

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

(1 Corinthians 12:7)

Dear JOYful Family,

I see the life of our congregation – or any congregation – as a mixture of training volunteers for action and equipping saints for ministry. We need both doers and “be-ers”. The gifts of the Holy Spirit prompt some toward one, some toward the other. It all works together in building up the body of Christ. The epistles (letters) in the New Testament are chock-full of teaching regarding spiritual gifts. The Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament was God’s inspiration and instruction for furthering His kingdom and the Lord’s Church. In Timothy’s second letter, he adds that God’s Word trains us

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Our mission is to share the Good News of grace and love with all through worship, service, and fellowship.



MEET OUR STAFF

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

Pastor-Art Wuertz

Administrative Assistant-
Zsuzsanna Jobbagy

Director of Music-Silas Daniel

Choir Director-Linda Aker

Handbell Director-
Melissa Daniel

Sexton-Carson Faris

Treasurer-Terry Owen

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President-Ray Ihlenburg

Vice President-John Voyles

Secretary-Linda Aker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Karin Campbell

Richard Cognetti

Carson Faris

Don Fields

J.R. Frederiksen

Hank Groth

Doug Juhl

Paul Spellman



<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
06/01	Barbara Johnson
06/02	Anne Burkett
06/03	Penny Davis
	Lee Bay
06/04	Ron Piper
06/05	Mike Beaver
06/06	Emery Bjerkmann
06/10	Marcia Cox
06/11	Doreen Robinson
	Dawn Cook
	Kurt Cook
06/12	Dalila Borrego
06/13	Jean Groth
	Dan Schellenbach
06/18	Sheila Mixdorf
	Jerry Wieland
	Dolly Schember
06/19	Linda Ware
06/21	Terry Owen
06/24	Jennie Halvorsen
	Joe Spillane
06/25	Randulf Hardy
	Carol Schellenbach
06/28	John Henderson
06/29	Jill Davis
	Pat Smith



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in righteousness, equipping us for every good work.

We have all the tools we need. Our credentials are in our baptism. Here at Joy, we are blessed with a marvelous blend of skills, capabilities, but mostly, ***gifts***. Don't sell yourself short by assuming you have nothing to offer, nothing more to give ("I'm too old"). Hogwash! Even when you pray, send a card, or call a sibling in Christ who is hurting, you are sharing the love of Christ. New people who come into our midst feel and see it instantly. Keep up the faithful, good work! ***I'll see you in church – or any time, any where you want to meet up, hang out, and be led by the Holy Spirit in holy conversation and relationship cultivation!***

Pastor Art



DATE	NAME	# YRS
06/03	Don & Yvonne Conner	47 yrs.
06/08	Norman & Jennie Halvorsen	68 yrs.
	J.R. & Beth Frederiksen	57 yrs.
	Thomas & Margaret Randall	47 yrs.
06/12	Ken & Jean Kutscher	59 yrs.
06/15	Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich	57 yrs
06/18	Calvin & Nancy Kraft	59 yrs.
06/22	Rita & John Brokaw	3 yrs.
06/26	Art & Carolyn Salzlein	60 yrs.

CHURCH COUNCIL MESSAGE

Ray Ihlenburg, President

COUNCIL

Dear JOY Members,

The next JOY Town Hall on June 8th will take place after the 10:00 AM service, about 11:30 AM. Come Get the Scoop! So, have a cup of coffee and a snack in the Narthex, and reconvene in the Sanctuary then. The main topic will be the initial recommendations by the **2-5 Year Capital Plan Steering Committee**.

Remembering back to late 2024, when the Property Ministry announced a process to establish a 2–5-year Capital Plan for Joy. Our first step was to determine what improvements, additions, and renovations the congregation desires. A Charette suggestion box was placed in the Narthex for our members to submit their suggestions for improvement. So, on September 19 at 10 AM a Design Charette in Swenson Hall convened for anyone interested in the conceptual planning moving forward. Those that attended formed the Steering Committee. The Charette suggestions, comments, and desires were tabulated and discussed. This discussion led to additional ideas as the initial set of comments for improvements to our campus were considered. The overall most referenced issue was that of more convenient space for fellowship. This was set as the goal to minister to our congregation and any future members our welcoming fellowship may cause to join.

