

# TIDINGS OF JOY

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*LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD*



“Let us thank God for His priceless gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15, TEV)

**Dear JOYful Family,**

That priceless gift, that priceless grace sent down from heaven as the promised Messiah, the Savior of the nations. We celebrate the Epiphany season, and the ongoing epiphanies in our life together here at JOY! With an early Easter, we are already pivoting into Lent. I hope you will help out and attend the events described in this newsletter – Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Soup Suppers, and more!

We travel the ongoing path of discipleship. It’s easy to understand, yet much more difficult to carry out. You are never alone in this! Band together, team up, partner up with your “bestie”! I am constantly seeing signs of your doing this. Excellent cooperation, recruiting others to come along side you. Of course, there are areas we always encourage folks to step up in – “Tech Team” for our worship;

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***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

Director of Music-Silas Daniel

Choir Director-Paul Hyatt

Handbell Director-  
Melissa Daniel

Sexton-Harold Decker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President-Ray Ihlenburg

Vice President-JR Frederiksen

Secretary-Linda Aker

Treasurer-Terry Owen

### OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carson Faris

Hank Groth

Robert Irish

Doug Juhl

Terry Owen

Pat Smith

Paul Spellman

John Voyles



Name	Birth Date
Calvin Kraft	02/01
Linda Aker	02/03
Liz Young	02/03
Deb Koerner	02/03
Karen Snorek	02/06
John Wiley	02/06
*Bob Kolch	02/12
Diane Knox	02/14
Merrick Owen	02/17
Thommy Ilmrud	02/19
George Brush	02/20
Barbara Tallon	02/20
David Mitchell	02/22
Joy Olsen	02/25

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guest follow-up; “Gardening Angels”; worship assistants; offering counters to name only a few. Never assume, “oh, they’ve got it covered”. Inside they may be begging for someone to spell them once in a while.

YOU are the gifts, each with your own unique skill sets. You are branches of the tree, grafted into the body of Christ. We are what we eat together, whether it is wafers, bread, gluten-free, pancakes, or soup! Hungry yet? Together we feast on the life-giving manna from heaven. I wonder with pastoral concern about those who are “opting out” of community worship, this “communion of love” (Martin Luther). It is essential for all who are mobile and not home-bound to gather with your fellow siblings in Christ. You know this to be true, whether you freely admit it or not. You cannot be a complete Christian without it. I hate more than anything to remove anyone from our membership for lack of participation or stewardship.

Yes, it is that time of year as well. Please be open and respond affirmatively as I (we) reach out to re-establish contact.

I’ll see you in church! *Love, Pastor Art*



<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># YRS</b>
Robert Miller & Susan Holmes	02/02	4
Greg & Brenda Hofmann	02/11	2
Bob & Barbara Johnson	02/17	50
Ed & Terry Owen	02/18	40
Earl & Dawn Winblad	02/24	23

## COUNCIL

January 2024 has brought much good news to Joy. Such as, the additional bells can now be ordered thanks to wonderful work Silas has done to make the Joy Concert Series such a success and several very generous benefactors; several new task forces are in the making such as Publicity & Media and a Concert Planning/Production Team; and the potential to have Ministerial Intern. More on these exciting developments and others soon.

January also ushered in the new Church Council elected at the November 2023 Congregational Meeting. Before the new Council is presented, it is very fitting to thank those who have just completed their terms. They are Ethel Kleiner, Joy Olsen, and Stanley Mahabeer. Joy served two consecutive 3-year terms!

Based on the Congregational vote in 2022, the Council was to be expanded from nine to a maximum of twelve members this year. The Council is comprised of eleven members this year. Most Council members are also liaison members to other Ministries. Their purpose, as liaison, is to represent the Council at their particular ministry meeting(s) and be a voice for that ministry during Council meetings. They also help convey needs and concerns to the Council. Anyone in the Congregation with a specific question, concern or even a 'pat-on-the-back' is asked to contact the Ministry chairs or the Council liaison members or to attend a particular ministry meeting to convey your thoughts. This goes doubly if there is something bothersome that needs to be brought directly to Council. Council meetings are held at 1:00 pm the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are included in the Weekly Schedule in the Sunday Bulletins. So, after all this, the following list presents the 2024 Joy Church Council and the liaison assignments.

