

TIDINGS OF JOY

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

BEGINS ON

SUNDAY, MAY 25,
2025

ONE SERVICE ONLY



LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s own people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:10)

Dear JOYful Family,

We are cultivating a spiritual community, growing in grace and mercy. We share Christ’s love and testify to his resurrection, the first fruits of all who will die and live again in the Lord. By welcoming and including, reaching out, telling our faith stories, we are proclaiming the hope that is in us. It is a hope that transcends what we see around us, even as we are called to respond to all who are spiritually hungry and needy.

We intend to innovate across all our ministries here at Joy. Are you tired of the “same old, same old?” We are capable, yes, even chosen, to be change agents; to turn the world from crisis mode to blessed mode. We can offer belonging and togetherness! A new way of living! It is demonstrated in lots of ways, but to name a few:

Susan, our Parish Administrator, remains after work on Tuesdays to tutor and mentor Jackson, and does so without compensation other than the JOY! Of impacting a young life.

Our on-site partnerships with Press Forward,

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SCAN FOR ON-LINE
GIVING



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



5/02 *Kathleen Parli*

5/03 *Jake Miller*

5/04 *Vicki Valli*

5/09 *Terri Feeley*

Jim Hessel

Marcia O'Brien

Diana Wanat

5/11 *Bob Vogel*

5/12 *Lynn Ihlenburg*

Phil Lizak

5/14 *Marilyn Olsen*

5/16 *Marjorie Wlodarczyk*

5/17 *Charlie Meier*

5/18 *Marguerite Cox*

5/19 *Lynne Juhl*

Lenny Matz Sr.

5/22 *Emily McGrury*

5/24 *Debra Wuertz*

5/25 *Robin Kaizer*

5/29 *Don Chaney Jr.*

5/30 *Patti Spellman*

Joyce Brussman



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providing safe, loving home for six teen-age girls in the foster system; and seven AA groups meeting twelve times during the week. Lives being transformed.

Prayer Walks, the next one being Saturday, May 17th at 9:30 beginning at the home of **brand new member Jackie Assante, 5032 SW 91st St. in The Oaks at Ocala Crossings (new neighborhood).**

Are you willing to hope for and believe in a radically new and improved future? A spiritual community that can offer what the world can't? I can promise you that Jesus is on board with that! Have your radar up, being attuned to "God-winks" or "kingdom moments", opportunities for God to show off and up. ***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



5/08	<i>Dan & Carol Schellenbach</i>	61 yrs.
5/10	<i>Jean & Mike Beaver</i>	49 yrs.
5/19	<i>Nancy & Robert Moisuk</i>	52 yrs.
5/20	<i>David & Doreen Robinson</i>	27 yrs.
5/22	<i>Jack & Sheila Mixdorf</i>	49 yrs.
5/27	<i>Paul & Paula Stevens</i>	38 yrs.
5/30	<i>Hank & Jean Groth</i>	61 yrs.
	<i>Mike & Lisa Schiavi</i>	38 yrs.



Seasons of JOY

Concert Series

Amy Wuertz in Concert

Join us as gifted soprano, our very own Amy Wuertz, graces the stage and shares a program of some of her favorite songs.



Planned selections include sacred, musical, and some more contemporary numbers. You definitely do not want to miss this one!

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.

May 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

at JOY Lutheran Church

7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476

WORLD HUNGER / 2 FER



JOY! designates a special offering on the last Sunday of every month to alleviate world hunger. ELCA World Hunger supports 149 programs in the US (several right here in Florida), and in 63 countries. You may contribute using the envelope in your set of church envelopes or with a pew envelope with checks made out to Joy Lutheran Church . You can also contribute by scanning the QRC code at the bottom.

In conjunction with the World Hunger Offering and our ongoing Interfaith Food Pantry Collection we have decided to have a 2-FER EVERY MONTH. (We tried this in March, and it was a huge success. The food donated that one day was more than we collected the entire first quarter.) How does this work? The last Sunday of the month we will have the carts set up again in the Narthex to accept non-perishable food items to be delivered to Interfaith Food Pantry in downtown Ocala.

With your generosity you will help us fight hunger in Ocala, FL, and world wide.

Please note: The old JOY Food Pantry cabinet in the Narthex will be retired soon. There is an Interfaith Food bin located in the Outreach room .



