

A JOYFUL WORD



Advent Celebration/Giving Sunday:

We will be collecting generosity cards during worship this **Sunday, December 3rd**. Stay after church for some Breakfast Tacos and Christian Christmas Crafts! We will have crafts for all, from our tiniest members to our mature members. Create one or more to get your hearts and homes ready for Christmas...



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Angel Tree or Angel Bear?

Most churches participate in an Angel Tree project as we approach the promise and love of the Advent and Christmas seasons. But here at SOJ, we have an Angel Bear named Joy to help facilitate our special outreach to spread God's love. For the next two Sundays (December 3 and 10), Angel Bear will be in the back of our worship center ready to receive \$25 gift cards from HEB or Wal-Mart for in-need families and children of Ball Early Childhood Center (our neighbors just to the north).

If you wish, you may donate whatever amount of money and the Angel Tree Team will convert it to gift cards. Spirit of Joy's generosity is boundless. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR BALL ECC STAFF:

Spirit of Joy is going Italian on December 14! We are hosting a staff luncheon for Ball Early Childhood Center staff. The menu will consist of Lasagna/Spaghetti (meat, no meat, gluten-free, etc.), salad and dressing, garlic bread, cookies, bottled water, and maybe some hot mulled cider. There are several ways to help:

1. Bring decorations for the tables and decorate.
2. Bring one of the dishes for the meal.
3. Donate for someone else to get the dish.
4. Provide a small gift card, plant, or other gifts for a drawing.

And the best part is to attend and have fun with the staff! There will be a sign-up sheet on December 3rd and 10th on the back table of the sanctuary.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign:

Thanks to awesome response from our members to the "call" for Salvation Army Bell Ringers, December 15th, is now FILLED. We now have a second day to ring. This one is after school is out, so hopefully families and folks involved with school will have time to ring. Our additional day is **Tuesday, December 19th, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Market Doors of Walmart. A sign-up sheet for this new day will be available starting Sunday, November 26th. Please contact Jennifer Ehlers for more information: 830-305-1352.



SCHEDULE TIME PASTOR MEGAN:

YOU MAY NOW USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO SCHEDULE A MEETING (PERSONAL OR BUSINESS) WITH PASTOR MEGAN.

THIS LINKS DIRECTLY WITH HER SCHEDULE, SO NO WORRIES ABOUT DUPLICATION.

CONTACT CYNTHIA WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

[CLICK HERE](#)

SAFE CAMPUS NOTICE:

SPIRIT OF JOY IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, OUR CAMPUS IS GUN-FREE, SMOKE-FREE, AND DRUG-FREE BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ALL BUILDINGS.

THE USE OF ALCOHOL IS RESTRICTED AND PERMITTED ONLY WITH PRIOR COUNCIL PERMISSION.

GODLY Play

Godly Play Workday:

We need your help to get ready for
the January launch!

Tuesday, December 5th
2:30pm-4:30pm

SOJ LIBRARY:

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO
DONATE, PLEASE BRING
THEM TO THE GATHERING
ROOM AND PUT THEM IN
THE BINS THAT ARE MARKED
“DONATION BINS.”

ITEMS WILL CIRCULATE ON A
SELF-SERVE HONOR BASIS –
MEANING THAT YOU MAY
SIGN OUT ITEMS, AND JUST
BRING THEM BACK WHEN
YOU ARE DONE WITH THEM.

YARD MAINTENANCE:

***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1,**
FROM 7:30AM TO 11:00AM
(GROUP 3)

***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2,**
FROM 7:30AM TO 11:00AM
(GROUP 3)

***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8,**
FROM 7:30AM TO 11:00AM
(GROUP 1)

***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9,**
FROM 7:30AM TO 11:00AM
(GROUP 1)

ON DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH, 2023

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & HERITAGE CENTER

“BIG RED BARN”

PRESENTS A

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Corner of N. 123 bypass & Cordova Rd.

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ADMISSION \$25 FAMILY RATE; \$10 SINGLE ADULT; \$5 SINGLE CHILD (6-12)

(CASH/CHECK PREFERRED)

CONCESSIONS BOTH NIGHTS IN FRONT HALL

Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a Living
Nativity, in partnership with area youth groups.
“We hope to share the Joy and True Meaning of
Christmas with families in the community.”

