

Exclamations!



SPIRIT OF JOY! LUTHERAN CHURCH

Home of Children of Joy! Preschool

"GROWING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH TO MAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST KNOWN"

February 19, 2012



First Reading:	2 Kings 2:1-12
Responsive Reading:	Psalm 50:1-6
Second Reading:	2Corinthians 4:3-6
The Holy Gospel:	Mark 9:2-9

Remember to share the JOY! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us this Sunday.



February 22 **Service at 7:00 pm** Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at the Ash Wednesday service. People can also come by the church during the afternoon to receive ashes as well.

February 29 – March 4 **Wednesday Lent Services, 7:00 pm** A simple meal will be offered before each service at 6:00 pm followed by a short service and bible study.



We need 2 people to make soup each Wednesday night during Lent. We will also be looking for help in other areas over Lent and Holy Week.

Daily Lent Devotions are available beginning Ash Wednesday at <http://www.davidlose.net/?p=259> You can subscribe on this site for free and have devotions available every day during Lent.



COJ! Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, February 25th 5-8pm

This event was a huge success for our preschool last year. Let's help make it even bigger and better this year by coming out and supporting this wonderful ministry of SOJ!

TICKETS You can buy your tickets in advance this Sunday or anytime during office hours. Tickets are \$6 adult in advance or \$8 adult at the door/\$5 child (children 5 and under are FREE)

CHILI ENTRY If you'd like to enter the Chili Cook-Off, have your entry at church by 4:00 for judging. (Crock-pots are highly recommended). If you'd like to bring some chili to share, have at church by 4:45 pm. (See bulletin insert.)



GIFT BASKET DONATIONS

Each year SOJ! donates a basket full of goodies to be auctioned off for their fundraiser. Our basket will be filled with Easter and spring items (garden items, stationery, dishes, wreath, cross, stuffed animals, candy, etc.). Please bring your donations this Sunday.



DESSERT DONATIONS

Please bring either store-bought or homemade brownies and/or cookies (**NO NUTS**) to the church kitchen by Saturday afternoon.

There will be a silent auction of fabulous theme baskets, a live auction including items that were made in the classrooms and a raffle with really great prizes donated by LOTS of very generous local merchants. Activities for the kids will fill the classrooms including crafts, games, and lots of fun! Invite your friends and family. All the proceeds from this event will benefit COJ/SOJ! Contact Alison Yariger (alisonjbryant77@yahoo.com or 361-550-5476) for more info.

February 26 Give Tying Quilts a Try!! During the 9-10am fellowship time we will be tying quilts. Our goal this year is to send 75 quilts to Peru and LWR and would like to encourage congregational support. If people are interested in staying after church and tying more quilts that is also possible so put it on your calendar and we'll see you there.



March 3 Lutheran Social Services is hosting the **1st Annual Healing Hearts Benefit** on Saturday, March 3 at **The Houston Zoo**. The safari celebration will include dinner, live and silent auctions, and lots of fun! All proceeds benefit the abused and neglected children who call Krause Children's Center home. Online registration is available at www.LSSS.org/HealingHearts or by phone at 800-938-5777.

March 18 and March 25 Monday Group will be collecting items for LWR **Personal Care Kits**. People can donate complete kits or individual items.

Items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Quilts, Personal Care Kits and School Kits will be on display on Palm Sunday, April 1

On Feb. 1, 2012 LWR distributed quilts and kits to people affected by the flood in Mindanao, Philippines and in December, 2011 quilts and Personal Care Kits were sent to Serbia, to help earthquake survivors.

For more information on where LWR sends quilts and kits go to <http://quiltmap.lwr.org/reports>.

April 14 **SOJ! Crawfish Boil**



Back by popular demand, the 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser will be held April 14 from 2-7 pm to benefit our Youth ministry Please save the date, more info to follow!!

March 4, 25 & April 1 First Communion Classes (Age 7 yrs +) will be at 11:00 am in the Resource Room. First Communion will be Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm. Please **notify the office ASAP** if your child will be attending so we can place our order for supplies.



SAVE THE DATE

Lutherhill Day Camp will be June 18-22.

OUTREACH

Tamina Seniors We are collecting seniors' care items that food stamps won't buy to be delivered on the first Sunday of each month. You can deposit items in the labeled basket **anytime through the designated Sunday**. Suggested items needed include:

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| March 4 | <u>Personal care items</u> : deodorant, denture cleaner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, bar soap, shampoo, alcohol wipes (diabetes care) |
| April 1 | <u>Paper Goods</u> : toilet paper, paper towels, sandwich bags, regular Ziploc bags |
| May 6 | <u>Cleaning items</u> (smaller bottles/containers): All-purpose cleaners, bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet cleaner, sponges, disinfecting-wipes |

Tamina Saturday Lunch Program Each group provides 25 sack lunches twice a month.

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| February 24 | Senior High | April 6 & 20 | Confirmation |
| March 9 & 23 | Church Council | May 11 & 25 | Mutual Ministry |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Noah Bratsch, Wendy Goldston, Russ Thiel and his family for the loss of his mother; Evelyn Thiel, Elton Bruhn, Merilyn Kurtzweil, Mary Wroten, Nelson Linke, and Carlos Basilio.

Please send any prayer requests to communications@sojoy.org



SOJ! Church Council

President	Debra Nowak	Administration	Sandy Stevenson	Outreach	OPEN
VP	Dan Kettwich	Celebration	Tina Thiel	Youth & Family/ Ed	OPEN
Secretary	Sandy Stevenson	Invitation	Neil Miller	COJ! Preschool	Dan Kettwich
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SOJ! Mutual Ministry Team

Susan Blough Kent Bratsch Scott Bufton John Carico Jim Flannery Lerna Hansel Jim Young

SOJ! ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Friday	Feb 17		
Saturday	Feb 18		
Sunday	Feb 19	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Fellowship and Adult Ed Tying Quilts for LWR – All are welcome! Worship Service 5 th -12 th graders meet at Main Event (12:00-2:30 pm)
Monday	Feb 20	10:00 am	Monday Group NO SCHOOL – President’s Day (office open)
Tuesday	Feb 21	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi COJ! Open Registration Begins
Wednesday 	Feb 22	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor Eric Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	Feb 23	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Tai Chi Worship Music Rehearsal
Friday	Feb 24		<i>Tamina Lunches by Senior High</i>
Saturday	Feb 25	5:00 pm	COJ! Chili Cook-Off 
Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	Feb 26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fellowship and Adult Ed Worship Service 5 th -12 th graders
Monday	Feb 27	10:00 am	Monday Group
Tuesday	Feb 28	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi Council Meeting
Wednesday	Feb 29	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Simple Meal Lenten Service Bible Study
Thursday	Mar 1	3:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Girl Scouts Tai Chi Worship Music Rehearsal
Friday	Mar 2	9:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	SOJ! staff meeting Girl Scouts BTDT
Saturday	Mar 3	7:00 am	Serving our Seniors
Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	Mar 4	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Fellowship and Adult Ed Worship Service First Communion Class 5 th -12 th graders

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Spirit of Joy! now has a channel on YouTube where Pastor Eric’s sermons can be viewed. You can use this link <http://www.youtube.com/user/SpiritofJoyTW> or visit www.YouTube.com and enter “Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church”.