**WORLD HUNGER & 2 FER SUNDAY IN
MAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, 2025**

EVANGELISM

Hospitality is the core of the Gospel.

Here at JOY! Greeters, ushers, fellowship hosts all make this a warm, welcoming environment. Thank you for that!

Please continue the “personal ask” of inviting. Again, you folks are wonderful with that! It the most successful and effective way of growing the church. Follow up by giving them opportunities to connect with this spiritual community.

Listen for answers among the unchurched. We can change up how we transmit God’s grace in worship, service, and fellowship.

Spirit of the living God, lead us out wherever we are, to wherever you want us to be Amen.

Pastor Art



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is hard to believe but our Sunday Summer Worship Schedule is starting this month.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Starting SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 2025, we will be holding
only ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM .**



JOY BLESSING BAG MISSION

There is an update to the Blessing Bag Schedule. Collection of needed items has been extended until Thursday, May 29th, 2025. That day the items will be taken down to Swenson Hall at 10:00 am to set up the “assembly line” for packing. Packing of the bags will begin at 11:00 am.

We are in need of the following items:

40 toothbrushes	26 toothpastes
100 hand towels	97 wash cloths
48 bandanas	141 shampoo, 12 Oz. (no larger)
125 deodorants	142 hand sanitizers
144 crew socks	

PLEASE place donated items in the box marked donations on the table in the outreach room. The items are counted as received and added to the appropriate box.

Also, please place only individually wrapped toothbrushes (for hygiene purposes) into the donation box.

If you would like us to do the shopping for you, a box for monetary donations is located in the Narthex.

Thank you all for participating in this project!



WELCA NEWS UPDATE

We are proud to announce our ladies have voted on APRIL 7, 2025 and the following charities have been chosen this Spring. They are:

Pace for Girls; SoZo Kids; Hospice of Marion County

We will donate \$500.00 to each charity.

We are also making a \$52.00 love offering to our regional WELCA organization for our Spring Donation.

Thank you ladies, for your generosity.

Sincerely,

WELCA Board

BIBLE READINGS FOR *MAY 2025*

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
May 4	ACTS	PSALM	REVELATION	JOHN
	9:1-6 [7-20]	30	5:11-14	21:1-19
May 11	ACTS	PSALM	REVELATION	JOHN
	9:36-43	23	7:9-17	10:22-30
May 18	ACTS	PSALM	REVELATION	JOHN
	11:1-18	148	21:1-6	13:31-35
May 25	ACTS	PSALM	REVELATION	JOHN
	16:9-15	67	21:10--22:5	14:23-29
May 29 Ascension	ACTS	PSALM	EPHESIANS	LUKE
	1:1-11	47 or 93	1:15-23	24:44-53

JOY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU JOY FAMILY for your wonderful generosity during March 30, 2025 World Hunger Food Drive. We collected 265 pounds of food, which was more than we collected in the previous 2.5 months! The staff at **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY** were very excited and appreciative for our donation. We hope to have more opportunities in 2025 to support this important outreach project.



**"Giving is not an obligation; it's a privilege."
- Caroline B. Cooney**



Ps: Remember the last Sunday of every month is World Hunger Sunday.

This is also our 2/Fer day-We will be accepting non-perishable items for our carts for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Let's help reduce hunger by donating.



Welcome to Our Church

On April 27, 2025 JOY Lutheran welcomed three new members. They will join us in worship, service, and fellowship. A note—please wear your name tags for name recognition. Most of you know that Pastor Art knows everyone by name. What a Gift!

LEGEND

MF: Moved from/Previous Residence

H/I: Hobbies and Interests

O: Occupation

PCI: Previous Church Involvement

F: Family

** Associates

JACQUELYN KAY ASSANTE

THE OAKS at OCALA CROSSING (FULL TIME RESIDENT)

MF: Vero Beach, FL (1976-2022)

Gainesville, FL (1953-1976)

Born in Buffalo, NY 1946

O: Retired Radiology Tech-20 yrs.

Registered Nurse-24 yrs.