MAIN HALL LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY with KIRK HERBOLD & FRIENDS

SATURDAY with BILL & GIL (GIBBONS & MERKLE)

ZION CHURCH MUSIC SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	5:15 - 6:00	TBA
	6:15 - 7:00	Emanuel's Lutheran Music Ministry
	7:15 - 8:00	McQueeney Baptist Church Band & Choir
SATURDAY	5:15 - 6:00	New Braunfels Gemischter Chor Harmonie
	6:15 - 7:00	Cross Church Choir
	7:15 - 8:00	The Country Church - Marion

Visit with Santa between 6:00 and 8:00 PM



Join the FFA for Roasted Marshmallows over an open fire
Hop on the Hayride to see the Live Nativity.
Crafts projects in the Pecan Museum for children – all ages.

DEMONSTRATIONS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE

Seguin Fiber Guild – Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Crocheting
Mike Hallmark – Rope Making
‘Smithy’s’ – Forging at the Ye Olde Blacksmith Shoppe
Butch & Linda Rehfeld – Cowboy Cobbler – made over open fire
All buildings and museums decorated and open for visitors

LA CASITA WORK DAYS

2 IMPORTANT LA CASITA WORK DAYS PLANNED:

***DECEMBER 7TH FROM 8AM TO NOON**

***DECEMBER 14TH FROM 8AM TO NOON**

**HELP US COMPLETE THE REMODEL BEFORE
CHRISTMAS!**



**Work Days have moved from Saturdays to
Thursdays starting at 8 a.m. to Noon.**



VISIT US:

**MONDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY: 9:00AM TO
1:00PM**

**FRIDAY: BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY**

**SUNDAY:
WORSHIP IS HELD AT 9:30AM
IN OUR WORSHIP CENTER**

**Do you have stars of any design or size that we can
borrow to hang against our black backdrop on stage
for Advent/Christmas season?**

**We will keep these up through Epiphany until Lent on
February 14th. Please let Leah or Barney Matocha
know if you're interested in participating.**

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM LINK:

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO SPIRIT
OF JOY FOR WORSHIP?**

**THE 9:30AM SERVICE
STREAMS LIVE EVERY
SUNDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK
PAGE.**

CLICK HERE

**SOJ will once again be displaying nativities of any style in our sanctuary windows
through the Christmas season to encourage "Christ Was Born For All!"
If you would like to share your nativity and help set it up, please let Leah or Barney
Matocha know so that we will have window space available. We will be setting
these up after worship on Sunday, December 3rd.**



Ongoing Opportunities:

Every 3rd Tuesday: SOJ Women's Circle at 2:00pm
Location: SOJ Worship Center

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 7:00am, Location: El Olvido Hacienda Restaurant, 623 E. Kingsbury St.

Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom: Wed. afternoon at 3:00pm
(Contact Pastor Megan for link).

Choir Practice in the SOJ Worship Center: Wed. evening at 6:30 pm

Yoga in the Worship Center: \$5.00 per class—Bring your mat. (See calendar for schedule)

Prayer Requests:

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

MEMBERS:

Patsy Heckmann, Lynna Kraus.

MILITARY:

Scott Boswell (US Army)

Jordan Kranda (Grandson-in-Law of Craig/Lorna Wagner).

FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

Frank Fischer (Brother of Marj Peters), Carol Alex (Sister of Susie Winterhalter), Nolan Petrosky (Grandson of Mary Petrosky), Cheryl Balmos (Step-Daughter of Mary Ruby), Jennifer Bulgerin (Niece of Bobbie Maddox), Judy Semmler, (Sister of Chris Frels), Amie Calhoun (Niece of Nancy Kempf and Lynna Kraus).

