. We have certainly been blessed by his gentle spirit-filled leadership and compassion.

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Dine Out Event...Sizzler...Monday, June 8!

OTHER INTERESTING NEWS

PRAY FOR OUR GRADUATES!

Spirit of Joy wishes to acknowledge and lift in prayer those individuals who are graduating from high school, college, or trade school. The following individuals are among our extended church family who are graduating from their respective schools this spring. We celebrate their accomplishments and pray that they will follow God as He leads them on their next steps of growth.

Leslie Kidder's granddaughter,
Ellyana Hurd,

graduated from Issaquah High School, Washington
and will be attending Bellevue College

Janet Salter's granddaughter,
Elizabeth Transue,

graduated from Faith Lutheran High School, Las Vegas,
Nevada and will be attending University of Washington

Mike and Lynn Wilson's grandson,
Benjamin Wilson,

graduated from McClatchy High School, Sacramento,
California and will be attending UCLA

With Father's Day
and Graduations
right around the corner...

Think Scrip!!!

A SIMPLE NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank all those who have prayed for us, called us, and visited us during our recent encounters with broken hips and surgeries. Jose and I are both on the mend. We are blessed to have such a supportive and caring church family. Thanks again!

With love and appreciation,
Jose & Laurel Ojeda

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Caldwell, President

Josh Caldwell, Vice-President

Janet Johnson

Leslie Kidder

Lyle Roberts, Secretary

Jackie Severa

Naoma Strock, Treasurer

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Audrey Caldwell, Youth Representative

Barbara Gifford, Business & Office Manager

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Stewardship & Finance: Naoma Strock

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Youth & Family: Josh Caldwell

Outreach: Janet Johnson

Site Maintenance: Lyle Roberts

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Marge Buller: Sunday Morning Volunteers

Pastor Brian: Care Ministry

Lyle Roberts: Men's Group

Ruth Compton: TLC Bible Study

Pastor Brian: Child & Family Programming

Barbara Gifford: Vine Editor

Theresa Berg: Facebook Administrator

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Naoma Strock, Shirley Schumacher, Patty Gaudreau, Betty Bowles, Mary Wright, and Ed Camarillo

SPRIT OF JOY 25TH BIRTHDAY WISHLIST UPDATE!!!

Believe it or not Spirit of Joy turned 29 years old last December. Below is a list of list of items (*in no particular order*) we are hoping to accomplish by the time Spirit of Joy turns 30...it's a five year plan with 6 months left to go. By donating to the "Fix-It Fund" we can work together to see how many things we can check off the list. We've made an excellent start!

- ✓ 1. Replace/repair current irrigation system
- ✓ 2. Replace/repair light heads on walkway
- ✓ 3. Secure storage bin entry
- ✓ 4. Update ladies' restroom
- ✓ 5. Update men's restroom
- ✓ 6. Update nursery restroom
- ✓ 7. Remove all bushes and replace with desert landscape
- ✓ 8. Install lighting in courtyard
- ✓ 9. Secure trash enclosure
- ✓ 10. Purchase benches for walkway and garden area
- ✓ 11. Paint Jessi's Joy Kids' Center
- ✓ 12. Clean or replace vinyl flooring in hallway & kitchen
- 13. Replace carpet in sanctuary
- ✓ 14. Install a covering over the office door
- 15. Purchase memorial stones for the Hesse Memorial Garden
- ✓ 16. Repaint the cross on the side of the building
- ✓ 17. Restripe the parking lot
- ✓ 18. Upgrade lecturn microphone
- 19. Install a wrought iron fence around sanctuary
- 20. Complete flagstone walkway to Garden Arbor
- ✓ 21. Install security cameras
- ✓ 22. Plant trees around air conditioning enclosure to hide barbed wire
- 23. Purchase engraved stone/plaque which reads: "Barbara Hesse Memorial Garden"
- ✓ 24. Purchase new game table for youth room
- ✓ 25. Install new roof

Happy Birthday
Spirit of Joy



DINE OUT IS HERE!!!

Theresa Berg has stepped forward and volunteered to organize a new fundraising opportunity for Spirit of Joy. It's called "Dine Out".

Beginning on the first Monday in June and every other month thereafter, we will have the opportunity to dine on delectable delights at our local restaurants.

