

# TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Dear **JOYful** family,

***"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."*** (1 Cor. 3:7)

Dear JOYful Family,

We are always undergoing refreshment of our spirits in Christ. When we gather in worship, prayer, and Bible study, we are tending to the garden of our soul. On a recent Sunday we sang the prayer "Lord, let my heart be good soil." When we grow spiritually, we see more clearly the love of Christ for his church, the world, and all in need. The first Christians ("The Way"), formed a community of sharing. "Sharing" is the first word in our mission statement. We share Christ in word and action, hoping to grow disciples. It is Outreach to match our passions with the needs around us. Making new friends; connecting with anyone

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**WELCOME BACK!**

We are back in our beautiful newly refreshed Sanctuary! Thank you everyone for your patience and help during the process.

GOD BLESS JOY!

GOD BLESS EVERYONE !

***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 Norman Halvorsen*

*2 Shirley Matz*

*2 Cynthia Regis*

*4 Arlene Simons*

*8 Hank Groth*

*9 Art Wuertz*

*10 Paula Stevens*

*13 Earl Winblad*

*15 Robert Miller*

*17 Patricia VanEffen*

*20 John Brokaw*

*21 Kris Raica*

*22 Carolyn Salzlein*

*23 Grace Noble*

*23 Jeanne Snyder*

*24 Arnold Hansen*

*26 Ruth Ann Silliman*

*27 J.R. Frederiksen*

*27 Dick Charcalla*

*29 Ralph Wright*

*30 Paul Silliman*



*6 Lee & Dorie Bay 54 yrs.*

*9 Terri & Rich Feeley 56 yrs.*

*14 William & Kathy Berlin  
55 yrs.*

*20 Jill & Al Davis 25 yrs.*

*20 Dennis & Nancy  
Christianson 54 yrs.*

*25 Lynneer & Rebecca  
Spees 53 yrs.*

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS:**

**HUGE Thank you to  
new back-up counter  
Bob Miller!**

**Thanks also to Elaine  
Froeschl and Liz Young  
for visiting Dunnellon  
and Hammett-Bowen  
Elementary Schools!**

SCAN FOR ON-LINE GIVING



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hungry for spiritual community.

I know that we have disciple-leaders among us. All you need is watering, fertilizing, pruning, and nurturing. We can be as prolific as the weeds that grow in our garden beds! We will be growing this month in the number of people we see - those returning to worship in our newly refreshed sanctuary with more room to spread out; some of our "snow-birds"; new members. I give thanks to God for all of your ongoing volunteer activities. We all have differing levels of involvement, depending on health, travel, family commitments. I try not to ever pressure anyone into obligations that feel too long-term or open-ended. I also know that we must continually build on our strengths while developing new possibilities and opportunities.

May our gardens never become dry and choked with weeds, but be fertile and multiply, all in God's good timing.

I'll see you in church! Love,

*Pastor Art*

### **A NOTE FROM OUR PROPERTY MINISTRY & COUNCIL:**

#### Disabled Parking and Access Project

*As most of you know the Disabled Parking and Access Project has been in design and review by the Marion County Engineer's for several months. The reviews by the related departments such as Emergency Services, Traffic Control, Parks Department, Stormwater mitigation and others have increased the estimated cost for the planned project to significantly exceed the budget. Furthermore, the implementation of the project has the potential to conflict with any significant expansion of the sanctuary. Therefore, the project has been cancelled and will be replaced with a project to widen and improve the sidewalks facing SW 83<sup>rd</sup> Place between the handicapped parking and the rear doors. The Property Ministry and Church Council apologize for this decision, but we must ensure that JOY projects are cost-effective.*

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Team is already working on plans for the remainder of 2023.

Our outreach for Sept-Oct is to prepare Kits for men, women, and children to pass out to homeless people. We would like to collect the items from now through October 19th. On the 19th we would like volunteers to team up and pack the items into large zip lock bags. Listed below are the items to collect.

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| • Water bottles.                         | * Toothbrush/toothpaste         |
| • Socks.                                 | * Comb/Small Brush              |
| • Soft granola Bar or cereal bar.        | * Washcloths                    |
| • Fruit snack or applesauce cup.         | * Soap                          |
| • Crackers with peanut butter or cheese. | * Individually wrapped maxipads |
| * Ready to eat canned food (pop up tops) | * Band Aids                     |
| • Gift certificate to fast food.         | * Chapstick                     |
| • Hand wipes.                            | * Sunscreen                     |
| ♦ Pack of Kleenex.                       | * Disposable utensils           |
| ♦ Mints, cough drops, or gum             |                                 |

*However, it is not too early to think about 2024.*

With 2024 in mind thoughts travel to our Family Fun Day (formerly known as Olde Fashioned Picnic). We need ideas.