The Steering Committee considered 80 suggestions as improvements to the Church building, Swenson Hall, Parking/Access, and a new separate building were evaluated. This evaluation included the financial capability of our congregation to support any type of construction to cost-effectively reach our goals.

During the upcoming Town Hall, we will, quickly, take the attendees through the process to the development of our Conceptual Plan. Pictures and drawings will be presented to help all envision the conceptual recommendations. A robust Q&A session is anticipated.

Please attend and be part of the process to improve our ability to offer outreach to the community through the worship and fellowship experiences.

In Service,

Ray

JUNE 2/FER SUNDAY



FIGHT HUNGER 2 WAYS IN 1 DAY



ELCA

World Hunger

Whenever we gather at JOY, there is food involved. We like to eat and have fellowship. JOY is offering a way to help others eat and be a part of our fellowship. How do we do that? The last Sunday of every month we have our 2/FER Sunday.

First you can donate to: ELCA WORLD HUNGER. ELCA World Hunger supports 149 programs in the US (several right here in Florida), and in 63 countries. You may use the envelopes provided in your numbered church set; the pew envelopes provided in the sanctuary, or by scanning the QR code at the bottom. If you are donating a check, please make it out to Joy Lutheran Church . Donations go directly to ELCA World Hunger.

Second you can bring non-perishable food items and place them on the carts set up for Interfaith in the Narthex. The food is then delivered to Interfaith's Food Bank for distribution. Our last two drives have been very successful, thanks to your generosity. You can think of the Food Cart as an extra place setting at your dinner table.

Two ways you can help, and with only one trip!

JUNE 2/FER SUNDAY IS ON THE 29TH!



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

Our monthly

Lutheran Men in Mission breakfast will be
Thursday, June 5th, 8:00 in the Garden Room.

As our guest speaker we will have Stu Montgomery from Kairos Prison Ministry. There will also be some powerful testimony of how lives have been changed and redeemed by this program.

This is one not to be missed!



LIFESOUTH BLOOD MOBILE IS ON ITS WAY

It's the time of the year when many are on vacation and traveling. Our "Fun Time" is very trying for the Blood Centers who experience an increased need for blood. If you are home, you can help.

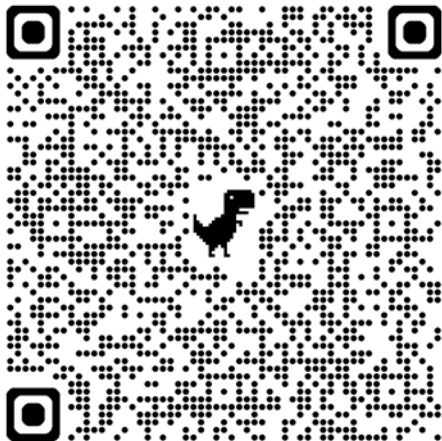
The LifeSouth Blood Mobile will be on campus to accept your donations. A single pint of blood saves 3 lives. 1 for 3—not bad. Our goal is to get 10 pints. We reached our goal at our last drive, so let's do it again!

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. You can scan the code below to make an appointment.

DATE: JUNE 22nd, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

REMEMBER:

**NO BAD DAYS WHEN YOU'RE
A BLOOD DONOR**



**All donors receive
a free t-shirt!**

**Platelet and
double red cell
donors receive a
\$40 e-gift card!**

While supplies last. Colors may vary.

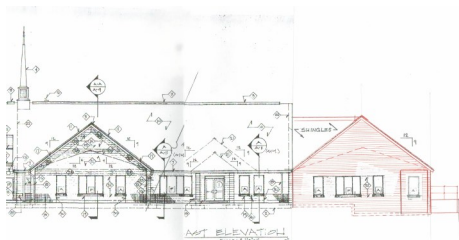


Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Town Hall Meeting

JUNE 8, 2025

immediately following the 10:00 am service.

