



# Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"  
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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Sunday  
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Gratitude Becomes Generosity - What do we do with what we have been given?

Last month, I invited us to practice gratitude by slowing down and noticing the small blessings that surround us each day. I hope that practice gave you opportunities to pause, notice, and give thanks for the ordinary gifts of life.

As we enter November, the month of Thanksgiving, I find myself wondering: What happens when gratitude moves beyond something we feel and becomes something we do?

As I have been preparing to turn our focus toward stewardship, I am struck by how we can take that practice of gratitude one small step further. When we notice the blessings in our lives, both big and small, we begin to see them as gifts rather than simply possessions or things we can take for granted. We become more attentive to the many ways we have been blessed, often in ways we might otherwise overlook.

**Office Hours:** Please call the church office before dropping by. 321-951-0166

We often talk about stewardship in terms of our time, talents, and treasures. But I would like us to expand that understanding this month. Stewardship is also about how we respond to God and to all that we have been given. Stewardship becomes a response to God's generosity rather than an obligation.

When we recognize that our lives are filled with gifts, our response can be one of generosity. We can offer back some of what we have received—not because we are required to, but because gratitude moves us to respond.

So, this month, I invite you to reflect on the ways you respond to God's generosity. Where can you offer your time? Where can you share your talents? What resources can you use to support God's work and the people around you?

May our stewardship be an expression of gratitude - a way of offering back our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for the many gifts we have received. Gratitude becomes generosity when we take what we have noticed and allow it to shape what we do.

- Pastor Amy

## A Stewardship Moment

Do you like to work crossword puzzles like I do?

Well, the clue is: Nov. Holiday: 2 words. Yes, it is Thanksgiving. It may only be one word, but I always think of it as two words. We give **Thanks** to the Lord for all that He has given us. And there is much joy in **Giving**.

As good stewards, we should give with a gracious and joyful heart. In fact, Thanks-Giving should be a daily thing, not a once-a-year event. I personally give thanks for being a child of God and the promise of salvation and eternal life. All other things are a bonus. Giving is easy since all things – come from God – our time, talent, and treasures. It's like spending someone else's time, talent, and treasure. As we move into the end of the year, think what your pledge will be for 2027.

David Steinhorst



## **Property Management Team**

In addition to routine property and building upkeep, here are some recent improvements that our Property Management Team has made to JOY:

- Improved lighting in conference room
- Improved lighting in shed
- Resurfaced a table in the fellowship rooms
- Refinished some door knobs (more to come)

As soon as the demands of the summer months ease off, we plan to work on more interior repairs and improvements.

If you are good with either outside work or inside work, we could use your help. We meet at church each Friday at 8:00-8:30 a.m. and work about three hours. Our work outside includes mowing, trimming, exterior painting, changing light bulbs as needed and many other things. Our work inside includes painting, fixing existing systems, installing new things, and much more. If you have skills in anything about keeping up a residence, you probably have skills that your church could use as well.

If you see something in need of repair or improvement, please let us know.

A special thanks to our regulars who have come out faithfully throughout this past summer and the early weeks of fall.

One final note: Our memorial brick supplier stopped making the bricks; so, we've been working with the Men of JOY to find a new source. Our hope is to line up the new supplier and obtain memorial bricks that have been ordered but not yet fulfilled before the end of this year. We're starting to get samples in, and the goal is to closely match what we already have in the Memorial Garden.

Jim Collins,  
Property Management Team Leader



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Nov. 7, 2026      Holiday Arts & Craft Sales at church— 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Nov. 17, 2026 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month Bible Study, Gather magazine, 11:30 a.m.  
at church  
Dec. 5, 2026      WELCA Christmas Luncheon 12:00 @ Olive Garden, Melbourne  
Jan. 9, 2027      WELCA Pancake Breakfast, starting 8:00 - 9:30, \$6.00  
Jan. 9, 2027      WELCA meeting @ 10:00

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Dorcas Circle** (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Rachel Circle** (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

### **PROVIDENCE CONNECTS formerly known as DAILY BREAD**

Mobile Hygiene Shower trucks are routinely scheduled at homeless camps & some church parking lots. Rachel Circle packed up **25 personal care kits** for Providence Connects in **OCTOBER**.

Needed for Personal care kits: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, wash cloths, body soap, chap stick or lip balm, finger nail clippers or nail files. All contributions are very welcome.

### **Bible Study –Nov. 17th @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Fall 2026: “Bold faith on an unexpected journey,” by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney**

**Session 3: Proclaiming resurrection in hope** - Scripture: John 20:1–18

Mary Magdalene’s journey transitions from that of a grieving friend to the first preacher of the good news, after she shows up at the empty tomb and encounters the risen Jesus. Her story declares that women are entrusted to carry resurrection hope into a hurting world. This session encourages participants to recognize their own call to bear witness and to proclaim hope in Christ.

### **Help needed: Holiday Festival on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bake sale items needed, contact Dot Kirsch

Help to set up & take down after crafts sale, put back in order for Sunday church

Help to direct parking at crafts sale



NOVEMBER 7 WELCA HOLIDAY FESTIVAL,  
CRAFTS, VENDORS,  
SILENT AUCTION BASKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR BIDDING

**Birthday Blessings**



Notify the church office if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List. My apologies if I left someone off the birthday list.

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| Edward Baltzersen | 11-01 |
| Dorothy Kirsch    | 11-08 |
| Peggy Rose        | 11-09 |
| Dudley Bowling    | 11-10 |
| Caitlin Getter    | 11-14 |
| Kelly Prairie     | 11-14 |
| Lauryn Lewis      | 11-15 |
| Connie Lampel     | 11-22 |
| Joy Christensen   | 11-27 |



Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

**HELP WANTED!!!**

**NEED A RIDE  
TO CHURCH?**

We have a few members who have given up driving their cars. We are looking for help in getting them to Church Services and back home again. This could be done on a rotating basis if you are unable to do it every week. Please see Mary Sherman or call 717-582-2206 if you can help with this.

***COFFEE FELLOWSHIP***



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Please join us for coffee, snack, and cold drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

## We care about you



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know if you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a visit from a Pastor or would like to be listed for prayer support.



Just a reminder to please wear your name tag each Sunday. This is very helpful to visitors.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for **\$25.00** in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by “**Emma’s Flowers**” (321) 768-7776.



## Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle**, you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is **\$30.00 for the month**.



## Communion Wine

If you would like to provide the **Communion Wine**, you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is **\$20.00 for the month**.

## November 2026

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| 10:00 a.m.<br>Worship<br><br>1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.<br>The Melbourne<br>Assembly of the<br>Body of Christ | 6:00 p.m.<br>Boy Scouts | 10:00 a.m.<br>Dorcas<br>Circle<br>Quilting<br><br>6:00p.m.<br>Cub Scouts |                                                        |                                                                            | 8:30a.m.<br>Property<br>Workday<br><br>7:30p.m.<br>The<br>Melbourne<br>Assembly of<br>the Body of<br>Christ | Holiday Arts &<br>Craft Sale<br>9 a.m.-2 p.m. |
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