

# JOY LUTHERAN NEWS

## February 2024

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Joy Lutheran is a community of faith, love, and JOY! We will serve our community and God's world by; faithfully welcoming and including all people, serving and meeting the needs of poverty and hunger, striving for justice and peace in the world, and gathering together as a JOYful community to be refreshed and sent.*

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#### January Morning Worship Attendance:

7th| 14th| 0 21st| 75 28th| 113

#### January Generosity (General Fund):

7th| \$4,663 14th| \$0.00 21st| \$5,130 28th| \$3,331.00

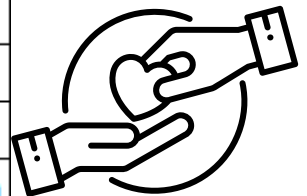
*Note: Worship was cancelled due to wind chill advisory and below zero temperatures on January 14th.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Thank You from CRA:** Thank you for always remembering us. We certainly appreciate your kindness. -Marnie, Angie, and Erin

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church:** We have raised just over \$850 for Holy Cross Lutheran! Join us on February 18th for a soup luncheon hosted by the Quilters. Funds raised will be given to Holy Cross Lutheran for their rebuild.

	December	Year to Date
Income	\$ 24,049.10	\$225,189.66
Expenses	\$ 24,327.77	\$290,687.25
Difference	\$ (278.67)	\$ (65,497.59)



If you would like to receive council minutes or congregational financial reports please contact the Office. Call (715) 646-2357 Email [office@joylutheranwi.org](mailto:office@joylutheranwi.org)

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

**HOURS: TUESDAY/THURSDAY 9AM-2PM**

**Note** | above listed hours are **in person**. Meg works remotely (from home) Monday and Wednesday.

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# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>9:15a Faith's Family</p> <p>10a Worship w/ Holy Communion Communion Blessing</p> <p>Congregational Annual Meeting following Worship</p> <p>Fellowship: Joy Council</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30p Good Neighbors Ukulele Beginners Time</p> <p>5p Good Neighbors Ukulele</p> <p><b>Deanna's Birthday</b></p>	<p>6 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>10a to 12p JOYful Quilting Ministry</p> <p>5:30p Confirmation Dinner</p> <p>6p to 7p Confirmation Class</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>8 Admin Office Closed</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>10a Young @ Heart's Bible Study Ashlynn and Payton's House</p> <p>10a Funeral Visitation</p> <p>11a Funeral: Richard Schmaiz Funeral Luncheon to Follow</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:15a Faith's Family</p> <p>10a Worship w/ Holy Communion URKE Lutherans</p> <p>WELCA Meeting following Worship</p> <p>5p to 10p SOBER Bowl Sunday</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30p Good Neighbors Ukulele Beginners Time</p> <p>5p Good Neighbors Ukulele</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>13 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p> <p>6p Partners for Recovery</p> <p><b>Deanna   Vacation</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>10a to 12p JOYful Quilting Ministry</p> <p>1p Gather Bible Study</p> <p>5:30p Congregational Dinner</p> <p>6p to 7p Confirmation Class</p> <p>7p Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>	<p>15 Admin Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:15a Faith's Family</p> <p>10a Worship w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>Fellowship: JOYful Quilters Soup Luncheon Fundraiser for Holy Cross Lutheran</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30p Good Neighbors Ukulele Beginners Time</p> <p>5p Good Neighbors Ukulele</p> <p><b>Presidents Day</b></p>	<p>20 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10a to 12p JOYful Quilting Ministry</p> <p>5:30p Congregational Dinner</p> <p>6p to 7p Confirmation Class</p> <p>7p Lent Worship   One</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>22 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p> <p>6:30p Gather Study @ Carol Johnsons House</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:15a Faith's Family</p> <p>10a Worship w/ Holy Communion Madion Baptism</p> <p>Fellowship: Madion Family Cake and Luncheon</p> <p>11:30a to 1p First Communion Class w/ Light Lunch</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:30p Good Neighbors Ukulele Beginners Time</p> <p>5p Good Neighbors Ukulele</p>	<p>27 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10a to 12p JOYful Quilting Ministry</p> <p>5:30p Congregational Dinner</p> <p>6p to 7p Confirmation Class</p> <p>7p Lent Worship   Two</p>	<p>29 Admin Office Open 9a to 2p</p>		

# YOU ARE INVITED



## 02/14 Ash Wednesday

**5:30pm** Dinner  
NOTE: all church potluck  
([bit.ly/2024lentendinner](https://bit.ly/2024lentendinner))  
**7:00pm** Worship

## 02/21-03/20

**5:30-7:00pm** Dinner & Class  
**7:00-7:30pm** Worship

## 03/24 Palm Sunday

**9:00am** Breakfast  
**10:00am** Worship

## 03/27

**No Programming**

## 03/28 Maundy Thursday

**5:30pm** Dinner  
**7:00pm** Worship w/First Communion

## 03/29 Good Friday

**7:00pm** Worship

## 03/31 Easter Sunday

**10:00am** Worship

Join us **Wednesday nights** and **Holy Week** for dinner, fellowship, and worship. Dinner is served beginning at 5:30pm, Confirmation as well as activities and crafts for children of all ages, begins at 6pm, followed by creative and abbreviated worship at 7pm.

