TIDINGS OF JOY

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The PINELANDS
Churches will
hold a special
combined
Reformation
Sunday Service at
Joy on:
SATURDAY,
OCT.28, 2023
10:00 AM
Refreshments in
Swenson Hall after the service.



LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



"In Him we live and move and have our being." (Acts I7:28)

Dear JOYful family,

Here's a life goal: daily choosing the ways of God.

In doing so, our sinful, finite selves are still going to mess up and fail. When we enter the mission field (which is every day, everywhere) we always have an opportunity to engage and connect. I know that many of you do this. My wife Debbie, when she's on the job at Yankee Candle, for instance. She has a blessed knack, a gift, for making the customers feel better. Often times these encounters end in a hug.

We are still followers of the Most High, constantly in need of forgiveness. When our ways and daily life choices are Christ-centered, we are free to be transparent. A willingness to be vulnerable will make you a spiritual leader in someone's life. Others ought to be able to see that faith makes a difference in your life. Spiritual practices are life-changers. I'm not talking about trying to reinvent your wheel. The simple act of telling someone you're praying for them is a mark of discipleship.

We serve a living God throughout the week. Our discipleship, our Living Bread for the journey, culminates in our worship. Going through the motions will be as *Continued on Page 3*

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 AssistantZsuzsanna Jobbagy
Organist/Pianist-Silas Daniel
Handbell Director-Melissa
Daniel
Sexton-Harold Decker

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President-Robert Irish

Treasurer-Terry Owen

Vice President-

Ray Ihlenburg

Secretary-Linda Aker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JR Frederiksen Hank Groth Ethel Kleiner Stanley Mahabeer Joy Olsen

John Voyles



5 Bill Brueckner 6 Jean Jarnel Zsuzsanna Jobbagy 7 Rebecca Spees Marian Spitzack

8 John Cobb Gene Dietz

11 Phil Shirley

14 Norm Newman 16 Debbie Holmes Susan Holmes Robert Holmes

23 Douglas Hines

28 Diane Julian George Spong

30 Tom Koerner



1 Diane & Ed Wanat 10 yrs.

5 Odd & Emery Bjerkmann 32 yrs

8 Bruce & Elaine Froeschl 57 yrs

13 John & Martha Wiley 18 yrs

19 Jack & Sharon Cawley, Jr. 49 yrs

22 Gene & Peggy Dietz 18 yrs Karin & John Campbell 29 yrs

28 John & Janet Voyles 28 yrs

SCAN FOR ON-LINE GIVING



https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9NX

continued from page 1 obvious to the outsider as sincerity. Which vision would you rather they see? All of us should convey an atmosphere, a climate of welcome for all strangers, that they may become friends, fellow sinner/saints. Paul does a beautiful thing in the first chapter of Colossians. He tells that congregation that he prays for them. He asks that God would fill them with the knowledge of His will. He prays for their commitment of time, talent and treasure (the "three T's" are my interpretation). Bear fruit in all good works. Be strengthened by the glorious might of His power. Christian Schwarz, who created Natural Church Development, calls wisdom, power, and commitment the three dimensions of ministry. We are given these gifts by the Holy Spirit. May we grow in grace, love by serving, and invite others into this community within a challenging world.

See you in church.

Pastor Art

MEN'S BREAKFAST

WHEN: Thursday, October 5th —-7:30 - 9:00

I'm trying a new approach...

I will make breakfast for any men who show up between the times above. Our Lutheran Men in Mission have been "on hiatus" too long! C'mon, guys – let's have some great Christian fellowship!



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our kits for the homeless will be assembled on Thursday, October 26th AT 11:00 am in Swenson Hall. Assembly helpers are needed. If you can help, please contact the office and leave your name. The office telephone number is 352-854-4509.

