

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Dear JOYful family,

“I will give you a new heart.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

Joy is indeed being “refreshed”! I drove into the church parking lot thirty minutes ago to see Mr. Curington, the “head honcho”, having overseen the progress of the sanctuary “refresh”. We are half-way there, folks. I know you are praying for the laborers and that there be no glitches, no major delays. Our enthusiasm has not diminished or wavered – a testament to your indomitable spirit. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit, active and vibrant within us, that we are traveling together in this wilderness journey. Even though some are choosing this moment to travel, “fly north”, or wait ‘til we’re back in the sanctuary with more elbow room and more comfortable seating, we are holding our own. I believe, and hope you do too, that the “summer slump” is just a blip that reflects a predictable, but thankfully short-lived pattern.

Enough on that. It is our spiritual selves that always need tender care, nurturing, and refreshment. Nothing happens – not stewardship, disciple

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**LIVE STREAMING
DURING THE
SUMMER WILL
BE ON
FACEBOOK.**

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**Worship Services
held in:**

SWENSON HALL

**SUNDAYS:
8:15 AM and
11:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAYS:
5:30 PM**

***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 Sally Hurley

2 Glenda Lizak

Doug Snorek

Willa Coffman

4 Tom Erikson

6 Martha Wiley

7 Marcia Meier

8 Carson Faris

Ed Owen

9 Suzan Baker

Ken Kutscher

12 Patty Willoughby

16 Joanne Kolch

Wallace Thomas Jr.

Nancy Kraft

17 Beth Frederiksen

19 Jim Kuzmanovich

21 Cheryl Burck

23 Rita Brokaw

25 Mary Wright

31 Peggy Dietz



4 Rich & Elise Cagnetti 61 yrs.

7 Charlie & Marcia Meier 52 yrs.

8 Bob & Joanne Kolch 43 yrs.

10 Phil & Glenda Lizak 38 yrs.

Lee & Edie Stewart 66 yrs.

11 Art & Debra Wuertz 39 yrs.

16 Kenneth & Linda Erhardt
54 yrs.

27 David & Sheryl Mitcherll
40 yrs.

Pastor's New Metrics

JULY

FIRST TIME GUESTS:

2-ND 2

9-TH 4

16-TH 2

New volunteers: HUGE Thank
you to Dave and Doreen
Robinson, new Counters
for 3rd Sunday!

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ship, or growth – without being spiritually connected and on board with what God is doing. We are pretty good at **doing church**, but it is more important to **be** the body of Christ for the sake of the world. That world hits us as soon as we exit the gate of OTOW, Oak Run, Spruce Creek, Stone Creek, or get on SR 200 (praying mightily!). The Holy Spirit equips us, sends us out on our spiritual journey. My sense is that we will adopt a vision that captures the kind of people we want to be: reaching out to help people become spiritually connected in a crazy world. A WOW! Factor that will be implemented by and with what we already do –

worship, service, and fellowship. This process must be bathed, saturated in prayer. I would love to see intentional prayer groups or circles emerge in our congregation. You do not need my approval or even oversight. Start with two or three people. Do it anywhere, anytime.

We are in shared ministry; partners for the sake of the gospel. Pray for the vision that the Holy Spirit is guiding us toward. Share your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for sharing the love of Christ with a weary world.

Love,

Pastor Art

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Plans for our Children's Church are underway. Joy has contracted with Accurate Background Check, Inc. here in Ocala. The names of those willing to undergo the check and work with the children have been submitted to the company to begin this required aspect of our new ministry. If you are interested in working with the children and would like to be included in our roster of volunteers, please contact the office so we can proceed. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 6th at 9:45 am. in Pastor's office.

REFRESH NEWS

August will be a very busy month as the Refresh

pushes on to resume services in the Sanctuary on August 27th. Much of what must be accomplished will be centered around the audiovisual improvements and the organ placement. Our contractor should have only minor details to complete before our final inspection.

The new chairs are on the way and when the exact day is known, there will be a call for help to unload, unwrap, and move to the sanctuary.

Speaking of a call to help, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to attend a Saturday morning landscaping party on August 12. Start time is 8 am before the day gets too hot. The target are the beds around the sanctuary that have not been tended to during the refresh. Coffee and donuts will be there too!

**Conversations happen. Connections are made.
Relationships are built. People pray for one another.
All because of Food & Fellowship!**

Sunday Food & Fellowship Teams
are forming
for the grand re-opening of our
Sanctuary.

Join the 8am Coffee Guru Team
or

Become a member of a "Treats" Team
Relationships are built over food!

Visit the Food & Fellowship Table after
Sunday Worship or contact
Susan Holmes-Miller at
susanholmesmiller@gmail.com

Become Team member:

Coffee Gurus: Make coffee in a large pot at 8am on Sunday mornings. Five members of the Team so each member will serve once every 5 weeks.

