

# JUNE NEWSLETTER



*"Celebrating and Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ"*

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD



## SAY FAREWELL

*Bishop Mike Girlinghouse*

Have you not had a chance to say farewell to Bishop Mike yet? Don't worry, you can still add a note of thanks, a memory or pictures to a kudo board in his honor. <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/0ZXdfSOH> The board will be open for people to send him notes until the end of his term, June 30.

Hope to see Terry and Mike here more often at Joy!

## Say Hello! & Welcome!

Bishop-Elect

Becca Middeke-Conlin

E-mail your welcome to

[becca@aokelca.org](mailto:becca@aokelca.org)



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*God's Grace In Motion*

## Greetings from your Council president.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

We made it through our first service post-Pastor Jon with just a few glitches. The Facebook app was not functioning, something we hope to have fixed for this week.

A big thank you to Rev. Bob Lawrence, who led us in service this past weekend. I have heard from several of you who provided feedback on the service. Yes, we will get his wireless microphone fixed. More importantly, I appreciate all the kind comments directed at Rev. Lawrence. I have had the pleasure of knowing him for 6-7 years now and I am sure as you become familiar with him, you will appreciate his diligence in the pulpit.

Our search for our next Pastor is in its infancy. The Council has a scheduled meeting with outgoing Bishop Mike and incoming Bishop Becca on Saturday, June 17 at Joy. I anticipate I will have more to share after the meeting. If you have interest in serving on the call committee, please contact any Council member.

As we migrate through this together, I may call upon some to act in a volunteer capacity. While we may be without a fulltime Pastoral leader, Joy is our church and it is up to each of us to secure our own future.

Peace,

Lynn Jacobsen



God Speed to Pastor and Sister Jennie Myers  
on their new call in Oregon!





We Welcomed Krissi, Dan and Evie Norford  
to Joy on Sunday, April 30th.

On Sunday, May 21st we welcomed Evie Norford at her  
“Recognition of First Communion”.



### *Happy June Anniversary*

- 6/5 Linda & Bryan Waytula
- 6/12 Bonnie & Ron Peters
- 6/20 Susan & David Humphrey
- 6/21 Ann & Bob Lee
- 6/21 Mary Lou & Ron Young
- 6/23 Nancy & Bob Young
- 6/26 Ethel & Doug Harmon

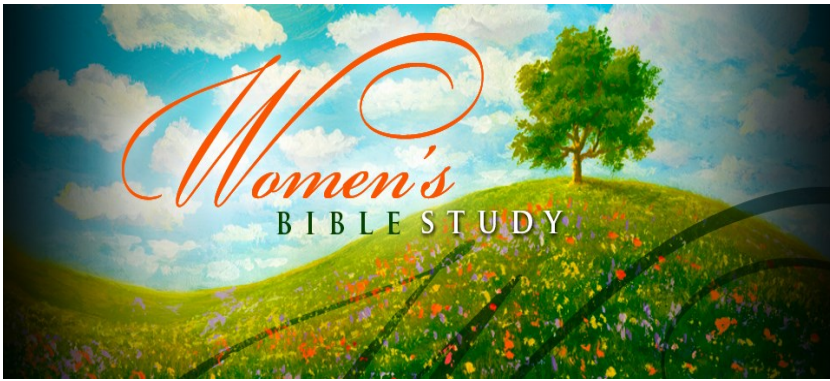


### *Happy June Birthday*

- 6/3 Bob King
- 6/8 Ron Young
- 6/9 Ron Donohue
- 6/10 Kristen Bird
- 6/12 Linda Waytula
- 6/13 Sandy Isakson
- 6/19 Joan Olsen
- 6/21 Karen White
- 6/26 Chris Bird
- 6/26 Barrett Daniel
- 6/27 Michelle Staedeli
- 6/27 Barbara Walser
- 6/28 Camden Guild
- 6/29 Linda Christy



**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. 918-299-3292**



**Esther Circle Bible Study  
Joy Lutheran Church  
June 10th at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us as we study, The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible. We will continue with the story of Jacob and Leah's daughter, Dinah.

