

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

JOY

"Celebrating and Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ"

The Christmas season is upon us.

There will be shopping, wrapping of packages, gatherings, spending time with family and friends. Advent reminds us the true meaning is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This year, in particular, it all seems a little rushed - at least for me. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my Joy family for all that you mean to me. It is so refreshing and rewarding attending services with my church family.

As we continue to work toward eventually finding a permanent pastor, I am thankful and grateful for the presence of Rev. Bob Lawrence. I think everyone would agree he has made this migration as seamless as possible. Having a talented music director in Catherine Conger has allowed me as council president to focus on other areas knowing she is on top of that part of our worship.

Sarah Smith plays a significant role in our day-to-day operations despite her ongoing health concerns. She is a beam of light and we are lucky to have her.

And finally, I am grateful the members of this congregation.

Merry Christmas and God bless,

Lynn Jacobsen

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Worship

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight



Joy Advent Events

Wednesdays Advent Services
December 6th - 13th - 20th
at 6:45 p.m.

Supper at 6:15 p.m. (Please sign up at
the Welcome Center)

Choir Practice at 7:15 p.m.



*Our Advent Wednesday Offerings this year will be for
ELCA Good Gifts to those in need of sustainability.*

We would like to be able to gift a Cow which is \$500.00, a Rooster which is \$15.00 and Chicks for \$10.00.

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of calcium-packed milk each day. A family can receive the nutrition they need and also start a small business selling extra milk, cheese and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

Add a rooster to the chicken coop, and help the farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market.

Help a family spread their wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals — they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.



December 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A VIRTUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation provided. The service takes place at 7 p.m. CST on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Go to [Women of the ELCA.org](https://www.womenoftheelca.org) and register. Click on Events, scroll down to Virtual Blue Christmas.



From the staff at Joy Lutheran Church, we
all wish you a safe and joyful Christmas &
New Year's!

The church office will be closed from
December 24th through Wednesday,
December 27th

--In Christ's Peace,
Reverend Bob, Catherine & Sarah



Just Kidding!



Happy December Birthday!

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Eileen Guild | 12/1 |
| Tom Russell | 12/3 |
| Richard Lokes | 12/4 |
| Cindy Rogers | 12/9 |
| Katherine Tooley | 12/9 |
| Sandy Gardner | 12/10 |
| Barbara Parnell | 12/10 |
| Shirley Fanslau | 12/11 |
| Dale Beymer | 12/12 |
| Margaret Butler-Disney | 12/19 |
| Michael Mueller | 12/20 |
| Greta Mueller | 12/21 |
| Ann Bailey | 12/27 |
| Bob Allison | 12/30 |



Happy December Anniversary!

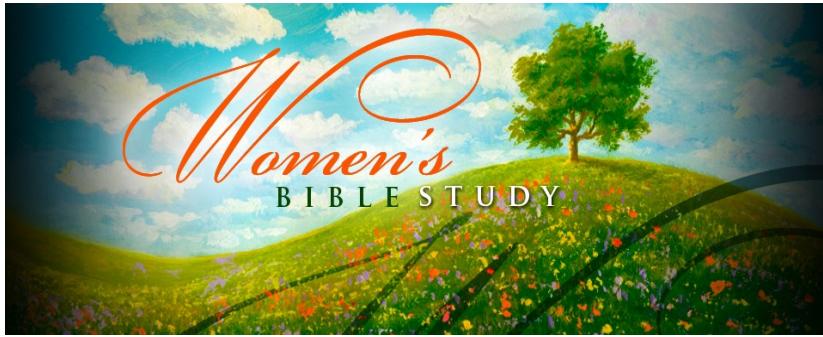
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| Bob & Catherine King | 12/1 |
| Jamie & Ron Donohue | 12/19 |
| Eleanore & Dale Beymer | 12/28 |
| Joan & Mark Olsen | 12/30 |

Joy November Paint Party Photos



A wonderful time of fellowship and getting our creative side flowing!. Thank you Susan Humphrey for leading us and making this such a fun occasion.





**No Bible Study in
December!**

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!

Greetings from Our quilting Group!

We are attempting to raise funds to keep this group going. We provide baby and lap quilts for Family & Children's Services, Hospice groups, Oaks Indian Mission, Family Promise and Joy. Much of the fabrics and findings are donated by our members.

The cost of materials that are purchased: padding/stuffing, threads, yarns, backing twin sheets and trim have gone up significantly which is why we are offering the quilt auction. A roll of padding is well-over \$100.00 and doesn't last long.

Your help in building up our account would be greatly appreciated. Please ask Carol Rowe or Catherine King any questions as well as how to donate backing sheets & fabrics.

Thank you, all



Joy Quilting Members, one former member, (LeAnn Hicks who spent the morning) and enjoyed a potluck salad luncheon and goodies!

Also Sarah who very gladly joined the girls and their fellowship.

