

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



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"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'".

Dear JOYful Family,

Kason is a delightful 8-year-old boy. He and his younger sister Charlotte came to Vacation Bible School. One of our members, their new neighbor, invited and brought them. She brought them to choir rehearsal yesterday, as she was watching them for their mother. Kayson immediately asked for the Wi-Fi password. I stifled a sigh and suppressed an eye roll, then gave it to him. He thanked me and said, "now I can Google 'God'". We had planted a seed in this young man, this child of God. I invited him and Charlotte to listen to the anthem we were going to rehearse, that we're going to sing this Sunday (9/15). I also invited them to come hear it "performed" on Sunday. By the time you read this, we will all know whether they accepted the invitation.

Young people want to know more about who God is, why He matters. Without saying it out loud, they desire a deep dive into discipleship. For what seems like a lifetime, our congregation and most of the Church has been lamenting the lack of young people on Sunday mornings. I confess to envy of those churches who have them. What are they

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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

Seminary Intern-Bob Bonomo

Administrative Assistant-

Zsuzsanna Jobbagy

Director of Music-Silas Daniel

Choir Director-Paul Hyatt

Handbell Director-

Melissa Daniel

Sexton-Vacant

Treasurer-Terry Owen

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President-Ray Ihlenburg

Vice President-JR Frederiksen

Secretary-Linda Aker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carson Faris

Hank Groth

Robert Irish

Doug Juhl

Pat Smith

Paul Spellman

John Voyles



<i>DATE</i>	<i>NAME</i>
<i>10/06</i>	<i>Jean Jarmel</i>
<i>10/07</i>	<i>Marian Spitzack</i>
	<i>Rebecca Spees</i>
<i>10/08</i>	<i>John Cobb</i>
	<i>Gene Dietz</i>
<i>10/11</i>	<i>Phil Shirley</i>
<i>10/14</i>	<i>Norm Newman</i>
<i>10/16</i>	<i>Robert Simons</i>
	<i>Debbie Holmes</i>
	<i>Susan Holmes</i>
<i>10/23</i>	<i>Douglas Hines</i>
<i>10/25</i>	<i>Jude Gonzalez</i>
<i>10/26</i>	<i>Lloyd Unfred</i>
<i>10/28</i>	<i>Diane Julian</i>
<i>10/29</i>	<i>Judy Gunson</i>

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doing that we're not? We need to understand them if we hope to respond to them in appropriate, biblical ways. We lament that pop culture, tech, social media, and an increasingly secular society seem like obstacles rather than opportunities.

We have the greatest gift to give them, which is the love of Christ! It goes beyond attractational, entertaining worship. We are well known for our warm and welcoming atmosphere. You are good, loving people, filled with the Holy Spirit. God can work with that! We (I) sell ourselves short too often.

The "nones" will be drawn to authenticity, depth, sensitivity, and inclusion. I don't believe we need to compete with other churches for "market share" in this rapidly growing Liberty Triangle (SR 200 "corridor"). But we can still invite and engage in the four L's. As guests come to concerts, worship, Bible classes, and groups, opportunities are served up on Jesus' silver platter. May the Holy Spirit guide you and me through worship, fellowship and service to reach out to the Kasons and Charlottes who seem hungering and thirsting for the living God.

See you in church! *Love, Pastor Art*



<i>DATE</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>YRS</i>
<i>10/01</i>	<i>Diane & Ed Wanat</i>	<i>11 yrs</i>
<i>10/08</i>	<i>Bruce & Elaine Froeschl</i>	<i>58 yrs</i>
<i>10/10</i>	<i>Tom & Patti Ittner</i>	<i>26 yrs</i>
<i>10/13</i>	<i>John & Martha Wiley</i>	<i>19 yrs</i>
<i>10/22</i>	<i>Karin & John Campbell</i>	<i>30 yrs</i>
	<i>Gene & Peggy Dietz</i>	<i>19 yrs</i>
<i>10/28</i>	<i>John & Janet Voyles</i>	<i>29 yrs</i>

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL OR PRESIDENT FOR OCTOBER TIDINGS

Dear Joy,

We are fast approaching the busiest time of our Church year. October we are in the midst of Commitment and Gratitude Sunday; November we will have a Spruce Up Joy DAY on the Saturday before Thanksgiving; and December we decorate for the Advent season, present our Annual Christmas Concert followed by our glorious celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

However, before going any further, I want to stop, think and give thanks for the success of the Concert Series and the outreach it provides. The Uniqulele Concert on September 8 had an attendance of 209. Remember we can seat 250 so that was pretty close to a full-house. While on this topic, the Gainesville Brass Quintet will perform at 3:00 PM on October 6. Arrive early for a good seat. It is very exciting to announce that the performers will now be featured on the TV screen located above the stage area. This will make most seats seem like front row seating.