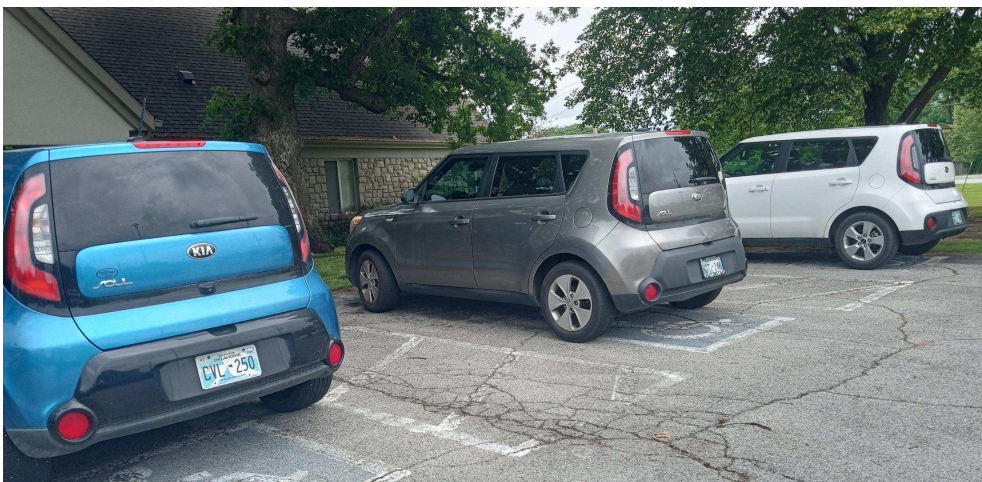
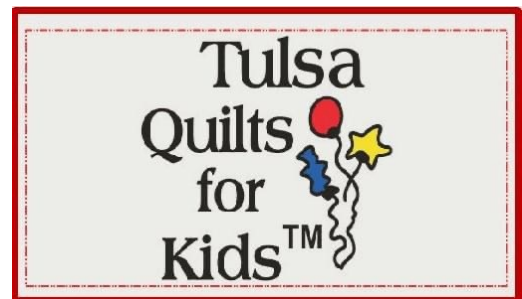
Our service project is Jenk's Community Food Bank, bring a jar of peanut butter.

If you have any questions, contact Carol [Rowe-carolrowe@cox.net](mailto:Rowe-carolrowe@cox.net)



**Lydia's Quilt Group  
will not meet on June  
21, 28th or July 5th.**

Tulsa Quilt for Kids is a charitable organization composed of volunteers creating colorful quilts for local hospitals for children. The Lydia Quilters have recently finished 12 quilts for this group and working on more!



**“Picture of the Kia Soul” quilting crew!**

Blue—Katherine

Grey— Eleanor

White—Friend, Suzy



Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service

## A Fresh Change Outreach Project through LIRS

I want to challenge everyone at Joy to get with a wonderful ELCA-wide outreach program called “A Fresh Change” through LIRS as a follow-up to the Christmas card ministry we participated in giving words of hope to love during Christmas to refugees in detention centers.

“A Fresh Change” Program through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) <https://www.lirs.org/a-fresh-change/> is simply collecting simple backpacks filled with a word of welcome and a new change of clothes—which includes (new size small or medium only) sweatshirts, sweatpants, crew or low cut socks and briefs only underwear (either for men or women). They are for those who have newly entered into LIRS’s care as immigrants and are in need of some fresh clothes. They have asked for no used clothing, no jeans, shorts leggings or images on clothing, no “no show” or calf length socks.

