

# TIDINGS OF JOY

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*LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD*



**“All I have foretold has now taken place; you have to admit my predictions were right. Now I will tell you of new things to come, events that I did not reveal before.” (Isaiah 48:6, TEV)**

**Dear JOYful Family,**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a delicious prophecy in Isaiah to kick things off!**

**We have been, are, and will continue to be in the final days. Days of war, division and darkness – all part of the growing and groaning pains of new times. There is also great promise, hope, and JOY! God’s promises for His people are steadfast and sure.**

**We enter a new season of relationship with Press Forward, which is giving love and home to foster teens. Pastor Rudolph, his wife “Shea”, his right-hand man Joe, and the rest of the staff are doing ministry in the kingdom of God. You have blessed them with your support, your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and Christian hospitality.**

**We enter a new season of resumed**

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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

Organist/Pianist-Silas Daniel

Handbell Director-Melissa

Daniel

Sexton-Harold Decker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President-Robert Irish

Vice President-

Ray Ihlenburg

Secretary-Linda Aker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

### OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carson Faris

JR Frederiksen

Hank Groth

Doug Juhl

Terry Owen

Pat Smith

Paul Spellman

John Voyles



NAME	DATE
Susanne Beech	01/01
Grace Hansen	01/01
Gail DiCorcia	01/03
Jean Opferkuch	01/08
Lois Freebourn	01/13
Christine Presley	01/13
Mike Noble	01/14
Sharon Cawley	01/14
Gloria Sibley	01/17
Paul Spellman	01/17
Marsha Treter	01/21
Bruce Froeschl	01/21
Diana Davies	01/23
Sharon Johnson	01/23
Nancy Christianson	01/24
Nancy Grosselfinger	01/28
Violet Frey	01/29
Debbie Cobb	01/29
Juanita Geiger	01/30
Debbie Zander	01/30
Shirley Reents	01/31

*Continued from page 1* **“Town Hall Meetings”**(see the announcement in these pages).

We enter a new season of renewed vision, which is that we are a spiritual community sharing Christ’s love in a challenging world. I challenge all lay leaders, ministry, and staff to inhale and exhale this vision in all that you plan and articulate.

We enter a new season of refreshed spirits and opportunities for outreach. Right out of the starting gate in 2024 will be after-school mentoring for children grades 3-6 on Tuesdays. It is a risky leap of faith that is buoyed by enthusiastic volunteers who are ready to welcome those who show up. Please spread the word on this, people of JOY! If we don’t try, what chance will we have to connect to this segment of people that our Lord is calling us to? Recall Diana Nyad, the senior swimmer who, after four failed attempts, finally succeeded in becoming the first *person* to swim non-stop from Cuba to Key West. (Check out the film “Nyad” starring Annette Benning in the eponymous role). Einstein and the light bulb. Orville and Wilbur.

We enter the season of Epiphany, anticipating epiphanies of our own. May we eagerly await what our outlandish imaginations can open up for us! I’ll see you in church!

*Love, Pastor Art*



NAME	DATE	YRS. MARRIED
Bob & Debbie Zander	01/02	51 yrs
Tom & Lorraine Erikson	01/08	41 yrs
Arnold & Grace Hansen	01/25	77 yrs
Doug & Lynne Juhl	01/27	2 yrs
Michael & Kathleen Parli	01/28	57 yrs

**COUNCIL****HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

**Town Hall Meetings are returning!**

**WHEN: Every 4th Sunday, Beginning January 28th,  
9:45-10:30**

**News, business, and vision  
of the congregation.**

**Open forum for discussion.**

**Communication and transparency is the goal. We want  
everyone to be informed and invested!**

**Quilt Surprise in Swensen Hall**

**The next time you are in Swenson Hall,  
check out the beautiful surprise awaiting  
our group on Wed. morning. Two of our  
little quilting elves (who wish to remain  
anonymous) made the Christ centered  
quilt. [That's you CB & JG]**

**The love of Christ shines in JOY!**



**STEWARDSHIP**

We celebrate with JOY your gifts of time, talent and treasures.



**YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

## Share the Love Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm

At the Lodge in Candler Hills (OTOW)

**Buffet dinner      Live entertainment**

**Tickets are free!**

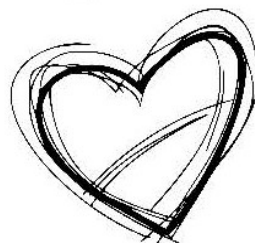
You must register for a ticket & otow gate pass!

