

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Dear *JOYful* family,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

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

“Renewed in Christ” was the theme for the 2023 Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly held in Orlando from June 8-10. It was one of many “Re-” words which I love: revive, rekindle, reform, but my favorite of all has become our word at Joy, that is “refresh”. We are “refreshing” the sanctuary from ceiling to floor. Improved, new looks for an already beautiful worship environment. Soon it will be all the better to see, hear, and feel when we gather to praise our awesome God.

At Assembly, Bishop Pedro Suarez was re-elected to a second consecutive six-year term on the first ballot. Another “Re-” word: Re-elected! We are delighted and blessed by his warmth, easygoing personality, and leadership. We heard energizing keynote messages from Bishop Davenport of the SE Pennsylvania Synod. We saw energizing “ministry moment” videos about what is happening in our congregations. We elected synodical positions, both lay and ordained. We heard about “Vision to Action”, a granting

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

**JULY, AND
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 Edie Stewart

2 Jean Blacklidge

3 John Voyles

5 Janet Voyles

7 Judy Spillane

Richard Plessner

10 Jean Kutscher

Ethel Kleiner

12 Michael Parli

13 Yvonne Conner

14 Bob Bleau, Sr.

Sharri Soper

17 Dorie Bay

18 Elaine Froeschl

19 Cecil Carter

20 Amy Wuertz

22 Art Salzlein

25 Kathy Berlin

Martha Nierenberg

26 Dawn Winblad

30 Diane Plessner



9 Paul & Ruth Ann Silliman 46y

Lenny & Shirley Matz Sr. 35y

11 Robert & Arlene Simons 64 y

14 Dick & Cyndie Charcalla 51y

19 Richard & Diane Plessner

26 Marcia & Jim O'Brien

31 John & Debbie Cobb 41 y

We are so happy to
have you as part of
our JOY FAMILY.



Continued from page 1 process made possible by the holy closure and sale of St. James Lutheran Church in Miami Springs. The primary purpose of the grants is to launch innovative ministries. The process will be opened up in August, culminating with award decisions in Nov./Dec.

That brings us to OUR vision. Maybe it could be “Refreshed in Christ, Reaching Out in Love”. As it “runs up the flagpole”, can we get a salute? An idea for your prayerful consideration,...A vision comes from completing the sentence “I see...”How do you see us? Where do you see us living out our baptismal calling? Reaching out means serving and doing justice. Maybe we will collect disciples along the way. As our spiritual beings grow and mature, new friends of all ages will see who we are and want to be a part of it!

My prayer of hope is that we will continue the conversation with the Holy Spirit. We can meet at church, your homes, your clubhouses, Hiatus Brewery, Scoops Ice Cream, Paddock Mall, Sid’s Coffee House, Panera Bread – I don’t care. I know that the Holy Spirit will reveal in us an action process, a strategic plan to bring a vision to fruition.

Our God gives us a new heart and a right spirit. We know only in part; then we shall know in full what is our Father’s gracious will for us and our future at JOY!

I’ll see you in church as we continue to hold services for a few more weeks in Swenson Hall!

Love, *Pastor Art*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 9:45

***DISCIPLESHIP
DEVELOPED FAITH
CHILDREN’S CHURCH***

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS:

It was an uplifting experience to be a part of the thirty-fifth Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly. The keynote speaker was Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport, Bishop of the SE Pennsylvania Synod. She showed me how as people of God we should remember Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Re-electing Bishop Suarez on the first ballot was amazing. I felt the unity in the Holy Spirit at the closing worship service as he was installed. I left being “Renewed in Christ.”

Paul Hyatt

At the thirty-fifth Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly, voting members were to elect a bishop and also elect people to serve on the Synod Council and the Consultation Committee. The Holy Spirit moved us to re-elect Bishop Suarez on the first ballot. Through the words of the keynote speaker, Bishop Davenport of the SE Pennsylvania Synod, I experienced an increased awareness to the movement of the Holy Spirit within and around me. I took away from this time of worship, fellowship, and service a better understanding of the church.

Marti Hickson

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO JOY!

Direct bank draft, offering envelopes, and also! **VANCO ONLINE**

Have you tried the VANCO link?



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Tap on the link when it appears.

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

HOW TO USE VANCO ONLINE

Select Your Fund and Amount

Select your fund and click the **Donate** button.

Next, choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment.

Enter Payment Method

Enter your credit card, debit card or bank account information.

Sign up for an account to save your information for future donations.

Complete Your Donation

Review and complete your gift by clicking **Submit**.

STEWARDSHIP

Love

Stewardship doesn't start with checking our bank balances. It starts with checking our hearts. Are our hearts full of God's love? If so, we have all that we need to be a good steward.

God's love for us is the starting point for everything. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. We are loved so much that the Father gave the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for our sake. It is this gift of God's love that moves us to love God in return. And because we love God, we love one another.