We are hoping to make it a truly Family Fun Day. What did you like about our previous events? What would you change? What new and exciting things would you like to have happen?

Please put on your thinking caps, see what you can add to the ideas on page 7. You can drop a note in the collection plate, send an email to the office (joyocalafl@gmail.com), or call (352-854-4509).

All suggestions are welcome and will be considered.



### Pr. Art's September Study

## “ASK, THANK, TELL”

### A BIBLE DISCUSSION

### ON STEWARDSHIP

## STARTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH,

## 11:00AM - SWENSON HALL “GARDEN ROOM”

## STEWARDSHIP

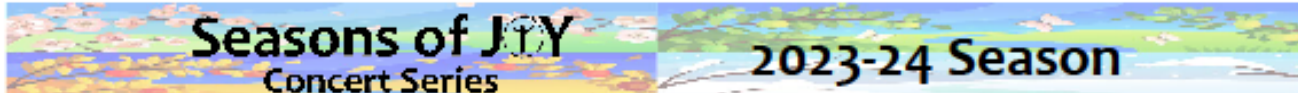
### “Refreshed In Christ, Reaching Out in Love”

“They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.” (Acts 2:45)

Our church sanctuary building, our worship space, has been undergoing “refreshment” from floor to rafter. By the time you read this, we fully expect to be back in there. How glorious and JOY!ful that will be! The key, the final piece, will be getting the occupancy permit. Our upgraded worship space is the visual reminder of the generous giving of saints before us. The chair campaign was **our** “skin in the game” - seed money for future needs. Now we can focus anew on reaching out in welcome to new friends; anyone hungry for spiritual community.

Our relationship with Jesus has everything to do with giving back in gratitude. Our spiritual health depends on it. Spirituality and money can not, must not be separated. Our budget is a moral, spiritual document – a covenant – we make in partnership with the Giver of all things. Realistically, we won’t share or give everything. The 10 per cent tithe is the “gold standard”. If you can’t do that level, at least try a one per cent increase from last year. Two. Three. Go the distance! Do not doubt for a second that God will provide if you give Him more. Cheerfully, JOY!fully giving, we are loved by God.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to give concrete expression of our service to God by making our 2024 commitment to Joy. Proclaim God’s mission and vision financially. May we grow spiritually and faithfully as we “refresh” our giving back. Love, Pastor Art



## Seasons of JOY Concert Series

## 2023-24 Season

We are pleased to announce the schedule for the next season of the Seasons of Joy concert series! All concerts will be held in our newly renovated sanctuary and are free to the public (with a voluntary love offering). Concerts are on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and followed by a reception where you can meet the performers and enjoy some light refreshments.

### SEPTEMBER SAMPLER - September 24, 2023

This season kicks off with the September Sampler featuring many of the performers who will appear over the course of the season. Everything from singing to handbells and instrumentalists, there is something for everyone!

### DIE OCALA MUSIKER – October 15, 2023

Accordianist and clarinetist extraordinaires, Ray Ihlenburg and Janet Voyles, return for another fun concert set in an Oktoberfest ambience. Prepare to dance in the aisles (it happened last year) and join us!

### UF ORGAN SPECTACULR – November 5, 2023

Organ music lovers rejoice! Prepare to be treated to a wonderful program of organ music presented by the organ students of the University of Florida's Dr. Laura Ellis.

### THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – December 17, 2023

The Christmas concert has always delighted its attendees and this year will be no exception. A wide variety of musical talent at JOY brings to you the sounds and songs of the season. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of December and celebrate the Christmas season with us.

### IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER – January 21, 2024

JOY's principal accompanist, Silas Daniel, shares a special program of piano music that includes some you've probably never heard, some you've probably definitely heard, and other favorites of his that fall in between.

### STUDENTS OF EMILY HEUMANN – February 18, 2024

Come support the up-and-coming musical talent in Ocala as we welcome back College of Central Florida professor Emily Heumann and her voice students!

### PAUL HYATT – March 3, 2024

It seems like just yesterday when Paul Hyatt took to the stage and moved a room full of people with his singing. He returns to the stage by popular request (one request made less than five minutes after his first concert), sharing more songs and his love of music.