These evenings are designed to enrich your Lenten journey as we make our way to Holy Week, the sting of death of Good Friday, and the shouts of JOY on Easter.

There's a place here for you. - Pastor Angie Kutney

FEBRUARY 25TH &  
MARCH 10TH

## Communion Class All ages!

Class starts at 11:30am, beginning with a light lunch. Class will finish by 1pm.

Youth should have a guardian attending with them.

We will make communion cups on February 25th and communion bread on March 10th.

First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://bit.ly/communionclass2024>



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**CONGREGATIONAL**  
**>>>> MEETING <<<<**

**Sunday, February 4th**  
**following worship**



Young at Heart's (YAH!) goal is to bring together younger adults and couples who may be desiring more connections with their faith community. Meetings will incorporate both fellowship and Bible Study! Look forward to fun outings, building relationships, and talking about life and Jesus. Julia's Java coffee will be supplied.

**WHEN: Saturday mornings at 10am (January 20th-February 10th)**

**WHERE: Ashlyn and Payton's House | 302 2nd Ave SW, Milltown**

**SOBER BOWL SUNDAY**

**FEB 11, 2024 5:00 PM**

**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

501 STATE RD 35 CENTURIA, WI 54824

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR  
PEOPLE IN RECOVERY!**

**IT'S  
GAME TIME!**



**FREE and OPEN to the Public**  
**Join us for FOOD, FUN, and Fellowship**

**Games, Prizes, & Giveaways**  
**Kids Activities and Supervision**

**Text or Call Stacy for Questions**  
**715-222-7195**  
**Hosted by Joy Lutheran Church**  
**in partnership with**  
**We Support Recovery**



**We Support Recovery**  
Addiction. Prevention. Recovery. Restoration.

**Sponsored by Polk County Behavioral Health via  
Substance Abuse Block Grant Prevention Funds**

# CONFIRMATION LENTEN SCHEDULE

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& serving ([bit.ly/2024lentendinners](https://bit.ly/2024lentendinners))

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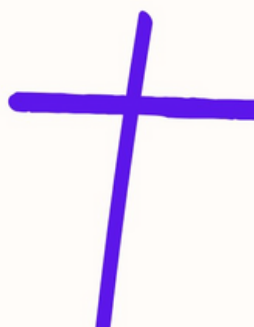
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## CONFIRMATION 2024

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**DINNER | 5:30PM TO 6:00PM**

**CLASS | 6:00PM TO 7:00PM**



## FAITH5 FAMILY 2024

**SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:15AM**

**JOIN PASTOR ANGIE BEFORE WORSHIP FOR EDUCATION AND  
FUN - BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

## JOY WELCA UPDATE

A **great big thank you** to all who contributed to and purchased at, the WELCA Cookie Walk!! **More than \$500 was raised** and sent to ELCA Good Gifts program to support education, agriculture and health care worldwide. Gracias, Dankie, Shurkan, Thanks!!

**DID YOU KNOW** that congregation members can start their own **thank offering container at home**, to be collected and sent to the ELCA for support of women's programs?

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the **JOYful Quilters** after Worship on **February 18th** for a **Soup Luncheon**. A free will offering will be taken to support the rebuilding of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Candon City, Philippines. This is **Lydia Pfeifer's** home church. Please reach out if you wish to donate, have fundraising ideas, or any questions about the fire and rebuilding efforts.

# PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ken Kellogg, Mary Marlette, Ron Marlette, Chris Nelson, Russ Pollock, Tom Rivers, Joyce Skog; Michael Carlson (Tom & Katheryn River's grandson), Sandi Christensen (Pam Livingston's nephew's wife), Matthew (Dawn's Swanson's great nephew), Werner Frie (father of a close friend of Dawn Swanson), Jeff Halvorsen (Phil and Gladys Halvorsen's son), Jackson Hutton (Emma Livingston's brother), Paulette Kapaun (Joyce Skog's daughter), Carol Lair (Debbie Korsan's mother), Debra Leubner (daughter of Pam Kruger), Nolan Milton (son of close friend of Debbie Korsan), LouAnn Schwanz (Annette Skog's aunt), Cheri VanGundy (Cheryl Peper's relative), Wanda (Dawn Swanson's cousin), Willie Lee (family friend of Clayton & Carol Johnson)

