

# TIDINGS OF JOY

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*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,

We are JOY!ful, Easter people! Set free from the bonds of death and sin, we live in resurrection hope and glory. April 1<sup>st</sup> – first day of the month in a new Easter season – no fooling! I want to challenge you good people with a new perspective, a new way of measuring who you are and what you do as a freed child of God.

Here’s what I mean. We are familiar with the metrics that a congregation always measures itself by: attendance and offering. Those are important, but they don’t tell the whole story. They certainly don’t tell the most important part of the story of who we are in Christ Jesus. I would like you to consider charting or recording:

the number of discipling conversations you had;

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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

Seminary Intern-Bob Bonomo

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



4/01 Sharon Fairchild

4/02 John Marvin

4/04 Karen Sturtz

4/05 Judi Snow

4/06 Ken Erickson Sr.

4/16 Norma Erickson

4/17 Jim Wolfer

Doug Juhl

4/20 Irene Henderson

Tamara Thomas

4/21 Wayne Kofink

4/24 Lynneer Spees

4/25 Lori Blanc

4/29 Joe Bedard

4/30 Alicia Ransdell

Joan Hendrickson

Don Fields

Walter Grosselfinger

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the number of people you served;  
 the “aha” moments you experienced;  
 the number of people you prayed for and with.

Do you catch my drift? I would love for you to share those with me, or even better, with us as part of the message on Sunday and Wednesday! I believe we will be transformed by knowing that we are not just “churchy” people, but Kingdom of God people.

I would then like to share with everyone the collected tally for the month at our quarterly ***“Town Hall” Meeting at 9:45, April 28<sup>th</sup>***.

I hope and pray that you will embrace this resurrection challenge. We must always be alert to the new thing(s) God is doing in the world. The Church, the Kingdom of God, is ripe for something seismic, a rending of the tomb that we have been hiding in. The Kingdom of God will not hide under a bushel – NO! Let the light of life shine, so that He may be glorified on earth as He is in heaven.

I’ll see you in church, to hear your stories of a new metric that reaches OUT.

*Love, Pastor Art*



4/01	Bob & MaryAnn Schmitt	28	yrs.
4/04	Paul & Sally Hurley	43	yrs.
4/07	Ray & Lynn Ihlenburg	26	yrs.
4/22	Paul & Patti Spellman	58	yrs.
4/23	Ralph & Mary Wright	36	yrs.
4/24	Don & Judy Fields	25	yrs.

## COUNCIL

### Joyful good news from Council

Save the date. Town hall meeting April 28 between the services. This is an opportunity for the congregation to share ideas and suggestions or ask questions about Joy services and ministries. It is informal and an open forum.

Joy Concerts continue to be in good hands but have grown to be more than one person (Silas) can handle. The council approved a proposal presented at the February Council meeting to form the Concert Series Oversight Committee. This committee will coordinate with other Joy ministries to ensure every concert is completely planned including hospitality, ushers, safety, clean-up, sound, Sanctuary set-up, etc. All those things that are essential for our performers and audience.

The Council welcomed Intern Bob Bonomo to Joy. Bob wishes to sit in on ministry meetings to see how we roll. We look forward to sharing all that we have going on at Joy.

The Joy House driveway repair began on March 22. Completed with this project will be the final grading of the hole that has been started for the stormwater retention pond associated with the sidewalk improvement project, that remains scheduled for April 22, pending the building permit. We will not be able to walk on the new sidewalk for several days once completed, so that may hinder the use of the rear door to the building.

In other good news, the Joy Safety and Security sub-committee, as part of Member Care, has been formed. At this time, there are 13 volunteers that have the safety of our congregation at heart, striving to be leaders in AED training, passive security measures, 911 call protocol, and relieve the usher teams of the responsibility of locking doors. They will greet late comers with a big smile and assist in making them feel welcomed. This team will meet monthly to discuss and plan for the safety of our congregation and guests during services and events. Consider joining the Safety effort, they could use additional volunteers.

