

# TIDINGS OF JOY

VOLUME 8, ISSUE 3

MARCH 2024

## Inside this issue:

Staff & Council Members, Birthdays .	2
Anniversaries	3
Council News	4
JOY!formations WELCA	5
Lenten Soup Suppers Easter Lilies	6
LMM	7
Thank You's	8
Outreach	9
Season's of Joy	10
March Bible Readings	11
Pray Together	12
JOYHouse	14
JOY Calendar	15



*LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD*



***“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45, NIV)***

**Dear JOYful Family,**

The month of March, in this holy season of Lent, will end with the Resurrection of our Lord on the literal last day! We have much to offer in and from this place of JOY! This congregation within the church of Christ of this and every age exists for the sake of all whom we are called to serve. Whether it is a bowl of soup, help with schoolwork, a refuge for recovery, or music, it is all for God's glory and the mission of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Be of good cheer, even in this penitential season! The powers that be in this world are always being overcome by the power of God. The world tries to dominate by force, while as yet we who are in Christ Jesus conquer by *service*. Focus on what is good, doing as God commands in love, so you and

*Continued on Page 3*

SCAN FOR ON-LINE  
GIVING



***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

Pat Smith

Paul Spellman

John Voyles



<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>
Nancy Kett	03/03
Esther Crowley	03/03
Alan Theusch	03/03
Paul Hurley	03/03
Bob Johnson	03/05
Gloria Scicluna	03/05
Barbara Marvin	03/07
Sheryl Mitchell	03/11
Lorraine Erikson	03/12
Levi Krause	03/15
JoAnn Boyer	03/15
Judy Fields	03/16
Bob Schmitt	03/16
Darlene Haines	03/18
Harold Decker	03/21
Karin Campbell	03/23
Susan Zumbahlen	03/25
Edie Heinzen	03/25

*Continued from page 1* others can live without fear of the authorities. The remainder of Lent

affords us the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross. We will find those who are hurting, broken, forgotten, and lost. With the humility of Jesus, we bear witness and healing.

You, people of Joy, reflect the heart of Jesus with your caring ways. You are truly His disciples. Continue to walk humbly with our Lord during the remainder of Lent, upon the palm branches along the “parade route” into Jerusalem on the Sunday of the Passion (which for us is also New Member Sunday!), and through Holy Week. Share your experiencing of Christ with others. Behold the cross. Then be ready on the last day of this month to celebrate with JOY that Christ is risen!

I'll see you in church!

*Love, Pastor Art*



Walter and Nancy Grosselfinger 3/18 57 yrs.

## COUNCIL

### JOY COUNCIL NEWS February 2024

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday evening February 11<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. The venue, the food, the attendees, and the entertainment were all an event planner could possibly ask for. Thank you all for coming and enjoying this great evening with your Joy family. The band, 'Uniqulele' (Oo-niq-oo-lele) complemented us saying they have never really played for an audience as attentive and supportive as the JOY Folks. I have a feeling we'll be seeing and hearing them again.

It is a pleasure to report that the sidewalk improvement project has received approval from Marion County and is scheduled to begin on April 22.

The Council, at their February meeting, considered several recommendations from the Property Ministry. The following recommendations were approved by Council, following the Finance Ministry's review, input, and approvals.

We have a most unexpected expenditure concerning our oldest air conditioner for the Sanctuary. It has been determined it is not repairable and must be replaced. The estimated cost is \$37,750. The upcoming Congregational meeting on March 3 at 9:45 am is required according to our Constitution because this amount is more than 10% of the annual budget. However, thanks to the generosity of our congregation through specific gifts and pledges, we have been able to budget the necessary funds to make this investment. Please keep in mind, we are in the very early months of the annual budget so it is extremely important that our pledges continue to be met. A Lenten offering to the building fund or the maintenance fund would be such benevolent means to support Joy.

