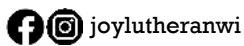


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From Our Pastor

Dear Church,

Each time I sit down to write this letter to you, the very first thought that comes to mind is how thankful I am to be called to Joy Lutheran, here, with you, among you. Every single time! So, I think I'll probably tell you of my thankfulness every single time, in one way or another. This year, 2020 (gulp), I've found it a good habit to take a moment each day to practice thankfulness. Because if there ever was a year when I needed to be reminded of all I have to be thankful for... this IS the year. Anybody else having this kind of year?

During Confirmation this month I asked the class to share something that because of Covid-19 they are thankful for. In other words, what good has happened over the past 7 months? They said:

- "Spending time with my friends, virtually."
- "My dad taught me to trap."
- "Being with my family."
- "Being safe at home."

And I thought it was interesting that their responses were about relationship. Not gaming or staying home from school or doing whatever they wanted. Nope, they are thankful for more time with people they care about. They are thankful for relationship.



Joy Lutheran Church

Experience Faith,
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December Newsletter Deadline

Mon, Nov 16

Bazaar!

Sat, Dec 5

10am-Noon

Indoors

Contact

Carol 715-825-3114

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From Our Pastor

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Following their lead, allow me to share some things I've been thankful for since March 2020.

- The birth, life, and faith of Joy Lutheran Church.
- A council that cares deeply about keeping people safe.
- Mary and Deanna, for their excellent work in the midst of chaos, and the partnership we have.
- For Mike and Deverah, and their commitment to keeping the building clean and safe... even when we couldn't gather inside.
- For Cheryl, Mike and Al and their gifts of music and for the ways they have found to share music with us during this strange time.
- Virtual Story time and Faith5, and families committed to being connected in this way.
- Commitment to worship, even when it's on-line, in the parking lot, or the sanctuary pews which are roped off and covered with blue painter's tape indicating where to sit. (I mean that's weird, right?)
- The Befrienders, and the countless phone calls they have made to check in with, and check on, Joy members. (Because one person simply cannot do this alone.)
- Support for the emergency food pantry. The countless hours Erin, Isabelle, Melinda, Raegan, Laurie spent packing food bags and being available to give food to those in need.
- For rooms painted, carpets stapled, light bulbs changed, furniture and appliances moved, and lawn mowed.
- Prayers
- Kindness and love shown when masks are worn. And for masks made and given to the pastor. Thank you, Erin and Belle!
- Confirmation students, and their families, and the variety of ways they are teaching me about faith.

Martin Luther said, "Faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." Church, I am thankful for your faith...and the ways in which each of you are living your baptismal vocations. I am thankful for your response to God's grace and the Holy Spirit at work in you. I am thankful for the new month that lies ahead, a month in which we will celebrate and remember the Saints, gather together, in all the different ways we do, to praise God and worship, and see the end of this church year and greet the next with anticipation and faith. Together.

In joy and thanksgiving,
Pastor Angie

Weekly Household Devotions

Thanksgiving Week
Season of Pentecost—Year A

Gather Together



Gracious God, we don't always remember to show you our gratitude. Thank you for your unending presence, unconditional love and mercy. We thank you for this meal that we are sharing today. May it nourish us for service in your world. May our gratitude lead us to willingly share what we have with your people in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Where do you need God's abundance in your life?
How did you share God's abundance today?



✦ Rejoice always for God loves you now and forever. ✦

Daily Readings



Monday through Wednesday:
Looking Back Joy in God's Abundant Gifts

Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

What earthly things do you rejoice in?
How do you rejoice in God?



Thursday through Saturday:
Looking Ahead God and the Land

Psalm 65
Deuteronomy 8:7-18
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

What good things do you sow in your life?
What do you reap from the things that you sow?

Faith Focus



Luke 17:11-19 - Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers



How often do you complain about the actions of others? Once a day? Five times a day? More? Is it every time someone cuts you off, or doesn't hold a door, or doesn't see you because they are caught in their own troubles? How often do you give thanks?



What does Jesus expect? Do we know from the text? Only one in ten lepers returns to give thanks. Is that a good ratio? Should it be more? Was Jesus expecting less? He does mention that it was a foreigner who returned, maybe he was expecting no thanks at all.

How often do we give thanks? There it is again! It is so easy to complain. We complain about weather, about traffic, about the cost of food, about the business of our lives. Sometimes I feel like if the story of the lepers were told today that they would complain about not being healed until they started walking to see the priests! Can't this happen faster?

But, do we give thanks for weather that brings rain for crops, or that brings snow for water supply. Do we give thanks that we have a need to be in traffic, to get to a job or see a loved one. Do we give thanks that there is food to eat and people to share it with?

Go and be thankful!



Did you miss a week? Download inserts at our website!

Council Members

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Pastoral Acts

Funerals:

Georgia Nord,
9.17.20, O'Connell's
Funeral Home,
Hudson, WI.

James Kvale,
9.23.20, Kolstad's
Funeral Home,
Centuria, WI.

Council Highlights

Joy Lutheran Council met on October 8, 2020 via zoom.