We are looking to collect as much of the following items as possible in order to be a blessing to as many as possible:

- * Water Bottles
- * Soft granola/cereal bars
- * Fruit snack/applesauce cups
- * Crackers with peanut butter/cheese
- * Read to eat canned food (with Pop tops) *
- * Gift cards to fast food places
- * Mints, cough drops, or gum
- * Small Juice/Veg drinks
- * Disposable Utensils
- * Pack of Kleenex

- * Socks
- * Toothbrush/toothpaste
- * Comb/small brush
- * Washcloths
- * Soap
- * Individually wrapped maxipads
- * Band Aids
- * Chapstick
- * Sunscreen
- * Hand Wipes/Sanitizer

PACK THE PANTRY



During the month of October let's PACK THE PANTRY with



non-perishable food items. We didn't make any deliveries to the Interfaith Food Pantry for the past three months. So, now that we're back in the sanctuary, let's fill that Food cabinet.

Cereals, canned soups and meals, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, canned meat or tuna just a few of the items needed. Plastic jars are preferred over glass containers.

Thanks for your support. Joe & Judy Spillane



A message about Commitment Sunday, October 15, 2023

God is committed to us. That's really important. As Paul tells us, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" (Romans 8:31b-32). We, in turn, are committed to God. That's what faith is about.

One practical way we express our faith is by making a financial commitment to our church so it can carry out its mission to share the Good News of grace and Love. We are being asked to make a financial commitment to support Joy Lutheran Church at the services on October 15.

What will happen on Commitment Sunday, October 15:

On that day, commitment cards in envelopes will be available on a table as you enter the sanctuary. Please pick up the envelope addressed to you or your family, but please don't fill out your card yet.

After the sermon we will be invited to fill out a commitment card indicating our financial support for Joy in 2024. When the card is complete, please put it back in the envelope.

At the appropriate time, everyone will be invited to bring the cards forward to place the commitment in the Ark in front of the altar. We encourage families to come together to place the commitment into the Ark.

Between now and then, please think about the way your church has served you and others. Consider possibly increasing your commitment for 2024.

The following chart gives some suggestions for making a greater impact on the ministries of Joy by increasing your giving in 2024.

If you currently give (2023):	Please consider increasing your weekly giving for 2024 by:
Less than \$10	<u>\$1</u>
\$10-\$19	<u>\$2</u>
\$20-\$29	<u>\$3</u>
\$30-\$39	<u>\$4</u>
\$40-\$59	<u>\$5</u>
\$60-\$79	<u>\$6</u>
\$80-\$100	<u>\$7</u>
Above \$100	<u>\$8</u>

If you currently do not give, please prayerfully consider making an initial commitment of \$5.00 a week.

May you continue to be blessed and to be a blessing through the ministries of Joy Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, September 10th we welcomed 6 new members at Joy. All the craziness of the past two months didn't scare them away, nor did the cramped quarters at Swenson Hall. We are happy to have them in our Joy family. Please continue to reach out and welcome them!



Welcome to Our Church

LEGEND

MF: Moved from/Previous Residence H/I: Hobbies and Interests

O: Occupation PCI: Previous Church Involvement

F: Family ** Associates

LINDA NEBLOCK

MF: Rockford, Illinois in 2015

O: Licensed Practical Nurse

F: Married, 2 sons/daughters-in-laws, 6 grandchildren,

2 great-grandchildren

H/I: Gardening, Cards, Family & friends, helping others

PCI: Various ways of helping out where needed



PENNY DAVIS

MF: St. Augustine, and originally from Hockessin, DE

O: Human Resources

F: Married, 3 children, 3 grandchildren

H/I: Golf, Line dancing, Table games

PCI: Church Council, Church office, taught Sunday School,

Call Committee

SHARON JOHNSON

MF: Has lived in many places: Ohio, Utah, North Dacota, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, and various parts of Florida.



