

# ***SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH***



Clarkdale, Arizona

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

April 27, 2025

*Soli deo gloria*

Today we are grateful to God for:

- ◇ The presence, leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit
- ◇ The presence of Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer, and for former bishops and synod staff who have guided and encouraged us
- ◇ Christ Lutheran Church, Sedona, who sent many people to be charter members of a new ministry in Clarkdale, and who are now in a covenant relationship with Spirit of Joy as we look towards our future
- ◇ The 89 Charter Members of Spirit of Joy whose dedication and commitment began the story of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
- ◇ All those who, throughout these 30 years have supported Spirit of Joy through their prayers, hard work, perseverance, service and financial giving
- ◇ For all those in leadership roles who have led the way
- ◇ For the support of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund
- ◇ For Reynold Radoccia, Architect of Architecture Works Green, Inc, Clarkdale, AZ and for Tim Kinney, President of Kinney Construction Services, Inc., Flagstaff, AZ who supervised its construction and all the volunteers who helped along the way

We are grateful to God for the Pastors who have served Spirit of Joy

- ◇ Rev. Bud Roufs, Interim (D) 1993 – 1994 Preaching Point Pastor
- ◇ Rev. David Harr, Interim (D) 1994
- ◇ Rev. Jeff Johnson, Interim 1994

- ◇ Rev. Peter Rose-Kamprath 1994-1997      1st Called Pastor
- ◇ Rev. Ed Petersen, Interim (D) Nov 1997—Oct 1998
- ◇ Rev. Scott Haasarud, Interim (D) 1998/99
- ◇ Rev. Bob Jones 1999 – 2004      2nd Called Pastor
- ◇ Rev. Rick Alpers, Interim 2004-2006
- ◇ Rev. Mari Larson 2007 – 2016      3rd Called Pastor
- ◇ Rev. Stephanie Johnson, Interim 2016 – 2018
- ◇ Rev. Jennifer Zahnow, Interim 2018
- ◇ Rev. Sharon Brown 2018—2024      4th Called Pastor
- ◇ Rev. Conrad Braaten, Interim 2025 - present  
(D) - deceased

We are grateful for the pastoral candidates who have come from Spirit of Joy

- ◇ Rev. Bruce Lerum: Ordained August, 2008    Now retired
- ◇ Rev. Gail Kenny: Ordained May, 2025      Now serving at  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iola, WI

Significant dates in the history of Spirit of Joy congregation

- ◇ April 23, 1995      Spirit of Joy received its charter in the ELCA
- ◇ February 2003      Burning of property mortgage (\$150,000)
- ◇ June 11, 2011 - Feb 4, 2012      SOJ facility is constructed
- ◇ January 28, 2012      SOJ facility is dedicated
- ◇ November 24, 2013      SOJ Columbarium is dedicated

