TIDINGS OF JOY

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<u>LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD</u>

Dear JOYful family,

"The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." (I Timothy 1:5)

For me, and perhaps for you, one of the road signs I dread the most is "Road Narrows". My grip on the steering wheel gets tighter, my pulse and heart rate pick up, and I brace myself for whatever hazardous driving condition is about to unfold. More often than not, it ends up being no big deal. Jesus tells us that the road is narrow to the

kingdom of heaven, and few will enter through the gate. That is a far more dreadful portent than a road sign. Our Lord also instructs us that weeds will grow among wheat, sprinkled with seeds of bitterness, resentment, or condemnation. We rely on the Holy Spirit's seeds planted in our heart, conscience, and faith. Many of you are green-thumbed master garden tenders and nur-



turers. We are all praying for rain as we experience drought-like conditions. We despair that our spring plantings are being held off or are just not producing.

My seminary preaching professor, a crusty old hambone from NC, would say ("...at...at that point") "Whar's the good news, preacher?" The answer I

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Worship Services in SWENSON HALL

SUNDAYS: 8:15 AM & 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:

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Hank Groth

Ethel Kleiner

Stanley Mahabeer

Joy Olsen

John Voyles



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- 4 Vicki Valli
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- 11 Bob Vogel
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- 13 Odd Bjerkmann
- 14 Marilyn Olsen
- 16 Marjorie Włodarczyk
- 17 Charlie Meier
- 18 Marguerite Cox
- 19 Lynn Juhl

Lenny Matz, Sr.

- 22 Emily McGrury
- 24 Debra Wuertz
- 25 Robin Kaizer
- 29 Don Chaney, Jr.
- 30 Patti Spellman



8 Dan & Carol Schellenbach 59 yrs. 10 Mike & Jean Beaver 47 yrs 20 David & Doreen Robinson 25 yrs. 22 Jack & Sheila Mixdorf 47 yrs. 24 Ray & Edie Heinzen 54 yrs. 27 Paul & Paula Stevens 36 yrs. 30 Hank & Jean Groth 59 yrs.





CELEBRATING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF <u>MAY</u>

NAME	# YRS
Bulmahn, Paul	18
Frederiksen, Beth	18
Frederiksen, J.R.	18
Schmidt, Donna	13
Ulrich, *Pat	13
Hines, Douglas	6
Owen, Merrick	6
Peters, Bill	6
Silliman, Paul	6
Silliman, Ruth Ann	6
Presley, Christine	1

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would give now would be, "right here at JOY!" Wondrous things of us are spoken. It is because of our spirit of "Refresh", welcome, and love. We have a WOW! Factor, both visually and spiritually. This atmosphere, feeling, "vibe" permeates us and covers us like a JOY!ful Hands quilt. It reassures us and connects us, like a Happy Hands greeting card. It provides a "cup of cold water", like a Stephen Minister caregiver. It prepares us to feel the presence of the resurrected, living Lord, like a prelude by Silas.

You are recipients and sharers of the Good News. You include and invite others, unconditionally. You strive to be obedient and mindful of what should be called gifts, not commandments. You love with your broken, contrite hearts. There is

"WOW!" in people like you who are sincere, humble, and eager to serve. You realize that we are not an exclusive, siloed-off contingent of "right" (correct) Christians. It is still, always important to keep the cross before us, for it is the main thing. We give thanks for our congregational neighbors, Cristo la Roca and The Way. We welcome your thoughts on how we might build and strengthen that relationship. We are ONE church, serving our Lord, erasing dividing lines and tearing down walls. Our God will, in His loving time and purpose, keep us from dreading the narrow road. There is no greater cause, endeavor, or destination than the kingdom of God - on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Pastor Art





THE WOMEN OF ELCA

TO WELCOME ALL WOMEN OF JOY IN FELLOWSHIP



JOYFUL HANDS

There are changes going on at JOY! The "Refresh Project" is underway and everyone is trying to make adjustments to keep the ministries going. The meeting room in Swenson Hall will be our Sanctuary starting with our Wednesday evening service on May 31st.

Joyful Hands will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at the same time, but in the Garden Room. This will start with our meeting on Wednesday, May 31st.

Normal meeting locations will resume upon completion of the "Refresh" so please be on the lookout for announcements as they are made.



HAPPY HANDS MINISTRY

Due to the major "Refresh Project" at Joy, the card ministry will be on hiatus for the summer. We will be selling our cards in the Narthex thru May 28th (the last service in the Sanctuary for the summer). We will resume in September.