In other news, in the near future, needed safety improvements will be taking place in the parking lots. New LED bulbs will be installed in the existing fixtures and there will be photo-cell controls that will automatically turn the lights on and off. Also, the wall sconce lamps next to the Sanctuary doors are under study to replace with new fixtures utilizing LED bulbs. These improvements will enhance the safety of our campus after dark.

Finally, Council focused on the driveway at JOY Home (foster home). It is in very bad shape and has the potential to damage staff's vehicles. The Property Ministry recommended repairs totaling \$3,000; Financing will assess the cost against the rental income, and Council has approved this expenditure.

The next bit of news is COST FREE – Please Save the date and attend: There will be a free AED training session conducted by the OTOW Safety Director on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm. This event will be hosted at the Candler Lodge, where the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held. It is open to outside guests from Joy. Just contact Ray Ihlenburg for a reservation or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. All OTOW residents will be hearing from their Joy Shepherd and asked to attend. This is the single most important item we have control over to provide a safe place at Joy.



# *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

(On the 19th both meetings are in the Narthex due to voting)

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

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



**From WELCA President Pat Smith:**

**Mark your calendars**

**March 21, 2024 11:30 AM**

**is our next luncheon and meeting date.**

**Our theme is “Flowers are Blooming!”**

**Our guest speaker will be Linda Johnson, a Master Gardener. Come with your questions! Linda will be answering them for you.**

**Can you think of a better way to get ready for Spring, when “Flowers are Blooming”?**



**THE LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**  
**ARE HERE**

**Wednesdays, February 21st—March 20th**

**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**



*Easter Lilies*

*The Altar Guild would like to invite you to provide a lovely Lily plant this Easter to decorate the Altar. This year we will be offering:*

*Easter Lilies      \$ 12.00*

*If you wish to order a plant, please enclose your check or cash in the envelope and place it in the Offering Plate by **Sunday, March 17th.** Please **PRINT** all information below. Thank you! We are ordering only 60 plants. Orders are first come, first serve.*

*# of plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_ . Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Given By \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Your plant may be taken home after the 11:00 A.M. Easter Service. Any plants not taken will be given to the Sick and Homebound of the Congregation.*

*I will take my plant \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*I do not wish to take my plant \_\_\_\_\_ .*



**ALTAR ANGELS**

**Order forms for the Lilies are in the Narthex.**  
**Please place your orders as soon as possible.**  
**The cutoff date for orders is March 17th.**  
**Please note that only 60 plants will be ordered.**

# Men's Breakfast Thursday March 7

## Lutheran Men in Mission

\*Our vision is for every man to become a bold, daring follower of Jesus Christ. Our mission is, by God's grace, to help congregations build life-changing ministries with men; to strengthen men's faith in relationships for witness and service; to equip followers of Jesus Christ through events, resources and leadership development. This ministry is about men encountering Jesus Christ and our churchwide expression assisting the local congregation in helping that to happen.

Our Lutheran Men In Mission Fellowship has suffered greatly since before, during and Now after Covid.

Please consider joining us for a morning of information, food & Christian Fellowship.

Full Breakfast by;

Norman N.

## **March Guest Speaker**

Jessica Vega

Director of Ministries

Interfaith Emergency Services

**LUTHERAN  
MEN IN MISSION®**





## MANY THANKS TO THE AWESOME TEAM THAT MADE IT HAPPEN:

**Rita Cowan, Hank and Jean  
Groth, Joe and Herman,  
Joy Olsen, Vicki Valli, Jerry Weiland,  
and Terry Owen.**

**They fed nearly 100 people pancakes and sausage.**

*Dear Members of Joy Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you so very much for all your prayers for my son Jeffrey, my family and me. My son passed on January 24, 2024 at 4:19 pm. Jeffrey was an organ donor and the Association told us that there were several reciprocates. They were so thrilled that he was able to help so many people and I know that Jeffrey would be so honored to have done that. I also thank your all for the beautiful cards and the sentiments that were enclosed. Your kind-heartedness is overwhelming and so appreciated.*