The Design Charrette on September 19 was a great meeting to propose ideas for the future needs and conceptual expansion possibilities. A steering committee was formed and will work to prepare a guidance report for a 2 to 5-year capital expansion program. More about this in the near future.

The Council is preparing for the Annual Meeting on November 11 at 9:30 AM between the services. Please attend to be involved in the operation of JOY, understand the budget, and vote for new Council members.

Please join in the enthusiasm that abounds everywhere in JOY. Find your 'nitch' and join a ministry or some other service group.

In Service,

Ray Ihlenburg

Church Council President

COUNCIL

INTERN'S CORNER



Greetings from Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Is Halloween a Holiday?

I can remember as a child, I would bring my candy home along with my brother's candy and Mom went through it and threw out any open candies, apples, or any item she deemed suspicious. We did not go from house to house, we went from apartment to apartment in our building. We had a Jack o lantern with a smiling face, which sat on the dining room table.

No party, no big deal, it was the excitement of getting ready, homemade costume choices for the candy bonanza of the year! a child's take of having fun.

Today, trick or treat is taken literally and not safe for our children. They miss the fun I had.

Fortunately, most churches these days have their annual Trunk or Treat and the kids have fun. The trust is there because it is the congregants who set up by decorating their cars and maybe even where a costume. Kids come from all over and go from church to church and collect goodies.

The Feast of all Saints Day follows the next day and this is a Holy Day of Obligation, and yes, we as Lutheran's acknowledge those who died in faith, and went before us . We share this as a congregation on the Sunday following 11/1.

Halloween is not a holiday, but a day for children to have safe fun, in school, at home with friends and family.

Let us pray:

Good and gracious God we ask for Your Blessings and Peace. We ask You to always watch over all children because Your Son Jesus said to his Disciples:"

“Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Peace be with all of you,

Bob

Seasons of JOY

Concert Series



Organized in 1985, the Gainesville Brass Quintet has performed throughout the North and Central Florida regions. The group performs a wide variety of music ranging from baroque canzoni to modern transcriptions of pop and jazz tunes as well as a wide selection of the modern brass literature. North Florida's fine arts radio station, WUFT, has repeatedly broadcast the Gainesville Brass Quintet in concert. Recently the quintet co-produced a performance of brass and organ music with the Mayport Naval Station Brass and the Ancient Cities Brass from Jacksonville, Florida. Additional concerts include St. Simons, Island, Bradenton, Florida, St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach.

Admission is free (with a voluntary love offering) and a reception will be held post-concert so you can interact with the performers!

October 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

at JOY Lutheran Church

7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE POP TABS

A special thank you to all who have continued to remember Ronald McDonald House by leaving baggies full of pull tabs in the Outreach Room. So far this year we have turned in over 11 pounds. Keep up the good work!
Paul and Patti Spellman

Recently we received the following note:

Dear Joy Lutheran Church Folks –

Thank you so much for your recent donation of Pop Tabs! It means so much for our families to be thought of at this time in their lives. We certainly appreciate your kindness ! 😊

Thank You,
RMHC at NCF
Ronald McDonald House at North Central Florida

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
06-Oct	GENESIS	PSALM	HEBREWS	MARK
	2:18-24	8	1:1-4, 2:5-12	10:2-16
13-Oct	AMOS	PSALM 90	HEBREWS	MARK
	5:6-7, 10-15	12-17	4:12-16	10:17-31
20-Oct	ISAIAH	PSALM 91	HEBREWS	MARK
	53:4-12	9-16	5:1-10	10:35-45
27-Oct	JEREMIAH	PSALM	ROMANS	JOHN
	31:31-34	46	3:19-28	8:31-36



A Message from the Stewardship Ministry

Gratitude Sunday is October 13, 2024

Special service at 10:00 AM followed by a Luncheon

We have gratitude to our Lord for all our blessings. God calls us to have a heart of service and a heart of generosity. Out of our gratitude we give to others, and support God's work through Joy.