Love can't be just an idea or a feeling. It has to be an action. The way we express our love for God is through the way we use our time, our gifts, and our possessions. We give thanks and praise to God with our whole hearts—that's worship. We use what we have and what we are to serve—that's stewardship.

One of the means we have to receive and give love is the church. It allows us to worship God together, to spread the good news of Jesus, to grow in faith, and to help those in need. Our support for the church is an expression of our love for God and for others.

On October 15 we will have the opportunity to give concrete expression of our love by making a commitment to support our church financially. In the months ahead we need to think about how we have been loved, and how we love in return.

May we all grow in our love of God.

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

REFRESH NEWS

JOY workers made a tremendous effort to remove the pews and a lot of furniture, wall decorations, stored items, and audio-visual equipment. Curington Construction, our contractor, started work on Monday June 12th. The ceiling lights have been removed and the walls are being prepared for new paint. The molding above the altar has been lowered in order to maintain the original architectural design. At this early stage, the progress is about a week ahead of schedule. We have a tentative delivery date for the chairs and ask for prayers that everything continues to fall into place.

There has been one unforeseen item that became apparent during the building permit review. The fire marshal has required us to provide all the exterior doors with panic hardware. The Property Ministry reviewed two proposed options that were provided by the contractor and recommended to the Council a change order in the amount of \$14,720. This was compared to an inferior option of \$14,500. In reviewing the overall budget, the Property Ministry has recommended that the budget be increased from \$270,000 to \$290,000 as that is the

actual total amount of the CDs marked for building improvements. Since this increases our budget above the 5% limit established by the Constitution (C12.05 c. and d.), a Congregational Meeting will be held soon to gain Congregational approval. At that time, the entire budget status will be presented.

The building permit request for the new parking for disabled needs has been submitted to Marion County. A tentative construction start date has been set for July 17.

The Chair Campaign was a 100% success raising \$20,039.69. The final draft of the Chair Dedication Book will be available when we return to the Sanctuary.

A final word to everyone. For insurance and security purposes, Please Do Not Enter the Sanctuary.



Feeding the Hungry . . .

A Hot Meal . . . delivered on the 29 th of each month to about 25 women and children at the Interfaith Emergency Shelter . . . that's our privilege and responsibility. How can I say thank you to all of you who help with this ministry?

Over the past year, thirty-two of you have taken a turn, giving your time and energy.

How about you? Are you willing to contribute to a dinner by preparing food at home and then bringing it to the shelter to serve? There are three or four volunteers each month, you're not left on your own. More helpers mean less work for each.

We're looking for volunteers for next November and December – might that be you? I don't have a sign-up sheet posted, since we moved to Swenson. But, we'd love to talk to you and give you more information.

We're at the 11:00 services, our email is spocala@gmail.com, texting to 352-286-8899, or call 352-854-9437. Joe & Judy Spillane



**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 – 10:00 or 6:00.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

`God's Unconditional Love

Coming to You Everyday

**Two thousand seven hundred thirty-four – that's the number of morning devo-
tions that have been posted by Joy Lutheran since this Daily Devotion began in
2011. The number is not so important. But, the impact that any one devotion
may have on one reader at a time, that's what keeps us going.**

**As of this year, the blog is sent directly by email to 284 subscribers. We hope
you're one of them. If not, email me, Judy Spillane, at spocala@gmail.com. I'll
add your email address immediately.**

**And just one more thing . . . do you enjoy writing? Would you consider writing a
blog for us? Currently we have six writers, and at last count there are seven
days in the week. You are invited, encouraged, and strongly urged to give it a
try. If you'd like to do a weekly blog, that's awesome. If you'd like to send an
occasional blog, that's also excellent. If you'd like to give it a try and send just
one, we applaud your courage. All blogs come to spocala@gmail.com.**

Many thanks and God's blessings to you.

Judy & Joe Spillane

HONK! HONK! The LifeSouth Blood Mobile is heading our way and will arrive on our campus on July 2nd .

Blood mobile will be here from 7:45 am—1:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome—appointments are appreciated.



Donating is easy and one pint of whole blood can save three lives. There is always a shortage for all types of blood. LifeSouth supports our local hospitals and they are a large supplier of needed blood for the VA.

Remember to drink lots of water before your donation. Eat before your appointment. After your donation try to avoid salt and alcohol and focus on eating healthy, protein rich foods for the next 24 hrs.

A question often asked is: Which juice is good after blood donation?

“Your body uses folic acid, also known as B-9, to manufacture new red blood cells to help replace blood cells lost during donation.” Folic acid-rich foods include liver, dried beans, asparagus, green leafy vegetables like spinach, orange juice, and fortified breads.

Spread the word, remember it just takes about 15 minutes to donate blood. Can you spare 15 minutes to save a life?



Just A Word About DEADLINES:

Deadlines is not a word we hear often, but we do see it on our calendars. It is a necessary word in order to complete the communication process between the office and you, our JOY Family. Deadlines are in place for various communications: ie. Bulletin, Tidings, Prayer Requests, Road Signs. In order to make it easier for everyone I would like to restate these deadlines. All articles need to be either in word or pdf form, proofed and copy ready for insertion. They can be emailed to joyocalaf@gmail.com .

