

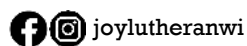
# JOYful News

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## Joy Lutheran Church

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## From Our Pastor

Dear Church,

For the last 6 months I have been writing and preaching that a building doesn't make us the church, that **we, the body of Christ, are the church.** Sometimes the church gathers in a building, and other times we gather in our cars, on a living room couch, at a kitchen table, in a neighbor's driveway, or at a park. Wherever we are, the church is. If these last 6 months have taught me, and I hope you, anything, it's that a virus cannot stop the church from being who we are called to be... the body of Christ in the world.



A couple of weeks ago I sent you a survey asking how you are feeling about returning to worship in the building. Thank you for responding. What the council and I have learned from you is that many of you are ready to return to the building now, with Covid-19 protocols in place, knowing that worship will feel different, be different.

See page 2 for some of the results from the survey.

Beginning Sunday, October 4, at 10am we will return to a worship service in the Joy building (maximum 50 people). Our FM transmitter will be on and will allow those who are not ready to worship inside the building a way to tune in to FM 87.9 from the parking lot and worship.

Beginning Thursday, October 8, at 1pm we will offer a small (maximum 15 people) worship service specifically for those who have compromised immune systems or are otherwise at a higher risk of infection. We kindly ask you to make a reservation for this service. We will continue to offer this as there is a need.

We will continue to offer online worship, indefinitely.

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**November  
Newsletter  
Deadline**

Mon, Oct 19

**From Our Pastor**

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As things begin to change, as we add in these in the building services, your help is needed more than ever. The truth is that we simply won't be able to do this without everyone helping in some way. For some this means you will be praying fervently for Joy Lutheran, others are needed to show up and help prepare the building for re-opening, still others are going to be needed week in and week out to show up early, usher and greet, help people settle into a pew, answer questions, hand out masks, and be an example of how to gather inside the building for now. The good news is that "No Experience is Required" because everything is new, and we are learning how to do this together.

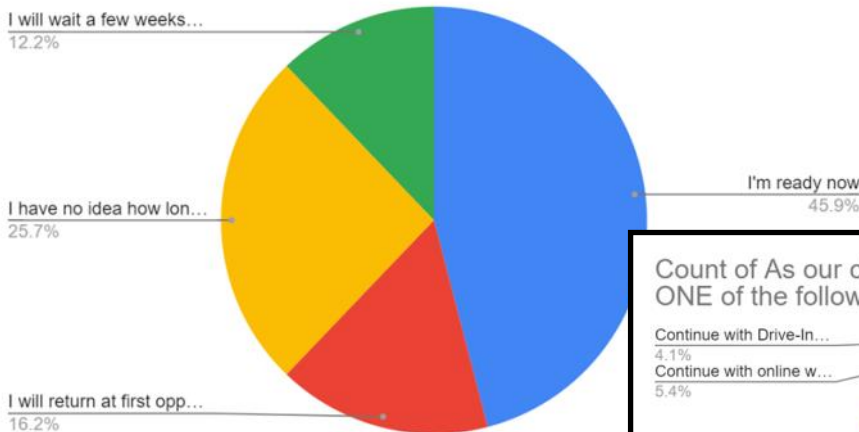
These are strange times we are living in, but the church is called to strange times. So in October whether you're sitting in a pew or in your car or on your couch to worship, remember that we are the church. Together.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."  
*1 Corinthians 12:27*

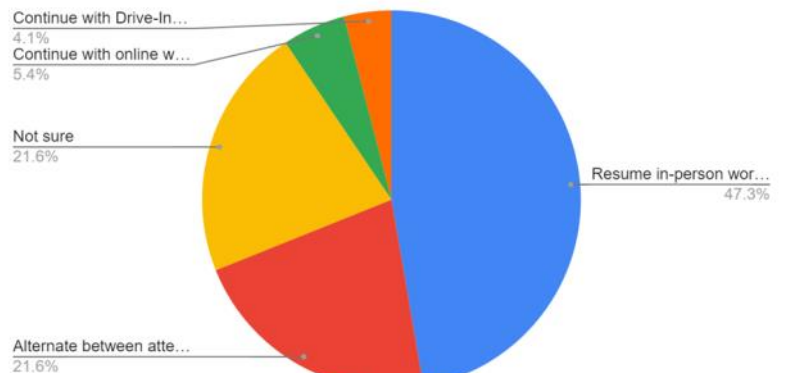
Trust that I have been, and continue to, pray for you, the church, and our communities. I am thankful for your work, generosity, and faithfulness.

In joy,  
Pastor Angie

Count of How do you think you will feel about returning to a worship service in the building, with the above precautions in...



Count of As our church begins gathering in person again, which ONE of the following would you most prefer? Select one:



## Council Members

Terrie Lunsman, Pres.

715-553-0914

Todd Sturgul, V. Pres.

715-553-0606

Sarah Campbell, Secy.

715-557-0387

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715-210-1355

Steve Beyl

Bruce Christensen

Kim Grossmann

Don Ellefson

Kelly Nelson

Richard Schmalz

Jim Sorensen

## Council Meeting

**Oct 8, 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.

## W/ELCA News

It was decided at our meeting on September 16 to hold an Outdoor Bazaar this year. It will be on Saturday, October 24, from 10am to noon in the church parking lot. We plan to have tent canopies. Lefse will be scaled down this year with only 2 days of making it. The dates for making lefse are Monday, October 5, and Monday, October 12. we will need volunteers (women, men, teens) to make it for the morning shift which is from 8:30-10:30am; the afternoon shift from 3:30-4:30pm; and the evening shift from 6pm until done. The times are approximate. No experience necessary, we will train! If you have lefse making equipment, and would like to share it, that would be helpful.