God asks for our faithfulness and our commitment.

Why do we have Commitments? Commitment is an enormous part of being a Christian. There are many ways God asks us to commit. In marriage we make a commitment. We commit to the church and to each other when we become members. We commit to following the 10 commandments. Jesus committed his spirit to God on the cross. Yes, commitment is an enormous part of being a Christian.

Do commitments matter?

Yes, making a commitment is important to our faith journey.

It's one way of demonstrating our faith and trust in God. We invite Him into our lives, demonstrate our gratitude, and keep others needs in our hearts and minds through our commitment.

Yes, commitments are important for church ministries.

Financial commitments give our ministries, our Pastor and our leaders the confidence to move ahead with our ministry objectives, and to pursue new ways to share the love of Christ with others.

What will happen on Gratitude Sunday?

The Gratitude Sunday Worship Service will be a special celebration of God's faithfulness, and His abundant generosity. We will all come together for one Worship Service at 10am. You will have an opportunity to complete your commitment cards for 2025 and to bring them forward to present before the altar in the Ark.

Why do we bring the commitment cards up before the altar in the service?

Because, for some, it can be a Holy moment. It says; I stand in solidarity with a family of believers, in pursuit of the same vision to love God and love people in the name of our Lord. Each Sunday we also bring our gifts or offerings to the altar to present to our Lord.

Completing a commitment card is voluntary. You may choose not to complete a commitment card; this is totally up to you. There will be special music to enjoy during this part of the service.

Whether you choose to complete a commitment card or not, you are an important part of our family.

We hope you will participate in the Gratitude Sunday Service and Luncheon.

It is going to be a wonderful day!

Please make a reservation for the Luncheon

If you haven't yet made a reservation for the Luncheon, please call the Church Office to register.

Phone: 352-854-4509 ext. 2

2 Corinthians 9:8: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." This verse reminds us that God's blessings overflow when we give joyfully.



Joy has big plans for next year!

Joy has big plans for next year! Fabulous Concerts with BIG NAMES - Expanded Bell Choir – Music Ensembles for 8:15am services – Eucharistic Ministers and more care for our members – More programs for kids! – Property enhancements – More Christian Education opportunities - Outreach. Outreach. Outreach. We are sharing the love of Christ in so many ways!

Your gifts support God’s work through Joy!

Why do we offer charts for giving?

Many of us have a clear idea of what we can and want to give to Joy, for others, a guide is helpful. The step-up chart is just a guide should you want to make a greater impact in 2025.

**Please consider a step-up in your giving to support our ministries.
With a step up, we can make a greater impact!**

**GROWTH STEPS
GIVING CHALLENGE**

- Find the step that matches your current weekly giving.
- Prayerfully consider increasing your giving by one step.

What percentage of income do you give?

$$\frac{\text{Weekly giving}}{\text{Weekly income}} = \text{Percentage of giving}$$

(.10 = 10%)

\$100 - \$150 or increase by 1%
 \$75 - \$99
 \$50 - \$74
 \$40 - \$49
 \$30 - \$39
 \$20 - \$29
 \$15 - \$19
 \$10 - \$14
 \$5 - \$9
 \$1 - \$4

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What a “Joy” on September 8th to welcome eight new members to Joy Lutheran.



Welcome to Our Church

LEGEND

MF: Moved from/Previous Residence

H/I: Hobbies and Interests

O: Occupation

PCI: Previous Church Involvement

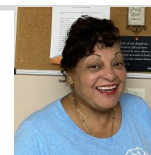
F: Family

** Associates

F.T.R. Full Time Residents

DALILA BORREGO

OTOW



**MF: Fort Meyer,
O: Human Service Counselor**

F.T.R.

F: Daughter and son

H/I: Reading

PCI: Bell ringing-Catholic-Messiah Lutheran Church, Cape Coral, FL

CAROLYN ANN CUMMINGS

OTOW-PROVIDENCE



MF: Manahawkin, NJ

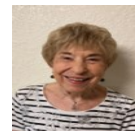
F.T..

O: Retired; Worked in 2 restaurants-with husband owned and operated an auto parts store for 20 years-also drove a school bus for high school students for 10 yrs.