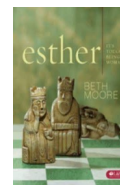
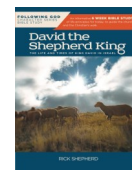
Tickets will be available from January 3rd – January 25<sup>th</sup>

in the Narthex after the Sunday services and

at the Church office in Swenson Hall.

**Let's share the Love on February 10!**



**BIBLE STUDY****COMING THIS MONTH!****Three Brand New Bible Study Opportunities****NEW PASTOR'S CLASS IN JANUARY!****“CAN WE TALK? - ENGAGING WORSHIP AND CULTURE”****When: *Thursdays at 11:00, starting Jan. 4th*****Where: Swenson Hall****OPEN TO EVERYONE!!****WOMEN'S 9 WEEK BIBLE STUDY****Led by Shirl Matz****“Esther-It's Tough Being A Woman”****by Beth Moore****When: *Tuesdays at 1:00 pm , starting Jan. 9th*****Where: Sanctuary****Study Book is available on Amazon****CHARLIE MEIER'S NEW BIBLE STUDY:****“David the Shepherd King”****by Rick Shepherd****When: *Mondays, at 1:00 PM, starting Jan. 15th*****Where: Narthex****The book for the study can be purchased on Amazon.**

# Seasons of JOY

## Concert Series

*presents*

# In the Bleak Midwinter



JOY's principal accompanist Silas Daniel presents a special program of piano music. Featuring selections with a winter ambience, some favorite hymn arrangements, and a few other musical treats. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. A freewill love offering will be

collected to help raise funds for the JOY Handbell Choir Expansion project. Please join us for a fun concert and stay for the reception afterwards!



January 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at JOY Lutheran.

Please scan the QR code for more info!

## FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

DATE	11:00 AM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAM	8:00AM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAM
Sunday, January 07, 2024	WYZ Girls	
Sunday, January 14, 2024	LL's & Di	
Sunday, January 21, 2024	Grapes of Wrap	
Sunday, January 28, 2024	3 Cooks & 3 Stooges	
Sunday, February 04, 2024	Tasty Treats Team	
Sunday, February 11, 2024	For the Dogs	
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Dessert First	
Sunday, February 25, 2024	Three Musketeers	
Sunday, March 03, 2024	WYZ Girls	
Sunday, March 10, 2024	LL's & Di	
Sunday, March 17, 2024	Grapes of Wrap	
Sunday, March 24, 2024	3 Cooks & 3 Stooges	Fill in group
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024	Tasty Treats Team	The 4 Lovies
Sunday, April 07, 2024	For the Dogs	
Sunday, April 14, 2024	Dessert First	
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Three Musketeers	
Sunday, April 28, 2024	WYZ Girls	

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE:

*Join us on Saturday,  
JANUARY 6th, at 5:30 PM  
for a special  
EPIPHANY worship service.*





**OUTREACH MINISTRY****EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTS**

We believe that God desires all people to come into life-giving relationships with God and one another.

We believe that God desires JOY! To grow and leads us, by the life of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, in making this growth happen.

2024 is the year to embrace the urgency of our purpose in leading others into relationship with Jesus, for the good of the world. If not us, who? If not now, when?

**JOIN US FOR OUTREACH, MEETING TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 9TH,**

**\*\*\*\*\*3:30 - NEW TIME - 3:30\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* NARTHEX - NEW PLACE!!\*\*\*\*\***

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**WHEN: Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 - 9:00**

**C'mon, guys – let's have some great Christian fellowship!**

## A word from one of our Interfaith Dinner Groups:

Feeding the less fortunate at interfaith.

This program is headed by Joe and Judi Spillane.

I want to share our experience with you at Interfaith.

They start their evening by gathering at 4:50, then a time of short devotion and prayer. The privilege of serving them begins.

It was so rewarding to see 25. happy faces all with smiles on.

They were so gracious and thankful for their evening meal..

Among the group were seven children.. Thanks to Debbie Zander. We had small gifts to hand out to everyone. Those seven kids had no idea that they were homeless. They were happy, and smiling. You would've thought that we were Santa Claus.