Ray Ihlenburg President; JR Frederiksen Vice-President and Property Ministry Liaison; Linda Aker Secretary and Worship and Music Liaison; Terry Owen Treasurer New Council Member and Outreach Ministry Liaison; John Voyles Member and Finance Ministry Liaison; Pat Smith New Council Member and Member Care Ministry; Carson Faris New Council Member and Stewardship Ministry Liaison; Hank Groth Member; Paul Spellman New Council Member; Doug Juhl New Council Member; and finally but not least our outgoing Council President Bob Irish. Bob did an exceptional job leading the Council and we are still lucky to have him on Council for one more year.

In closing this report, there are numerous ways to make contact and express ideas or opinions about every facet of JOY. Please use any available to your particular or favorite technology capability and communicate by telephone, text, or email to your Joy Council members. Room does not allow this information to be included at this time but it will be published in the very near future.



# *JOY!FORMATION*

## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

TUESDAY, March 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Swenson Hall

We invite all who are interested in joining our congregation to come.

We will receive new members in worship on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at whichever service you normally attend.



**From WELCA President Pat Smith:**

Due to a change in scheduling, we will not be meeting until March., Look for details in our Spring schedule. I hope this does not cause any inconvenience for anyone.

Sincerely,  
Pat Smith

**THE LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**  
**ARE COMING!!**

**Starting Wednesday, February 21st,  
4:00-5:00 PM  
In Swenson Hall**

**We have a 2 chairpersons.  
SHARON JOHNSON and JERRY WIELAND.**

**Can you help?  
If you are able to help, please use the  
Sign-up Sheets located in the Narthex.**

**Any questions, please contact:  
Sharon at 352-843-1321  
Jerry at 352-789-2650**



# Seasons of JOY

## Concert Series

*Presents*

*Students of Emily Heumann*

Prof. Heumann's students are back for another wonderful performance.

Anyone who attended last year's concert will recall it is not just college students.

This year will be no different.

All age groups are represented.

Light refreshments will be available following the concert, and you get to meet all of the performers.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of amazing vocal talent.

Join us on:

**Sunday, February 18, -3:00 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

## FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

WINTER/SPRING 2024

DATE	11:00 AM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAM	8:00AM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAM
Sunday, January 07, 2024	WYZ Girls	
Sunday, January 14, 2024	LL's & Di	
Sunday, January 21, 2024	Grapes of Wrap	
Sunday, January 28, 2024	3 Cooks & 3 Stooges	
Sunday, February 04, 2024	Tasty Treats Team	
Sunday, February 11, 2024	For the Dogs	
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Dessert First	
Sunday, February 25, 2024	Three Musketeers	
Sunday, March 03, 2024	WYZ Girls	
Sunday, March 10, 2024	LCD's	
Sunday, March 17, 2024	Grapes of Wrap	
Palm Sunday, March 24	3 Cooks & 3 Stooges	TBD
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024	Tasty Treats Team	The 4 Lovies
Sunday, April 07, 2024	For the Dogs	
Sunday, April 14, 2024	Dessert First	
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Three Musketeers	
Sunday, April 28, 2024	WYZ Girls	



Next meeting – Thursday, February 1st, 7:30-9:00

Joe Spillane will be cooking, and he is fantastic!

Come for good food, fellowship, and spiritual growth

## OUTREACH

Meetings Are normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday at 3:30 in the Narthex.

Since this month's happens to fall on Shrove Tuesday, we will  
NOT meet in February.

Our Outreach Ministry has many ideas and plans  
for events in the spring.

Effective evangelism is responsive, not intrusive.  
Listening to and accompanying others, sharing Christ with them.  
This is our mission and vision.

The time is now for the people of God to embrace the urgency  
of our purpose in calling others into relationship with Jesus, for  
the sake of the world.

If not us, who? If not now, when?