F: Married; 2 daughters “young ladies-single”

H/I: Softball, golf and animals (cats and dogs)

PCI: Catholic-St. James Catholic Church, Elkins Parr, PA

JUDITH A. GUNSON**OTOW-FRIENDSHIP COLONY**

MF: Green Valley, AZ (15 yrs),
previously Colorado

F.T.R.

O: Retired, Previous Development Director for Healthcare Foundations doing Fundraising for capital campaigns- major gifts, planned gifts

F: Widow-1 son and daughter-in-law-(Jeff & Cheryl Kreitman)

H/I: Volunteering, reading, attending plays and concerts, entertaining

PCI: Member Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Green Valley, AZ
WELCA, social concerns, finance, health/wellness, council, stewardship, WELCA conference coordinator, Synod Assembly delegate (Already on our Stewardship Ministry Team)

NANCY L. MOISUK**OTOW-FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE****MF:** Enfield, CT**F.T.R.**

O: Retired-Previous 20 years-1988-2008-as Customer Service Ad justment Clerk-Federal Reserve Bank. Sales clerk Paradise Shops (Bradley Int.)

F: Married, 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter age 14

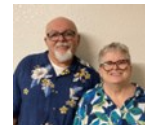
H/I: Archery, quilting, card making, biking

PCI: Bible Study Class, Sunday School Teacher, Counted attendance and offering as poart of record keeping for Sunday School. Member at St. Paul Lutheran, East Long Meadow, MA



THOMAS and MARGARET RANDALL

**STONE CREEK
SUNDANCE**



MF: Hollywood, FL

F.T.R.

**O: Thomas-Retired, Marine Engineering Office 1988-2024
Margaret-Retired, Child Care**

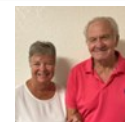
F: Son, daughter, and 5 grandchildren

**H/I: Thomas-VFW
Margaret-Mah-Jong**

**PCI: Thomas-Usher, Reader, Habitat for Humanity, Episcopalian,
St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Williamsburg, VA
Margaret-Sunday School-Catholic, St. Stephen Lutheran
Church**

**CATHY ROSOL
LLOYD EDWARD UNFRED**

**STONE CREEK-SARATOGA
F.T.R.**



**MF: Lloyd-Santa Rosa Beach, FL; Meridianville, AL;
Grand Junction, CO**

**Cathy-Florida Panhandle; Huntsville AL; Grand Junction, CO;
plus Georgia, OH, AZ, WA, Germany**

**O: Lloyd-Construction, electrician, plumber, carpenter,
Real Estate Broker**

Cathy-Retired Software Trainer, Teacher, Technical Analyst

**F: Lloyd-2 children, 7 grand children and 3 great grand children
Cathy-Stepchildren and grand children.**

H/I: Lloyd & Cathy-Music and cooking

**PCI: First Christian Church, Ocala (both)
Cathy-Catholic, choir, hospitality committee and cooking
Interested in Happy Hands and Card Making**

20th Annual Blessing of the Animals



JOY Lutheran
Church

**7045 SW 83rd Place
Off Hwy 200—Ocala, FL**

Saturday, October 12, 2024 11:00 am

**"All creatures great and small "
are welcome to our Garden.**

***"If you bring them, we will bless
them!"***

**Any questions please call
Terry Owen
@ 352-854-4509 X4**

OUTREACH MINISTRY

WEAR GLOVES

The mission of Wear Gloves is to serve, teach, and advocate for the distressed with dignity not dependency. Wear Gloves fosters self sufficiency and independence and their clients gain access to necessities while learning valuable budgeting skills and the importance of self provision. Wear Gloves shows distressed members how to be productive members of our community through workforce readiness training, earning valuable certifications, and resume building. (Source Wear Gloves handout undated)

In the month of October, the Outreach Committee will be asking for donations for the Wear Gloves General Store where distressed members can purchase, at a reduced price, items for their personal welfare. A list of requested donation items is below. We ask that donated items be dropped off in the Outreach Room at the west end of the hallway in the Narthex.

Items in **BOLD** are most urgently needed. Full size (not travel size) items are requested.

