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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



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“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” (I Corinthians 3:11)

Dear JOYful Family,

Those new Christians in Corinth were a persnickety bunch! They blew hot and cold; at times praising Paul, other times, nnnnot so much. Let's just say he had to dodge a lot of arrows. The compilation of fragments that are his second letter almost read like a soap opera. I love learning from our historical beginnings as the people of God *in Christ Jesus*, which was a brand new enterprise for both Jews and Gentiles.

We are spiritually founded and grounded in Christ. Always remember why we do what we do, i.e. “the main thing”. It is GOD’S mission that He graciously invites us to participate in. It cannot, and was never intended to be done, in isolation. Word, Sacrament, and Christian community are essential. Even when we have (ahem) choice words with a brother or sister in Christ; even when they are “red” instead of “blue” or vice versa; even when the church kitchen is not rearranged to your *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
 Seminary Intern-Bob Bonomo
 Administrative Assistant-
 Zsuzsanna Jobbagy
 Director of Music-Silas Daniel
 Choir Director-Paul Hyatt
 Handbell Director-
 Melissa Daniel
 Sexton-Vacant
 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



08/01 *Sally Hurley*
 08/02 *Glenda Lizak*
Doug Snorek
Willa Coffman
 08/04 *Tom Erikson*
 08/06 *Martha Wiley*
 08/07 *Marcia Meier*
 08/08 *Carson Faris*
Ed Owen
 08/09 *Ken Kutscher*
 08/10 *Lisa Schiavi*
Mike Schiavi
 08/12 *Patty Willoughby*
 08/16 *Joanne Kolch*
Wallace Thomas JR.
Nancy Kraft
 08/17 *Beth Frederiksen*
 08/19 *Jim Kuzmanovich*
 08/21 *Cheryl Burck*
 08/23 *Rita Brokaw*
 08/25 *Mary Wright*
 08/31 *Peggy Dietz*

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satisfaction; even when we never sing your favorite hymn; even when someone sits in “your” seat. Whoa boy. Sheesh. We feel you, Paul!

Paul was never dissuaded from the mission that shook him to his core. Today’s church leaders, servants, and “worker bees“ can go and do likewise. Blessed are those of you who put your own interests, pet peeves and opinions aside to give God the glory, honor, and praise due His name. Grounded in Christ, with a laser-focused vision, we will thrive with holistic, fruitful abundance.

I am excited about our future together! I am not different from you in that I may not always get it right. Respectful, honest criticism will be well received. This I promise you. This is not “my” church. We will grow and learn in grace together, grounded in Christ, our Cornerstone. We have this spiritual treasure, family of JOY!

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



<i>08/04 Rich & Elsie Cognetti</i>	<i>62 yrs.</i>
<i>08/07 Charlie & Marcia Meier</i>	<i>53 yrs.</i>
<i>08/08 Bob & Joanne Kolch</i>	<i>44 yrs.</i>
<i>08/10 Phil & Glenda Lizak</i>	<i>39 yrs.</i>
<i>Lee & Edie Stewart</i>	<i>67 yrs.</i>
<i>08/11 Art & Debra Wuertz</i>	<i>40 yrs.</i>
<i>08/16 Kenneth & Linda Erhardt</i>	<i>55 yrs.</i>
<i>08/27 David & Sheryl Mitchell</i>	<i>41 yrs.</i>

JOY CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

By Ray Ihlenburg, President, Joy Church Council

COUNCIL

Greetings fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The Church Council did not meet in July, however, there is plenty to report. Many of our members may be aware of some of these happenings since attending the Town Hall on July 21 or reading the July issue of the Tidings. But first, before I begin, I wish to congratulate everyone that worked to make VBS 2024 a success. It was truly a work of love and joy that is sure to be bigger and better in 2025.

While attending the July Worship and Music Ministry meeting, I heard there were members that wear hearing aides who were not pleased with their ability to hear all of the participants or speakers during the service. This is not good to hear; no pun intended. Joy spent several thousand dollars to install a T-coil system and a separate Wi-Fi system to provide the best hearing assist possible. Therefore, should anyone that must rely on a hearing assist device, not be able to hear any portion of the service, I ask them to please tell an usher or tell me directly. We will do everything in our power to rectify the situation. While on the subject, we have new microphones for the assistant ministers that should greatly improve the audio within the sanctuary. There is a fine balance between proper utilization of the microphones and the sound system. Additional training is in store, but we need input when things are not working, otherwise we don't know where to focus.

