

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Dear JOYful family,
 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the JOY! of your master.’” (Matthew 25:21)

In the Bible text it obviously says “joy” not “JOY!” I can’t resist trading on the name of our congregation every chance I get! More than a place, it is a feeling, an attitude. Imagine the JOY! of our master when He sees us being trustworthy with our re-

sources. Giving of ourselves, time, and treasures for the good of His kingdom. It would indeed be a shame if we squandered the money given as long as twenty years ago, still untouched, to our building fund. Now, thanks to some dedicated, ambitious volunteers, we are on the brink of embarking on the next phases of “Refresh JOY!” There will be some growing pains as we tran-

sition temporarily to Swenson Hall for worship this summer.

We will keep the two-service Sunday schedule this summer since worship seating in Swenson will be much less.

Your Stewardship Ministry is making an appeal to all of us. So that we can replenish already existing funding

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APRIL DATES:

- Palm Sunday: April 2.
- Holy Thursday: April 6.
- Good Friday: April 7.
- Holy Saturday: April 8.
- Easter Sunday: April 9.
- Easter Monday: April 10

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:

JR Frederiksen
 Hank Groth
 Ethel Kleiner
 Stanley Mahabeer
 Joy Olsen
 John Voyles



- 1 Sharon Fairchild
- 2 John Marvin
- 4 Karen Sturtz
- 5 Judi Snow
 Greg Hofmann
- 6 Ken Erickson, Sr.
- 16 Norma Erickson
- 17 Jim Wolfer
 Doug Juhl
- 19 Mo Cooper
- 20 Irene Henderson
 Tamara Thomas
- 21 Wayne Kofink
- 24 Ray Heinzen
 Lynneer Spees
- 25 Lori Blanc
- 26 Cheryl Reidlinger
- 29 Joe Bedard
- 30 Alicia Ransdell
 Joan Hendrickson
 Walter Grosselfinger

- 1 Bob & MaryAnn Schmitt 27
- 7 Ray & Lynn Ihlenburg 25
- 21 Alan & Susan Theusch
- 22 Paul & Patti Spellman 57
- 23 Ralph & Mary Wright 35
- 29 Phil & Connie Shirley 33



CELEBRATING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

NAME	# YRS
Violet Frey	33
Barbara Tallon	33
Marian Spitzack	31
George Spong	26
Millie Fetterhoff	25
Norma Erickson	24
Frank Jarvis	20
Emery Bjerkmann	16
Odd Bjerkmann	16
Connie Shirley	16
Phil Shirley	16
Hank Groth	5
Jean Groth	5
Ron Piper	5
Patty Willoughby	5
Monica MacDuffee	4

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for Phases II and III, your Stewardship Ministry invites and encourages you to “buy a chair” or several chairs. You will see material in this issue regarding the appeal. We had success with this approach when we needed money for new air conditioning units. Remember the thermometer chart? We are counting on your stewardship and faithfulness to ensure that we have the cushion (pun intended!) to keep us ahead of the game financially.

We also invite you to be a part of our Stewardship Ministry which meets the second Sunday of the month at 9:30 in the “Outreach Outpost” room. You’re at church anyway for worship, so you don’t have to make an extra trip!

I pray that you will have the end in mind

as we deal with minor sacrifice and inconvenience to get this work done. The result will be a better house of worship – better lighting, sound, comfort, and overall functionality. During the project and even more so after completion, we will keep the main thing the main thing. That is, all done to the glory of God and the JOY! of the Master. April brings new members, new resurrection life, and a picnic day, just to name a few things. Sharing Christ’s love with our enthusiasm as He entrusts us with greater things. God will give, through Christ Jesus, far more than we can ask or imagine.

I’ll see you in church as we journey together!

Pastor Art





THE WOMEN OF ELCA

TO WELCOME ALL WOMEN OF JOY IN FELLOWSHIP



Meet every Wednesday at
9:00 A.M. —12:00 P.M.
Leaders: Jean Groth &
Becky Spees

JOYFUL HANDS

HOTLINES (352) 622-5919
(352) 622-8485



BUSINESS (352) 351-4009
FAX (352) 351-0455

December 12, 2022

Joyful Lutheran Church
7045 SW 83rd Place
Ocala, Florida 34476

Dear: Joyful Hands

On behalf of the staff and board of the Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, I would like to extend a personal thank you for your generous donation to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Your generosity translates into hope for the families seeking refuge from domestic violence – from homes where abuse can be a daily occurrence and the consequences are frequently tragic. Every gift to the Center provides food, shelter, and the items necessary for everyday life. *Each monetary or in-kind donation, no matter the size, enables the Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center to realize its mission of aiding, comforting, and empowering victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.*

If you have any questions about this receipt or should you like more information regarding the services we provide and how you might continue to help, do not hesitate to contact us at 352-351-4009.

