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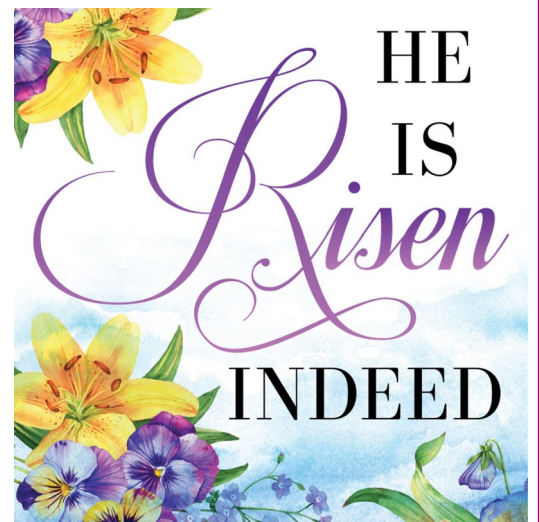
*“Celebrating and
Sharing the Love
of Jesus Christ”*

Spring is on the horizon, some might say it is already here. With it comes thoughts of spring cleaning. - both inside and outside our church. I ask our members to take a stroll throughout our property to help the Council compile a list of improvements you would like to see before we invite a candidate for our ministry call.

It's going to take each of us to get our property in shape. I am hopeful everyone will be willing to pitch in whether it's cleaning out a file cabinet, pulling weeds, whatever the need.

I also would ask that each of you evaluate our church, our path forward. If you have ideas or suggestions of how to attract new members or improve our presence in South Tulsa, please share.

Lynn Jacobsen



**March 10th
@ 2:00 a.m.**



2024 Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m., March 28

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m. March 29

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Brunch at 10:45 a.m.

**Easter Brunch
March 31, 2024
10:45 am in Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to join us for a glorious Easter Brunch! You may bring a breakfast casserole, fruit, cinnamon rolls or your favorite goodie!

We will be setting up in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work!!

MARCH



Happy March Anniversary
Lisa and Keith Ryan
3/21



Happy March Birthday

Vernon Constien	3/1
Mark Guild	3/3
TJ Helm	3/9
Norm Dake	3/13
Auverne Raatz	3/13
Edwin Snyder II	3/16
Nancy Sies	3/17
Kailan Helm	3/18
Marcia Holland	3/21
Dorothy Constien	3/22
Randy Dorr	3/24
Bill Bryant	3/28

New/Refresher Mah Jong classes will begin on Friday, April 5 through May 5, 9-12 a.m.

Classes are no cost to Joy Members!! Class size will be from 4 to 12 people. After the training classes, you will be welcome to play on the continuing Friday's. Questions or to register contact Katherine Tooley. Registration deadline is April 2, 2024.

To Joy Lutheran Members I am a Notary Public and Joy Member

I would be more than happy to volunteer to be a Notary on any Joy member's behalf. You may email me at cjallen011@gmail.com for assistance.

Connie Allen



Don't see your celebration listed above? Contact the church office with the dates of any Birthdays and/or Anniversaries not included in this listing and they will be included next year.

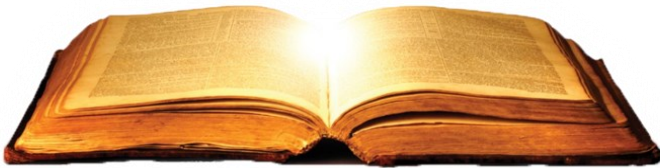
Esther Circle meets on **Thursday,**

March 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Esther Circle Bible Study for 2024 is moving to Thursday mornings. Our study will be used from the Gather Magazine. This month we are on session three; Scripture and nature:

Teachers of faith by Sara Olson-Smith.
Rivers: Springs of life and hope Fresh water. Most of life on our planet depends on it, and the story of God's saving work flows alongside it, through stories of biblical rivers that offer a vision of flourishing creation. Together we'll journey from the rivers in Eden to prophetic springs

in the desert, and from Jesus' baptism at the river Jordan to the crystalline river of life in Revelation. We'll discover how rivers are sites of healing restoration, identity and imagination. Please join us in the fellowship hall on the second Thursday 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!