June 8 is the kick-off date...Sizzler is the local. Anyone interest in joining together for a meal is encouraged to meet at 5:00 for supper.

Please note that you can visit this eatery anytime that day, present a flyer, and Spirit of Joy will see the reward. If you purchase a visa card, from the office to pay for your meal, SoJ will win twice! Hope to see you there.

CRAFTY SCRAPPERS TUESDAYS, JUNE 2, 16, AND 30

Kick off the summer right...plan to join these ladies for an afternoon of scrappin' fun! Whether you are a novice or an advanced scrapper, this group is for you. Not only will it provide a dedicated time for focusing on your latest project, there will be ample time to visit and enjoy each other's company.

If you do not have paper crafting supplies/tools come anyway. The ladies have plenty and are willing to share. Bring your lunch and favorite beverage and stay as long as you like. For more information, please contact Tricia Wilson.

HEALTHY TIPS FOR SUMMER LIVING

1. Staying hydrated is very important. Drinking water is a must! Pedialyte and Gatorade can be helpful as well.
2. Since we live in sunny California, sunscreen is a must. It's best to use this daily...yep, all 365 days of the year.
3. If walking is your exercise of choice or enjoying time tending your garden, consider doing so in the early morning, before 10:00 am, or after 4:00 pm. Don't engage in strenuous activity in the heat of the day.
4. Keep yourself covered while out in the sun. Long sleeved shirts and hats can help prevent sun damaged skin.
5. Exercise is important all year long. A strong core and good balance is imperative. Consider using a cane, walking stick, or walker to help with balance issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Hasart

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Easter season has wound down and we just celebrated Pentecost. I worshipped with extended family in Germany on that day. Though our worship was in a different time zone and language, it is a day all over the world where we commemorate the giving of the Holy Spirit to God's people to both guide them and shake things up big time. We live in a world where cultures and nations have become more and more polarized on any number issues. One of the facets of Spirit of Joy, that I love the most, is that we embrace difference and do not run from it. We don't all agree on every issue politically, spiritually, socially, etc. The great poet and writer Maya Angelou said the following:

"We should all know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color."

Each one of you, with your varieties of gifts, brings to the table a kaleidoscope of contributions to the Church and its ministries. The beauty of Pentecost is that it celebrates that no matter our differences, the work of God will always be done. The Advocate or Holy Spirit will be there to guide us. One thing that many of us struggle with is that God does not always give us heads up as to where we are going. I had a conversation at church some time ago where some folks and I reminisced that the most memorable parts of travel are not the moments where things are boring or go as planned, but rather when unexpected adventures arise.

When comes to planes boring, for me, is awesome! That said, I always appreciate meeting new people and having surprise encounters that enrich the journey. You and I are on a journey where we do not know what tomorrow will bring. That can be unsettling at times. Jesus assured the disciples of his time and followers today that no matter where the adventure of life takes us, God will not forsake us but be with us always! I pray you remember that God is with no matter what! Consider Jesus' own words of promise in Matthew 28:18-20:

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet,

far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (The Message Translation)

God bless you all as you discern how God is calling you through the power of the Holy Spirit to serve in the name of Jesus Christ!

*God's Peace,
Pastor Brian*

Vine articles for the July edition of the newsletter are due Wednesday, June 24 or email them to jazzgen2@aol.com by that date.

SUMMER VACATION IS ON THE HORIZON

If you are a Sunday Morning Volunteer, please notify the church office of your summer vacation plans...it makes scheduling so much easier. You may call the church office and leave a message for Marge/Barbara or simply make note of it on the back of your attendance card. They will pass it on to those who need to know.

The Finance Ministry Team wants to remind you that the church is here even when you are not. Please remember to submit your tithes and offerings before you leave on vacation, thereby insuring the lights will be on and the air conditioning will working upon your return.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

June 7

Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

June 21

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

MAY REPORTS

(ONLY 4 SUNDAYS REPORTING)

Financial

General Fund

Income: \$ 24,685

Expenses: (23,980)

Difference: \$ 705

Fix-It Fund

\$ 2,834

(5,536)

\$(2,702)