*So this is a heartfelt thank you and a hug until I can give you one in person.*

  
*Love, Joy Olsen*



**OUTREACH**

**JOIN US FOR  
OUTREACH MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 3:30, NARTHEX  
EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTS**

**We believe that God desires all people to come into life-giving relationships with God and one another.**

**We believe that God desires JOY! To grow and leads us, by the life of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, in making this growth happen.**

**2024 is the year to embrace the urgency of our purpose in leading others into relationship with**

**Jesus, for the good of the world.**

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

# Seasons of JOY Concert Series

*presents*

## Paul Hyatt, *bass-baritone*

The talented Paul Hyatt returns to the stage in March. Join us as Paul shares a program of music spanning centuries - some favorite art songs, well known numbers from musicals, and a few fun numbers from the pop world. You won't want to miss this one! As usual, a post-concert reception will be held with plenty of goodies and the opportunity to interact with the artist.



March 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the  
sanctuary at JOY Lutheran.  
Please scan the QR code for more info!

<b>BIBLE READINGS FOR</b>				
<b>DAY</b>	<b>1st READING</b>	<b>PSALM</b>	<b>2nd READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
<b>March 3</b> <b>Sunday-Lent 3</b>	<b>Exodus</b> <b>20:1-17</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>19</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>1:18-25</b>	<b>John</b> <b>2:13-22</b>
<b>March 10</b> <b>Sunday-Lent 4</b>	<b>Numbers</b> <b>21:4-9</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>107:1-2, 17-22</b>	<b>Ephesians</b> <b>2:1-10</b>	<b>John</b> <b>3:14-21</b>
<b>March 17</b> <b>Sunday-Lent 5</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b> <b>31:31-34</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>51:1-12</b>	<b>Hebrews</b> <b>5:5-10</b>	<b>John</b> <b>12:20-33</b>
<b>March 24</b> <b>Passion/Palm</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah</b> <b>50:4-9a</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>31:9-16</b>	<b>Phillipians</b> <b>2:5-11</b>	<b>Mark</b> <b>14:1—15:47</b>
<b>March 28</b> <b>Maundy Thurs</b>	<b>Exodus</b> <b>12:1-4[5-10]</b> <b>11-14</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>116:1-2, 12-19</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>11:23-26</b>	<b>John</b> <b>13:1-17,</b> <b>31b-35</b>
<b>March 29</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah</b> <b>52:13—53:12</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>22</b>	<b>Hebrews</b> <b>10:16-25</b>	<b>John</b> <b>18:1—19:42</b>
<b>March 31</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Acts</b> <b>10:34-43</b>	<b>Psalm</b> <b>118:1-2, 14-24</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>15:1-11</b>	<b>Mark</b> <b>16:1-8</b>

### *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

#### **Brookdale Paddock Hills**

George Brush

#### **Life Care Center** **of OCALA**

Violet Frey

#### **Marion Woods Asst.**

George Spong

#### **Timber Ridge Rehab**

### *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

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  
 John Blackburn  
 Joe Burczynski  
 Peter Burge  
 Richard Crawley  
 Elizabeth  
 Aud Enslow  
 Freeburn/Brokaw/LaBlanc  
 Families  
 Hansen Family  
 Heinzen Family  
 Shelly & Tom Hopkins  
 Bill Hubbard  
 Joyce Kane  
 Tom & Mary Ellen Kelly  
 Jim Kuzmanovich  
 Day Low  
 Art Menu  
 Olsen Family  
 Sean O'Neill  
 Mary O'Rondo

Pam  
 Phyllis  
 Dawn Perinchief  
 Kristen Quigley  
 Nellie Quigley  
 Tom Rasswell  
 Pamela Reo  
 Paula Ritchings  
 Kyle Rusk  
 Gail Scholenwisner  
 Glenn Schmours  
 Chuck Shirley  
 Brian Shull  
 Lee Sieja  
 Bill Stevens  
 Edith Stewart  
 Lee Stewart  
 Thomas Surian  
 Mike Sylvester  
 Claire & Pete Thomson  
 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  
 Cleo LeForge  
 Cindy Leonard  
 Grant Liples  
 Helen Lofsten  
 Tim Long  
 Sue Marshall  
 Mike  
 Phyllis Minos  
 Karl Nettles  
 Dylan Nerud  
 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  
 Bill Wojcik  
 Ralph Wright  
 Norman Zanchettin



