

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



"Celebrating and Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ"

Did you know October is Clergy Appreciation Month?

And boy am I thankful for Rev. Bob Lawrence answering my call five months ago. When I was told there are few supply pastors I was a little concerned. But Bob graciously answered and accepted an invitation to come to Joy.

I think everyone would agree we couldn't have found a better person/minister to fill in as our Supply Pastor.

Rev. Lawrence has accepted more responsibility in our time of need - from leading adult Sunday School to being on-call for our members.

As a result, the Council approved a slight bump in pay. Instead of making \$150 we will be paying him \$200 a week.

Please join me and our Council in showing our appreciation for Rev. Lawrence on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Lynn Jacobsen,

Council President





Happy October Birthday!

Catherine Conger	10/1
Elsa Mueller	10/1
Matix James	10/3
Sean Guild	10/4
Connie Allen	10/5
Donna Gould	10/5
Caden Helm	10/6
Bryson Waytula	10/13
Doug Harmon	10/17
Mark Olsen	10/17
Susan Humphrey	10/20
Cathy Lokes	10/21
Carol Bird	10/23
Ann Pierce	10/23
Joyce Larsen	10/27

What Are the October Birth Flowers?

1. Cosmos is a symbol of order and balance, peace and innocence. They represent luck and have many medicinal purposes.



2. Marigolds are known for their bright colors. The common name, marigold, is a shortening of "Mary's gold." It is said to have been named for the Virgin Mary.

Marigolds have been linked to optimism and prosperity, cheer and joy, love and strong emotions, wealth and success.



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 Practice Begins!

Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.
through Wednesday, October 4th.

Choir will sing Sunday October 8 (last
rehearsal on October 4)

Tentative date for choir practice to resume is
Wednesday, November 15th or 22nd.

Catherine will be gone Sunday, October
15th, 22nd, October 29th, November 5th and
November 12th.

Reformation Sunday is October 29th



"I know we're trying not to be stuffy around here,
but let's not refer to 'A Mighty Fortress' as
'Martin Luther's Greatest Hit.' "



Lydia Quilt Group

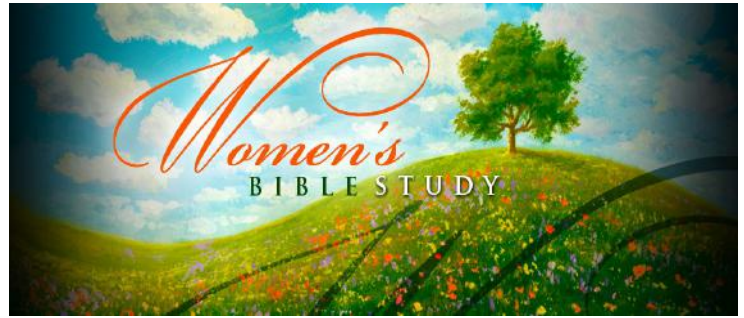
Suzy Prather has donated 2 quilts for the Lydia Quilt Group for a silent auction. At this time we will auction the queen size quilt that is hand pieced and machine quilted.

Suzy has collected quilts for years and loved them. Since she has moved, she has had to weed out her "stash" and only keep single bed or lap quilts. The Lydia Quilt Group will start the silent auction on September 10th. The quilt will be on display in Fellowship Hall. Please donate generously to win this quilt and/or support your hard working Lydia Quilt Group who make quilts for Grace Hospice and Emergency Infant Services.

FYI: Grace Hospice really appreciated the Americana themed quilts for their veterans!!!



Down the Garden Path made by Suzy's mother-in-law for her son and herself, with mostly fabric furnished by her family. There was a bunch of fabric reminding her of favorite dresses, so Suzy really looked forward to having it. It was made over a number of years, being enlarged several times, all by hand and the top finally done. The quilt top stayed unfinished for 2 years until our family had it machine quilted. Suzy was never able to use it so she enjoyed displaying it on a quilt rack. So enjoy it on your queen bed, an antique before it was even completed!



No Esther Circle Bible Study for the month of October. Join us at Bishop Becca's Installation on Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 a.m.



**Blessing of Baby Quilts
on Sunday, September 10th!
Thank you to our
Joy Lydia Quilters.**

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.

If you have not had a chance to fill out Joy's Ministry Profile, we ask you to fill out the form below and return to the office or a call committee member. The form is also at the Welcome Center.

Joy's Call Committee needs your help!

We have begun the process of compiling Joy's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will be the document candidates interested in becoming our next Pastor will view. It is important that we have your participation in this process. Please take a moment to answer the following two questions and place your response papers/cards in the offering plate. This is the first of several opportunities you will have to help shape the MSP. Thanks you for participating in this discernment process.

What, in particular, drew you to Joy Lutheran Church?