We will also have Graduation cards available the end of April thru May. So if you have a special occasion coming up and need a card, now is the time to purchase them.

Thank you for your continued support and we'II see you in September! We wish you all a delightful summer!!

Happy Hands Card Ministry

Please note we will be continuing work on new cards, with some changes. Our last Wednesday meeting time in Swenson Hall will be Wednesday, May 24th. Due to the "Refresh Project" we will be meeting in the Garden Room on Thursdays at 9:30 am beginning May 1st until further notice.

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:

	Iw	ant to suppor	rt the Refresh!!!	
	One Chair - \$80		Whole Row (10 chairs) - \$800	
Name(s):				
I would like to	purchase	# chairs -	Donation amt	
	*Please make chec	k out to: Joy Luth	eran Church and note in memo: C	HAIRS
Memorialize n	ny gift: In memory	of		
In Honor of: _				
Other:				
Permission to	publicize my gift w	ith the congregation	on:	
Yes	No	(I wish to	remain anonymous)	

WELCA

WELCA has a wonderful luncheon planned for you on May 18th. I have included a Bio on our guest speaker. I have read her book and you will laugh and cry. More Information will follow in the coming weeks.

Sign up will begin May 1st.

Marjorie Weiss was ordained into the ministry in 1980 when there were just 200 some Lutheran women pastors across the United States. A graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, she served congregations in Rome, Utica, arid Schenectady; all in New York; as well as Danville, Pennsylvania. Her most recent call was in Wellington, Florida, from where she retired. Her journey was unique as a pioneer pastor with surprising highs as well as shocking lows. She wrote about her experiences in her award-winning memoir, Praying on Empty, A Female Pastor's Story, a book that touches reader's hearts with it 's honesty, humor, and depth of feeling as she describes her struggle with a loss of faith while still needing to continue her work in parish ministry.

Her book is the winner of the Illumination Award Gold Medal in Inspirational Memoir and also a finalist in the INDIES Awards and The International Books Awards. She will have copies available when she addresses the WELCA group in May and it also is available on Amazon as a print or eBook. It is also available at other online retailers.

All her profits go to Lutheran Disaster Relief.



Online Giving - Now available

Joy Lutheran introduces a new and convenient online option for making your offerings to the church.

We are utilizing VANCO Financial Solutions to safely and securely make your offering. Your gift will be automatically debited from your checking/savings account or processed using your debit/credit card.

Vanco Online Giving allows:

Anytime and anywhere giving, conveniently and securely.

No need to write out physical checks or prepare envelopes.

Schedule for and manage recurring offerings.

View your complete online-giving history.

In addition to your weekly offering, you may pay for flowers, give to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Purchase Chairs for the Sanctuary, or give to World Hunger.

It is super easy. Give it a try!

Click here to make a donation or scan the QR Code

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Set up your Login username and password **or** make a one-time donation.



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JOY WORSHIP NEWS

The Sanctuary Refresh is under way!
Its progress is on schedule and work will commence in June.

This entails some temporary changes to our worship.

OUR <u>LAST SUNDAY</u> FOR WORSHIPPING IN OUR SANCTUARY IS

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH, AT 8:15AM AND 11:00 AM.

STARTING SUNDAY JUNE 4TH WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN SWENSON HALL.

We will retain our Two Service Schedule
Times of 8:15 am and 11:00 am on Sundays, as well as our Wednesday Evening Service Time of 5:30 PM.

These service times will remain in effect throughout the months of June, July, and the beginning of August.

Please mark your calendars about the change.

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Seasons of JTY 2023 Concert Series

We are happy to announce the next concert in our series will be our very own:

PAUL HYATT

Join us for an afternoon of amazing singing by our very own Paul Hyatt. Take a musical tour of Europe and the UK with songs by Handel, Ralph Vaughn Williams, and Fauré (among others!) as well as some powerful selections from a few musicals (Les Miserables, Joseph, and West Side story to name a few). This is an event you will not want to miss! As always, concert admission is free and all of our events are open to the public.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 2023, 3:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP AFTER NEW MEMBER SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023





On April 2, 2023, which was Palm Sunday, our congregation welcomed a host of new members coming from various places and times in their lives. Jesus reigns on high and has touched the hearts of these friends to come to worship, to serve and to have fellowship.

All are encouraged to wear our name tags to learn some new names.

It was Alleluia Day—Christ is Risen!