- Insurance bid from Brotherhood Mutual was passed.
- Policy start date effect November 1, 2020.
- Follow up on success of drive thru pulled pork dinner.
- Follow up on building maintenance, clean up and organizing.
- Bid accepted from Andrie Electric for work on outlets throughout the building.
- Further discussion on setting up guidelines for Joy Generosity Fund.
- Discussion on congregational meeting and 2021 budget.
- Working on constitution updates for final approval from Synod.

—Terrie Lunsman, president

Pastor's Report—as given to Council on October 8, 2020

September 2020 was strange, certainly different than I'd imagined our first fall as Joy Lutheran Church. But in the midst of all that was strange and different, there was much ministry and joy.

We worshipped twice more in the parking lot. I am thankful for the FM transmitter, which has been a great addition to our ministry. Thanks to the council members who showed up early on those days to set up signs and the outdoor altar area, hand out communion sets, collect offering, and greet people. I couldn't have done it without you.

September began to feel a little more "normal" too. Normal in the sense that I was allowed to make a couple of nursing home visits. Yay! I attended the W/ELCA meeting as we began planning for our first outdoor fall bazaar. I also had the privilege of meeting with several other parishioners and colleagues throughout the month, always outside and always socially distanced... but still... something a little "normal" about it.

I attended the annual Fall Ministry Retreat. This year the retreat was via Zoom. I met Pastor Marilyn Crossfield, from First and Laketown Parish, and Pastor Mikayla Kopp, from Bone Lake, out at Luther Point for some of it. It was nice to have colleagues to talk to and bounce ideas off of.

I (we, Joy) continue to host the weekly pastors text study. Deanna and I continue to work on creating and recording the weekly on-line service.

- ◇ Faith5 has begun. We are offering F5 via Zoom and live/in-person Sunday mornings at 9:30am before the 10am worship service.

Food Pantry Volunteers

November
Deborah Schmalz

December
Pastor Angie &
Mike

January
Dave Beaulieu

Food Pantry Volunteers

Our emergency Food Pantry needs volunteers to go through food on a monthly basis to throw expired items, make list of items needed, organize shelves, tidy up, just general care.

This is something that can be done after worship or during non-food shelf hours. Perfect for the single person looking for a way to help our church and neighbors, the high schooler needing community service hours, families wanting to be part of this very useful ministry.

Please call or email the church office if you would like to help.

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAY 2:00PM-4:00PM
WEDNESDAY 10:00AM-2:00PM
THURSDAY 2:00PM-4:00PM

MASKS AND SANITIZER ARE REQUIRED. WE DO HAVE THEM AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Pastor's Report—as given to Council on October 8, 2020

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- ◇ We've begun worshipping in the building again. Sundays at 10am. It's different, but it's sure good to be together. We are also offering a Thursday at 1pm service for immune compromised... or higher risk folks. Reservations are required for the 1pm service and can be made by calling the Joy office.
- ◇ Confirmation classes begin again on October 7th. As I mentioned last month, we are doing a hybrid program this year with lots of other congregations... some Zoom as the large group and some just our church group in person in the Joy building.
- ◇ October 25 is Reformation Sunday, and we plan to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for our two 2nd year students, Allison Gingras and Kendra Wheeler, who have waited so patiently for this day to come. I will be meeting with them on Sunday, October 11, after worship to work on their Faith Statements and preparing the service for the 25th.
- ◇ We are being encouraged by the Synod and the Wi-Council of Churches to remain diligently careful and attentive to the safety guidelines and recommendations.

Pastor Angie

Council Meeting

Nov 12, 7pm

Copies of the minutes and financial reports, are available to all members of Joy. Please contact the office if you would like a copy sent to you.

JOYful Happenings...



Confirmation Class as started. We have a class with all boys!



Alli Gingras & Kendra Wheeler affirmed their baptisms on Sunday, October 25.



Thanks to David Beaulieu for braving the cold to be the JOY Lutheran treat guy at Trunk or Treat in Milltown on October 24.



Annabelle Hatten	11/01	Mike Peper	11/17
Glen Nelson	11/03	Joyce Skog	11/20
Paul Hauge	11/03	Eiley Entwistle	11/20
Al Arndt	11/04	Julie McMeeKin	11/21
Bob Yira	11/05	Cailin Flaherty	11/22
Declan Reed	11/07	Brenda Lehmann	11/24
Dakota Hyden	11/08	Brent Priebe	11/24
Anna Gingras	11/13	Erin Vollrath	11/24
Katheryn Rivers	11/13	Bruce Muller	11/25
Harvey Berg	11/14	Tom Wisdom	11/25
Makenzie Becker	11/15	Elle Vollrath	11/27
Justin Vollrath	11/15	Kathy Adascheck	11/28
Russ Pollock	11/15	Elizabeth Ebersperger	11/28

November 2020

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Join us on Sundays

9:30am Faith5 Family (for all ages) - online & in-person

10am Worship with Holy Communion - in-person (50 people max)

We will continue to broadcast the service so you can stay in your car.

Online Worship will also be available.

Thursdays

1pm small group Worship (15 people max) for those more at risk of infection. Please call the office to reserve a seat. Thank you!