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:

David, Calvin and Barbara Wahl (Friends of the Points), M'Liss Harrington (Friend of Cynthia Points), Pat Scott (Friend of Calvin Points), Shirley Shortridge (Friend of Mary Ruby), Craig Sturm (Brother of Karen, former SOJ Member), Maggie Caball (Friend of David Stoimenoff and Jim Germann,) Rusty Reininger (Friend of Karen Wallock), Shirley Shortridge (Friend of Mary Ruby), Alma Dominguez (Mother of 2022 SOJ Scholarship Recipient), Gary Kubenka (Friend of the Frels), Cheri Todee (Friend of the Frels), John Mikulin (friend of Sharon Frels), Cliff McIntyre and wife Wanda, (Friends of Bruce and Karen Clark).

SOJ CALENDAR:

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT SOJ THIS MONTH? CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS THE SPIRIT OF JOY PUBLIC CALENDAR:

WWW.SPIRITOFJOYLC.COM/CALENDAR

PRAYER LIST:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANY NAME, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE WILL INCLUDE ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH HEALTH, EMOTIONAL OR FAMILY/WORK ISSUES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS.

AT THE END OF THAT PERIOD, THEIR NAME WILL BE REMOVED IF A CALL/ EMAIL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THEIR CONTINUED INCLUSION.

THANK YOU.

Volunteer Schedule:

DECEMBER 3:

Assisting Minister: Helene Stadtmueller

Lay Reader: Dayna Cantu

In-Person Greeter: Mike Peters

Online Greeter: Sharon Frels

Ushers: Chris Frels, Marvel Maddox

PrayGround: Marj Peters

Altar Setup: Patti Buckley, Cathy Cordes

Communion Assistants: Denise and Eleanor Crettenden, Karen Wallock

Dieter Duty: Calvin Points

Flowers: Arlynn and Nancy Hartfiel

Online Worship Slide Technician: Sharon Frels

Refreshments: None Needed

Council Member Unlock: Bobbie Maddox

Council Members Lock-Up: Bobbie Maddox and Beth Bronk

DECEMBER 10:

Assisting Minister: Leah Matocha

Lay Reader: Karen Wallock

In-Person Greeter: Larry Lippe

Online Greeter: Patti Buckley

Ushers: Jim Germann, Hoch Strauss

PrayGround: Diana Ball

Altar Setup: Judy Hoffmann, Rhonda Westerfield

Communion Assistants: Alfrieda Leiter, Diane Lippe, Christa Strauss

Dieter Duty: Diana Ball

Flowers: Pam and Craig Sagebiel

Online Worship Slide Technician: Dave Legore

Refreshments: Calvin and Cynthia Points

Council Member Unlock: Tim Clark

Council Members Lock-Up: Mark Johansen and Tim Clark

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

**SPIRIT OF JOY IS
COMMITTED TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY AND THE
WORLD. WE CREATE OR
JOIN EVENTS THAT WILL
MEET THE NEEDS OF A
VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS
AND GROUPS.**

**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN
MORE](#)**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

**SPIRIT OF JOY WANTS TO
HELP YOU GROW IN CHRIST
AND WE HAVE MANY
DIFFERENT MINISTRIES IN
ORDER TO HELP FOSTER
THAT GROWTH. WE OFFER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ADULTS, YOUTH, AND
CHILDREN TO GROW IN
THIS DISCIPLESHIP OF
JESUS.**

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Luke Leverett

AV COORDINATOR: Tim Clark

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:

Hospitality: Dayna Cantu

Worship & Congregational Life: Leah and Barney Matocha

Faith Formation: Diana Ball

Mission and Outreach: Grace Mueller

Finance Team: Cathy Cordes, Heidi Franzen, Jim Germann

FACILITY TEAM LEADERS:

Facilities: Tobin Hoffmann

Facility Use (calendar): Pam Sagebiel

Grounds: Arlynn Hartfiel

Maintenance: Chris Frels, Helen Mycue

VOTING MEMBERS OF THE 2023 SWT SYNOD ASSEMBLY:

Keith and Helene Stadtmueller, Mason Jones

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER BOARD:

Pam Sagebiel, Karen Clark

2023 SPIRIT OF JOY COUNCIL:

**ALFRIEDA LEITER:
PRESIDENT**

CATHY CORDES: TREASURER

**BOBBIE MADDOX:
SECRETARY**

**MARK JOHANSEN: VICE
PRESIDENT**

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BETH BRONK, TIM CLARK,
MASON JONES AND SANDRA
MOLINE**

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