O: Hospital Office Management

F: Two children and 5 grandchildren

H/I: Photography, Cooking & Baking, Golf, Yoga, walking

PCI: Shepherd, Bible School, Sunday School, Greeter, Committees, Outreach

JEFF HOGAN

MF: Lived in Lakeland, Lake Alfred & Haines City and Kokomo, Indiana

O: Kitchen help at Golf Course Restaurant

F: Single, Mother

H/I: Bowling, Movies, Rollercoasters, Jet skiing, Ziplining, Traveling

PCI: Served at the Family Worship Center in Kokomo, Indiana



JUDY FIELDS

MF: Wisconsin, Amberg, Legend Lake,

Sheboygan

O: Accountant

F: Married to Don, 3 children and 3 grandchildren

H/I: Walking, Swimming, Cards, Games, Pickleball Music, Dances

PCI: Volunteer for fund raisers, parties and picnics,

Counter, Alter guild, Meals



DON FIELDS

MF: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

O: Powertrain Engineer

F: Married to Judy, 3 children and 3

grandchildren

H/I: R/C Aircraft, Motorcycles

PCI: Building and Grounds Director





COUNCIL



In order to have a more secure church, the Church Council decided that the transept doors should be <u>exit only</u>. It is desirable to have everyone enter the building through a door attended by an usher.

To implement this change we will begin with the transept doors (behind the organ and piano) on the 83rd Place side of the church. Ultimately, the other transept doors will also be exit only, and arrivals will use the front doors when entering from the parking lot side. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may create.

TRANSEPT



DOORS



COMING TO OUR CAMPUS LIFE SOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 22, 2023 7:45 am—1:00 pm. Spread the word. Time to save lives. Walk-ins are always welcome. Appointments can be made at:

https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/zip

19th Annual Blessing of the Animals



Lutheran 7045 SW 83rd Place Off Hwy 200-Ocala, FL

Volunteers are needed.

> Can you help?

If yes, please contact Terry Owen

Saturday, October 7th, 11:00 am

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

"If you bring them, we will bless

Any questions please call Terry Owen @ 717-571-9752

Concert Series

Seasons of J(Y)Y It's Oktoberfest, and JOY will celebrate with our 2nd Oktoberfest Concert featuring

Die Ocala Musiker. Festivities will be on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM right here in our sanctuary.

Come and enjoy great music with a reception to follow. (You may find yourself dancing in the aisles).

More information can be found on Facebook, and on Instagram, or visit our website (QR code on right).

https://www.facebook.com/seasonsofjoy.ocala/ https://www.instagram.com/seasonsofjoy.ocala/



SERVING DINNER AT INTERFAITH EMERGENCY SHELTER

The sign up sheet for 2024 is now on the hallway bulletin board. Plan ahead and choose a month that might be convenient for you. Dinner is prepared ahead at home and delivered to the shelter at 4:30.

We plan for about 25 women and children each time. You can volunteer to be in the charge that month or to help out. Any questions?



Call Judy & Joe Spillane 352-854-9437 Email spocala@gmail.com



BAKE SALE

WELL, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. OUR **SUPER SALE/BAKE SALE** IS **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st.** LAST YEAR WE HAD SUCH A NICE VARIETY OF BAKED GOODS!! AND THAT'S THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF ALL THE LADIES (AND GENTLEMEN) OF JOY. SO ONCE AGAIN I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE **BRING** THOSE DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS **TO SWENSON HALL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th, BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND 1:30 P.M.**PLEASE HAVE THEM WRAPPED AND LABELED. AND PLEASE NOTE IF THEY CONTAIN <u>ANY</u> NUTS OR NUT BY-PRODUCTS. WE HAVE MANY NEW MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE BAKE SALE, SO PLEASE CALL EDIE HEINZEN (352-854-6816) WITH ANY ??? AGAIN. WITHOUT YOUR WONDERFUIL

ANY ??? AGAIN, WITHOUT <u>YOUR</u> WONDERFUL DONATIONS WE CAN'T HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP,
EDIE HEINZEN





THE WOMEN OF ELCA To Welcome All Women of Joy

Super Sale

Five more weeks and we will have our sale It is hard to believe. I have made up a to do list for us. Some of you I have heard from already so thank you for thinking ahead. I am just going to make a list with times and dates. If there are any questions please call anyone on the boards.

I talked to JR:

Men - sign put up 10/2, tables 10/16, get garage ready for sale all week Women - set up week Swenson Hall and do pricing.