What do you feel is Joy's purpose?

Joy Lutheran Outreach

Joy's Food Chest for the Jenks Community Food Bank

On 09 September the Joy Lutheran donation to the Jenks Community Food Bank was 29 pounds.

On 16 September the Joy Lutheran donation to the Jenks Community Food Bank was 47 pounds.

Current requested items as of September (October item list was not available) 2023:

Cereal, canned pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables (except green beans), **Brown paper grocery bags, Reasors & Braums**

“Helping to feed those in need”

Thank you Joy members that contribute items every month and thank you Michael Mueller for delivery!

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 Operation Hope.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Greetings, all! It's that time of year again, summer into fall into winter. Please think about donating clothing items for Homeless Adults and for the Jenks schools.

ADULTS:

New or gently used sweatshirts or long sleeved tee shirts

New or gently used hats, scarves, mittens
NEW tube socks

Sizes medium thru 3xlarge

CHILDREN:

New or gently used sweatshirts and/or long sleeved tees

New or gently used hats, scarves, mittens

NEW SOCKS: anklets or knee or tube type
Sizes kids 6 thru adult XL



Adult items may be placed in the GREEN round tub in the Narthex. Children's items may be placed in the rectangular tub also in the Narthex as well. We also collect adult gently used shoes.



**A Picture is Worth a
Thousand Words!**

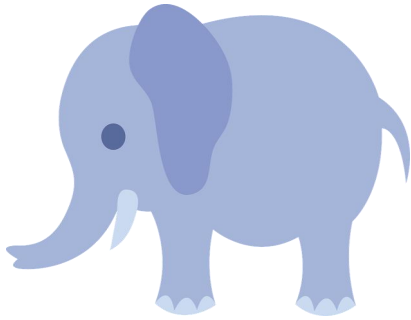
A lovely Day celebrating new baby boy Conger arriving in October with fellowship, yummy snacks, gifts and so much Joy!

Nick, Canon & Catherine!





Joy members and guests enjoying the Conger Baby shower!





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God's Grace In Motion

Tulsa Lutheran Congregations:

I am reaching out to each of you to ask if you would all be willing to help with Bishop Becca's installation coming up October 14th at Fellowship? We are going to do appetizer/finger foods and desserts/bars and cookies after her installation worship service.

I am needing as many volunteers to bring plates of shareable foods on that day. Nothing fancy just easy to pick up, and eat and mingle with each other during the time that follows the service.

Please email Sara Richers to sign up so that we all make sure that Bishop Becca's installation has great food, friends and fellowship. My email is sara@aokelca.org.



Need your help!! The weekly announcements has a list of military service members & their posting locale.

Please double check that your family member or friend is still in the service & where posted. Let the Joy Office know if you see any changes and/or additions. It would be great to have this updated by Veterans Day. Thank you!!



*Thank you to all men and women who so bravely and honorably serve our country!
We thank and honor you on
Veterans Day, November 11th!*





A Message from Tina Massey Family Promise Director

Did you know...

Due to the current housing crisis in our community, FPTC has extended our program to meet the needs of the families we serve. Until recently our apartment shelter program had a maximum stay of 90 days and although the families were grateful for the time, that was simply not enough. With 95% of housing in Tulsa currently occupied there is simply not enough affordable housing for everyone who needs it. We believe it was necessary to expand our program and provided additional time for families to find and secure housing and not have the added burden of doing that in 90 days or less.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a better life for the children and families we serve. We never want to pull a family out of homelessness to put them right back in. As a result, we have increased the stay to a max of 150 days, if needed, to ensure the success of the families we serve. Yes, that will decrease the number of families we serve each year, however, it will also give them the time they need to get their life on track and become self-sufficient.

Eat at Neighborhood Jam and Support Family Promise

Join us for breakfast, brunch, our lunch at Neighborhood Jam on Friday, October 6th from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm. Enjoy an amazing meal and support Family Promise of Tulsa County at the same time.

Neighborhood Jam will donate 15% of all sales from the Breakfast with Benefits day to FPTC. We hope to see you there.

