

## Worship Schedule

### **Sunday Worship**—9:30 am

This service features a variety of music and worship settings for all ages.

### **Wednesday Worship**—5:00 pm (Sept-June)

For those who prefer a smaller, quieter, informal worship service.

**Fellowship**—follows Sunday 9:30am worship.

Worship services include Communion and our table is open to all. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month we offer anointing and prayers for healing.

Children are always welcome at worship. We have “busy bags” and a children’s room for the younger ones, if needed.



## Fun and Fellowship

If you enjoy time together and being part of a community, these are some of our most recent social functions open to all.

*Easter Brunch Potluck*

*Octoberfest Potluck*

*Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Christmas Dinner*

*Ice Cream Socials*

*Soup Suppers*

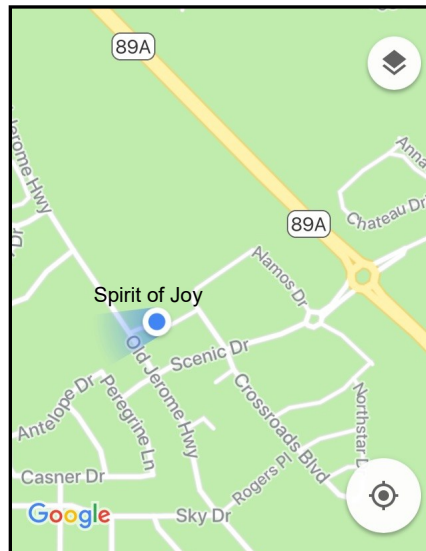
*Music Recitals*

*Bake Sales*

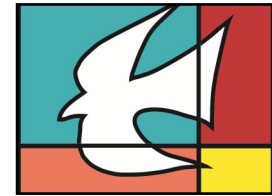
*Yard Sales*

*Joyful Community*

*Monthly Out to Lunch Bunch*





Directions: From Cottonwood, take 89A to the 2nd rotary, Scenic Drive. Exit SW towards Old Jerome Highway, Spirit of Joy is on the right.



# Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

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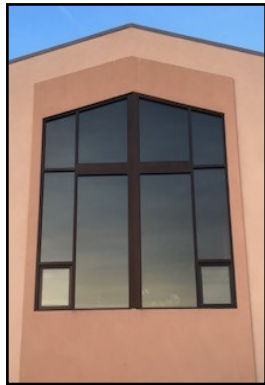


## About Us

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Spirit of Joy is an open and affirming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) that celebrates God's incredible grace and welcomes others to join us as we worship, study and serve.

**Our Mission:** God has called us to reach out with joy to nurture all people with faith, love and hope of Jesus Christ.



## Our Staff

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### **Interim Pastor**

Rev. Conrad Braaten  
prbraaten@gmail.com

### **Church Musician/Choir Director**

Nancy Bright  
Nancy has been playing with us since our first worship service in 1993.

### **Administrative Assistant**

Rosie West  
officesoj@sojaz.net  
We welcomed Rosie to the staff in 2013.

## Learning More About Our Faith

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**Women's Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm for a Bible study following an outline from the *Gather* magazine.

**Men's Group** meets at 8am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Red Rooster Café in Old Town. In addition to fellowship, the group follows a designated devotional and discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

**Daytime Book Group** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. The selection of books and times are listed in the monthly newsletter.

**Weekday Classes** meet Monday at 7:00 pm or Tuesday at 10:00 am with discussions to broaden your understanding and appreciation of religious perceptions.

**Worship for All Ages** includes a dedicated intergenerational time, *Faith in Motion*, and children ages 3-12 yrs are supplied with take home activities. In addition, youth gather throughout the year for social and/or service events.

**Confirmation / Affirmation of Baptism** Faith Formation for tweens and teens is offered on an *as needed* basis. Contact Pastor Braaten for more information.



## Our Commitment to the Community and Beyond

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Spirit of Joy is a congregation dedicated to sharing our time, talents and finances to make a difference in the lives of others, whether it is here in our community or beyond.

If you like to be involved, there are ample opportunities to serve in our In-Reach/Outreach team activities such as:

**Joy Packs** is a program we started to help local "food insecure" students from area schools. During the school year we create packs of weekend food and deliver them to the schools to be shared with the students who need this ministry.

**Annual Red Cross Blood Drive** is held in November in honor of veterans.

**Taste of Christmas** is a yearly bake sale along with crafts and recycled holiday items. The women's group, WELCA, sponsors this event and raises funds at this one-day event for various social service organizations such as Navajo Mission School at Rock Point, Verde Valley Homeless Coalition and Luther Social Services of the SW.

**Science and Religion Series** occurs every Sunday in February with fascinating topics discussing the co-existence of Science and Religion.

Nationally and internationally we support the mission of the ELCA through their relief and hunger agencies.