If there is a certain area you want to be in let us know

Jewelry, see Linda Bake goods are covered hot dogs will be ready between 11:30 and 1:00, quilters will have an exhibit as well as the cards. I am getting excited. Now to the good stuff.

Everything will be half off starting at 1:00. We will end at 2:00. Boxes will be repacked, trucks will be loaded, tables repositioned and floor vacuumed and Swenson hall won't know we were there. One problem, this is where the men take over hopefully someone will know were to take what's left or even come pick it up. We would like to be out by 3:30

There will be no meetings the week of 10/16.

We had a ball last year and I know it will be the same this year.

Pat Smith, President W.E.L.C.A.

Holy Ground...God Still Speaks! November 10-12, 2023

Registration will open mid-June and be available online and via mail. Visit us at www.flwelca.com and follow us on Facebook for updates. Save the Date postcards can be downloaded from the website and shared with friends, congregations and conferences.

-PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION-

Warren Willis United Methodist Camp 4990 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL

"Be still and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	FIRST		SECOND	
SUNDAY	READING	PSALM	READING	GOSPEL
	Ezekiel	Psalm	Philippians	Matthew
10/01/2023	18:1-4. 25-32	25:1-9	2:1-13	21:23-32
	Isaiah	Psalm	Philippians	Matthew
10/08/2023	5:1-7	80:7-15	3:4b-14	21:33-46
	Isaiah	Psalm	Philippians	Matthew
10/15/2023	25:1-9	23	4:1-9	22:15-22
		Psalm		
	Isaiah	96:1-9	1 Thessalonians	Matthew
10/22/2023	45:1-7	[10-13]	1:1-10	22:15-22
	Jeremiah	Psalm	Romans	John
10/29/2023	31:31-34	46	3:19-28	8:31-36

PRAY TOGETHER TO LIFT YOU UP IN PRAYER

Home-bound & Assisted Living

Homebound

JoAnne Boyer
Frank Jarvis
Barb Johnson
Bill Mooney
Mike Noble
Merrick Owen
Diane Plesser
Barbara Todd
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

<u>Life Care Center</u> <u>of OCALA</u>

Violet Frey

Palm Gardens

Connie Shirley

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 WarFoster Parents
Missing People
Persecuted Christians
Travelers

Economy
End all the violence
Environment
Jobs

ALL THE PEOPLE OF
THE WORLD
Especially:
China
Cuba

Cuba Egypt Haiti Iran Israel
Iraq
Kenya
Libya
N. Korea
Pakistan
S. Korea
Syria
Ukraine
USA

Current Needs:

Elizabeth Barker
Lois Bowden
Jerry Campbell
Jack Cawley
Pat Crilley
Diane
Fred
Elena Josephine Freebourn

Elena Josephine Freebourn Andrew Gause Denise Gause Julie Gause Timothy Gause Betsy Kutscher Jim Kuzmanovich Cindy Leonard Kathy Miller

Norm Newman & Family Pam Tom Rasswell

Art Menut

Kyle Rusk
Gloria Scicluna & Family
Marc Sendik
Lee Stewart
Mike Sylvester
Stephen Thomas
Candace Welsch
Ken Werner
Cathy Willoughby

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

—Martin Luther

Ongoing Needs:

Noreen Anderson Sean Aronson Paul Bispo Odd Bierkmann John Bond Jennifer Brady Lucy Brown Helen Buckley Alfonso Cave Sharon Cawley Darlene Clairmont Kvlene Clemens Ed Correo Riley Correo Barbara Dean Deena Linda & Ken Erhardt Scott Fair Millie Fetterhoff Morris Foreman Katie Fransen Joanne Olson Finnorn

Beth & JR Frederiksen Richard Freebourn Lvnn Garno Maleila Gonzalez Chris Gorman Jennie Halvorsen-Norm Halvorsen Randolph Hardy Ray Heinzen Diane Hendricksen Bertha Hendrickson Bobby Hyatt Bob Irish Barbara Johnson Joyce Kerlin Joe Kenney Kerry Patsy Kleeman Lori Kleiman Cheryl Kemmer

