

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight”. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Dear JOYful Family,

We will soon have our annual meeting, at which we will 1) approve the 2025 ministry spending plan (budget); 2) elect four members to Council; and 3) discuss feedback you have given on future goals and plans for our facilities. We will also receive highlights of what our ministries have done in 2024. We continue to wonder and dream about what God has in store for us. We will consider the great input you have given, either your notes placed in the suggestion box or ideas you have expressed face-to-face. Our annual meeting, much like our quarterly “town hall” meetings, opens up channels of honest, transparent communication.

You continuously impress me with your collective know-how. Working together for the common good of God’s kingdom here on earth, every objective we conjure up gives a nod to our vision. At least it should! We, like every similar congregation, has sometimes equal, sometimes opposing forces at work: discipleship and enterprise. God gives us the capability to manage that polarity. Renewing

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REMEMBER:

CLOCKS BACK 11/3

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-Linda Aker

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



11/01 Kenneth Erhardt

Elise Cognetti

11/02 Bob Zander

11/03 Stanley Mahabeer

11/07 Donna Schmidt

11/08 Bill Mooney

11/12 Cyndie Charcalla

Mary Ann Schmitt

11/14 Dennis Christianson

Sally Ahrens

11/16 Sharon Green

11/20 Linda Erhardt

11/21 Joe Wood

11/22 David Robinson

11/24 Paul Stevens

11/27 Jean Beaver

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spiritually is as important as institutional survival. First things first, which is service and outreach. It was Jesus' whole reason for being: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). I consider myself to be your Servant/Leader, but I can never come close to how Jesus lived that out. I'm a (mostly!) normal person, just like you.

As together we do God's work and hear God's Word, we are continually coaxed along the road of discipleship and service. We gather together, asking the Lord's blessing on our undertakings as workers in His kingdom. We are riding the crest of the "Gratitude Wave" of October 13th, giving thanks for the hope of Christ Jesus in us. I'll see you in church!

Love, Pastor Art



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| <i>11/16</i> | <i>Terry & Patricia VanEffen</i> | <i>51 yrs.</i> |
| <i>11/23</i> | <i>John & Irene Henderson</i> | <i>56 yrs.</i> |
| <i>11/24</i> | <i>Ron Piper & Patty Willoughby</i> | <i>40 yrs.</i> |

Dear JOY,

COUNCIL

Our Day of Gratitude was such a fun and uplifting day. The Stewardship Ministry is to be congratulated for the work and planning that brought such a nice service and luncheon to our congregation. And during the luncheon program, I believe we found two new songs of praise to sing during future services. Ladies and Gents, this was accomplished because of those that volunteered to help out. There are so many great people that step up to volunteer. However, it would be wonderful to have some new faces to assist in the many things our Congregation enJOYs. Find your 'nitch' at JOY and volunteer as each is like a small group that encourages fellowship. Speaking of finding your 'nitch' here are several dates with opportunities for volunteerism:

November 9th at 9:00 AM the garage will be cleaned out.

November 23rd at 9:00 AM we will meet to tidy up our Sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas season and visitors. We'll wash the interior and exterior windows/doors and dust the Sanctuary, straighten the chairs, refill chair pockets.

November 30th at 9:00 AM the Chrismon tree and wreaths will be put up in preparation for decorating and lighting.

Everyone, old and new member, is encouraged to attend the Joy Lutheran Church Annual Meeting to be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on November 10th. The Church Staff, Council, and ministry chairs have been working hard to prepare the Annual Report. Readers will be surprised at just how much was accomplished during the past year and what our church does for outreach and service.

What to expect at the Annual Meeting? This year the congregation will vote on four (4) new Council members to bring our Council membership to the allotted twelve (12) according to the constitution. As always, nominations from the floor can be made. Also, a very short report will be presented about the 2-5-year capital planning and an opportunity provided for our various ministries to mention anything from their written report that they wish to draw attention to. Finance has prepared the 2025 Budget and it will be presented for vote and passage.

