Living Stone Prison Church Springfield, SD *Winter,* 2018

# Mark Your Calendar to come Worship with us

2-20-18 Fusion

3-13-18 Tri-Valley Chorus

> 3-20-18 Fusion

4-10-18 First Reformed– Platte

4-15-18 Delaware Reformed

#### Help, we lost all our dates on our calendar, please call and help me add your group to the calendar again!

Please call to set up a date to come worship with us! Visitors are always appreciated!

As soon as we get the chapel done, we are hoping to change our worship services to Sunday evenings.

### "Holy Spirit Filled to Build"

It's not uncommon to hear a fellow Christian say something along the lines of, "the Holy Spirit really spoke through the pastor today". We often think of the Holy Spirit as the One who empowers pastors and Christian speakers to reach the audience with a message from the Bible that will impact their lives. Certainly, that is the work of the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit of the Living God also does a variety of things that have nothing to do with a microphone. For instance, the Holy Spirit empowered Joseph to interpret dreams in the book of Genesis (41:38), the Spirit empowered Othniel to fight on behalf of Israel in the book of Judges (3:10), the power of God even struck the prophet Elijah in a way that he was able to run faster than a chariot. (1 Kings 18:46)

Simply put, if God wants somebody to do something, He will make it happen by His Spirit.

Well....God wants us to complete the remodel of our new "Upper Room" chapel. As I was reading through the book of Exodus recently, I was struck by the fact that the Holy Spirit also has empowered people to construct. God desired for the Israelites to have a house of worship in the wilderness, and we read this in Exodus 31:1–3, "The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship."

Bezalel and others were Holy Spirit filled to build, and they did just that. They spared no details as they completed the tabernacle, and when it was finished, the Glory of the

# Save the Date-

## 6th Annual-Living Stone Banquet

It will be a night filled with yummy food, great entertainment and fellowship!

Where: Bethany Reformed Church, Canton, SD

### When: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm

RSVP: Please let us know by March 7 if you can come, so we can plan on how much food to have.

### Call or text 605.366.3624

Pastor Jason will be giving a ministry update on Living Stone's activities at the prison and we will hear from a few former inmates how God has used the ministry to encourage and strengthen their Christian journey.

We are thankful for those that have come forth and used their God given talents (Infused with the Spirit's power) in the construction process. Exodus also records how the congregation of Israel brought gifts with a "generous heart" (Exodus 35:5) to be used in the building project. We also extend a big "**Thank you**" to all who contributed to the project thus far! Your generous hearts have allowed us to continue in the confidence that the funds for completion will be completely in place when the dust clears. Our estimate is that 75% of the necessary donations have already been received! Any donations to help us reach the finish line would be appreciated.

People often wonder how Living Stone can do the things we do. To

me, the answer is simple, God is good, His Spirit in powerful and He has connected us with many of His people who believe that a prison is a great place to have a church.

IN CHRIST'S LOVE, Pastor Jason and Ruth Wiersma



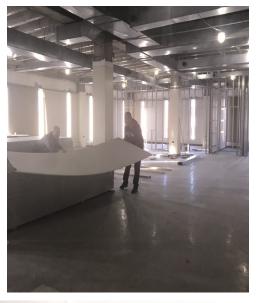
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Lord filled the space in the sight of all the Israelites. (Exodus 40:34-38)

Friends, it is my joy to report that we are experiencing the same type provision by God that the Israelites did, for our house of worship. We've had people come forward, whether they be an inmate or outside volunteer with the abilities, knowledge and craftmanship to take care of every detail of this exciting remodel. God has brought forth by the power of His Spirit; carpenters, electricians, plumbers, floor installers, stained glass artists, mural painters, sound technicians and other talented people because He desires every detail of this project to be done to His glory. The glory that we trust will fill the "Upper Room" upon completion.

As of this writing, much of the rough in electrical work has been completed and most of the sheetrock has been hung and will be taped and textured soon. There is still much to do, but we anticipate a completion date in the

Spring and look forward to showing you the final product then.



Please prayerfully consider how you can help

us meet our annual budget.

Please pray-

That we stay faithful to the job God has called us to do. That God would work in the hearts and lives of the inmates at the Mike Durfee State Prison.

That God would continue working in the lives of the men as they are released from prison.

That our building project will proceed for God's glory!

Please make your tax deductible checks payable to Living Stone Prison Church.

All contributions can be sent to our treasurer:

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