We have determined that our sanctuary Wi-Fi should be password protected. Therefore, during the next several months we will take steps to make our system more secure. The password will be made available at all services but the means has not been determined. I can say it may not be posted on the announcement screen that plays before the live feed begins for all the world to see.

July was the first month that Tidings was not mailed. Rather, we utilized the wonder of the internet to email personal copies and we also printed a stack of hard copies for pickup in the narthex. The stack in the narthex is a long way from being depleted, so we are to assume the email copies have been well received. Since the postage has just increased another 5-cents for first class mail, this is one way Joy strives to control costs of printing and postage. Our Administrative Assistant and others work diligently to generate each monthly issue of the Tidings. It would be wonderful if there was some feedback from our members that they received their copy by email and just how it helps keep them informed about Joy-full happenings.

In September, the Council and Property Ministry is planning to host a meeting, or two, to receive input from all the JOY stake holders concerning the future expansion needs. The Property Ministry wants to develop a 3 and 5-year study, updated annually, to determine the best approach to future expansion to continue to provide for the congregation, but most of all, our community and those future members to come after all of us. We will receive all suggestions with limited discussion as to the feasibility. No one should be shy about offering a suggestion! The purpose of this 'charette' is to gather ideas no matter how lofty.

INTERN'S CORNER



Blessings and Peace be with all of you.

Deuteronomy 31:12-13

"Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, so that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God and be careful to observe all the words of this law. "Their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

Come and join us for Bible Study for Beginners on Tuesdays at 11am in Swenson Hall and bring a friend.

We open our eyes and our hearts and listen to God's Word and discuss what it would mean to you. No answer is wrong. All questions are invited.

May the Lord hold all of you in the palm of His Hand,

Intern (Bob) Robert

JUST A HEADS UP!

**Our summer worship schedule (1 service-10:00 AM)
continues throughout**

August and on Sunday, September the 1st.

**Our REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE resumes on
Sunday, September 8, 2024**

with services at 8:15 and 11:00 am.

Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Thank
you 

A HUGE THANK YOU to Lisa Schiavi and her mom Charlotte Schmidt for a thorough, deep cleaning and re-organizing of our Swenson Hall Kitchen. They spent four solid days performing a much-needed, much-appreciated task. They put much thought and planning into trying to make the kitchen more efficient and presentable. It looks great – check it out!

**OUTREACH & EVANGELISM MINISTRY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 3:30
IN THE NARTHEX**

We invite everyone to this next meeting, at which we will pack up all of the school supplies you have donated for “Tools 4 Teaching”.

We are ALL evangelists in a spiritual community that shares Christ's love in a challenging world. This is our vision.

LOOKING AHEAD!



"JOYFormation"-NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

TUESDAYS

AUGUST 20TH, 27TH & SEPTEMBER 3RD

New member orientation for new folks/prospective members. Get to know more about the Lutheran tradition, history of our congregation and about our life together.

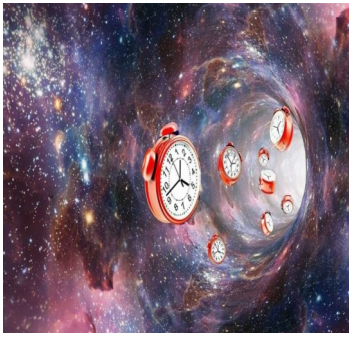
Two choices of times will be offered on these days – 10:00 am or 6:00 pm.

We will receive new members on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning SEPTEMBER 15th, at 9:45 AM

Pastor Art will be leading a class titled: "The Present Future", based on the writings and teachings of church leadership specialist Reggie McNeal. It ties in with our congregation's vision.



LET'S TRAVEL BACK IN TIME IN THE LIFE OF JOY.

If you recall we had the honor to welcome two new members to our family in March. They were listed in the bulletin, however, due to my error, their information never made it to the Tidings. If you have not had the pleasure of getting to know our newest sister and brother, please use the information below to do so. I apologize for the delay, but it is never too late to make a new friend. Welcome Tom and Jan.

What a "Joy" on March 24th to welcome two new members to Joy Lutheran. This is a place to worship and hear God's word weekly. The many ministries are opportunities for service both near and far.