Be informed about JOY,

Ray Ihlenburg, President, JOY Church Council

INTERN'S CORNER



Greetings from Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

November? You have got to be kidding me. As time goes by, I realize the importance of how much we need each other. How we need each other's support, either by prayer and/or at times helping hands. This time of year, brings some of us into thinking about many memories of our childhood, our youth, our married years, and family gatherings. The time between Thanksgiving -Christmas we sometimes lose our focus. We can still remember, but we must acknowledge how God is still present in our lives and how He has blessed us by giving His Son to us for the forgiveness of sin.

This is also a good time to plan to attend our Wednesday Advent Services. This year's theme proves to be a prayerful Advent Season for all.

Let us pray:

“Good and Gracious God, hear the prayer of your servants as we prepare for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ.”

Amen.

Peace be with you all,

Bob

COUNCIL



**JOY will be holding its'
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

9:30 AM—in the SANCTUARY

Election of Council Members

and voting on the

2025 Budget will take place.

**All members are asked to
attend and cast their vote.**

WELCA NEWS

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Event scheduled Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Ticket sales will begin before and after church services on November 17, 2024.

Watch for more details to come and a notice on the bulletin board.

Our musical entertainment will be provided by Patricia Gates of the Way.

Plan to come and enjoy the fellowship, the meal and the entertainment.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY | FIRST READING | PSALM | SECOND READING | GOSPEL |
|---------|---------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| NOV. 3 | ISAIAH | PSALM | REVELATION | JOHN |
| | 25:6-9 | 24 | 21:1-6a | 11:32-44 |
| NOV. 10 | 1 KINGS | PSALM | HEBREWS | MARK |
| | 17:8-16 | 146 | 9:24-28 | 12:38-44 |
| NOV. 17 | DANIEL | PSALM | HEBREWS | MARK |
| | 12:1-3 | 16 | 10:11-25 | 13:1-8 |
| NOV. 24 | DANIEL | PSALM | REVELATION | JOHN |
| | 7:9-10, 13-14 | 93 | 1:4b-8 | 18:33-37 |



OUTREACH MINISTRY

DIGNITY ROASTERS COFFEE COMING SOON

The mission of Wear Gloves is to serve, teach, and advocate for the distressed with dignity not dependency. Wear Gloves fosters self-sufficiency and independence. Their clients gain access to necessities while learning valuable budgeting skills and the importance of self-provision. Wear Gloves shows distressed members how to be productive members of our community through workforce readiness training, earning valuable certifications, and resume building. (Source Wear Gloves handout undated)

Dignity Roasters is an integral component of the Wear Gloves workforce. Wear Gloves operates a coffee shop and coffee sales operation. Coffee beans are roasted by Wear Gloves employees at their facility in downtown Ocala and delivered to their commercial customers. Joy will be offering a sneak preview Sunday November 10th. Smell the aroma and take time before and/or after church service to sip a cup of coffee. Then Sunday November 17th coffee sales will take place between services and after the 11 o'clock service. Remember coffee makes a delicious Christmas gift and supports a wonderful cause. If you have questions, please contact Joy Olsen at 561-758-2092.



LOOKING AHEAD TOWARD DECEMBER!!



- 1. WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: “WATCH, WAIT, AND WONDER” -
beginning with fellowship and light refreshments at 4:30
DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, and 18TH**

- 2, “JOY!Formation” for new folks/prospective members:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 10TH, AND 17TH AT 10:00 in SWENSON
HALL
We will receive new members on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND.**

- 3. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP – 4:00 AND 6:00**

- 4. CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10:00**

- 5. DECEMBER 29TH – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00**

- 6. SUNDAY, JAN. 12TH – BISHOP PEDRO SUAREZ will be here to
celebrate the 30th anniversary of the dedication of our Sanctuary.
There will be a reception for him and his wife Aura Saturday
evening. Time TBD.**