"Treats" Teams: Three member teams will work together to bring "Treats" for Food and Fellowship on a scheduled Sunday morning, and serve (already prepared) drinks after the service. Each Team will serve once every 5 weeks.

Kitchen Supply Manager: One person to inventory and purchase supplies for Sunday morning Food and Fellowship. Supplies will be reimbursed. Should require one day/month.

**SPECIAL KICK-OFF CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EVENT ON :
Thursday, August 17, 10:00am at the CANDLER HILLS LODGE!**

GRAB YOUR INVITE AND BRING A GUEST.

Please put your name on the list for gate attendance.



STEWARDSHIP

Commitment

People make all sorts of commitments. A marriage is a commitment of two people to each other for life. Having children is a commitment to raise them to adulthood. We make financial commitments as well. Using a credit card is a commitment to pay what we owe. A mortgage is a commitment to make payments for the next twenty or thirty years. We couldn't function without making and keeping commitments.

The leader Joshua once challenged the people of Israel to make a commitment to God. "... choose this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). That same call to make a commitment to God comes to us today.

God is always faithful to us. For our own sakes, we need to be faithful to God. We would be in spiritual chaos if we were only committed to God now and then, when we felt like it or when we thought about it.

Making a commitment to support our church is part of our commitment to serve God. Our financial contributions make it possible for the church to carry out its mission to worship God, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to help others. Making a financial commitment is a way of telling God, "you can count on me. I choose to serve you."

On October 15 we will have the opportunity to give concrete expression of our service to God by making a commitment to support our church financially. In the months ahead we need to think about what our commitment will be.

May we grow in our faithfulness to God.

Joy Lutheran Church—Refreshed in Christ, Reaching Out in Love

Are You Caring for Someone with Dementia?

Join Savvy Caregiver Training!

The Savvy Caregiver Program is a FREE, seven-week training designed for caregivers of persons with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Date & Time:

Thursdays beginning August 3rd and ending September 14th from 1 - 3 PM.

Location:

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church
7045 SW 83rd Pl, Ocala, FL 34476

To **register** call 352-854-4509
or email Amanda Sparkman at
sparkmana@agingresources.org

*Space is **limited**. Registration closes July 27th, 2023.

THERE ARE ONLY:
3 SPOTS LEFT IN
THE WORKSHOP

JOY Lutheran
Church

ELDER OPTIONS

Get to know each other!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 22ND, 29TH,
SEPTEMBER 5TH

JOY!Formation

for new folks/prospective members.

Get to know more about the Lutheran tradition,
history of our congregation and about
our life together.

Two choices of times will be offered on these
days – 10:00AM or 6:00PM.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has been commissioned by Pr. Art to begin its search for council members. The Committee will be chaired by Paul Spellman and includes Lynn Ihlenburg, Charlie Meier, Terry Owen, Ed Owen and Patti Spellman. The committee will start to discuss members to approach for consideration. As a congregation, please pray for the committee to find and recruit willing applicants.

If you are approached, please prayerfully consider serving.



THE WOMEN OF ELCA

To Welcome All Women of Joy

To WELCA

I am so excited we are going to start our fall season. We have so many things I want to share with you. First of all I want you to jot down the following dates and put them in your calendar.

August 4: Board Meeting. Lunch at Pat Smith Any ideas pass them on to a board member

September 3: Welca Sunday. Two Services

September 21: WELCA meeting 11:30 am. Guest Speaker Jill Davis

October 21: Garage Super Sale

November 16: WELCA meeting 11:30am Speaker Pastor Haeckel on Ocala Forest kids

December 2: WELCA and LMM Christmas Program

More information will be forthcoming in future notices. I wanted to give everyone a heads-up.

Pat Smith, WELCA President

Interfaith Emergency Services – Women’s Shelter



NEWS FROM JOY’S VOLUNTEERS

First, a warm thank you to all 25 of you who are serving meals at the shelter this year. Your generosity is awesome!

What’s new? Thanks to the donations of folks who dined at Joy’s soup suppers this past year, we have funds available to help you. We are offering \$50 to each team to help with the purchase of food, especially the main dish. We know that doesn’t cover your costs, but perhaps it will help.

What else is new? We applied to Thrivent and received a grant for \$250 to be used for food and/or supplies such as plates, cups, napkins, and flatware. We have until August 29 to use these funds, so we will be making a trip to Sam’s to stock up on supplies needed for the coming months. Thank you, Thrivent.

Would YOU like to help? Sign up to help one of the fall teams, sheet in the kitchen. Or talk to Judy or Joe.