4830 E. 61st St. South, Suite 300, Tulsa, OK

BREAKFAST
with **BENEFITS**

Neighborhood JAM

Family Promise of Tulsa County

October 6th
December 1st

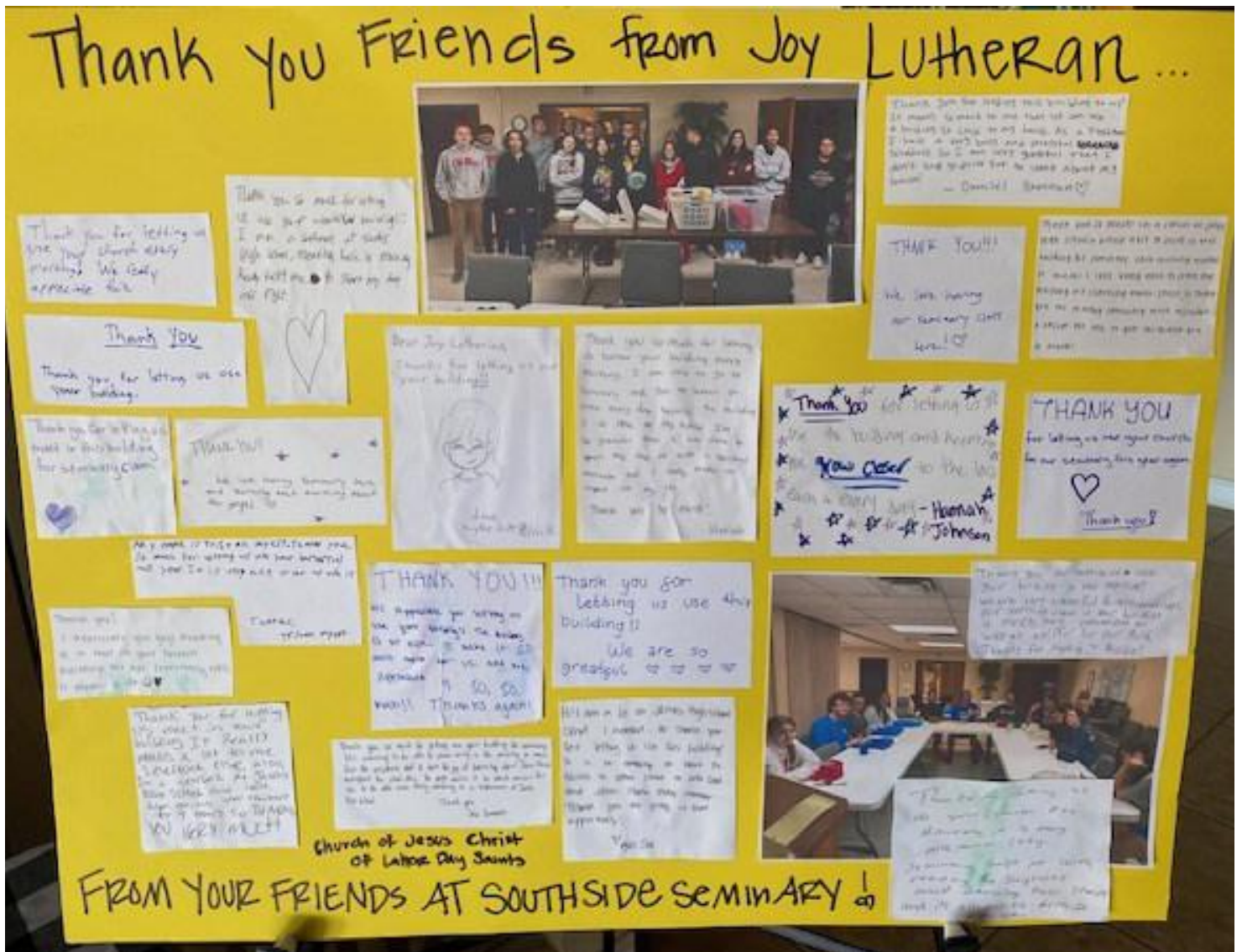
Current Wish List: ALDI GIFT CARDS \$25.00 and \$50.00

Families often enter our program without the necessary resources to obtain food and although our amazing congregations provide food and or gift cards to FPTC families staying at the COC, we have additional families at another location. We like to have a few Aldi's gift cards available just in case a family does not have resources to get them by until we can get the support they need. If you would like to help feed a family in an emergency, please bring an Aldi card or cards to our office at 1616 N. Gilcrease Museum Road – White Cottage, or let us know and we will gladly schedule a time to pick them up.

THANK YOU!

From Friends at Southside Latter Day Saints.

Please take a look at the lovely thank you notes on this poster from all the students of Church of Latter Day Saints! The Seminary group meets at Joy Monday—Thursday in the early morning before they head to school. The poster is hanging in fellowship hall where you can see the students pictures and read all the messages of appreciation for the use of Joy Lutheran! The LDS leadership also presented Joy a check for usage of our building.



Finance Report



Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Joy Lutheran Church Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday evening, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.**

At the last finance meeting, it was agreed to resume our practice of meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Future dates are October 10th, November 14th & December 12th.

Financial Report

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

	Aug 2023	01 January-YTD 2023
Giving	8,216	109,836
Expense	8,520	132,699
Income (Loss)	(304)	(16,996)

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. We are making a Special Appeal for our members to help pay for this replacement.





Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. is the next monthly Joy council meeting.

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