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES INCLUDING:** William Anderson (Dawn Swanson's son), Megan Anderson, Tina Braddy (Edgell), Andrew Flor, Josh Kreft, Cameron Wood

**REMEMBER THOSE IN CARE CENTERS and AT HOME:** Betty Lou Chryst, Dolores Huser, Bill & Marge Johnson, Charles Lehman (Deanna Wheeler's Grandfather), Mary Lunsman, Mary Mattson, Marlin Snyder, Lois Sorensen, Erling Voss, Lois Voss, Bob & Ruth Yira.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Feb 1**

Caden Patterson  
Steve Prince

**Feb 2**

Daniel Galle

**Feb 3**

Joel Ditlefsen  
Jackie Johnson  
Michael Koshatka

**Feb 4**

Judy Bainbridge

**Feb 5**

Deanna Wheeler  
Josie Kreft

**Feb 6**

Kendra Carlson  
Benjamin Wheeler

**Feb 8**

Suzanne Schumann

**Feb 9**

Christopher Nelson

**Feb 10**

Loretta Gillitzer

**Feb 11**

Annette Bethke  
Melinda Sorensen  
Laurie Ellefson

**Feb 13**

Deborah Schmalz

**Feb 14**

Kristine Turner  
Wesley Turner

**Feb 19**

Wendy Wilson

**Feb 21**

Kelly Nelson

**Feb 22**

Rena Turner

**Feb 24**

Marlin Snyder

**Feb 25**

Heather Nielsen

**Feb 26**

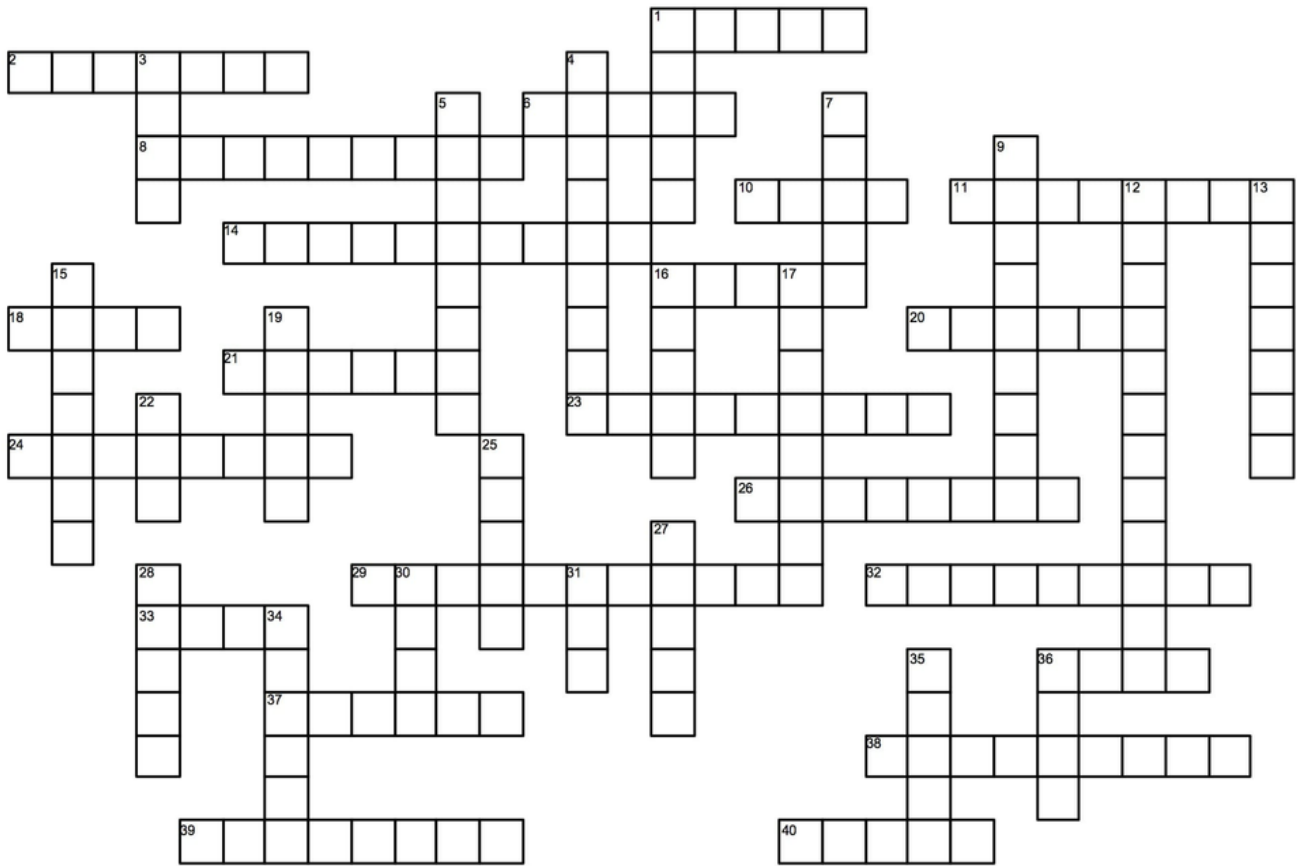
Lisa Hatten

**Feb 28**

Janet Krueger



## Valentine's Day Crossword Challenge



### ACROSS

- 1 He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
- 2 Did the mail carrier leave any Valentines in your \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 The legendary St. Valentine is believed to have lived in the \_\_\_\_\_ century after Christ.
- 8 This era is considered the golden age of the Valentine.
- 10 "Be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 11 A piece of jewelry worn around one's neck.
- 14 A safe place to store jewelry. (Two words.)
- 16 "\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day!"
- 18 In "XOXOXOX," an X represents this action.
- 20 Cupid's wife.
- 21 Someone disappointed in love is said to have a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- 23 St. Valentine's \_\_\_\_\_ was on the eve of the Roman festival of Lupercalia.
- 24 This Valentine symbol consists of graceful loops, often in the shape of hearts, with no beginning or end. (Two words.)
- 26 Valentine's Day falls on \_\_\_\_\_ 14.