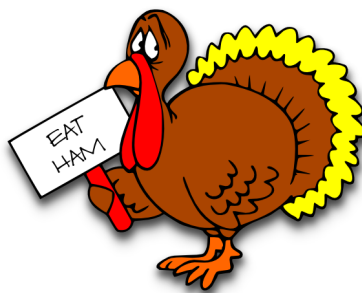
"EARLY BIRD SPECIAL" JOY LUNCHEON

Come join us for an "Early Bird Special" Luncheon on Sunday, November 24, 2024 in Swenson Hall. The luncheon will immediately follow our 11:00 am worship service.

Let's get a jump on the turkey. Enjoy some time with friends. Why not invite a friend to worship with you and treat them to lunch?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and in Swenson Hall. Let us know how many are coming to make sure we have enough for all.



Timber Ridge Angel Tree:

It is that time of year again, when we think of the people who spend the holidays alone, and often forgotten. Our Angel Tree for the residents of Timber Ridge will be set up in the Narthex the week of November 11th. We are getting 45 names from Timber Ridge this year. (We ran out of them last year.) We are starting early to make sure everyone has time to pick up their gifts and get them back in time to deliver them to the residence.

Things are a little different this year. Each angel will have a number. On the table near the tree will be a sheet listing each angel #. When you select your angel, please sign your name and phone number next to the corresponding number on the sheet. When you bring the gift back, we ask you to mark the date you returned it on the sheet. This way we can make sure we get all the angels back. (Unfortunately last year some did not make it back in time.)

Please remember to wrap your gift and affix the angel to the outside.

Gifts are due back no later than December 8, 2024.

Thank you for your generosity.



ALTAR ANGELS

As we enter the season of Advent we turn our thoughts and hearts to the preparation of the coming of our Lord Jesus. As part of this celebration we will beautify our church and decorate the altar with lovely Christmas Poinsettia plants.

This Christmas we will order 60 plants. If you wish to order a plant please fill out the form (PRINT) attached with a check or cash for the amount shown and place it in the offertory plate.

The forms for the Poinsettia plants will be in the Narthex from November 10 to November 24, 2024. Let us make this a joyful Christmas and fill our church with beautiful plants to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts.

In His Love, Vicki Valli



POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR JOY



The Altar Guild would like to invite you to provide a lovely plant for the Christmas altar decorating again this year. Poinsettias will be \$ 11.00 each. Please enclose your check or cash, with this form in an envelope and return them by no later than December 8th. They will be available "By Order Only". (We are ordering 60 plants, on a first come, first serve basis.)

(Please PRINT all information below.)

of plants ordered _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Given By _____

In Memory of _____

Do you wish to take the plants home?

Circle One: Yes No

The Poinsettias not taken home will be given to the sick and shut-ins of the congregation.





HÉLÈNE NICOLE RICHARD

DAVID TEMPLE

La Vie Ensemble performs at Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday, November 17 at 3pm

7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala FL 34476
Freewill Offering

Join La Vie Ensemble for an unforgettable afternoon of music at Joy Lutheran Church! Husband and wife duo Hélène Nicole Richard and David Temple will share their powerful message of love, unity, and healing through their musical styles ranging from classical, to folk, to French-Canadian. With selections from their upcoming debut album, “La Vie Ensemble,” including favorites like “The Faith Song” and “Wayfaring Stranger,” this is a Sunday afternoon event you won’t want to miss. Hélène Nicole is an acclaimed singer-songwriter hailing from Quebec, and David is an accomplished American composer and classical guitarist.

www.helenenicole.com/lavieensemble 🎵❤️

**The two of you create such a soothing atmosphere! It's a rare thing! Gentleness, hope, faith, joy, love... We need more of that in our world!
Good luck! Suzanne**

**They say Hélène Nicole has the voice of an angel, but I say she has the ability to give us an open-hearted experience.
Lise Dextrateur, house concert hostess June 2024**

DID YOU KNOW?**INTERFAITH**

It has come to our attention that some of the new Joy members may not be aware of the **JOY FOOD CABINET** located in the narthex. Joy members can drop off non-food perishable items which are delivered monthly to the Interfaith Food Pantry, 435 NW 2nd Street in Ocala. Interfaith was created by the local faith-based community to ensure those in distress are cared for.