Attendance

5/03 — 93

5/10 — 85

5/17 — 93

5/24 — 67

Average Weekly Attendance: 85

Checking Balance: \$ 55,511

Fix-It Fund Balance: \$ 2,976

Scrip Proceeds: \$ 67.55

Thank you for the financial gifts that you gave this past month. Your generous donations helped spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. What a blessing you are to Spirit of Joy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



6/01 — Mary Dellalonga
Charlie Sams

6/02 — Leah Christiansen

6/15 — Laurel Ojeda

6/23 — Raymond Seraile

6/27 — Paul Cameron

6/28 — Kathy Damiani

6/29 — Linda St. Jean

Sunday Morning Volunteers for June:

Lay Readers:	06/07...Marda-Ruth Roberts 06/21...Carolyn Straub	06/14...Roderick Sinclair 06/28...Esther Feigenbaum
Ushers:	06/07...Herb & Betty K. 06/21...Mary W. & Patty G.	06/14...Dominic D. & Anthony M. 06/28...Roderick S. & Leslie K.
Communion:	06/07...Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Esther Feigenbaum 06/14...Janet Langemeier, Judy Addington, & Patty Gaudreau 06/21...Betty Bowles, Carolyn Straub, & Beth Camarillo 06/28...Lyle Roberts and Herb & Betty Kern	
Fellowship:	06/07...Shirley Schumacher & Janet Salters 06/14...Betty Kern, Shirley Schumacher, & Janet Salters 06/21...Shirley Schumacher, Mike & Shar Wynne 06/28...Shirley Schumacher & Betty Bowles	
Welcome Cart:	06/07...Anthony Mendoza 06/21...Anthony Mendoza	06/14...Patty Gaudreau 06/28...Tricia Wilson
Video Tech:	06/07...Barbara Gifford 06/21...Letitia Bowles	06/14...Herb Kern 06/28...Melissa Caldwell

OUR HATS GO OFF to the guys and gals from Jesus is the Way Apostolic Ministry (JWAC) who help keep our place looking spiffy. They show up to clean our field, walkways, and sidewalk on a weekly basis. They also keep the Hesse Memorial Garden looking great! A big thank you from the folks at Spirit of Joy.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Mike & Patty Gaudreau for providing the meal at Valley Restart in June. They are expected to prepare enough food for 80 people. What a blessing you are to others...what a blessing you are to Spirit of Joy!

LADIES TEA VOLUNTEERS: Betty Kern and Shar Wynne orchestrated this fine event! They could not do it alone, however. Their helpers were Theresa Berg, Ruth Compton, Leslie Kidder, Janet Salters, Debbie Simmons, Corinne Mitchell, Patty Gaudreau, Herb Kern, Ruth Mushallo, Linda St. Jean, Carolyn Straub, Mary Wright, and Barbara Gifford. This fine crew did a bang-up job!

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Birthday Mary D. & Charlie S.	2 10:30 Crafty Scrappers Happy Birthday Scott M. & Leah C.!	3	4	5 10:00 Grief Group	6
7 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	8 5:00 New Member Class (meet at Sizzler) <i>Dine Out Event at Sizzler</i>	9 11:30 Spiritual Support Group	10	11	12 10:00 Grief Group	13
14 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	15 6:00 Church Council	16 10:30 Crafty Scrappers	17	18	19 9:00 Grief Group 11:00 Bunco	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast
21 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	22	23 Happy Birthday Raymond S.!	24 <i>Vine articles are due!</i>	25	26 10:00 Grief Group	27
28 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship <i>New Member Reception</i> Happy Birthday Kathy D.!	29 Happy Birthday Linda S.!	30 10:30 Crafty Scrappers				

SPIRIT OF JOY PRAYS FOR...

with new concerns, health and otherwise, including: **Bruce Mitchell, Jose & Laurel Ojeda, Elaine** (Kate Foxworth's grandmother), **Pastor Brian and Family** (safe travels), **Lee & Greta Tuomenin** (safe travels), **Mike & Shar Wynne** (safe travels), **struggling countries**, and **Pierre's Bread Basket**.