**Hear about the Conceptual Joy Lutheran Church
2-5 Year Expansion Plan and offer your personal
ideas, and comments.**



LIFELINE SCREENING IS COMING TO OUR CAMPUS

About Life Line Screening

***Since 1993, Life Line Screening has been the premier provider of annual preventive health screenings for stroke and cardiovascular disease risk as well as other chronic illnesses.**

***Over 10 million people have trusted Life Line Screening to provide peace of mind or early detection.**

***Each year, about 650,000 people are screened at over 14,000 locations across the country and about 45,000 abnormal results are identified, including about 9,000 critical results.**



DATE:

June 24, 2025

**WWW.LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or
Call 888-814-0466 to schedule
your appointment! A simple
screening can be worth a life-
time.**



SHEPHERD MINISTRY

Did you know you have a Shepherd here at Joy?

Your Shepherd is named at the bottom of your listing in our church directory.

They are a point of contact in case of:

- ⇒ **emergency**
- ⇒ **if you are sick, in the hospital, preparing and recovering from surgery**
- ⇒ **needing transportation**
- ⇒ **needing help around the house**
- ⇒ **needing a visit from Pastor**

This is a component of our Member Care Ministry. It will be our featured ministry on Sunday, June 15th.

BIBLE READINGS FOR *JUNE 2025*

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
June 1	ACTS	PSALM	REVELATION	JOHN
	16:16-34	97	22:12-14,16-17,20-21	17:20-26
June 8 Pentecost	ACTS 2:1-21	PSALM 104 24-34,35b	ROMANS 8:14-17	JOHN 14:8-17[25-27]
June 15	PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31	PSALM 8	ROMANS 5:1-5	JOHN 16:12-15
June 22	ISAIAH 65:1-9	PSALM 22 19-28	GALATIANS 3:23-29	LUKE 8:26-39
June 29	ACTS 12:1-11	PSALM 87 1-3, 5-7	2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18	JOHN 21:15-19

MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

What is Ministry Awareness all about?

It's about YOU getting to know what each of JOY's ministry groups is up to.

The third Sunday of each month gives a ministry the opportunity to “show off their plumage.” Under the shade of a canopy, they display their on-going projects, talk about their group, and discuss how you can be a part of their ministry. May's Sunday was our Christian Ed Ministry.

June 15th is Member Care Sunday

Stop by the table on your way in or out of church. Offer encouragement and support, and, yes, maybe consider volunteering in whatever way you are able.

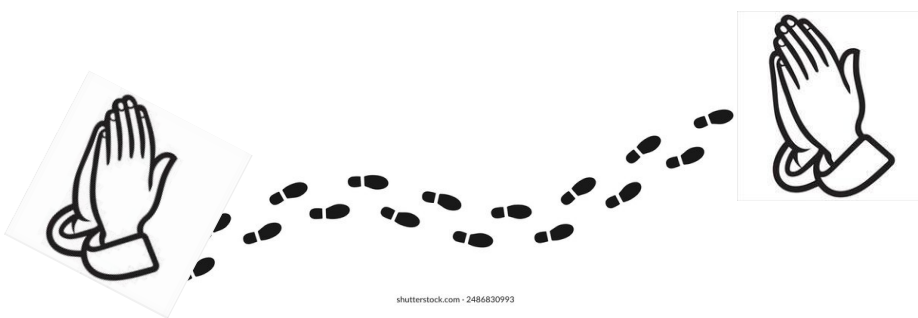
Remember “Many hands make light work.”

PRAYER WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST, 9:00 AM

COPPERLEAF 10555 SW 76th Ct.

(OFF OF SW 103RD St. Rd.)



Seasons of JOY

Concert Series

Blue Muse Jazz

Blue Muse will transport you to a moment in time where jazz was cooler than cool. Hard swing, soul-jazz and west coast cool as well as tight harmonies with horns combine to make the evening an unforgettable performance!

Bold City Classics and our sister jazz group Blue Muse have performed at venues all over the southeast including Arts Garage in Delray Beach, Atlantic Beach Jazz Festival and Jacksonville Jazz Festival After Dark series.