Team, comprised of Joe, George, Jill, and Debbie were truly blessed by being able to share the evening with them.  
God bless them all.



**JOY'S OUTREACH ROOM** is the collection site for our yearly on-going donations. During the refresh, these donations have been on hiatus. Now that we are back "home" we would like to remind you of the items that we collect all year long.

1. Tools 4 Teaching– School Supplies
2. Pull tabs-from canned goods—for the Ronald McDonald House
3. Feminine Hygiene Items-for the women's shelters
4. Cancelled Stamps-Jennie Halvorsen– for Tubfrim– organization helping handicapped children
5. Cards– for our Happy Hands Card Ministry– Cards only (Please no notepads, stickers, or other stationary items)

## BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
January 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
January 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]	Psalm 139 1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
January 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62 5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
January 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

*Did you know?*

*Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly',  
and also connects with Bluetooth.*



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.



***Home-bound & Assisted Living***

**Homebound**

JoAnne Boyer  
Frank Jarvis  
Barb Johnson  
Bill Mooney  
Mike Noble  
Merrick Owen  
Diane Plessler  
Pat Ulrich

**Brentwood at Fore Ranch**

Ralph Wright

**Bridgewater Memory Care**

Odd Bjerkmann

**Bridgewater Park**  
**Assisted Living**

Bob Vogel

**Brookdale of**  
**Canopy Oaks**

Marilyn Husted

**The Bridge at Ocala**

Grace & Arnold Hansen

**Marion Woods Asst.**

George Spong

**Life Care Center**  
**of Ocala**

Violet Frey

**Palm Gardens**

**Timber Ridge Rehab**

Lois Freebourn

***Military***

Ray Allen  
Jessie Bleikhardt  
Christopher Borkenheim  
Gorwin Boyd  
Jamie Boyd  
Jeremiah Caspersen  
Cody Ehulund  
Daniel Miller  
Benjamin Numa  
Samuel Stephenson  
Matt Willerick

***Around the World***

Caregivers  
Congress  
First Responders  
Hospital Workers  
Police Departments  
President  
Relief Workers  
Children of War-  
Foster Parents  
Missing People  
Persecuted Christians  
Travelers

Economy  
End all the violence  
Environment  
Jobs

ALL THE PEOPLE OF  
THE WORLD  
Especially:

China  
Cuba  
Egypt  
Haiti  
Iran

Israel  
Iraq  
Kenya  
Libya  
N. Korea  
Pakistan  
S. Korea  
Syria  
Ukraine  
USA

**Current Needs:****Ongoing Needs:**

Grace Ban  
 Elizabeth Barker  
 Barrett Family  
 Maria Brousseau  
 Tom Burck  
 Peter Burge  
 Richard Crawley  
 Elizabeth  
 Aud Enslow  
 Elnora Feti  
 Bill Hubbard  
 Sherry Jackson  
 Joyce Kane  
 Tom & Mary Ellen Kelly  
 Joyce Kerlin  
 Jim Kuzmanovich  
 Art Menut  
 Nierenberg Family  
 Sean O'Neill  
 Mary O'Rondo

Daniel Painter  
 Pam  
 Dawn Perinchief  
 Kristen Quigley  
 Tom Rasswell  
 Shirley Reents & Family  
 Kyle Rusk  
 Marc Sendik  
 Barbara Simons  
 Lee Stewart  
 Mike Sylvester  
 Stephen Thomas  
 Todd Family  
 Vicki Valli  
 Ken Werner  
 Candice Young

Noreen Anderson  
 Sean Aronson  
 Paul Bispo  
 John Bond  
 Jennifer Brady  
 Lucy Brown  
 Helen Buckley  
 Jerry Campbell  
 Alfonso Cave  
 Jack Cawley  
 Sharon Cawley  
 Darlene Clairmont  
 Kylene Clemens  
 Ed Correo  
 Marguerite Cox  
 Barbara Dean  
 Deena  
 Diane  
 Linda & Ken Erhardt  
 Scott Fair

Millie Fetterhoff  
 Morris Foreman  
 Katie Fransen  
 Fred  
 Joanne Olson Finnorn  
 Beth & JR Freder-  
 iksen  
 Lynn Garno  
 Timothy Gause  
 Maleila Gonzalez  
 Chris Gorman  
 Jennie Halvorsen-  
 Norm Halvorsen  
 Randolph Hardy  
 Ray Heinzen  
 Diane Hendricksen  
 Bertha Hendrickson  
 Bobby Hyatt  
 Bob Irish  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Lynn Shineman Juhl

