

*Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026*



Our vision:

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

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

Worship text is on the screen.
****Indicates Congregation Stands if able***

Items in Italics are only for the service indicated

Prelude— “Hope of the World” - arr. Sherri Hansen

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn—ELW # 777**

”Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” vv 1,3,&4

***Greeting**

***Kyrie: ELW page 184-”Kyrie Eleison On Our World”**

***Prayer of the Day**

(11:00) Children’s Lesson

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

(8:15) Psalm 95 (Psalm and refrain are on page 4)

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

Special Music:

(8:15) “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”-arr. Peter Benjamin

(11:00) “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”-JOY Choir

***Lenten Acclamation: -ELW page 189-”Let Your Steadfast Love”**

***Gospel: John 4: 5-42**

Today’s Message is Given by: Pr. Art Wuertz

***Hymn of the Day: ACS # 1097-”Ten Thousand Reasons”**

***Apostles’ Creed**

***The Prayers of the People**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offertory: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" com. Lowell Mason

***Congregational Offertory: ELW #801-"Change My Heart, O God"**

***Offertory Prayer**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

***"It is indeed right....."**

***Sanctus: - ELW page 190-"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

***Lamb of God: ELW page 191-"Lamb of God"**

(11:00) Communion Meditation-

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"-arr. Peter Benjamin

Distribution Hymns:

ELW # 612-"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW # 515-"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW # 611-"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn: ELW # 618—"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"**

***Sending**

***Postlude: "Gethsemane" com. Eric Thomas**

PSALM 95



Let

Psalm 95:1

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R: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

- ¹ Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹ bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker. R**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹ of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would ¹ hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **"Harden ¹ not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah ¹ in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors ¹ tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had ¹ seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- ¹ ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not ¹ know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore ¹ in my anger, 'They shall never come ¹ to my rest.'" R



Please remember that the sign-up sheet is for notification only.
 Office does not order the flowers for the altar.
 The person/s signing up are responsible for getting the flowers and bringing them to the church.

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

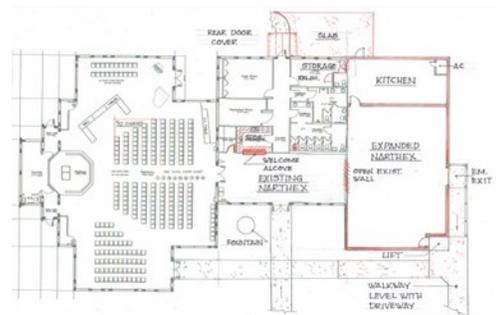
WEDNESDAY	02/25/2026	5:30 PM	41
SUNDAY	03/01/2026	8:15 AM	50
	03/01/2026	11:00 AM	110

JOY 2–5 Year Plan Informational Forums Narthex/Lobby Expansion

You are invited to attend one of three identical sessions to learn about the proposed expansion of the Joy Sanctuary Narthex/Lobby.

Meeting Options

- **Thursday, March 12 – 10:30 am, Swenson Hall**
- **Friday, March 13 – 10:30 am, Swenson Hall**
- **Sunday, March 15 – 9:30 am, Sanctuary (between services)**



Each session will provide an overview of the Sanctuary Building improvements being considered and offer time for questions and conversation.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Dale Anders & family*-Health issues
Brenda Bal*-Cancer
Patty Braswell*-Illness
Bob Bleau--Recovery
John Caputo*-Heart Issue
John Cobb-Health
Robert Cretul* – Cancer
Carol Daruna*-Cancer Diagnosis
Virginia Dockus' Granddaughter*-
Bleeding in Brain
Aud Enslow*-Healing
Violet Frey-Health Issues
Elaine Grass*-Recovery from
Stroke
Guy Griemey*-Cancer
Norm Halverson-Recovery
Hansen Family-Bereavement –
passing of Grace
Trudie Herzog*-Illness
Susan Holmes-Health
Bruce Hopkins & Family*-LOMS
Bob Irish – Health
Jake's Grandfather Bob-Concerns
Barbara Johnson - Stroke
Nancy Kraft-Hospice Care
Linda Kraigenow-Recovery
Gary Linton*-Severely Ill
Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery
Julie Mugherman*-Hospitalization
Steven Mendez*-Recovery
Drew Miller*-Mental Health

Doris & Raymond Ness*-Health
Issues
Abby Owen*-Cancer
Deb Pequignot*-Brain Tumor
Randall family-Bereavement-
passing of Tom's mother
Pam Rodriguez*-Cancer
Dolly Schember-Health
Katie Schoenfelder-Health
Brian Shull*-Special
Circumstances
Nancy Spitzack*-Family Issues
Debbie Spivey*-Cancer
Kristen Spivey*-Preparing to be a
kidney donor
Samantha Stafferi*-Possible
Cancer
Lee & Edie Stewart – Health
Helen Vance*-Cancer
Ken Warner*- Lung Cancer
Mary Wilson*-Illness
Dawn Winblad-Cancer Treatment

Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Liv-
ing
Cynthia Randall-Memory Care

Seasons of JOY

Concert Series

2025-26 Season

A New Musical Adventure

Paul Hyatt, *bass-baritone*



Join us when we welcome our very own Paul Hyatt back to the stage. He will be sharing a program of songs covering everything from classical, sacred and spiritual, musical theater and more! Come be moved by the man with the golden voice, you will not be disappointed! Paul regularly performs with the OTOW Chorus, the Ocala Symphony Chorus, and this will be his third concert at Joy.

