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**As the Call Committee moves the process forward for a new minister, there is much to be done around the church.**

Classrooms and meeting spaces need to be cleaned out, possibly even a new coat of paint. I will commit to showing up for work days and hope each of you will as well. If we all pitch in, it shouldn't be such a daunting task.

The property committee has set a clean-up day in the spring, usually ahead of Easter. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have ideas, please feel free to share with your new council.

With Easter on your mind, we will have weekly Lenten services. As for meals ahead of the weekly gathering, it will depend on the interest of the congregation.

There are new and exciting plans for 2024, beginning with the Mardi Gras party following service on Feb. 11.

Hope to see you there,  
Lynn Jacobsen

***Joy Annual Meeting Sunday, January 28, 2024***

***10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
After 9:30 a.m. Worship***



**Mardi Gras Luncheon February 11, 2024  
Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**You are invited to attend a Mardi Gras Luncheon!** An afternoon of feasting and celebration that comes just before the sacrifices and fasting of the Lenten season in the Christian faith. We will celebrate with red beans & rice, cornbread, and the king cake. Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. Come and join us for a fun afternoon! If you want to help with this event, please contact Carol Rowe, [carolrowe@cox.net](mailto:carolrowe@cox.net) or 918-691-6562.



# ASH

## WEDNESDAY



February 14, 2024

Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Worship and  
Imposition of Ashes

### *2024 Liturgical Dates through Easter*

Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, February 11

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Lent begins Sunday, February 18

Palm Sunday, March 24

Easter Sunday, March 31







Born in  
**January**

**HAPPY**  
anniversary

**AND**

*Happy February Anniversary*  
Carol & Robert Bird 2/21



*Happy Birthday  
January/ February*

Nannette Reyes	1/17
Evie Norford	1/18
Janice Lovelace	1/20
David Van Stine	1/25
Catherine King	1/29
Brenda Baker	2/2
Mary Jane Halley	2/5
Carol Rowe	2/18
David Beymer	2/27



*Ash Wednesday is Wednesday,  
February 14th*

*Valentine's Day is Wednesday,  
February 14th*

*Monday, February 19th we  
celebrate Presidents Day.*

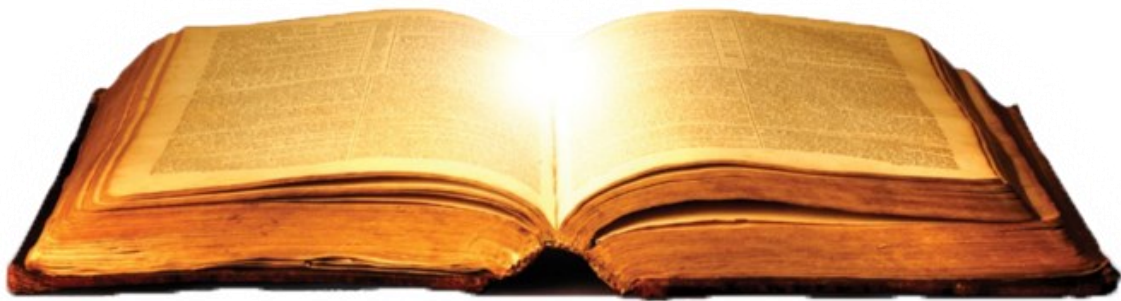


Esther Circle meets on **Thursday,**

February 8th at 10:30 a.m.

**Esther Circle Bible Study for 2024 is moving to Thursday mornings.** Please join us in the fellowship hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Susan Humphrey will lead Bible Study.

We plan to go out for lunch after Bible study if you would like to join us!



### Joy Lydia Quilters

The Lydia quilters meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30. We bring a sack lunch.

Some people come and work on their own craft projects & enjoy the company!! Come on down!!

Our hands to God's work!



### Youth and Adult Sunday School

The adult class, led by Rev. Lawrence meets in Fellowship Hall. Youth Sunday School led by Jamie Donohue meets in SS Classroom # 103.



# Joy Ladies Christmas Tea

The ladies at Joy gathered together for food and hot drinks of all kinds as we listened to an opening devotion and enjoyed one another's fellowship right before Christmas. Thanks to Carol Rowe and Susan Humphrey for organizing the morning of food and fellowship.

It was also a great service morning as everyone was encouraged to bring items for the blue Star Mothers annual Christmas Drive. The Blue Star mothers were so very appreciative and what an honor to contribute items to our troops overseas at Christmas Time.