*Thank you, thank you.
Judy & Joe*

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
08/06/2023	Isaiah 55: 1-5	Psalm 145: 8-9,14-	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
08/13/2023	1 Kings 19: 9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
08/20/2023	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: [10-20], 21-28
08/27/2023	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16:13-20



Home-bound & Assisted Living

Homebound

JoAnne Boyer
Bill Mooney
Pat Ulrich

Brentwood at Fore Ranch

Ralph Wright

Bridgewater Memory Care

Connie Shirley
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

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
N. Korea
Pakistan
S. Korea
Syria
Ukraine

Current Needs:

Matt Conley
 Fred
 Andrew Gause
 Diane Gause
 Julie Gause
 Timothy Gause
 Grass Family
 Jennie Halvorsen
 Sally Hurley
 Jim Lyons
 Dalton Maddox
 Mary O'Rand
 Razor Family
 Lee Stewart
 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 Bjerkmann
 John Bond
 Jennifer Brady
 Lucy Brown
 Helen Buckley
 Alfonso Cave
 Sharon Cawley
 Darlene Clairmont
 Kylene Clemens
 Ed Correo
 Riley Correo
 Barbara Dean
 Deena
 Linda & Ken Erhardt
 Scott Fair
 Millie Fetterhoff
 Joanne Olson Finnorn
 Morris Foreman

Katie Fransen
 Beth & JR Frederiksen
 Richard Freebourn
 Lynn Garno
 Geiger Family
 Maleila Gonzalez
 Norm Halvorsen
 Ray Heinzen
 Diane Hendricksen
 Bertha Hendrickson
 Bobby Hyatt
 Bob Irish
 Barbara Johnson
 Joyce Kerlin
 Joe Kenney
 Kerry
 Nancy Kett
 Patsy Kleeman
 Lori Kleiman
 Cheryl Kemmer

Jim Kuzmanovich
 Cleo LeForge
 Grant Liples
 Helen Lofsten
 Tim Long
 Dorothy McCord
 Mike
 Audrey Grace Miller
 Phyllis Minos
 Karl Nettles
 Dylan Nerud
 Asta Marie Nielsen
 Mike Noble
 Judy Nolan
 Ed & Terry Owen
 Joe Parra
 Pat & Paul
 Mary Pfeiffer
 Diane Plessen
 Sharon Polus
 Linda Raffa

Karin Rokjar
 Art Schneider
 Connie Shirley
 Elizabeth Smithson
 Lorraine Souch
 Sonja
 Denise Stevens
 Rita Stotz
 Karyn Thomas
 Jeff Tuckey
 Pat Ulrich
 Cindi Valli
 Greg Valli
 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!

FREE !!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE !!

ATTENTION MOVIE FANS:

JOY CINEMA will be closed during the months of July, and August.

Please watch for our GRAND REOPENING!

PASTOR ART'S NEW SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

"A LAMENTER, A DREAMER, AND TWO PRETTY GOOD LEADERS"

RACHEL, JOSEPH, MOSES, AND JOSHUA

When: Thursdays at 11:00, starting August 3rd

Where: Swenson Hall

OPEN TO EVERYONE!!

Pastor Art





2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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 .</p> <p>Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar.</p> <p><u>Prayer Request deadlines</u> are 8:00 am every Tuesday for inclusion in the week's list. Thank you.</p>						
<p><i>Please be aware that there may be changes in the schedule as situations arise.</i></p> <p><i>Check the weekly Dateline in your bulletin regularly to keep apprised of the schedules.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you.</i></p>		<p>1 Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>Property Team 6:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Joyful Hands- 9:00am</p> <p>Worship 5:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 AM Pr. Art</p> <p>Care Givers Class 1-3 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>TOPS 8-9:45am WELCA Exec. Bd. Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am CE MINISTRY 9:45am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Stephen Ministers 9:30am Member Care 2:30pm Worship & Music 6:30PM</p>	<p>8 Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>Grief Support 11:00AM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Joyful Hands- 9:00am</p> <p>Worship 5:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 AM Pr. Art</p> <p>Care Givers Class 1-3 PM</p> <p>Council Exec Bd. 3PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>TOPS 8-9:45am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Landscaping Party-8 am</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am STEWARDSHIP 9:30 am</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Bulletin Deadline Tidings Deadline</p> <p>JOY Formations 10:00 AM</p> <p>Council 1:00 pm</p> <p>Joy Formation 6:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Joyful Hands- 9:00am</p> <p>Worship 5:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Food & Fellow- ship Kick-Off Brk. 10 A</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 AM Pr. Art</p> <p>Care Givers Class 1-3 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>TOPS 8-9:45am</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 a LifeSouth Blood Drive 7:45 am-1P</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Bulletin Dead- line</p> <p>Tiding Angels- 9:30am</p> <p>JOY Formations 10:00 AM</p> <p>Joy Formation 6:00 PM</p> <p>Interfaith dinner</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Joyful Hands- 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship 5:30 PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 AM Pr. Art</p> <p>Care Givers Class 1-3 PM</p>		

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SHARE THE LOVE
AND GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH
WORSHIP AND SERVICE



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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