March 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
at JOY Lutheran Church (7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476)

Free Admission. Reception follows concert.



**JOY FAMILY FUN DAY
IS COMING SOON!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**

**Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30am-1:00pm,
is Joy's "Family Fun Day"**

**There is a need for help setting up
on Friday, March 27th, parking directors the day
of the concert, and help taking down.
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Help make our event a big success!!**

Linda Aker is also looking for:

- 1) FACE PAINTERS - contact her at 352-291-7597 (home)
or 352-895-2473 (cell)**
- 2) JEWELRY DONATIONS— any unused jewelry you
would like to donate please contact Linda Aker or
Debbie Zander.**



NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

March 9, 2026 THRU MARCH 15, 2026



DATELINE LEGEND: SH= SWENSON HALL; S=SANCTUARY; N=NARTHEX;
OR= OUTREACH ROOM; MG=MEMORIAL GARDEN; CG=CHURCH GROUNDS; OC=OFF CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOC
MON. 3/09	9:30 AM	Stephen Ministry	SH
	1:00 PM	Bible Study with Charlie	N
TUE. 3/10	10:00 AM	Property Ministry	SH
	11:00 AM	Beginners' Bible Study	SH
	1:00 PM	Finance Ministry	SH
	3:30-5:30 PM	Tutoring (Closed)	SH
	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
WED. 3/11	9:30 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	3:00-4:30 PM	JOY Choir Rehearsal	S
	5:00-6:00 PM	Soup Supper	SH
	6:30 PM	Worship Service	S
	9:00 AM	Worship Service	S
THU. 3/12		Wear Gloves Lunch Share	OC
	10:30 AM	JOY 2-5 Year Plan Forum	SH
	1:30 PM	Outreach Ministry	SH
	2:00-3:00 PM	Off Key Chorale Rehearsal	S
	3:00 PM	Council Executive Board	SH
	6:30 PM	Brick City Ringers Rehearsal	S
FRI. 3/13	10:00 AM	JOY Handbell Choir Rehearsal	S
	10:30 AM	JOY 2-5 Year Plan Forum	SH
	1:00-3:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
SAT. 3/14	9:30AM-2:30 PM	Dine & Dream	SH
SUN. 3/15	8:15 AM	Worship Service	S
	9:30AM	JOY 2-5 Year Plan Forum	S
	11:00 AM	Worship Service	S



*Are Here
Our Lenten Soup Suppers
Have Started*

There are 4 more weeks to enjoy the wide variety of homemade soups. If you have not already done so, consider signing up for one or more of the upcoming evenings. For more information contact:

*Terry Owen office: 352-854-4509 ext. 4
cell: 717-571-9752*

*MARK THE DATES: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

TIME: 5:00 PM—6:00 PM ~~~ PLACE: SWENSON HALL

JOIN US



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HERE
BEFORE WE KNOW IT!**

**Our theme this year is “Emerald Crossing”
A journey through Ireland to learn the 23rd Psalm
and how Christ is Our Shepherd.**

**An early start is key to our success. Volunteers are
needed to help the children learn about the special relationship
they have with our Shepherd, Jesus.**

The dates are 7/13-7/17.

**Please consider volunteering your time and enthusiasm!
Please call the office and let us know you are with us.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLICITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM



**SEND PHOTOS AND SHORT VIDEOS
of JOY happenings for posting!**

(Please ask anyone featured for permission to post online)

**Something interesting happening at Joy you want to share online?
Send us the info!**

Contact us at: Joyocalaconnect@gmail.com

BLESSING BAGS



Outreach is collecting monetary donations for the purchase of items to be placed in our blessing bags.

The bags will go to children waiting for foster placement. Donations will be taken before and after both services this Sunday and on Sunday, March 15th.

Look for the special box on the table in the Narthex.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE OFFERTORY PLATES.

IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A CHECK MAKE IT OUT TO

SUSANNE ZUMBAHLEN AND PLACE IN THE BOX.

(DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO JOY OR ISAIAH HOUSE)

Thank You.

Outreach Ministry Team

THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS		
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister	Jim Hessel	Jill Davis
Reader	Randy Pyers	Terri Feeley
Cross Bearer	Diane Julian	
Communion Assistant	Kim Hessel	
Ushering Team	HEINZEN	OWEN
Food & Fellowship	Sally Hurley	Dessert First
Altar Angels	DONNA SCHMIDT	VICKI VALLI, SALLY WHEELER
Counters	Judy Spillane, Joe Spillane	

OUR STAFF	
Administrative Assistant	Zsuzsanna Jobbagy
Director of Music	Silas Daniel
Choir Director	Linda Aker
Handbell Choir Director	Melissa Daniel
Treasurer	Terry Owen
Sexton	Carson Faris

OFFICE HOURS:-
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—3:30 pm CLOSED ON FRIDAY



FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

Our bulletin and music for the hymns is available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the LEFT. It will take you to our Worship Tools : click on [HYMNS](#) You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.

Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly' and also connects with Bluetooth devices."



Scan the QR code for On-Line Giving Opportunities