***“Bear one another’s burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the law of Christ.” - Gal. 6:2***

*Your Stephen Ministers walk alongside  
people experiencing stressors like, grief, medical crisis, and more.  
Caring, supporting, encouraging, connecting hurting people with  
the healing love of Jesus when the going gets tough. No one need  
suffer alone. We can't take away pain, cure disease, but CHRIST  
IS THE CURE.*

*At JOY, we encourage you to mention to Pastor Art or Terri Feeley if  
you know of anyone who might benefit from Stephen Ministry care.  
Maybe the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a Stephen Minister. We  
especially need men!*



*February 13, 2024*

*4:30 - 6:00 PM*

*Bring a Friend or Two  
German Potato Pancakes*

*Buttermilk Pancakes*

*Sausage*

*Applesauce*

*Drinks & Desserts*

*Assorted Condiments*

*Please Use Signup Sheet in the Narthex  
Free Will Offering to Interfaith*



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**

<b>BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY</b>				
<b>DAY</b>	<b>1st READING</b>	<b>PSALM</b>	<b>2nd READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
February 4 Sunday	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1st Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 11 Sunday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 14 Ash Wed.	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 18 Sunday	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
February 25 Sunday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

*Did you know?*

*Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly ',  
and also connects with Bluetooth.*



Our bulletin and music for the hymns is available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the LEFT.

It will take you to our Worship Tools : click on HYMNS  
You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.



*Home-bound & Assisted Living*

**Homebound**

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

**Brentwood at Fore Ranch**

Ralph Wright

**The Bridge at Ocala**

Grace Hansen

**Bridgewater Park  
Assisted Living**

Bob Vogel

**Bridgewater Pak Memory  
Care**

Odd Bjerkmann

**Bridgewater Pak Rahab**

Marguerite Cox

**Brookdale of  
Canopy Oaks**

Marilyn Husted

**Life Care Center  
of Ocala**

Violet Frey

**Marion Woods Asst.**

George Spong

**Timber Ridge Rehab**

Lois Freebourn

***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 Depart-  
ments  
President  
Relief Workers  
Children of War-  
Foster Parents  
Missing People  
Persecuted Chris-  
tians  
Travelers

Economy  
End all the vio-  
lence  
Environment  
Jobs

ALL THE PEOPLE OF  
THE WORLD  
Especially:

China  
Cuba  
Egypt  
Haiti  
Iran

Israel  
Iraq  
Kenya  
Libya  
N. Korea  
Pakistan  
S. Korea  
Syria  
Ukraine  
USA

**Current Needs:****Ongoing Needs:**

Grace Ban  
 Bud Barbier  
 Joe Burczynski  
 Peter Burge  
 Richard Crawley  
 Elizabeth  
 Aud Enslow  
 Elnora Feti  
 Evan Foss  
 Hansen Family  
 Ray Heinzen  
 Shelly & Tom Hopkins  
 Bill Hubbard  
 Joyce Kane  
 Kerlin Family  
 Tom & Mary Ellen Kelly  
 Kriegel Family  
 Day Low  
 Sue Marshall  
 McCord Family  
 Art Menu

Nierenberg Family  
 Jeffrey Olsen  
 Sean O'Neill  
 Mary O'Rondo  
 Daniel Painter  
 Pam  
 Phyllis  
 Dawn Perinchief  
 Kristen Quigley  
 Nellie Quigley  
 Tom Rasswell  
 Paula Ritchings  
 Kyle Rusk  
 Chuck Shirley  
 Lee Sieja  
 Lee Stewart  
 Mike Sylvester  
 Stephen Thomas  
 Ken Werner  
 Candice Young

Noreen Anderson  
 Sean Aronson  
 Paul Bispo  
 John Bond  
 Jennifer Brady  
 Lucy Brown  
 Helen Buckley  
 Jerry Campbell  
 Alfonso Cave  
 Jack Cawley  
 Sharon Cawley  
 Darlene Clairmont  
 Kylene Clemens  
 Ed Correo  
 Marguerite Cox  
 Barbara Dean  
 Deena  
 Diane  
 Linda & Ken Erhardt  
 Scott Fair  
 Millie Fetterhoff