- 29 Two people in love.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ and girlfriend.
- 33 The Greek name for Cupid.
- 36 The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
- 37 St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 38 "Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 39 These people banned Valentine observances in Great Britain during part of the 17th century.
- 40 This popular Valentine's color symbolizes purity.

### DOWN

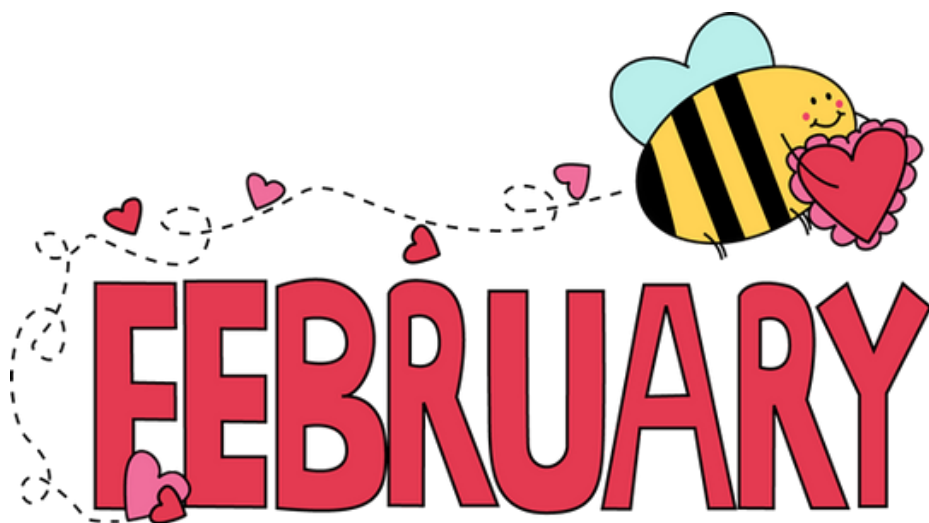
- 1 School children often exchange these on Valentine's Day.
- 3 "I \_\_\_\_\_ you."
- 4 My friend gave me heart-shaped box full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 According to one legend, St. Valentine was executed for secretly \_\_\_\_\_ young couples in defiance of the emperor's orders.
- 7 Children may read and eat \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.
- 9 A stuffed animal often given as a Valentine's gift. (Two words.)
- 12 A "disease" that affects anyone struck by Cupid's arrows.
- 13 A couple that have promised to marry one another are said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 A man often purchases this gemstone for the woman he wishes to marry.
- 16 Bees make this substance, which is also a nickname for someone who is loved.
- 17 On Lupercalia, young people drew names to find \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 Bow and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 22 This popular Valentine's color symbolizes warmth and love.
- 25 These birds that mate for life are a symbol of love.
- 27 School children sometimes celebrate with a Valentine's Day \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28 In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of this deity.
- 30 Husband and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 31 In "XOXOXOX," an O represents this action.
- 34 Gold and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 35 This organ of the body is the most common symbol of love.
- 36 A piece of jewelry worn on one's finger.

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Join us on Sundays

10am Worship with Holy Communion