Thank you for helping us to "Stop the Harming."

With sincere gratitude,

Judy K. Wilson, PhD.
CEO/Executive Director

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Please use this document as a tax receipt for your donation.

Donation: 500.00
Date of Donation: 11/30/2022
Nature of Donation: Handmade Quilts

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER
CREATIVE SERVICES, INC. • P.O. BOX 2193 • OCALA, FLORIDA 34478
www.ocaladvshelter.org www.ocalasexualassaultcenter.com csi.inc@ocala.csi.com



Ocala, Services, Inc. (352) 601-3333. 2022-12-12 10:00 AM. Thank you for your donation.
This receipt is for the donation received in consideration of this gift.
All services provided are subject to the availability of resources and funding.
We are grateful for your support and the impact it has on our community.
Thank you for your generous contribution to our mission.





HAPPY HANDS

Happy Hands Ministry is our card ministry and was formed for the purpose of making and sending uplifting greetings to those who have special needs in our congregation. Additionally, the cards are sold in the Narthex for \$2.00 each for members to send personally as they wish. The card types include birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy and thinking of you. We also enjoy making seasonal cards. Easter cards are now available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards are used to help outside organizations/charities, for purchasing items needed by the church and for replenishing our card-making supplies. We take donations of used card fronts and refurbish them into new creations as well as use other card making techniques to create them. Happy Hands is a fun-loving bunch. We discuss and share our ideas, learn from each other and enjoy what we do. We are willing to help anyone get started who would like to join us.

Happy Hands Card Ministry is a wonderful place of fellowship and JOY. If you are interested in seeing what we do, come check us out. We meet every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 in the Garden Room in Swenson Hall. We would love to have you. God Bless You!

Support the Joy Refresh

We invite you to support the 2023 Refresh of Joy Lutheran Church!

The Refresh expresses our vision of Joy as a vibrant and loving congregation, welcoming to all. It provides us with a renewed, flexible setting to share the Grace and Love of Jesus with our current members and with the individuals and families who are moving to our community.

We are grateful for those who came before us whose contributions to the building fund make the Refresh possible. We are also looking ahead to building projects members may undertake in the future.

So, Joy is offering an opportunity for current members to contribute to the building fund by purchasing chairs for our Sanctuary. Each chair or group of chairs donated will enhance our worship space. You may honor or memorialize someone through the chair purchase. This will be a big boost to our fund for building improvements.

A record of all donors and those honored will be displayed in the Narthex. We hope to see our Sanctuary display filling up with chairs as they are purchased.

Our goal is to raise the \$20,000 needed for our chairs.

Chairs= \$80 each Set of 5 Chairs=\$400 Set of 10 Chairs \$800

Tear off and submit with your Donation:

I want to support the Refresh!!!		
One Chair - \$80 5 Chairs - \$400 Whole Row (10 chairs) - \$800		
Name(s): _____		
I would like to purchase _____ # chairs - Donation amt _____		
*Please make check out to: Joy Lutheran Church and note in memo: CHAIRS		
Memorialize my gift: In memory of _____		
In Honor of: _____		
Other: _____		
Permission to publicize my gift with the congregation:		
Yes _____ No _____ (I wish to remain anonymous)		



WELCA

PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR

May 18, 2023 11:30 AM

Brunch & Meeting.

Speaker: Marjorie Weiss, author of “Praying on Empty”

September 3, 2023

WELCA Sunday

September 21, 2023 11:30 AM

Brunch & Meeting

Speaker: Jill Davis

October 21, 2023

Super Sale

November 16, 2023 11:30 AM

Brunch & Meeting

Speaker: To be announced

December 2, 2023

WELCA & LMM Christmas Program and Luncheon



OLDE FASHIONED DAY PICNIC SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

The picnic will be here
before you know it.

**PLEASE don't forget to sign up to help
in the Narthex!**

Your donations for the free food should be given to
Linda Aker.

Make your checks out to LINDA AKER, not to Joy.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!!



THANK YOU

To the members of

Joy Lutheran Church
Ocala

from the

Florida-Bahamas Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
In grateful appreciation for giving

\$5,000.04

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and
churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CALLING HOSTS and HOSTESSES!



So exactly what is a host or hostess? A person or persons who welcomes people in an establishment, in this case our Narthex. What is the responsibility of the host Hostess? The definition of a Host or Hostess is to make sure that their guests feel welcomed, cared for, and valued. They create a warm and welcoming environment for patrons from the moment they enter the establishment.