In Service,

Ray Ihlenburg  
Council President

## INTERN'S CORNER



Greetings from Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ:

My name is Robert Bonomo and I have been churched my whole life. It was about sixteen years ago that my faith journey led me to the Lutheran Faith in the ELCA. I was married to the only love of my life, Maryann Bonomo, and we shared our life together for forty-three years. She passed 6/29/16 without any warning. We have one son and his name is Brendan-Anthony. His wife's name is Alyssa and they are married for 15 years. After a miscarriage they were able to conceive and bring Annalise Bonomo into the world.

My calling to serve is in two parts. I was approaching seminary at 17 years old and was totally convinced that God was my pilot. Somehow this young lady caught my eye and the rest was history. After Maryann's passing, I was called but once again. So, I did not listen very well because I decided I was not smart enough nor young enough. I retired from the business arena in 2020 after working in the banking industry for fifty years. and went directly into seminary as the Good Lord requested.

I have given all of the above to my God in Heaven. God is the pilot in charge and I am His co-pilot.

I am Blessed to serve in this Congregation and look forward to our time together.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you all, *Bob Bonomo*

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## APRIL EVENT -

### Picnic for Arnette House

WHEN: Saturday, April 20th at 1:00

We will be leaving from the Church at 11:30

If you want to go there directly to help serve, the address is:  
2310 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala 34470

Thanks to Thrivent Financial, most if not all costs will be covered.

Arnette House is a ministry for homeless youth.

They are always in need of hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant (especially Axe). These items can be brought to the Outreach Room in the church building.





## WELCA

***WELCA has planned the following luncheon/meetings:  
April 18, 2024 is our next luncheon and meeting. We will be voting on the new officers for 2024-2025.***

***May 16, 2024 - luncheon/meeting. Plans are not yet complete for this meeting.***

***June or July—A Surprise is being planned.***

***September 1, 2024 - WELCA Sunday. Consider being a part of these services.***

***October - TBD***

***December 7, 2024 - Plans are underway for this luncheon and entertainment is Pat Gates, from The Way.***

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Just a reminder that Altar Flowers are ordered per the Altar Flower Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex in the quantities listed.**

**If there are no signees for a spot on Sunday, there are no flowers ordered. Bouquets are \$40 each, and should be paid prior to or by the date for which they are requested.**

**If you take your flowers home remember to return the containers to the church. They have to be returned to the florist in order to avoid additional charges.**



Coming this month!



**EIRINN ABU**

**BABY BOOMERS**

*Joy*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday April 7th 3:00 PM

7045 SW 83rd PL OCALA FL 352-854-4509



**Seasons of JOY Concert Series**

presents

**Handbell-stravaganza!**



## **2024 LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**The Outreach Committee would like to provide a special thank you to all the people who supported the 2024 Lenten Soup Suppers by volunteering to make and serve the soups, to help by bringing bread and desserts, and to assist with the set up and clean up activities. The Committee would also like to thank the people that attended the weekly dinners. Your dedicated support resulted in a major contribution to the Joy Lutheran Church commitment to the mission of the InterFaith Emergency Services. We appreciate your dedication to this important Outreach activity.**

## **OUTREACH & EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 3:30 IN THE NARTHEX**

**We are ALL evangelists in a spiritual community that shares Christ's love in a challenging world.**

**This is our vision.**

**It is more about purpose than numerical growth.**

**Come join us in discovering God's call to us!**

**Our Outreach and Evangelism Ministry schedules an active event every month that ALL of you can participate in.**



***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**

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

Economy  
End all the vio-  
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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  
 Aud Enslow  
 Millie Fetterhoff  
 Becky Graves  
 Shelly & Tom Hopkins  
 Bill Hubbard  
 Joyce Kane  
 Grace Kane  
 Tom & Mary Ellen Kelly  
 Betsy Kutscher  
 Day Low  
 Lucy  
 Menut Family  
 Grace Noble  
 Sean O'Neill  
 Pam  
 Phyllis