Joe Kenney  
 Kerry  
 Patsy Kleeman  
 Lori Kleiman  
 Cheryl Kemmer  
 Betsy Kutscher  
 Cleo LeForge  
 Cindy Leonard  
 Grant Liples  
 Helen Lofsten  
 Tim Long  
 Dorothy McCord  
 Mike  
 Phyllis Minos  
 Karl Nettles  
 Dylan Nerud  
 Asta Marie Nielsen  
 Mike Noble  
 Ed & Terry Owen  
 Joe Parra  
 Pat & Paul

Mary Pfeiffer  
 Diane Plessner  
 Sharon Polus  
 Linda Raffa  
 Karin Rokjar  
 Art Schneider  
 Lorraine Souch  
 Sonja  
 Denise Stevens  
 Karyn Thomas  
 Jeff Tuckey  
 Pat Ulrich  
 Cindi Valli  
 Greg Valli  
 Candace Welsch  
 Joel Weiss  
 Barbara West  
 Cathy Willoughby  
 Irene Willoughby  
 Earl Winblad  
 Irene Winton

Marge Wlodarczyk  
 Bill Wojcik  
 Raymond Woodall  
 Mary Wright  
 Ralph Wright  
 Norman Zanchettin

# JOY CINEMA PROUDLY PRESENTS!

Bring a  
Friend

**FREE !!**

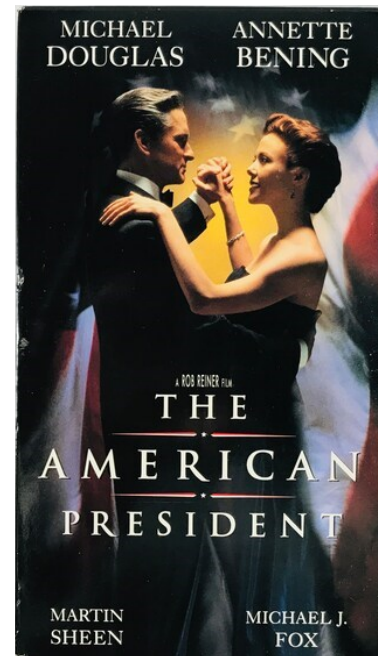
## COMING ATTRACTION!

Relax &  
Enjoy

**FREE !!**

*Tuesday,*  
*January 30,*  
*2024*  
*At 1:30 PM*  
**JOY**  
*Lutheran*  
*Church*  
*Sanctuary*  
**352-854-4509**  
*ext. 2*

With the end of his first term in sight, widowed U.S. President Andrew Shepherd (Michael Douglas) knows that overwhelming public support will guarantee his re-election. But when he falls in love with lobbyist Sydney Ellen Wade (Annette Bening), Shepherd's supporters question the relationship, and his approval ratings drop. As a rival presidential candidate goes on the attack, Shepherd must choose between his political career and his love for Sydney.



**PLEASE NOTE**

Please observe **article deadlines** for both the **Sunday Bulletins** and the monthly **Tidings**. Submit proofed, copy ready articles as word (Preferably) or pdf documents .  
Deadlines are 8:00 am on the dates indicated on calendar.


**Prayer Request deadlines** are 8:00 am every Tuesday for inclusion in the prayer list that week.

**Remember there is no Newsletter without your submissions.**

**Thank you.**

# JANUARY

2024

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Member Care 2:30 PM W &amp; M –6:30 PM</p>	<p>3 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>4 LMM –7:30-9:00A "Can We Talk" BS 11 A</p>	<p>5 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>6  Epiphany Wor-ship Svc. 5:30 P</p>
<p>7 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Christian Ed-9:30 A</p>	<p>8 Stephen Minis-try—9:30 A</p>	<p>9 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Property - 10A Finance –1 P "Esther" BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 P Outreach-3:30 P</p>	<p>10 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>11 "Can We Talk" BS 11 A</p>	<p>12 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Stewardship-9:30 A</p>	<p>15 <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>  "David" BS-1:00 P</p>	<p>16 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Council-1P  Esther" BS-1 P  JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>17 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>18 "Can We Talk" BS 11 A</p>	<p>19 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Concert -3 P Silas</p>	<p>22 Stephen Minis-try—9:30 AM  David" BS-1:00 P</p>	<p>23 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Esther" BS-1 P  JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>24 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>25 "Can We Talk" BS 11 A</p>	<p>26 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Town Hall-9:45 A</p>	<p>29 David" BS-1:00 P  Interfaith Dinner</p>	<p>30 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Tidings Angels-9:30 A Esther" BS-1 P JOY Cinema-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>31 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>			
						