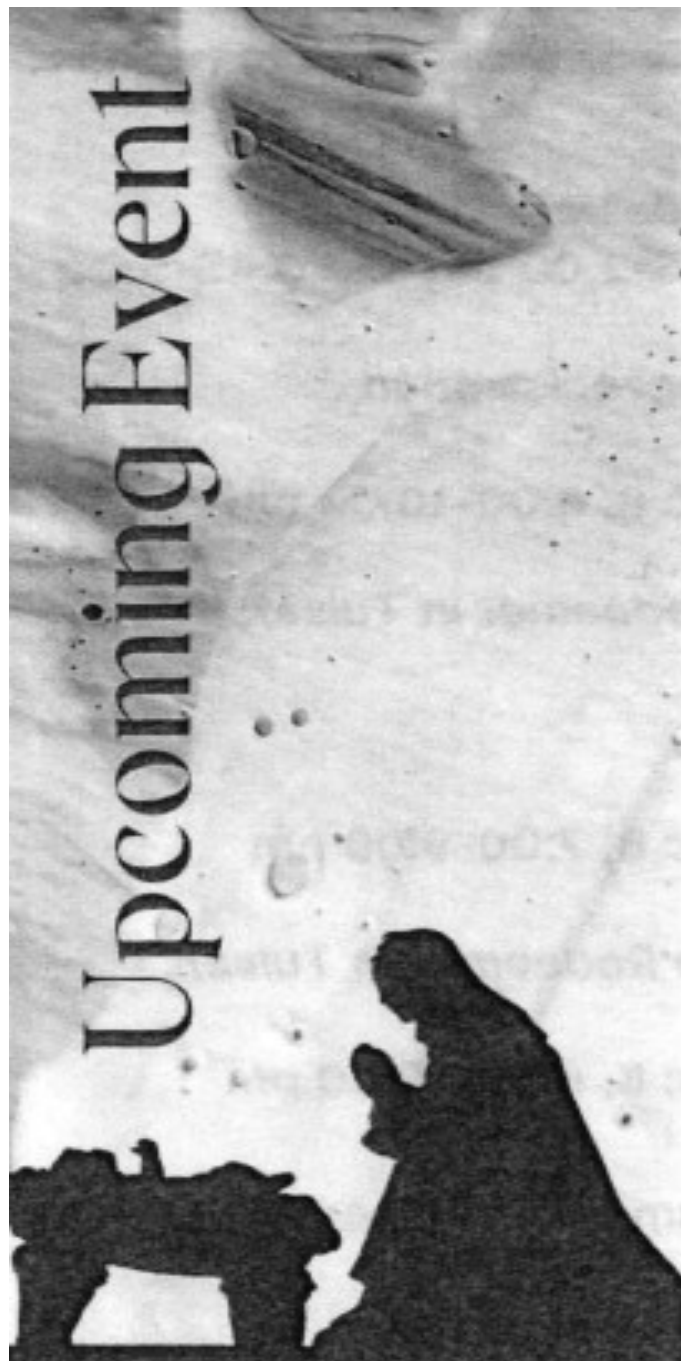
101st Presentation of Tulsa Area Lutheran Messiah

Sunday, December 10, 2023

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

2550 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK 74136



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.



To the member of Joy Lutheran Church, Newsletter Blurb for November 12 Meeting

To Our Church Family at Joy,

The Call Committee began session 3 for the process of drafting the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), focusing especially on where we think the energy of Joy comes from. The Committee continued to reflect upon the congregation's answers to the survey questions as we worked towards drafting a purpose statement. Our focus at this time is remaining true to Joy's vision of itself and how best to act out that vision in the context of surrounding communities and Tulsa as a whole.

As always, we rely on the power of the holy spirit and the congregation's prayers. The Committee intends to meet on December 3 to work in earnest on the MSP.

Dan Norford, Co-chair

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.

NO Youth SS on December 10th, 24th or 31st.



Joy Outreach

Joy's Food Chest for the Jenks Community Food Bank

Current requested items:

Peanut butter, jelly (no glass jars), mac & cheese (shell type that requires no milk or butter), soup of any kind, cans of chicken, cereal, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes.

“Helping to feed those in need”

On 04 November Michael Mueller took 18 pounds of food from Joy to the Jenks Community Food Bank, on 18 November 21 pounds, and on 22 November 12 pounds of food to the Jenks Community Food Bank.

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!

BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS



ABANDONED
Rom. 8:38-39



AFRAID
Josh. 1:9



ANGRY
James 1:19-20



ANXIOUS
John 14:27



ASHAMED
Psalm 34:4-5



BETRAYED
John 15:18-21



BITTER
Eph. 4:31-32



BORED
Col. 3:23-24



CONFUSED
John 14:26



CRITICAL
Matt. 7:1-5



DEPRESSED
Psalm 34:17-18



DESPERATE
Psalm 91:14-16



DISAPPOINTED
Rom. 8:28



DISCOURAGED
Gal. 6:9



DOUBTFUL
Prov. 3:5-6



EMBARRASSED
1 John 4:18



EXHAUSTED
Matt. 11:28-30



GUILTY
Rom. 3:23-24



GRIEVING
Matt. 5:4



HURT
1 Peter 2:21-23



INDECISIVE
Matt. 6:33



INSECURE
Psalm 4:6-9



IRRITATED
Prov. 21:23



JEALOUS
Heb. 13:5



LONELY
Isaiah 41:10



MISERABLE
John 3:16-17



MOODY
Rom. 12:2



RESENTFUL
1 Cor. 13:1-13



SCARED
Psalm 23:1-6



SORRY
2 Chro. 30:9



STRESSED
Psalm 55:22



TEMPTED
1 Cor. 10:13



UNLOVED
1 John 3:1



UPSET
Eph. 4:26-27



WORRIED
Phil. 4:6-7

Finance Report



Finance Committee Meeting

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

Financial Report

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

| | October 2023 | 01 January-YTD 2023 |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Giving | 8,126 | 134,799 |
| Expense | 8,838 | 151,373 |
| Income (Loss) | (712) | (16,574) |

Church Property: We are replacing part of our HVAC system on the East side of the Sanctuary after 28 years of service. The cost to replace the unit is \$11,800. Through your gracious support, we have already raised \$6,105. If you would like to support this expense, please make a special offering for the HVAC unit





Our next monthly Joy Council meeting is Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m.

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