Morris Foreman  
 Katie Fransen  
 Fred  
 Joanne Olson Finnorn  
 Beth & JR Freder-  
 iksen  
 Lynn Garno  
 Timothy Gause  
 Maleila Gonzalez  
 Chris Gorman  
 Norm Halvorsen  
 Randolph Hardy  
 Diane Hendricksen  
 Bertha Hendrickson  
 Bobby Hyatt  
 Bob Irish  
 Sherry Jackson  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Lynn Shineman Juhl  
 Joe Kenney  
 Kerry  
 Patsy Kleeman

Lori Kleiman  
 Cheryl Kemmer  
 Betsy Kutscher  
 Jim Kuzmanovich  
 Cleo LeForge  
 Cindy Leonard  
 Grant Liples  
 Helen Lofsten  
 Tim Long  
 Mike  
 Phyllis Minos  
 Karl Nettles  
 Dylan Nerud  
 Asta Marie Nielsen  
 Mike Noble  
 Ed & Terry Owen  
 Daniel Painter  
 Joe Parra  
 Pat & Paul  
 Mary Pfeiffer  
 Diane Plessner

Sharon Polus  
 Linda Raffa  
 Karin Rokjar  
 Art Schneider  
 Lorraine Souch  
 Sonja  
 Denise Stevens  
 Karyn Thomas  
 Jeff Tuckey  
 Cindi Valli  
 Greg Valli  
 Candace Welsch  
 Joel Weiss  
 Barbara West  
 Cathy Willoughby  
 Irene Willoughby  
 Earl Winblad  
 Irene Winton  
 Marge Wlodarczyk  
 Bill Wojcik  
 Ralph Wright  
 Norman Zanchettin



# Joy Evangelical Lutheran Blood Drive

**Sunday, February 11**

7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Scan QR code to make an appointment!



All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.



# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please remember the deadline for the Bulletin is 8:00 am Tuesdays, and the TIDINGS is 8:00 am 15th. Please send "Copy" ready items so they can be inserted into the bulletin/Tidings. <i>Thank You</i></p>				<p>1 LMM -7:30-9:00A</p>	<p>2 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Christian Ed-9:30 A</p>	<p>5 Property 10 A "David" BS 1:00 PM Member Care 2:30 PM W &amp; M -6:30 PM</p>	<p>6 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> "Esther" BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>7 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>8  Council Exec Bd 3:00 PM</p>	<p>9 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>10 Joy Appreciation Dinner 5:00-8:00 PM</p>
<p>11 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Stewardship-9:30 A LifeSouth Blood Drive 7:45-1:00</p>	<p>12 "David" BS-1:00 P Stephen Ministry—9:30 A</p>	<p>13 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Finance-1P "Esther" BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 P Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper 4:30-6:30 PM</p>	<p>14 <b>ASH WED.</b> Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>15 <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>  Caregivers Workshop 1-3 P</p>	<p>16 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <b>LENT 1</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Concert -3 P Students of Heumann</p>	<p>19 David" BS-1:00 P</p>	<p>20 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> "Esther" BS-1 P Council 1P JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>21 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P Soup Supper 4-5 PM</p>	<p>22 Caregivers Workshop 1-3 P</p>	<p>23 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>24 Arnie Hansen Memorial Svc 11:00 am</p>
<p>25 <b>LENT 2</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A</p>	<p>26 David" BS-1:00 P  Stephen Ministry—9:30 AM</p>	<p>27 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Tidings Angels-9:30 A "Esther" BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 P</p>	<p>28 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Worship Service 5:30P Soup Supper 4-5 PM</p>	<p>29 Caregivers Workshop 1-3 P  Interfaith Dinner</p>		
 <p><b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> Is on February 13</p>		 <p><b>START ON 2/21</b></p>				

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"Joy is a spiritual community sharing  
the love of Christ in a challenging  
world".*

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JOY Lutheran Church

S. W. 83rd Place



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4.5 Miles to I-75

Paddock Downs Homes

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