Cleo LeForge **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 Plesser Sharon Polus Linda Raffa Pr. Reents Karin Rokjar

Jim Kuzmanovich

Art Schneider Connie Shirley Elizabeth Smithson Lorraine Souch Sonia Denise Stevens Karyn Thomas Jeff Tuckey Pat Ulrich Cindi Valli Greg Valli Kathy Ward Joel Weiss Barbara West Irene Willoughby Earl Winblad Irene Winton Marge Wlodarczyk Bill Wojcik Raymond Woodall Ralph Wright

JOY CINEMA PROUDLY PRESENTS!

Bring a Friend COMING ATTRACTION!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

At 1:30 PM

JOY Lutheran Church Sanctuary

352-854-4509 ext. 2

Jim Morris is a Texas high school chemistry teacher and coach of the school's baseball team. He's always loved baseball and as a way of motivating his players, he agrees to go to a professional try-out if they win the championship. He once had aspirations to be a professional baseball player but an injury brought that to an end. Sure enough, the 39 year-old father of three finds himself at a camp for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and he somehow seems to have regained his pitching arm, easily throwing a 98 mph fastball. Signed to a contract, he toils in the minor leagues while his supportive wife stays home raising their children. He soon finds himself called up to the big club and pitching for Tampa which is in Texas playing the Rangers. Based on a rue story.

This movie is rated G-for general audiences

FREE!



I received this from
a dear friend.
I thought I would share
it with all of you.
Technology is great,
just watch how you use it!



"When you enter this church
it may be possible that you
hear "the call of God."
However, it is unlikely that He
will call you on your mobile.
Thank you for turning off
your phones. If you want to
talk to God, enter, choose a
quiet place, and talk to him.
If you want to see Him, send

Poster found in a Church in France (translated):

Him a text while driving."



2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am CE MINISTRY 9:30am	2 C. Meier's Bible Study 1:30 P Member Care 2:30PM Worship & Music 6:30PM	3 Bulletin Deadline	4 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Happy Hands 9:30AM Worship 5:30pm	5 LMM Breakfast 7:30-9:00 AM	6 TOPS 8-9:45am BELLS 10:00 AM	7 Blessing of the Ani mals 11 AM
<i>8</i> Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am	9 Stephen Ministry 9:30AM C. Meier's Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	10 Bulletin Dead- line Property Team 10:00 AM Finance I 1:00 pm Council-1:00PM Outreach 2:30 PM	11 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Happy Hands 9:30AM Worship 5:30pm	12 Council Exec Bd. 3 PM	13 TOPS 8-9:45am BELLS 10:00 AM	14 Wedding & Re- ception 2:00 PM (S & SH)
15 Commitment Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am Oktoberfest Concert 3:00 pm	16 Tidings Deadline C. Meier's Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	17 Bulletin Dead- line Nominating Com. 12:00 pm	18 Worship 5:30pm	19	20 TOPS 8-9:45am Weigh-in only BELLS 10:00 AM Sanctuary	21 SUPER SALE 7 AM—2 PM
22 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am LifeSouth Blood Drive 7:45-1:00 PM	23 Stephen Ministry 9:30AM C. Meier's Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	24 Bulletin Deadline	25 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Happy Hands 9:30AM Worship 5:30pm	26 OUTREACH KITS ASSEMBLED 11AM	27 TOPS 8-9:45am BELLS 10:00 AM	28 Pinelands Churcles Ecumenical Refomation SVC 10:0 AM Reception after Talent Show 6-7 PM
29 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am Interfaith Dinner Delivery	30 C. Meier's Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	31 Bulletin Dead- line Tiding Angels- 9:30am JOY Cinema 1:30 PM—Sanctuary				

Please observe <u>article deadlines</u> for both the <u>Sunday Bulletins</u> and the monthly <u>Tidings</u>.

Please submit proofed, copy ready articles as word or pdf documents .

Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar.

<u>Prayer Request deadlines</u> are 8:00 am every Tuesday for inclusion in the week's list. Thank you.



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