Dear Joy Lutheran Church Quilters,

Knowing we have allies and friends like you during our clients' times in need provide us with such gratitude. **Thank you** so very much for your generous in-kind gift of **quilts for our children and families in need.**

It is beneficial to helping us provide the services that our clients need and helping us to restore children's well-being, heal victims of abuse, strengthen individuals and families and provide hope and recovery for adults suffering from mental illness and addiction.

Best,

Tom Taylor, Chief Development Officer

Family & Children's Services

(Pictured to the left is a car full of infant and children quilts.)

JOY'S MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

SOLICITING GRANT REQUESTS

At the quarterly meeting of the Joy Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) committee on February 19, 2024, grant proposals and requests would be considered for approval at the committee's next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2024. Grant requests need to be received no later than April 20, 2024.

Grant proposals/requests must fit within one or more of the categories listed below for consideration by the Joy MEF committee. These included individuals and non-profits from the local Tulsa / regional area, special projects from the ELCA Synod where our congregation resides, ELCA churchwide ministries, and ministry initiatives within the immediate congregation.

In addition, the MEF committee is asking for donations to the fund from interested Joy congregants and other Tulsans/foundations to further advance the mission and ministry of the church. Committee members include Dorothy Constien and Barbara James, officers are Carol Rowe-Chair, Carol Bird-Financial Secretary, and Roger Meyer-Secretary.

You may access the grant proposal/requests form on the Joy Lutheran website at www.JoyLutheranTulsa.org and click Resources and Mission Endowment Fund. You may also contact the church office and request the form. All grant proposals should be mailed or delivered to Carol Rowe or the church office for consideration by April 20, 2024. Questions can be directed to anyone on the Joy MEF committee.

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.



After extensive reflection and prayer and the polling of the congregation, the Call Committee is finally at the point of drafting the official version of the Ministry Site Profile! Based on the responses of the congregation, we are especially focused on finding a candidate who will both tend to the needs of the congregation (pastoral care and teaching) and reach out to the surrounding communities to spread the hope of God's grace. We thank the congregation for their feedback and patience and hope that everyone who has questions or concerns won't hesitate to get in touch with any member of the committee.

As always, we welcome all of your prayers and support as we continue to work towards finding a new pastor for Joy!

The Joy Call Committee



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 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!**



*These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services: Enjoy!*

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the
Water'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale.
It's a chance to get rid of those things
not worth keeping around the house.
Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off
- let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way
again', giving obvious pleasure to the
congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know
it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight,
the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Joy Outreach



Joy's Food Chest for the Jenks Community Food Bank Current requested items as of 2-29-24

Canned Fruit—Canned Chicken

Pasta Sauce—Tomato Soup

Jelly

“Helping to feed those in need”

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

20 January 2024: 49 pounds

03 February 2024: 29 pounds

17 February 2024: 11 pounds

Dear Friends at Joy Lutheran,

The Jenks Community Food Bank would like to thank your congregation for your food donations throughout the past year.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of the Food Bank and the families in the Jenks Public School District who are less fortunate. Your donations help us continue to provide grocery service to these families, Your donations in **2023 totaled over 900 pounds.**

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pam Newburn

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

Finance Report

Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Joy Lutheran Church Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday evening, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

Financial Report: The financial summary of contributions and expenses for the month of January.



	January 2024	01 January-YTD 2024
Giving	30,953	30,953
Expense	10,224	10,224
Income (Loss)	20,729	20,729



David Humphrey having fun with the SkyJack machine changing the narthex light fixtures, and doing some Spring cleaning!





**Our next monthly Joy Council meeting is Sunday, March 17th
immediately after Worship.**

2024 Joy Lutheran Council:

(L to R)

Lynn Jacobsen - President

Sara Richers - Vice President

Brenda Baker - Secretary

David Humphrey - Treasurer

Donna Gould

Nancy Sies (Not pictured)

Michelle Staedeli

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



ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD

God's Grace In Motion

2024 Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Assembly

The Assembly will begin Friday, May 3rd at 2 p.m.
and concludes Sunday, May 5th at 3 p.m.

Lila Martini & Deanna Rabara will represent Joy.

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