### HANDBELLSTRAVAGANZA – April 2024

JOY's very own handbell choir presents their long-awaited debut concert this season. In addition to the handbell choir proper, there will be a few other musical treats, so don't miss this one!

### JOY BREEZE – May 19, 2024

You've seen them at the picnics, you'll see them in September and through the fall, but this spring they have a concert all to themselves. Join the JOY Breeze, the JOYful notes, and the JOY barbershop quartet for an afternoon of genuinely fun music.

### JANET VOYLES & FRIENDS – July 14, 2024

JOY's clarinetist-in-residence, Janet Voyles, headlines a special summer concert featuring a variety of music for solo clarinet, two clarinets, and a surprise or two.

Get to know each other!



## **JOY!Formation Last Meeting Date**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**for new folks/prospective members.**

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

**You still have two choices of times to attend:  
10:00AM or 6:00PM.**

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

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30.**

**Outreach is truly evangelism in action. Sharing the Good News.**

**We are ALL evangelists. Outreach is the expression of how and where your passions meet our neighbor's greatest needs.**

**This ministry is "forward-deployed" (borrowing a Navy term).**

**Here are some of the IDEAS we talked about and began planning for when we met on August 8th:**

- 1. The "Olde-Fashioned Picnic" will be renamed "Family Fun Day". We will still have outdoor fun and games, music and talent in the sanctuary, free food, and the classic cars on display, but hopefully the K-9 unit, fire trucks, Humane Society, and other community outreach representatives. It will be the last Saturday in April.**
- 2. In September, we will be collecting hygiene items for assembly and distribution in October (please see page 4 in this newsletter).**
- 3. November will be a food emphasis – Publix and Honey-Baked Ham gift cards for families.**

**Reach out (Luke 10:29-37)**



## **THE WOMEN OF ELCA To Welcome All Women of Joy**

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.

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 .

*Pat Smith, WELCA President*

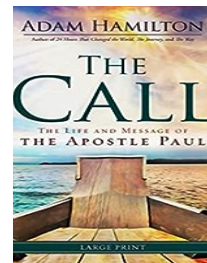
## **HAPPY HANDS**

Our summer hiatus is coming to an end!  
We will resume our regular schedule on  
Wednesday,  
September 6th from 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.  
in the Garden Room.

Our new cards will be on display soon!



# BIBLE STUDY



## Bible study with Charlie Meier Starting September 11<sup>th</sup> At 1:30pm in the Narthex

You will need to purchase the study book :

**The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul** By Adam Hamilton  
Journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	FIRST	PSALM	SECOND	GOSPEL
09/03/2023	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26: 1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
09/10/2023	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
09/17/2023	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
09/24/2023	Jonah 3:10--4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



*Home-bound & Assisted Living*

**Homebound**

JoAnne Boyer  
 Frank Jarvis  
 Barb Johnson  
 Bill Mooney  
 Mike Noble  
 Merrick Owen  
 Diane Plessner  
 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

**Life Care Center**  
**of Ocala**

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 War-  
 Foster Parents  
 Missing People  
 Persecuted Chris-  
 tians  
 Travelers

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 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:**

Elizabeth Barker  
 Lois Bowden  
 Jerry Campbell  
 Cecil Carter  
 Jack Cawley  
 Chaudry Family  
 John Cobb  
 Diane  
 Ann Feeley  
 Feeley Family  
 Fred  
 Andrew Gause  
 Denise Gause  
 Julie Gause  
 Timothy Gause  
 G. & A. Hansen  
 Randolph Hardy  
 Betsy Kutscher  
 Jim Kuzmanovich  
 Cindy Leonard

Jim Lyons  
 Shirl Matz  
 Kathy Miller  
 Miller, Gadecki, Hemple  
 Families  
 AnnMary Newman  
 Mary O'Rando  
 Pam  
 Razor Family  
 Pr. Reents  
 Emily Schellenbach  
 Matt Sendik  
 Connie Shirley  
 Lee Stewart  
 Stephen Thomas  
 Kathy Ward  
 Candace Welsch  
 Ken Werner  
 Cathy Willoughby

**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  
 Morris Foreman  
 Katie Fransen

Joanne Olson Finnorn  
 Morris Foreman  
 Katie Fransen  
 Beth & JR Freder-  
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 Richard Freebourn  
 Lynn Garno  
 Maleila Gonzalez  
 Chris Gorman  
 Jennie Halvorsen-  
 Norm Halvorsen  
 Ray Heinzen  
 Diane Hendricksen  
 Bertha Hendrickson  
 Bobby Hyatt  
 Bob Irish  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Joyce Kerlin  
 Joe Kenney  
 Kerry  
 Patsy Kleeman