Admission is free (with a voluntary love offering) and a reception will be held post-concert. Sanctuary opens 30 minutes prior to showtime for seating.



June 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

at JOY Lutheran Church

7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476

V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N!



THE VBS! THE VBS! Is coming to JOY.

JOY is heading North to Alaska. Our TRUE NORTH VBS will explore who we can trust (Jesus) in this wild world of ours. From July 7-July 10th, 8:30 AM-11:30 am. Swenson Hall will become an Alaskan campground.

WE NEED YOU to help us get everything ready. We are striving for a VBS that is about learning God's love in a friendly, active, and stimulating environment.

Volunteers are needed to help make this transformation possible and be ready to welcome the children. During the week we need Song Leaders, Imagination Leaders, Wild Bible Adventure Leaders, Opening and Closing Leaders, skit participants, Game leaders etc., etc. and so forth.

Please prayerfully consider where you may be able to help. Our CE meeting will be on Thursday, June 5th at 11:00 am to organize and plan. Volunteers are asked to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD.....



JUNE 1: Blue Muse Jazz Concert– 5:00 PM

JUNE 5: LMM Breakfast 8:00 am, Garden Room, speaker

Stu Montgomery, from Kairos Prison Ministry

JUNE 7: Celebration of Life for Ralph Wright– 11:00 am

Reception following in Swenson Hall

JUNE 8: Town Hall Meeting after worship service,

Discuss 2-5 year plan for JOY

JUNE 12-14: Synod Assembly in Kissimmee

JUNE 15: Ministry Awareness Week: Spotlight—Member Care

JUNE 21: Prayer Walk-9:00 am, Copperleaf

JUNE 22: LIFE SOUTH Blood Drive-9:00 am—1:00 pm

JUNE 24: LIFE LINE SCREENING in Swenson Hall

8:00 am-6:00 pm. Fee based. Appointments needed.

JUNE 29: June 2/FER Sunday, fight hunger two ways

JULY 7-JULY 10: TRUE NORTH VBS

8:30-11:30 AM –Swenson Hall



2025

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ONE SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>Blue Muse Jazz</i> <i>Concert 5:00 pm</i>	2 Member Care 2:30 P	3 Beginners' Bible Study 11 A	4 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Stewardship 1P Worship Svc	5 LMM 8:15 A M CE 11 AM BC Ringers 6:30 PM	6 T.O.P.S. 7:30A Bell Choir 10A	7 Wright SVC 11A Cleaning 2-4PM
8 ONE SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>Town Hall Mtg.</i> 11:00 AM	9 Stephen M. 9:30AM	10 Property 10 AM Beg Bible Study- 11 AM Finance 1 PM	11 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Worship Svc 5:30 PM	12 <i>TIDINGS DUE</i> Wear Gloves Lunch Endowment-10A Outreach 1:30PM Council Exec 3 p BC Ringers 6:30PM	13 TOPS-7:30AM	14 Cleaning2-4PM
15 ONE SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>Ministry Awareness: Member Care</i>	16	17 Beg BibleStudy -11Am Council 1PM	18 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Worship Svc 5:30 PM	19 BC Ringers 6:30 PM	20 TOPS-7:30AM Bell Choir 10AM	21 Prayer Walk 9:00 AM Cleaning 2-4PM
22 ONE SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>Blood Drive</i> 9AM-1PM	23 Stephen M- 9:30AM	24 Life Line Screening 8a- 6p Beg BibleStudy -11Am (N)	25 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Worship SVC 5:30 PM	26 BC Ringers 6:30 PM	27 TOPS-7:30AM Bell Choir 10 AM	28 Cleaning 2-4PM
29 ONE SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>Interfaith Meal Share</i>	30					

PLEASE observe the following deadlines for copy ready articles to be placed in the bulletin and the newsletter.

Bulletin deadline is Monday 8:00 am
Tidings deadline is on the 15th of the month.

Thank you. Susan

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Our vision:

*"Joy is a spiritual community sharing
the love of Christ in a challenging
world".*