Welcome to Our Church

LEGEND

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

O: Occupation PCI: Previous Church Involvement

F: Family ** Associates

SUE BAKER

ROLLING RANCH ESTATES "HILLS of OCALA"

MF: NE Ohio-(Cleveland-Akron-Youngstown– Charlestown)

O: Police Officer-Safety-Hospitality

F: Widow; "6 sons and each has one sister"- total 7

H/I: Hospitality **PCI:** Meals, Choir

JOHN BROKAW

OAK RUN COUNTRY CLUB 4

MF: Deland, FL

O: Play a bass guitar, engine mechanic, small engine mechanic, Harley

Davidson mechanic

F: 1 son– Harley Brokaw

H/I: Painting-artist-working on a Saturn Sky (the Black Bird) to restore

PCI: Played guitar with the Praise Band at Faith Evangelical Lutheran in

Deland

CHERYL P. BURCK

OTOW-CRESCENT RIDGE

MF: Grand Blanc, MIO: Circuit Court Clerk

F: Spouse Thomas, Daughter-Erin Lafreniere-Don (her spouse)

Peter, Amina, Simon, Clara (her children)

Son-Craig Burck-Renee (his spouse) Olivia (child)

Daughter-Addison Burck-Al (her spouse)

H/I: Quilting-cards

PCI: Recently-Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc, MI

KARIN & JOHN CAMPBELL

OTOW—ASHFORD

MF: Canada, CA, MI- Snellville, GA

O: CPA, Retired USA "Mission pilot-with Civil Air Patrol Formerly manager of 40 different German Companies

F: Jay-2 grandchildren, Stephanie-1 grand stepson, Nicholas

H/I: Flying, cooking, jewelry making, ornament making and scrapbooking

PCI: Treasurer, teller, CFO, usher, bell choir, assistant minister, knitting/crocheting circle, quilting circle

Trinity Lutheran church, Lilburn, GA

JOHN & DEBBIE COBB

OCALA PALMS

MF: Nottingham, CT — Lumberton, NJ

O: John-United Parcel Service Package Car Driver

Debbie-Special Ed Teacher

F: 3 Children-4 Grandchildren

Melissa, Michael Balazinski-Ava, Aiden,

Jennifer, Greg Coulter—Jacob, Kayla

Michael, Alyssa Cobb

H/I: John-Golf, lawnwork, swimming, sight seeing

Debbie-Swimming (Beach), knitting, crocheting, Handbells

PCI: John-Worked long hours-got kids to church

Debbie-Vacation Bible School, Bible/Sunday School, Altar Guild

PAUL & SALLY HURLEY

STONE CREEK—LONG LEAF

MF: Concord, NH

O: Paul-Consultant in Finishing, Painting and Decorating of Plastics and Metals.

Sally-(Prior)Bookkeeper, (Currently) House Keeper-Cleaning Technician

F: Daughter-Nicole Nelson, Son-In-Law-Bob Nelson Son-Christopher Hurley

H/I: Paul-Riding my Harley Davidson, fishing and billiards Sally-Motorcycle riding, cooking, hiking and camping

PCI: Paul-Usher, crucifee, Communion Assistant Sally-Usher, Communion Assistant, WELCA Mt. Herman Lutheran Church, Concord, NC Grandville, Jenison Congregational Church

NORMAN "NORM" NEWMAN

PINE RUN

MF: Massapequa, NY

O: Taxi Driver, Limo Driver

F: Single

H/I: Traveling, music, going to the movies

PCI: Not much

MARILYN OLSEN

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE

MF: Amherst, NH

O: Owned a deli and cheese shop-Cape CodF: Widow, 2 daughters and 10 grandchildren

H/I: Quilting, sewing

PCI: First Lutheran Church– W. Barnstable, MA

Associate Messial-Amherst, nh

DAVID & DOREEN ROBINSON

OTOW WEYBOURNE LANDING

MF: DeKalb, IL

O: David-United States Navy

Doreen-Dept. of Navy/Program Analyst

F: Daughter Ashley, Son Derick, 4 Grand children

H/I: David-

Doreen-Baking-various activities at OTOW

PCI: Members of Salem Lutheran Church

Doreen-Trust Fund Committee

DOUG & KAREN SNOREK

OTOW LONGLEAF RIDGE

MF: Walker, MN

O: Doug-Director of Sales & Marketing

Karen-VP of Finance Administration for a University (Bemidgi State University)

F: Son—Daughter-2 grandsons and 1 grand daughter

H/I: Outdoors-Will spend summers in MN near a lake 2 hours from Canada

PCI: Hope Lutheran, Walker, MN

Doug-Usher, coffee service

Karen-Helped in the kitchen

DR. ELIZABETH "LIZ" YOUNG

OTOW-AVALON 7B

MF: New Jersey—Forked River and New Port Richey

O: Still working as a college professor

F: Widow; 3 children and 11 grandchildren

H/I: Teaching, counseling, grief group interest

PCI: Taught Catechism and developed an Early Childhood Sunday School program with 300 children and 19 teachers in a Catholic church/



PRAY TOGETHER TO LIFT YOU UP IN PRAYER

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

<u>Brookdale Chambrel</u>

Carol Hobbs

The Bridge at Ocala

Grace & Arnold Hansen

Marion Woods Asst.