Does that sound complicated? It really is not. Our hosts and hostesses offer some fellowship after each service by having snacks (cookies, fruit) and drinks (coffee, perhaps tea or lemonade) to our JOY family. It does not have to be complicated, whatever you provide is greatly appreciated. It is an opportunity to get to know one another and enjoy each other's company. It takes a little bit of time, lots of smiles, and a willingness to engage with our fellow congregants.

Joy is in need of volunteers to be our hosts. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday morning. More information is available on our sign-up sheet in the Narthex; help is available for first time hosts to learn the coffee prep.

If you would like more information please contact Lynn Ihlenburg, our host "guru" at 502-523-5920.



Holy Week Schedule



SERVICE SCHEDULES FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2, through Sunday, April 9th

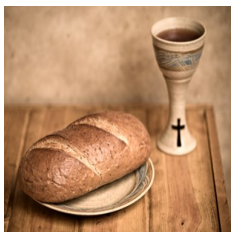


PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2nd,

8:15 am and 11:00 am

Follow Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

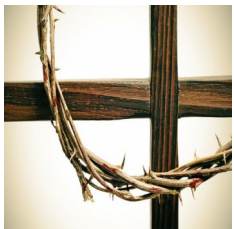


MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6th

5:30 pm

Join us at the table for the Last Supper.

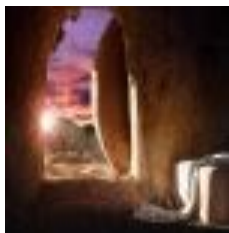


GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 7th,

5:30 pm

Christ died for a debt He did not owe!
Reflect with us on His great love and Sacrifice



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9th,

6:30 am Sunrise Service in our Memorial Garden

8:15 am and 11:00 am in our Sanctuary

He is risen! The tomb is empty!

COME! REJOICE! CELEBRATE!

IF I GET DEMENTIA

“If I get dementia, I’d like my family to hang this wish list up on the wall where I live. I want them to remember these things.

If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to embrace my reality. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we’re visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I’ll be much happier for it.

If I get dementia, don’t argue with me about what is true for me versus what is true for you.

If I get dementia, and I am not sure who you are, do not take it personally. My timeline is confusing to me.

If I get dementia, and can no longer use utensils, do not start feeding me. Instead, switch me to a finger-food diet, and see if I can still feed myself.

If I get dementia, and I am sad or anxious, hold my hand and listen. Do not tell me that my feelings are unfounded.

If I get dementia, I don’t want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like the adult that I am.

If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I’ve always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.

If I get dementia, ask me to tell you a story from my past.

If I get dementia, and I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.

If I get dementia, treat me the way that you would want to be treated.

If I get dementia, make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don’t eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.

If I get dementia, don’t talk about me as if I’m not in the room.

If I get dementia, don’t feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It’s not your fault, and you’ve done your best. Find someone who can help you, or choose a great new place for me to live.

If I get dementia, and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.

If I get dementia, don’t act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It’s not my fault.

If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favorite music playing within earshot.

If I get dementia, and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original places.

If I get dementia, don’t exclude me from parties and family gatherings.

If I get dementia, know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.

If I get dementia, remember that I am still the person you know and love.”

Anonymous



Home-bound & Assisted Living

Homebound

JoAnne Boyer
Millie Fetterhoff
Bill Mooney
Pat Ulrich

Brentwood at Fore Ranch

Ralph Wright

Bridgewater Memory Care

Connie Shirley

**Bridgewater Park
Assisted Living**

Bob Vogel

**Brookdale of
Canopy Oaks**

George & Marilyn Husted

Brookdale Chambrel

Carol Hobbs

The Bridge at Ocala

Grace & Arnold Hansen

Marion Woods Asst.

George Spong

**Life Care Center
of OCALA**

Violet Frey

**Life Care Center
New Port Richey**

Rita Stotz

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 Depart-
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President
Relief Workers
Children of War-
Foster Parents
Missing People
Persecuted Chris-
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Travelers

Economy
End all the vio-
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Environment
Jobs

ALL THE PEOPLE OF
THE WORLD
Especially:

China
Cuba
Egypt
Haiti
Iran

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

Current Needs:

Tony Argano
 Paul Bispo
 Lucy Brown
 Louise Carroll/Conway
 Chris, Lauren & Family
 Dell Family
 Mary Jane DeMarco
 Jacob Foss
 Timothy Gause
 Gene & Family
 Jennie Halvorsen
 Bob Irish
 Joanne Klein
 Jean Kutscher
 Phyllis Minos
 Jim Neblock
 Karl Nettles
 Asta Marie Nielsen
 Cindy Regis
 Ivan Rivera

Gloria Scicluna

Ongoing Needs:

Noreen Anderson
 Sean Aronson
 Odd Bjerkmann
 John Bond
 Jennifer Brady
 Alfonso Cave
 Sharon Cawley
 Darlene Clairmont
 Kylene Clemens
 Ed Correo
 Riley Correo
 Barbara Dean
 Deena
 Deborah DeGaetan
 Linda & Ken Erhardt
 Scott Fair
 Millie Fetterhoff
 Joanne Olson Finnorm
 Morris Foreman
 Marlene Gallagher
 Lynn Garno

Andrew Gause
 Melissa Gonzalez
 Norm Halvorsen
 Ray Heinzen
 Diane Hendricksen
 Bertha Hendricksen
 Peggy Janisch
 Ken, Bud, Diane
 Joyce Kerlin
 Joe Kenney
 Kerry
 Gwen King
 Patsy Kleeman
 Lori Kleiman
 Cheryl Kemmer
 Cleo LeForge
 Grant Liples
 Helen Lofsten
 Tim Long
 Mike
 Audrey Grace Miller

Dylan Nerud
 Mike Noble
 Ed & Terry Owen
 Mary Pfeiffer
 Diane Plessner
 Karin Rokjar
 Art Schneider
 Connie Shirley
 Elizabeth Smithson
 Lorraine Souch
 Sonja
 Denise Stevens
 Rita Stotz
 Karyn Thomas
 Jeff Tuckey
 Bob Turney
 Pat Ulrich
 Cindi Valli
 Greg Valli
 Ken Werner
 Barbara West

Irene Willoughby
 Earl Winblad
 Irene Winton
 Bill Wojcik
 Raymond Woodall
 Ralph Wright

JOY CINEMA PROUDLY PRESENTS!

Bring a Friend



COMING ATTRACTION!

FREE !!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE !!

*Tuesday,
April 25, 2023*

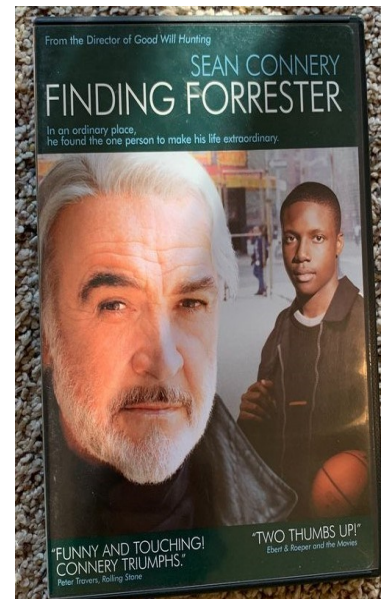
at 1:30 PM

*JOY Lutheran Church
Sanctuary*

*7045 SW 83rd Place
Ocala, FL*

352-854-4509 ext. 2

A unique relationship develops between an eccentric, reclusive novelist and a young, amazingly gifted scholar-athlete. After the novelist discovers that the young athlete is also an excellent writer and secretly takes him on as his protégé, they develop an unlikely friendship. As they learn more about each other, they learn more about themselves, and ultimately, with the help of his new mentor, the basketball star must choose the right path.



PASTOR ART'S BIBLE STUDY DURING APRIL

Every Wednesday morning
at 9:00AM
in the Narthex.

TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED



2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Please observe article deadlines for both the Sunday Bulletins and the monthly Tidings. Please submit copy ready articles. Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar. Thank you.</i></p>						
<p>2 PALM/PASSION SUN. Worship 8:15 am Worship 11:00 am</p>	<p>3 Stephen Ministry- 9:30am-12:00pm Bible Study 1:00 PM Member Care 2:30 P Worship & Music 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9:00A -Pr. Bible Study- 9-12 AM-Joyful H 9:30-12- Happy H NO WORSHIP</p>	<p>6 MAUNDY THURS. -4:00 PM WORSHIP 5:30 PM</p>	<p>7 GOOD FRIDAY 8—10 AM-TOPS 10:00 am-Bells</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES AT: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 11:00 AM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Grief Support 11AM Finance—1:00 PM Outreach-2:30 PM</p>	<p>12 9:00A -Pr. Bible Study- 9-12 AM-Joyful H 9:30-12- Happy H 5:30 PM-Worship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8—10 AM-TOPS</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Worship 8:15 am Stewardship 9:30 A Worship 11:00 am</p>	<p>17 Stephen Ministers 9:30-12:30</p>	<p>18 Council 1:00 PM</p>	<p>19 9:00A -Pr. Bible Study- 9-12 AM-Joyful H 9:30-12- Happy H Choir-4:00 PM 5:30 PM-Worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8—10 AM-TOPS 10:00 am-Bells</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30 Worship 8:15 am- Worship 11:00 am</p>						



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4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484