Requested items include:

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| Canned meats | Canned vegetables | Canned fruits & juices |
| Canned beans | Peanut Butter & Jelly | Pasta & Rice |
| Cereal | Crackers | Pet food & supplies |
| Paper products | Personal Hygiene items | |

Please check that expiration dates are still valid.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Doreen Robinson.

The cabinet is located on the right side of the Sanctuary Doors.

ELECTIONS & VOTING

Leading up to Election Day, Nov. 5th:

Jesus lived in a real place in a real time. The Roman government, religious institutions, revolutionaries and fanatics – Jesus had to navigate that sea.

Jesus refused to become a pawn in any political power play.

He challenged EVERYONE'S partisan beliefs.

God is not a Republican or a Democrat.

Be careful about “speaking for God”.

Vote your conscience. Respect others for voting theirs.



1. CLOCKS ARE SET BACK ON NOV. 3, 2024

**2. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV. 10,
2024-9:30**


**3. ELECTION DAY NOV. 5th: OFFICE IS OPEN
SWENSON HALL IS A VOTING SITE—NOT AVAILABLE
FOR CHURCH USE**

4. THANKSGIVING NOV. 28 OFFICE IS CLOSED

November



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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <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. <i>Thank You</i></p> </div> | | | | | <p>1 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p> <p>Ed Owen Celebration of Life 1P</p> | <p>2 Worship & Music 1:00 PM</p> |
| <p>3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM</p> <p>Bible Study-9:45</p> | <p>4 Time 4 Prayer-9AM Member Care 2:30</p> | <p>5 ELECTION DAY Beginner's Bible Study (N) 11 AM</p> | <p>6 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p> | <p>7 LMM 9:15 AM Christian Ed-11 AM Publicity 2 PM Stewardship 3P Brick City Ringers 6:30 PM</p> | <p>8 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p> | <p>9 Garage Clean Up 9 am</p> |
| <p>10 Worship Svc 8:15 & 11 AM</p> <p>Congregational Meeting 9:30 AM</p> | <p>11 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry 9:30</p> | <p>12 Property 10 AM Beginner's Bible Study 11AM Finance 1 PM Tutoring 3-5 p</p> | <p>13 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p> | <p>14 TIDINGS DEADLINE Outreach 2 PM Council Exec Bd 3 PM</p> <p>Brick City Ringers 6:30 PM</p> | <p>15 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM</p> <p>LaVie Concert 3 pm</p> | <p>18 Time 4 Prayer 9 am WELCA-11:30 AM</p> | <p>19 Beginner's Bible Study 11A Council 1 PM Tutoring 3-5 p</p> | <p>20 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p> | <p>21 Brick City Ringers 6:30 pm</p> | <p>22 TOPS-7:30A Bell Choir 10 A</p> | <p>23 SANCTUARY CLEAN UP 9 AM</p> |
| <p>24 Worship Svcs 8:15 & 11 AM</p> <p>Bible Study-9:45 Early Bird Special Lunch 12:15PM</p> | <p>25 Time 4 Prayer 9 am Stephen Ministry—9:30 A</p> | <p>26 Beginner's Bible Study 11A Tutoring 3-5 p</p> | <p>27 Joyful Hands 9:30 Happy Hands-9:30 Choir 3:30 PM SVC 5:30 PM</p> | <p>28 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>29 Interfaith Dinner</p> | <p>30 Chrismon Tree Set Up 9 AM</p> <p>Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 2 PM</p> |
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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

S. W. 83rd Place



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Paddock Downs Homes

4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484