

*Dear Friends,*

Generosity is on my mind today, probably because we talk about generosity a lot at Joy.

During worship each Sunday we are invited into the spiritual practice of generosity. We have a generosity committee, a generosity fund, a beautiful facility we share with the community, and an emergency food pantry open to everyone.

I could tell stories for days about the acts of generosity I have witnessed through this body of Christ, but I will only tell one. A few weeks ago, two young children, along with their parents and grandma, spent a Saturday morning shopping for the food pantry. Those boys carried in bag after bag and danced around while joyfully filling the shelves with the good things they brought.

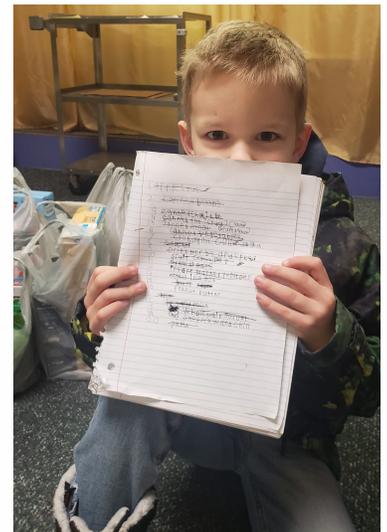
This family practices generosity together. The following is a letter from their mom, where she shares why and how they are teaching generosity in their home. May their story inspire us to this kind of kind, loving, and joyful giving.

*Pastor Angie*

*We have been trying to teach the boys about kindness, generosity, and the value of money. We have always talked about kindness, treating others the way we would like to be treated, and being generous with our time and things. Our oldest is starting to learn about coins and dollar bills and how much things cost. We combined all of these things by going to the store to purchase food for people who do not have the money to buy healthy food or other necessities.*

*We want them to always help others in need, whether that is at a food pantry or on the playground at school, and to have fun doing it. We talk a lot about how lucky we are that we have food on our table every day and some people aren't so lucky. We talked about reasons people may need to use the food pantry at church, and if we were ever in need, we hope there are kind people there to help us. The boys enjoyed making shopping lists, picking out healthy food for others, and chatted with so many people at the store.*

*They had the BEST time organizing the shelves in the church pantry and chatting with Pastor Angie about each food item they picked out. It was a fantastic experience, and we plan to continue to do similar projects.*



# Happenings

## WEEKLY:

**MONDAYS - 5:30pm** NA Meeting, **5:30pm** Ukulele Group

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### **THUR, MAY 12**

- **7pm** Council Meeting
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### **SUN, MAY 15**

- **9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family** - families meet in the Sanctuary
- **10am Worship with Holy Communion**
- **Fellowship following worship with Pastor Ernie Pihl** who served his first call at Fristad Lutheran 1958-1961

### **SUN, MAY 17**

- **6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting**

### **WED, MAY 18**

- No Music Rehearsal

### **Confirmation & High School Youth Group Meeting Night at Church**

- **5:30pm** Supper | **6-7pm** Confirmation Class and Youth Group
  - **6pm Gather Bible Study** - all are welcome!
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### **SUN, MAY 22**

- **9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family** - families meet in the Sanctuary
- **10am Worship with Holy Communion**
- **1:00-2:30pm Root/beer and Hymns** at Trap Rock Brewing, St. Croix Falls

### **TUES, MAY 24**

- **6:30pm WELCA Meeting**

### **WED, MAY 25**

- **Music Rehearsal** - Choir
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### **SUN, MAY 29**

- **9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family** - families meet in the Sanctuary
  - **10am Worship with Holy Communion** with graduate recognition
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### **SUN, JUN 5**

- **9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family** - families meet in the Sanctuary
- **10am Worship with Holy Communion**

**NOTE:** We appreciate your patience with the revised version of the newsletter. If you have any questions or would like more information on any event or church happenings, please contact the church office: [office@joytlutheranwi.org](mailto:office@joytlutheranwi.org), 715-646-2357,



When we became a new congregation in April 2020, we never imagined we would be waiting so long before we would be welcoming and celebrating new members.



The wait is over!

We will be welcoming and celebrating ALL people who have officially or unofficially joined our congregation since April 2020. Whether you joined through baptism, transfer, being part of the Praise Band, or by claiming your spot in a pew, we want to celebrate you!

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### Join us on Sundays

9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family | 10am Worship with Holy Communion  
Listen to our Sermon Podcast: [www.joylutheranwi.org/podcast](http://www.joylutheranwi.org/podcast)



The Reed/Jensen family shopped, delivered, and stocked the Emergency Food Pantry at Joy.  
The boys even wrote out their own shopping lists. Thank you!!  
See pg. 1 for more on this gift of generosity.