**Kristen Quigley**  
 Nellie Quigley  
 Mickey Rassmussen  
 Tom Rasswell  
 Pamela Reo  
 Paula Ritchings  
 Kyle Rusk  
 Gail Scholenwisner  
 Glenn Schmours  
 Chuck Shirley  
 Brian Shull  
 Ruth Ann Silliman  
 Bill Stevens  
 Edith Stewart  
 Lee Stewart  
 Thomas Surian  
 Mike Sylvester  
 Claire & Pete Thomson  
 Stephen Thomas  
 Rick Wren  
 Candice Young

Noreen Anderson  
 Sean Aronson  
 Paul Bispo  
 John Bond  
 Jennifer Brady  
 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  
 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  
 Jim Kuzmanovich

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  
 Diane Plessner  
 Sharon Polus  
 Linda Raffa  
 Karin Rokjar  
 Gail Schoenwisner  
 Lorraine Souch  
 Sonja

Denise Stevens  
 Karyn Thomas  
 Jeff Tuckey  
 Cindi Valli  
 Greg Valli  
 Candace Welsch  
 Joel Weiss  
 Barbara West  
 Cathy Willoughby  
 Earl Winblad  
 Irene Winton  
 Bill Wojcik  
 Ralph Wright  
 Norman Zanchettin

## BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

DAY	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday April 7, 2024	ACTS 4:32-35	PSALM 133	1 JOHN 1:1—2:2	JOHN 20:19-31
Sunday April 14, 2024	ACTS 3:12-19	PSALM 4	1 JOHN 3:1-7	LUKE 24:36b-48
Sunday April 21, 2024	ACTS 4:5-12	PSALM 23	1 JOHN 3:16-24	JOHN 10:11-18
Sunday April 28, 2024	ACTS 8:26-40	PSALM 22:25-31	1 JOHN 4:7-21	JOHN 15:1-8

### *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

# APRIL

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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 Member Care 2:30 PM  W &amp; M –6:30 PM</p>	<p>2 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  JOYful Tues.-3-5 P</p>	<p>3 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:00 PM  Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>4 LMM –7:30-9:00A</p>	<p>5 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Christian Ed – 9:45 A  Eirin Abu Concert 3:00 PM</p>	<p>8 Stephen Ministry— 9:30 A  Vision/Ministry Mtg. 4-7 pm SH</p>	<p>9 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Property 10 A Finance-1P JOYful Tues.-3 – 5P Outreach 3:30 P</p>	<p>10 Joyful Hands-9A  Happy Hands-9:30 A  Choir 3:00 PM Worship Service 5:30 P</p>	<p>11 <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>  Council Exec Bd 3:00 PM</p>	<p>12 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A  Stewardship 9:45 A</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Council 1P JOYful Tues.-3-5P– N</p>	<p>17 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:00 PM Worship Service 5:30 PM</p>	<p>18 WELCA BRUNCH 11:30 AM</p>	<p>19 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A  “Jonah” Bible Study 10:00 AM NARTHEX</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Worship services 8:15 &amp; 11:00 A</p>	<p>22 Stephen Ministry— 9:30 A</p>	<p>23 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> JOYful Tues.3-5 P</p>	<p>24 Joyful Hands-9A Happy Hands-9:30 A Choir 3:00 PM Worship Service 5:30 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 TOPS-8-10 A Bell Choir-10 A SERVICE 5:30 pm “Jonah” Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>27  Handbell Concert Dress Rehearsal</p>
<p>28 SERVICE: 8:15 AM –11:00 AM TOWN HALL MTG. 9:45 AM HANDBELL CONCERT 3 PM</p>	<p>29  Interfaith Dinner Del.</p>	<p>30 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  Tidings Angels-9:30 A JOYful Tues.3-5 P</p>				



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