Dear Joy Lutheran Church,

**Thank you** for supporting Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers with generous donations that were brought by today. Our sons and daughters will really appreciate all of the items that you gave us. Thank you again!

Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers—  
Peggy Hardy









## Call Committee Corner

Stay tuned to what's happening each month in this CCC.

### Members

Susan Humphrey-Chair  
Dan Norford-Co-chair/Scribe  
Bonnie Peters — Deb Lovelace  
Kathryn Daniel — Ione Allison  
Nick Conger

Please keep us all in your prayers.



### Joy Call Committee Report for Annual Meeting

Call Committee Members: Ione Allison, Nick Conger, Kathryn Daniel, Susan Humphrey, Deb Lovelace, Daniel Norford, Bonnie Peters

Joy's Call Committee has been diligently at work learning both the ELCA Call Process and determining the desires and needs of Joy Lutheran Church. We have solicited information from current, past and non-worshipping members. We have been looking at past annual reports, current neighborhood statistics and Joy's constitution.

We are first tasked with preparing a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will be approved by the congregation and then distributed to potential Pastoral Candidates. The MSP is taking shape with several sections complete and several more in process. Information which includes; Joy's Purpose, Giftedness, Mission and Vision are all part of the MSP. One section asks us to describe both the gifts for ministry and the style of leadership that we require in a leader. The congregation will be polled for this section both in a Temple Talk and by phone. The new Joy Council will be preparing the financial package portion of the MSP. The congregations' input and approval for the completed MSP will be forthcoming after Easter. When all is complete the MSP goes to the Bishop for final approval and distribution. The next step for the Call Committee includes Candidate interviews and selection. The candidate will then be presented to the congregation for acceptance. Your input, observations and thoughts are valuable.

Feel free to contact any member of the CC with information or questions. And please continue to hold the members of this committee and the discernment of this process in your prayers.

The Joy Call Committee

## Joy Choir

Joy Lutheran Choir is meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 and going to start singing music at services twice a month. Our rehearsal lasts around an hour and we can use all the voices and talents that are available. During the Lenten Wednesday evening services, the choir will meet immediately after worship. **ALL are welcome!**



# Joy Outreach

## ***Joy's Food Chest for the Jenks Community Food Bank***

**Current requested items as of 1-11-24**

**CEREAL**

**canned tomatoes of all kinds**

**Soups (no chicken noodle)**

**“Helping to feed those in need”**

36 pounds of food from Joy to the Jenks Community Food Bank was delivered on December 9th.

29 pounds of food from Joy to the Jenks Community Food Bank was delivered on December 16th.

Thank you Joy members that contribute and thank you to Michael Mueller for delivery several times each month!



## ***Operation Hope Prison Ministry Mission Statement***

**To provide services to the men, women and children impacted by incarceration. We offer support to this population to lower recidivism rates and the incidence of first-time offenders among their children, ultimately reducing the crime and violence that threaten neighborhoods and families.**

Items needed for families and individuals coming out of prison and getting back into the community.

Deodorant - Shampoo  
Conditioner - Body lotion  
Moisturizers - Bar soap  
Shower gels - Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste

Thank you Joy members that contribute items every month!

# Finance Report



## Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Joy Lutheran Church Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday evening, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

## Financial Report

Following is the financial summary of contributions and expenses for the month of .

### November 2023

### 01 January-YTD 2023

Giving	11,322	145,424
Expense	9,105	160,845
Income (Loss)	2,217	(15,421)

### December 2023

### 01 January-YTD 2023

Giving	11,493	156,917
Expense	12,541	173,386
Income (Loss)	(1,048)	(16,469)







**Our next monthly Joy Council meeting is Sunday, February 18th  
immediately after Worship.**

**2023 Joy Lutheran Council:**

(L to R)

**Lynn Jacobsen - President**

**Open - Vice President**

**Sara Richers - Secretary**

**David Humphrey - Treasurer**

**Eleanore Beymer**

**Brenda Baker**

**Nancy Sies - *Not Pictured***

**Church Staff:**

**Reverend Bob Lawrence: Interim Supply Pastor**

**Catherine Conger — Director of Music**

**Sarah Smith — Office Manager**

**Church Office Hours: Mon.—Thur. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Church office phone: 918-299-3292**