F: Mother-Harriet, Father-John (both deceased)

Sister-Bette living and well in Tennessee

No children or grandchildren

Husband deceased 2022

H/I: Jewelry making/crafts

Physical fitness/nutrition

PCI: Baptized and confirmed Lutheran

Attended University Lutheran in Gainesville, FL

SCOTT and MARY KAY FARRELL**OAK RUN-GOLFVIEW****(PART TIME)****MF:** Rainbow Springs, Fl– Fremont, Ohio**O:** Scott: Retired Dr. (OB-GYN)

Mary Kay: Retired Elementary Teacher

F: Daughter—Kristen Farrell Turner , Spouse- Raymond Turner

Grand Children: Blake and Megan

Son—James Farrell, Spouse-Lindsey Farrell

Grand Children: Grayson and Lucas

H/I: Scott: Bridge, Cooking, Reading

Mary Kay: Golf, pickleball, cards, bridge, book club

PCI: Scott confirmed Catholic, currently member of Grace Lutheran, Fremont, Ohio

Mary Kay—Altar Guild, Preschool Board, Endowment Board, Sunday and Bible School Teacher, Served on a Call Committee. Offered to help as needed when in FL.



LOOKING AHEAD.....



**May 3, 2025: Pineland Conference Spring Gathering 9A-12P
Luther Springs– Sign up in Narthex**

May 10, 2025: Member Care Retreat-Swenson Hall 9:30A-12:30P

**May 17, 2025: Prayer Walk 9:30 AM– The Oaks at Ocala
Crossing**

May 18, 2025: Focus on Ministry Sunday: Christian Ed

May 18, 2025: Amy Wuertz in Concert– 3:00PM

**May 25, 2025: Summer Worship Schedule—ONE SERVICE
Sundays at 10:00AM**

May 25, 2025: World Hunger & 2/FER Sunday

May 28, 2025: Blessing Bags– Swenson Hall—10:00AM

June 1, 2025: Blue Music Jazz Band in Concert—5:00PM

June 12-14, 2025: Synod Assembly

June 22, 2025: LifeSouth Blood Drive-7:30AM-1:00PM

**June 24, 2025: LifeLine Screening-Swenson Hall
8:00AM-6:00PM**

JOY CHOIR SCHEDULE CHANGE

Good afternoon, We only have 3 weeks before summer break. Instead of Wednesday rehearsals we will practice the anthem each [Sunday at 10AM BEFORE](#) the 11:00am service. Please try to be there on time as this will be our only rehearsal for that Sunday. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Linda



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2025

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 LMM 8 A M Stewardship 10 A M CE 11 AM Endowment 11 AM BC Ringers 6:30 PM	2 T.O.P.S. 7:30A Bell Choir 10A	3 W & M 1 PM-N Cleaning 2-4PM Pineland Conf. Gathering 9AM-12PM
4 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Voyles Private Recital	5	6 Beg Bible Study- 11 AM Tutoring 3:30- 5:30PM	7 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Worship Svc 5:30 PM	8 Wear Gloves Lunch – Outreach 1:30PM BC Ringers 6:30PM	9 TOPS-7:30AM Bell Choir 10 AM	10 Member Care Retreat 9:30AM -12:30PM Cleaning2-4PM
11 Mother's Day Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM	12 Stephen M. 9:30AM	13 Property 10 AM Beg Bible Study- 11AM Finance 1 PM Tutoring 3:30- 5:30PM	14 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM Worship Svc 5:30 PM	15 <i>TIDINGS DUE</i> Council Exec Bd 3 PM BC Ringers 6:30 PM	16 TOPS-7:30AM Bell Choir 10AM	17 Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Cleaning 2-4PM
18 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Amy Wuertz Concert 3 PM	19	20 Beg BibleStudy- 11Am Council 1PM Tutoring 3:30- 5:30PM	21 Joyful Hands 9AMHappy Hands-9AM SVC 5:30 PM	22 BC Ringers 6:30 PM	23 TOPS-7:30AM Bell Choir 10 AM	24 Cleaning 2-4PM
25 <i>ONE SERVICE</i> 10:00 AM <i>SUMMER</i> <i>SCHEDULE</i>	26 Stephen M- 9:30AM	27 Beg BS 11 AM	28 Joyful Hands 9AM Happy Hands- 9AM SVC 5:30 PM	29 Blessing Bags 10AM BC Ringers 6:30 PM	30 TOPS 7:30 AM BELLS 10:00 AM	31 Cleaning 2-4PM
					<p><i>PLEASE observe the following deadlines for copy ready articles to be placed in the bulletin and the newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Bulletin deadline is Monday 8:00 am</i></p> <p><i>Tidings deadline is on the 15th of the month.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you. Susan</i></p>	

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