Joy and your friends are invited to participate together in a donation period to collect needed items towards this program. There is no specific deadline for this effort. To help make this happen financially, if there is someone who carries Thrivent Insurance who would be willing to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant or a Mission Endowment Grant with Joy please come see me and we can do some paperwork together. In the fall we will need help with organizing and packing items into backpacks.

Please look for the donation center in the narthex for drop off and further information!

Peace,

Stephanie Mueller



# Joy Lutheran Outreach

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

**Current requested items as of  
April 2023:**

**Canned milk  
jelly (no glass jars)  
Canned beans & Canned fruit,  
Canned veggies  
(No corn/green beans)  
cans of chicken  
cereal  
rice mix or pasta mix**

“Helping to feed those in need”

Thank you Joy members that  
contribute items every month!

And, thank you Michael Mueller for  
delivering the food items!

On 06 May I delivered 6 pounds of food  
to the Jenks Food Bank, and on 20 May  
21 pounds of food.

There have been a goodly number of  
paper bags placed in the food box at  
Joy. The Jenks Food Bank volunteers  
have appreciated those bags very much.  
Even if you cannot donate food items,  
the donation of paper bags greatly aids  
the work of the Jenks Food Bank.

*Michael Mueller*



## Operation Hope

### Collection of Toiletries

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 from Pr. Norm and  
Operation Hope.**





# June

## Father's Day is June 18th

A day to honor Dad. NO. Rather, it is a day to enjoy TIME with Dad and appreciate all he does for you. What Dad really wants is healthy, happy and successful kids. And, he wants you to spend a few moments with him on Father's Day. Today's life style is busy for both dads and kids. So, a little time with dad on Father's Day is just what he wants.

A Father is more than the biological paternal source of our being. He is the person who cares and provides for us. He is the man who helps to set the standards, the family values and the example. So, add to this group, step fathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad".

### Summer Solstice, June 21st.

**Did you know? The sun does not set at the North Pole today. There is 24 hours of sunlight. Does it make up for that cold day in December when the sun does not rise above the horizon at the Arctic Circle? No, but today it sure does feel good wherever you are!**

June brings the official start of summer. The arrival of the Summer Solstice brings the longest day of the year. June brings us some big holidays, too. Among them, we get Flag Day, honoring Dad on Father's Day. And, the new federal holiday of Juneteenth .

### When and What is Juneteenth? This event is always observed on June 19

Juneteenth day, a June 19 holiday, celebrates and symbolizes the end of slavery in the United States. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. It was not until June 19, 1865 that all slaves were finally freed. That concluding event was when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas with his troops and issued Order Number 3 which finally freed the last of the slaves.

The formal end of slavery was marked by the passing of the 13th amendment of the constitution.

In 2021, Juneteenth became a Federal holiday. The formal name is Juneteenth National Independence Day. It is sometimes referred to as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day. Look for the forthcoming Tulsa celebrations!

# Finance Report



## Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Joy Lutheran Church Finance Committee will be held on **Thursday evening, June 8th at 6:30 p.m.** Beginning in July we resume the 2nd Tuesday of each month. See below.

At the last finance meeting, it was agreed to resume our practice of meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Future dates are July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Report

Following is the financial summary of contributions and expenses for the month of April 2023.

	April 2023	01 January-YTD 2023
Giving	12,232	77,216
Expense	20,417	78,270
Income (Loss)	<b>(8,185)</b>	<b>(1,054)</b>





**On Saturday, June 17th the council will meet at Joy from 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. with Bishop Mike Girlinghouse and Bishop-Elect Becca Middeke-Conlin.**

**Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. is the regular monthly Joy council meeting.**

## **Our 2023 Joy Lutheran Council:**

**(L to R)**

**Lynn Jacobsen - President**

**Ann Lee - Vice President**

**Sara Richers - Secretary**

**David Humphrey - Treasurer**

**Eleanore Beymer**

**Brenda Baker**

**Nancy Sies - *Not Pictured***

### **Church Staff:**

**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**