On April 2, 2023, which was the First Sunday of Advent, our congregation welcomed six new members coming from various places and times in their lives. Jesus reigns on high and has touched the hearts of these friends to come to worship, to serve and to have fellowship.

All are encouraged to wear our name tags to



*Welcome to Our Church*

LEGEND

- |                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MF: Moved from/Previous Residence | H/I: Hobbies and Interests       |
| O: Occupation                     | PCI: Previous Church Involvement |
| SK: Skills to Share               | M: Ministries                    |
| F: Family                         | ** Associate                     |

**KENNETH “KEN” THOMAS CHARLES**

**Marion Landing**

**MF:** NY State

**O:** Retired Property Management

**F:** Wife Dorothy, 1 Son-Raleigh and 1 Grandson in New York

**H/I:** Travel, Small Pets, Movies

**PCI:** Queen of Peace Catholic Church-Helped set up and clean up after events; Parish Council

**JUDITH “JUDE” GONZALEZ**

**Bridlewood, Stone Creek**

**MF:** Wooster, Ohio

**O:** Retired but still designing jewelry. Have done writing, marketing, and artistic work.

**F:** Husband John; 3 Children-Theresa -Nurse in CA; Dylan (wife Heather) Marketing executive; Michelle– a K-3 Teacher

**H/I:** Art: Painting, jewelry, glass, etc. Music: Alto Parts; Sewing: Quilting, crafts. Also enjoys hiking and swimming

**PCI:** Taught Sunday School (k-4th grade) and choir. Now will do whatever is needed!



**MICHAEL "MIKE" & LISA SCHIAVI****Liberty Village**

**MF:** Fort Myers, FL-here full time

**O:** Mike: Retired working as a PRN for St. Jude Pacemakers

Lisa: Retired, may get a part time job; worked at Cape Coral Hospital  
40yrs. As an EKG Technician

**F:** One son Joseph "Joey"

**H/I:** Mike: Cars and watches

Lisa: Decorating for holidays, bike riding, and working outside

**PCI:** Mike & Lisa: Members of Christ Lutheran Church in Cape Coral, FL

Mike: Feeding the hungry

Lisa: Communion assistant, Feeding the hungry, Putting up Christmas  
decorations and grounds clean up.

**CHARLOTTE SCHMIDT****Liberty Village**

**MF:** Chippewa Falls, WS; Ft. Meyers, FL; Now full time in Ocala

**O:** Retired Real Estate Broker, Manager of a restaurant and accounts and  
leadership at Fleet & Farm

**SK:** Founder of Federated Jr. Woman's Club in WS; Den mother 14 yrs.;  
assistant at school library/outings; served on many political committees  
Poll worker-20 yrs.; had own catering company; enjoyed neighbor outings  
including Boy and Girl Scouting

**F;** Widow, 3 sons and 1 daughter; 8 grandchildren plus 3 greatgrandchildren

**H/I:** Reading, working with kids, politics, gardening, and walking.

**PCI:** Usher, Communion assistant, cooking, decorating

**M:** Unknown due to medical issues-Possibly Feed the Hungry

**GERALD "JERRY" WIELAND****Ocala Palms**

**O:** In the past, a Certified Safety and Health Profession (CSP) which involved  
educating families about environmental laws and regulations-  
Now retired from the military-Air Force

**F;** Widower-married 54 years; 2 Sons Jeffrey from Minneapolis, MN and  
Kevin from Denver, CO.

**H/I:** Photography, Golf, Reading

**PCI:** Attended non-denominational churches when moving with the  
military placements.

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Organization



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

S. W. 80th Street



JOY Lutheran Church



S. W. 83rd Place

S. R. 200

4.5 Miles to I-75

Paddock Downs Homes

4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484