Those with ongoing health concerns and our shut-ins including: **Susan Pierre, Angela Pierre, Bev Polito, Dan Straub, Esther Feigenbaum, Michael Buller, Jo Neely, Jean Miller, Barbara Rickett, Christina Rickett, Charlie Sams, Tricia Wilson, Sue Johnson, Maria Boyd, Mike Caldwell, Gordon & Doris Mensch, Judy** (Marge Buller's sister), **Pete** (9th Shield Night Supervisor), **Mike** (the Luper's son), **Judy** (Jennifer Hanson's sister), **Isabel** (Janet Johnson's granddaughter), **Richard** (Carolyn Straub's brother), **Vera** (Laurel Ojeda's friend), **Noah & Luca Barajas, Tim Acevedo, Janet Beeson, Richard** (Marda-Ruth Roberts' brother), **Todd** (Mike & Mary Lou Caldwell friend), **George Grijalva** (Barb Gifford's grandson), **Kim** (Melissa Caldwell's friend), **Anthony Pierre & family** (Bread Basket), **Sakima** (Leah Christian's friend), **Tony & Faby** (Marge Buller's friends), **Stacy Lynn** (Esther Feigenbaum's niece), **Tim** (Mike Caldwell's friend), **Bob** (Shar Wynne's step-son), **Lee** (the Eller's friend), **Jeff** (Mike Hanson's friend), **Linda, Shane, Connie, Darrell, & Janine** (Shar Wynne's friends), **Betty** (Marge Buller's friend), **Paul** (Herb Kern's nephew), **John Schenien** (Marge Buller's nephew), **Tom Bennett** (the Addington's friend), **Leanne** (the Damiani's family member), **Glenn** (Bruce Mitchell's cousin), **Mary** (Carolyn Straub's sister), **Sue** (Betty Kern's sister-in-law), **Paul** (Esther Feigenbaum's nephew), **Gary** (the Kenyon's son-in-law), **Neil** (Sharon Wynne's son), **Erik** (Marge Buller's Godson), **Mary Ann** (Betty Kern's sister), **Brenda** (Ashly Acevedo's friend), **Linda** (Esther Feigenbaum's friend), **Vince** (Betty Kern's brother), **Jared** (Betty Kern's grandnephew), **Rob** (Lana Andre's nephew), **Nicole** (Kathy Damiani's niece), **Marsha** (Esther Feigenbaum's sister-in-law), **Ryan** (Ruth Compton's grandson-in-law), **Joyce & David** (Janet Salters' sister and brother-in-law), **Simon** (Kathy Feste's friend), **Kathy** (Corinne Mitchell's friend), **Janet** (Lana Andre's sister), **Violet** (Marge Buller's great granddaughter), **Walt Block** (Marge Buller's brother), and **Enid** (Marge Buller's friend).

Those with cancer including: **Mary Lou Caldwell, Nancy Eller, Marge Buller, Lyle Roberts Jr., Bob Flavell, Chuck Buller, Lisa Kramer, Danny McGarry, Debbie Piper, Judy Britain, Fred Taylor, Jim, Robert, Kathy, Joseph, Gary, Gladys, Katie, Louis, Barbie, Carole, Veronica, and James**

Those experiencing difficult times and/or seeking employment including: **Josh** (the Damiani's nephew), **Jon** and **returning veterans**

For Those Who are Expecting: **Selena Guadamez** (Barb Gifford's great-granddaughter)
Kristina (Jennifer Hanson's daughter)

For Those Who Mourn: **Esther Feigenbaum and family mourning the loss of her husband, Howard**

For Our Shut-In's: **Lola Pinder, Dick Beeson, Charles & Carol Luper, and Lana Andre**

NOW IS THE TIME!

And with warmer weather just around the corner, we all know what that means...It's **"Fix-It"** time. All those little things that we have been putting off because of coldness can now be completed.



Well, your Church facility is in the same boat. There are many little things that need to be addressed and we have come up with a plan in which everyone may participate.

It is the **"Fix-It Fund"**. Your donations to this fund will go directly toward reparations around our facility. All you need to do is mark **"Fix It"** on the memo line of your check. Your designated gifts will go a long way toward taking care of the broken things around the building and allow us to do some preventive maintenance, all without negatively impacting our general fund.

If any of you notice something of concern, please write it down and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a Building Buddy. That committee is currently made up of Herb Kern, Lyle Roberts, and Dominic & Kathy Damiani. If you have skills in this area and would like to join the team, please let the office know. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours beginning June 15 and running through September 10...Mon.—Thur. 10:00-1:00
That will allow us to save on the cost of air-conditioning during the warmest part of the day.