Cleaners (409, Windex, Comet etc)	Bathroom Supplies	Other Supplies
Bleach	Feminine Hygiene Supplies	Sunscreen
Fabric Softener/Dryer Sheets	Toilet Paper	Socks (Mens/Womens
Disinfectant Wipes	Paper Towels	Bug Spray
Sponges/Dish Towels/Scrubbers	Flushable Wipes	Medications (Tylenol, Benadryl, etc)
Dish Soap	Deodorant	Vitamins
Liquid Hand Soap	Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash	Diapers/Wipes
Dishwasher Detergent	Soap Bars	Dog/Cat Food
Furniture Polish	Hair Brushes/Hair ties	First Aid Supplies (Neosporin, etc)
Air Fresheners	Kleenex/Lotion	
Batteries	Face Wash	
Flashlights	Q-tips	
Paper Goods (Plates, Cups, etc)	Razors/Shaving Cream	
	Cotton Balls	

Also Joy Lutheran will begin providing a lunch meal once a month for all Wear Gloves workers at their workplace. Our first meal will be provided on October 10, 2024. A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex. In addition, the Outreach Committee is pursuing the procedures for the ordering and purchase of Dignity Roasters Coffee products sponsored by Wear Gloves as a fund raiser for their activities. Look for additional data in weekly church bulletins. Sign up sheets for ordering coffee and delivery information will be posted in the Narthex hallway in October. The first delivery is planned for early November.

The Outreach Committee will be reaching out to the lives of more than 60 individuals at Wear Gloves. Our committee has experienced several past successful efforts with Wear Gloves and we would like to continue to showcase Joy Lutheran evangelism. **PLEASE HELP OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS.**

Note: Additional information is at <https://weargloves.org/>

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM MINISTRY

*******NEW MEETING TIME:*******

2ND THURSDAY, 2:00 PM in the OUTREACH ROOM

GOALS:

- 1. To reach seekers and “nones”**
- 2. Engage in conversations with a leading question like, “what pops into your mind when I say the word ‘church’”?**
- 3. Look for places and times to begin small group Bible discussions. “Coffee and Conversation”, “Beer and Bible”, etc. I will show up whenever, wherever!**
- 4. Love our neighbors -**
 - a. evangelizing to discipling**
 - b. not about growth, but purpose**

This ministry (and all of us) strive to share the love of Christ in words and actions, reaching out wherever we are.

Pastor Art



TRUNK OR TREAT AT JOY

We are holding a Trunk or Treat event this year in our parking lot :
OCTOBER 31, 2024
TIME: 3PM-5PM.

Participants will come with their cars decorated (costume is up to you) and open their trunks of candy for the children to Trunk or Treat in a safe environment.

PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED

We would like to have 15 cars for the children. If you would like to participate please call Intern Bob at the office so we can sign you up.

CANDY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

Please bring your candy (individually wrapped) to the Outreach Room in the Narthex by October 27th so we can distribute them to the participants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Intern Bob Bonomo.





2024

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Beginner's Bible Study 11AM Tutoring 3-5 p</p>	<p>2 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>3 LMM-9:15AM Christian Ed 11 Stewardship 3P</p>	<p>4 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p>	<p>5 Worship & Music 1:00 PM</p>
<p>6 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Bible Study-9:45 Brass Concert 3P</p>	<p>7 Time 4 Prayer-9AM Member Care 2:30</p>	<p>8 Property 10 AM Beginner's Bible Study 11AM Finance 1 PM Tutoring 3-5 p</p>	<p>9 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>10 Wear Gloves-Lunch Outreach 2 p Council Exec Bd 3 p</p>	<p>11 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p>	<p>12 Blessing of the Animals 11 a</p>
<p>13 Gratitude Sun Worship Svc 10:00 am Luncheon OTOW 11:30</p>	<p>14 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry 9:30</p>	<p>15 TIDINGS DEADLINE Beginner's Bible Study 11A Council 1 PM Tutoring 3-5 p</p>	<p>16 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Blood Drive 7:30-1</p>	<p>21 Time 4 Prayer 9 am WELCA-11:30 AM</p>	<p>22 Tutoring 3-5 p</p>	<p>23 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM Bible Study-9:45 Oktoberfest Joy Lunch 12:00</p>	<p>28 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry—9:30 A</p>	<p>29 Beginner's Bible Study 11A Tutoring 3-5 p Interfaith Dinner</p>	<p>30 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>31 Trunk & Treat 3-5 pm</p>		
<p>Please remember the deadline for the Bulletin is 8:00 am Tuesdays, and the TIDINGS is 8:00 am 15th. Please send "Copy" ready items so they can be inserted into the bulletin/Tidings to office email. <i>Thank You</i></p>						

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2024

Our vision:

*“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