Lori Kleiman  
 Cheryl Kemmer  
 Jim Kuzmanovich  
 Cleo LeForge  
 Grant Liples  
 Helen Lofsten  
 Tim Long  
 Dorothy McCord  
 Mike  
 Phyllis Minos  
 Karl Nettles  
 Dylan Nerud  
 Asta Marie Nielsen  
 Mike Noble  
 Judy Nolan  
 Ed & Terry Owen  
 Joe Parra  
 Pat & Paul  
 Mary Pfeiffer  
 Diane Plessner  
 Sharon Polus

Linda Raffa  
 Karin Rokjar  
 Art Schneider  
 Elizabeth Smithson  
 Lorraine Souch  
 Sonja  
 Denise Stevens  
 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!

Relax & Enjoy

**FREE !!**

**FREE !!**

*Tuesday,*  
*September 26, 2023*  
*At 1:30 PM*  
**JOY Lutheran Church**  
*Sanctuary*  
 352-854-4509 ext. 2

After a workplace shooting in New Orleans, a trial against the gun manufacturer pits lawyer Wendell Rohr (Dustin Hoffman) against shady jury consultant Rankin Fitch (Gene Hackman), who uses illegal means to stack the jury with people sympathetic to the defense. But when juror Nicholas Easter (John Cusack) and his girlfriend, Marlee (Rachel Weisz), reveal their ability to sway the jury into delivering any verdict they want, a high-stakes cat-and-mouse game begins.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our team meets on the First Sunday of each month at 9:30 am


During our last meeting the team felt that we need to find a way to connect with children in our community in a different way. We would like to begin by offering After School help to the children in local schools in grades K-6. It would involve adults helping them with their schoolwork, language skills, etc. Once we select a day and time when this would be held, we will send flyers out to the schools and advertise on our social media about this free service.

We need adult volunteers. If we have any retired teachers in our congregation, would you prayerfully consider coming out of retirement and joining us in this endeavor. Please contact the office if you would consider helping. (Background checks will be required for anyone working with children. )



SEPTMBER

2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p><b>Please observe <u>article deadlines</u> for both the <u>Sunday Bulletins</u> and the monthly <u>Tidings</u>.</b></p> <p><b>Please submit proofed, copy ready articles as word or pdf documents .</b></p> <p><b>Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar.</b></p> <p><b><u>Prayer Request deadlines</u> are 8:00 am every Tuesday for inclusion in the week’s list. Thank you.</b></p> </div>						
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<b>3 WELCA SUN.</b> Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am CE MINISTRY 9:30am Stewardship 12:30PM Out- reach Room	<b>4 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  Member Care 2:30PM Worship & Music 6:30PM	<b>5 Bulletin Deadline</b> JOY Formations 10:00 AM Property Team 6:30 PM Joy Formation 6:00 PM	<b>6</b> Joyful Hands- 9:00am  Happy Hands 9:30AM  Worship 5:30pm	<b>7</b>  Pr. Art Bible Study 11am Care Givers Class 1-3 PM	<b>8</b> TOPS 8-9:45am	<b>9</b>
<b>10 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am	<b>11</b>  Stephen Ministry 9:30AM  C. Meiers Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	<b>12 Bulletin Dead- line</b>  Finance I 1:00 pm  Outreach 2:30 PM	<b>13</b> Joyful Hands- 9:00am  Happy Hands 9:30AM  Worship 5:30pm	<b>14 Tidings Deadline</b> Pr. Art Bible Study 11am  Care Givers Class 1-3 PM  Council Exec Bd. 3 PM	<b>15</b> TOPS 8-9:45am BELLS 10:00 AM	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 a  Sept. Sampler Concert 3:00 pm	<b>25</b> Stephen Ministers 9:30am  C. Meiers Bible Study 1:30PM- Narthex	<b>26 Bulletin Dead- line</b> Tiding Angels- 9:30am  JOY Cinema 1:30 PM—Sanctuary	<b>27</b> Joyful Hands- 9:00am  Happy Hands 9:30AM  Worship 5:30pm	<b>28</b>  Pr. Art Bible Study 11am	<b>29</b> TOPS 8-9:45am BELLS 10:00 AM  Interfaith dinner	<b>30</b>  

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