BULLETINS: Deadline for these is TUESDAY mornings at 8:00 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Deadline is TUESDAY mornings at 8:00 am.

TIDINGS: Deadline is the 15th of each month, or the Thursday prior if the 15th falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

I appreciate everyone’s cooperation to ensure timely communication. Susan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

WHEN: Sunday, July 9th, 9:45

WHO: Anyone who would like to learn how to bring Holy Communion to our home-bound and assisted living members.



Worship & Music

The June meeting of W&M Ministry centered around the worship services now being held in Swenson Hall. Everyone was very pleased with how well the services were progressing. As expected some tweaking is needed. The areas of concern are the temperature in the Sanctuary, sound volume and safety. We need to make sure that we cover the edging that is in the main doorway entry to keep people from tripping, keeping doorways free for emergency exit etc. Signage will be placed by the church to inform people that worship is now in Swenson Hall.

Worship & Music will not be meeting in July.



Home-bound & Assisted Living

Homebound

JoAnne Boyer
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**

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:

Barrett Family
 Matt Conley
 Frank
 Katie Fransen
 Fred
 Timothy Gause
 Jennie Halvorsen
 Bobby Hyatt
 Bob Irish
 Barbara Johnson
 Nancy Kett
 Jim Kuzmanovich
 Jim Lyons
 Dalton Maddox
 Dorothy McCord
 Judy Nolan
 Mary O'Rando
 Sharon Polus
 Ann Mary Park
 Stephen Thomas

Ware Family
 Joel Weiss
 Candace Welsch
 Cathy Willoughby
 Marge Wlodarczyk
 Francine Wolff

***“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
 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
 Beth & JR Frederiksen

Richard Freebourn
 Lynn Garno
 Andrew Gause
 Maleila Gonzalez
 Norm Halvorsen
 Ray Heinzen
 Diane Hendricksen
 Bertha Hendrickson
 Joyce Kerlin
 Joe Kenney
 Kerry
 Patsy Kleeman
 Lori Kleiman
 Cheryl Kemmer
 Cleo LeForge
 Grant Liples
 Helen Lofsten
 Tim Long
 Mike
 Audrey Grace Miller
 Phyllis Minos

Karl Nettles
 Dylan Nerud
 Asta Marie Nielsen
 Mike Noble
 Ed & Terry Owen
 Joe Parra
 Pat & Paul
 Mary Pfeiffer
 Diane Plessner
 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
 Ken Werner
 Barbara West
 Irene Willoughby
 Earl Winblad
 Irene Winton
 Bill Wojcik
 Raymond Woodall
 Ralph Wright

JOY CINEMA PROUDLY PRESENTS!

Bring a
Friend



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FREE !!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE !!

ATTENTION MOVIE FANS:

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

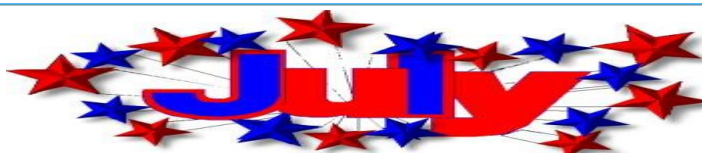
**Please watch for our
GRAND REOPENING!**





PASTOR ART'S BIBLE STUDY

**will take a brief break
during the summer.**

Please watch for updates.



2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please observe article deadlines for both the Sunday Bulletins and the monthly Tidings. Please submit proofed, copy ready articles as word or pdf documents. Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar.</p> <p>Prayer Request deadlines are 8:00 am every Tuesday for inclusion in the week's list. Thank you.</p>						
<p>PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR REFRESH. ALL WORSHIP SERVICES -MEETINGS ARE IN SWENSON HALL.</p>			<p>Please be aware that there may be changes in the schedule as situations arise.</p> <p>Check the weekly Dateline in your bulletin regularly to keep apprised of the schedules.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you.</p>			1
<p>2 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am BLOOD DRIVE 7:45-1:00 pm CE MINISTRY 9:45am</p>	<p>3 Member Care 2:30pm</p>	<p>4 Bulletin Deadline Prayer Req. Deadline INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED </p>	<p>5 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Worship 5:30pm</p>	6	<p>7 TOPS 8-9:45am Bells Tech-10am Bell Choir-10:30a</p>	8
<p>9 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am Eucharistic Minister Training 9:45 am STEWARDSHIP 9:30 am</p>	<p>10 Stephen Ministers 9:30am</p>	<p>11 Bulletin Deadline Prayer Req. Deadline Property 10:00am Grief Support 11am Finance 1:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Worship 5:30pm</p>	<p>13 Tidings Deadline</p>	<p>14 TOPS 8-9:45am Bells Tech-10am Bell Choir-10:30a</p>	15
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Paddock Downs Homes

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