Welcome to Our Church

LEGEND

MF: Moved from/Previous Residence	H/I: Hobbies and Interests
O: Occupation	PCI: Previous Church Involvement
F: Family	** Associates

TOM G. ITTNER

OTOW: LONG LEAF RIDGE PHASE 5

MF: Palm Beach, FL

O: Retired, Financial Services

F: Wife-1 son, 1 daughter and 3 grand children

H/I: Golf

PCI: Church Radio, church treasurer

Member of Trinity Lutheran Church-Racine, WI

JANET (JAN) L. AMMONS

PALM CAY

MF: Clarksville, TN

O: Retired

F: Widow-1 son Jason Roberts and 4 grandsons

**PCI: Member –Grace Lutheran Church-Clarksville, TN
Already in a Bible Study class here.**



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
04-Aug	EXODUS	PSALM 78	EPHESIANS	JOHN
	16:2-4, 9-15	23-29	4:1-16	6:24-35
11-Aug	1 KINGS	PSALM 34	EPHESIANS	JOHN
	19:4-8	1-8	4:25--5:2	6:35, 41-51
18-Aug	PROVERBS	PSALM 34	EPHESIANS	JOHN
	9:1-6	9-14	5:15-20	6:51-58
25-Aug	JOSHUA	PSALM 34	EPHESIANS	JOHN
	24:1-2a, 14-18	15-22	6:10-20	6:56-69

Seasons of JOY Concert Series

presents

Uniquеле

Join us for our 2024-25 season opener when we welcome Uniquеле to the stage! Uniquеле is a 5-member ukulele band that will be presenting a fun program of music including rock, pop, country/western, folk, and more (but probably NO Hawaiian music!). In addition to the ukuleles you may hear harmonica, ocarina, flute, cowbell, and more!



Admission is free (with a voluntary love offering) and a reception will be held post-concert so you can interact with the performers!

September 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

at JOY Lutheran Church

7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476



2024

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't forget to sign up for the BROWN BAGGING IT! Lunch on August 11th.</p>				<p>1 LMM-9:15AM Stewardship 3P</p>	<p>2 TOPS-7:30A</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Worship services 10:00 AM USHERS: ERICKSON</p>	<p>5 Time 4 Prayer-9AM Member Care 2:30 PM Worship & Music 6:30 PM</p>	<p>6 BULLETIN DEADLINE Beginner's Bible Study 11AM</p>	<p>7 Joyful Hands 9A Worship Svc 5:30 P</p>	<p>8 Christian Ed-11 AM</p>	<p>9 TOPS-7:30 AM PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>10 PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>
<p>11 Worship services 10:00 AM Brown Bagging It-Lunch USHERS: HEINZEN PASTOR ART –</p>	<p>12 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry 9:30 AM PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>13 BULLETIN DEADLINE Property 10A Beginner's Bible Study 11 AM Finance 1 PM Outreach 3:30 PM PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>14 Joyful Hands-9A Worship Service 5:30P PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>15 TIDINGS DEADLINE Council Exec. Bd –3:00 PM PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>16 TOPS-7:30 AM PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>	<p>17 PASTOR ART – VACATION</p>
<p>18 Worship services 10:00 AM USHERS: JOBAGY</p>	<p>19 Time 4 Prayer 9 am</p>	<p>20 BULLETIN DEADLINE <u>PRIMARY ELECTION</u> Beginner's BS— 11:00 AM Council-1P JOYFormations 10A & 6 P</p>	<p>21 Joyful Hands-9A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>22 Publicity & Soc. Med. 1P</p>	<p>23 TOPS-7:30 AM</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Blood Drive 7:45-1PM Worship services 10:00 AM USHERS: OLSEN</p>	<p>26 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry—9:30 A</p>	<p>27 BULLETIN DEADLINE Beginner's Bible Study 11:00 AM JOYFormations 10A & 6 P</p>	<p>28 Joyful Hands-9A Worship Service 5:30P</p>	<p>29 Interfaith Dinner</p>	<p>30 TOPS 7:30 AM</p>	<p>31</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 to office email. *Thank You*



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

S. W. 80th Street



JOY Lutheran Church

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S. R. 200

4.5 Miles to I-75

Paddock Downs Homes

4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484