George Spong

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

Violet Frey

<u>Life Care Center</u> <u>New Port Richey</u>

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

Current Needs:

Ann Mary Tony Argano Paul Bispo Lucy Brown Helen Buckley Louise Carroll/Conway Mary Jane DeMarco **Jacob Foss** Timothy Gause Gene & Family Jennie Halvorsen **Bob Irish** Kin & Schellenbach Families Joanne Klein Jim Lyons Dalton Maddox Shirl Matz Karl Nettles

Joe Parra Linda Raffa Cindy Regis

Ongoing Needs:

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

Asta Marie Nielsen

Lvnn Garno Andrew Gause Maleila Gonzalez Norm Halvorsen Rav Heinzen Diane Hendricksen Bertha Hendrickson Peggy Janisch Ken. Bud. Diane Joyce Kerlin Joe Kenney Kerry Gwen King Patsv Kleeman Lori Kleiman Cheryl Kemmer Cleo LeForge **Grant Liples** Helen Lofsten Tim Long Julie Matisz

Mike **Audrey Grace Miller** Phyllis Minos Dvlan Nerud Mike Noble Ed & Terry Owen Pat & Paul Mary Pfeiffer Diane Plesser Karin Rokjar Art Schneider Connie Shirley Elizabeth Smithson Lorraine Souch Sonia Denise Stevens Rita Stotz **Karvn Thomas** Jeff Tuckey **Bob Turney** Pat Ulrich

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Greg Valli
Ken Werner
Barbara West
Irene Willoughby
Earl Winblad
Irene Winton
Bill Wojcik
Raymond Woodall
Ralph Wright

FAITH HOPE LOVE



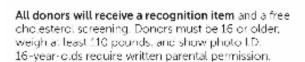
GIVE BLOOD

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church Blood Drive



Sunday, May 7

7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.







CONGRATULATIONS TO JOY OLSEN

for receiving the "GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD" from Lutheran Services of Florida on April 16th.



JOY CINEMA

Bring a Friend



FREE!!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE!

<u>Tuesday,</u> <u>May 30, 2023</u> at 1:30 PM

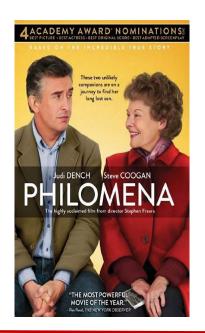
JOY Lutheran Church Sanctuary

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352-854-4509 ext. 2

LAST ONE
Please see note below:

In 1952, Irish teenager Philomena (Judi Dench) became pregnant out of wedlock and was sent to a convent. When her baby, Anthony, was a toddler, the nuns took Philomena's child away from her and put him up for adoption in the United States. For the next 50 vears, she searched tirelessly for her son. When former BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) learns of the story, he becomes her ally. They travel together to America to find Anthony and become unexpectedly close in the process.



ATTENTION MOVIE FANS:

JOY CINEMA will be closed during the months of June, July and August due to the "Refresh" in the Sanctuary. Please watch for our "Reopening".



PASTOR ART'S BIBLE STUDY will be ending on May 3rd.

The Bible Study will take a brief break during the "Refresh" months of June, July and August. Please watch for updates.



2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please observe article deadlines for both the Sunday Bulletins and the monthly						

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	1 Stephen Ministers 9:30A Bible Study-Charlie 1:00 PM Member Care 2:30P Worship & Music 6:30P	2 Bulletin Deadline	3 Pr.Art Bible Study 9:00AM Joyful Hands- 9:00AM Happy Hands- 9:30AM Worship 5:30 PM	4	5 TOPS 8-10 AM BELLS 10:00 AM	6
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28 PENTECOST Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am Last Sunday worship in Sanctuary	29 Bible Study-Charlie 1:00 PM Interfaith Dinner Delivery	30 Bulletin Deadline Tiding Angels- 9:30AM Grief Support- 1:00PM JOY Cinema- 1:30PM	31 Joyful Hands- 9:00AM (Garden Room) Worship 5:30 PM In Swenson Hall		JŒ	Y

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