## JOY! HOUSE NEWS

### FOSTER HOME NEEDS

The young girls at our Foster Home have ongoing needs. The state only gives them \$300/yearly for all their clothing, shoes, and toiletry needs. We can help meet some of these needs by ON-GOING DONATIONS of the following items.

Deodorant

Soap

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditioner (African-American hair products as well)

Hair brush – combs – picks

Tampons – Pads

Underwear & socks

Makeup suitable for teenage girls


Clothing & Shoes (suitable for teens)

A bin will be placed in the choir Room for your on-going donations.

Thank You for your help.

# March

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>					1 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A	2
<p><b>3 LENT 3</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Congregational Mtg. 9:45 AM  Hyatt Concert 3PM</p>	<p>4 Member Care 2:30 PM  W &amp; M –6:30 PM</p>	<p>5 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Joy Formation: 10AM &amp; 6 PM  “Esther” BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3-5 P</p>	<p>6 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:30 PM Soup Supper 4-5P SH Worship Service</p>	<p>7 LMM –7:30-9:00A “MARK in Lent” BS 11:00 A Caregivers Workshop 1-3 P</p>	<p>8 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	9
<p>10 <b>LENT 4</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  CHRISTIAN ED 9:30 AM</p>	<p>11 Stephen Ministry— 9:30 A</p>	<p>12 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Property 10 A Joy Formation: 10AM &amp; 6 PM Finance-1P Esther” BS-1 P JOYful Tues.-3 – 5P Outreach 3:30 P</p>	<p>13 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:30 PM Soup Supper 4-5P SH Worship Service 5:30 P</p>	<p>14 <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b> “MARK in Lent” BS 11:00 A  Stewardship 2P  Council Exec Bd 3:00 PM</p>	<p>15 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	16
<p>17 <b>LENT 5</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A</p>	18	<p>19 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> <b>ELECTION DAY 6AM-7PM-SH</b> Joy Formations 10 &amp; 6 Narthex Council 1P – Narthex JOYful Tues.-3-5P</p>	<p>20 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:30 PM Soup Supper 4-5P SH Worship Service</p>	<p>21 WELCA BRUNCH 11:30 AM</p>	<p>22 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	23
<p>24 <b>PASSION/ PALM NEW MEMBER SUN.</b> Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A</p>	<p>25 Stephen Ministry—9:30 A</p>	<p>26 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Tidings Angels-9:30 A JOYful Tues.3-5 P</p>	<p>27 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A  Choir 3:30 PM</p>	<p>28 MAUNDY THUR.  SERVICE 5:30 pm</p>	<p>29 GOOD FRI.  TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A SERVICE 5:30 pm Interfaith Dinner Del.</p>	30
<p>31 <b>EASTER</b>  SERVICE: 8:15 AM –11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE: MARCH 19th is Election Day in Ocala. Swenson Hall is a polling site. ANY EVENTS/ MEETINGS on the 19th must be held in the Narthex, as the polling uses the entire hall from 6:00 am—7:00 pm.</b></p>					

Contact Us

7045 SW 83rd Place  
Ocala, FL 34476  
Phone: 352.854.4509  
Fax: 352.854.4845  
email: joyocalafl@gmail.com  
www.joylcocala.org  
www.facebook.com/joylutheranchurch.ocala



U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Permit No. 451

Ocala, FL

Non-Profit

Organization



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

S. W. 80th Street



JOY Lutheran Church



S. W. 83rd Place

S. R. 200

4.5 Miles to I-75

Paddock Downs Homes

4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484