We would appreciate donations of homemade canned produce, such as pickles, jams, jellies, etc.; baked goods (pies, cakes, breads, etc.); quilts or other handmade items.

Lunch will not be served. Please do not bring any clothing items or white elephant items.

If you are able to help with lefse, setting up or taking down on Friday or Saturday, please call either Sandy Christensen at 715-381-3765 or Carol Johnson at 715-825-3114.

We welcome and appreciate any and all participation in the event!

The next W/ELCA meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will finalize the bazaar plans.

Blessings and peace to all!

—Carol Johnson

## Council Highlights

The following are topics and issues the Joy council addressed at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10:

- Renters for and/or renting the parsonage.
- Council sponsored Drive-Thru Dinner on October 3. Menu is pulled pork, bun, beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert and beverage. Profit designated to the emergency food shelf, Luther Point Bible Camp, and the Joy Generosity Fund.
- Beginning to put plans in place for returning to in person worship. Approval of survey for congregation. Council to evaluate results of survey in zoom meeting prior to October meeting.
- Council votes to establish a Generosity Fund. Guidelines will be developed for the use of the fund.
- Scholarship applications and applicants presented. Scholarships are awarded at the end of each year for use at second semester.
- Emergency Food Pantry: Volunteers needed to give general care to the food shelf (organize, pull dated items, inventory items).

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### Pastoral Acts

**Wedding:**  
Brady & Makenzie  
Turner, 8.15.20 on  
Long Lake,  
Centuria, WI

**Baptisms:**  
Owen William  
McCabe and  
Emmy Rae McCabe,  
8.16.20 at Joy  
Drive-In Worship

**Welcomed New  
Members:**  
Alex & Krysta  
McCabe, 8.16.20 at  
Joy Drive-In  
Worship

## Council Highlights

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Highlights from Special Council Meeting, Thursday, September 24, via Zoom:

- Finalize Drive-Thru Dinner Plans for Saturday, October 3.
- Approved to begin Worshiping in building with Covid cautions in place starting October 4.
- Approved new renter for the parsonage.
- Approved to move forward with electrical bid on outlets.

—Terrie Lunsman, President

## Pastor's Report—as given to Council on September 10, 2020

- ◇ Mary, Deanna, and I keep devising new and interesting ways to work and keep members connected to what's happening at/through Joy.
- ◇ Members and friends continue to give financially and generously to the mission of the church.
- ◇ Members and friends continue to give generously of their time and talents: Painting, organizing, and creating wonderful and welcoming spaces for gathering.
- ◇ The emergency food pantry continues to provide food to people in need.
- ◇ The sick are being visited (or called, as is the case these days when an in-person visit isn't an option, or advisable).
- ◇ Communion visits are being made.
- ◇ Wedding couples have had many hours of pre-marital pastoral care.
- ◇ We've engaged in 6 months of online worship services.
- ◇ We have two additional Drive-In worship services scheduled for September.
- ◇ The Mid-week Meet-ups via Zoom have ended for now.

I am part of a group which has developed a collaborative confirmation program for this unique year. We are partnering with several congregations, pastors, and Luther Point Bible Camp. The program is called Narratology. We will meet in a variety of ways, including large group meetings the 1st Wednesday of each month via Zoom. Then there will be in-person, small group/individual congregation meetings 1 or 2 times a month (Corona permitting), and 1 time a month will be a family night at home. Narratology offers 9 lessons per year covering scripture and catechism. There is a special Narratology website as well as a google classroom we will use. Everything students and families will need for confirmation will be found easily on the Joy Lutheran Church website under the Confirmation link.

This year will study the following:

October: Creation

November: Covenant-Abraham, Sarah & Family (Creeds)

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**Food Pantry  
Volunteers**

**October**

Ben, Deanna, Asher  
Wheeler

**November**

Deborah Schmalz

**December**

Pastor Angie & Mike

**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.

**FAITH5 Family**

FAITH5 Family will resume on Zoom and in person beginning October 4 at 9:30AM.

There will not be any handouts at FAITH5 in person, you may download the PDF from our website [www.joylutheranwi.org](http://www.joylutheranwi.org) for your home journal.

A Zoom link will be sent via email (it will be the same each week).

Note: we do have a waiting room set up, you will be admitted to our Zoom meeting. This is a security feature that does not require all attendees to have a password.

## FAITH 5 Family





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December: Jesus Birth  
 January: Jesus begins his Ministry (Baptism)  
 February: Jesus' Healings  
 March: Exodus (Ten Commandments)  
 April: Holy Week/Easter  
 May: Teachings of Jesus  
 June: Pentecost Party! Retreat at Luther Point Bible Camp (Date to be determined)

One of my colleagues told me about something they have tried this month, called Faith Circles. These are a short (small group) bible study, with brief order for confession and forgiveness and communion. Each is a stand alone study, so perfect for unpredictable week-by-week schedules. Sign up required. I am considering something like this for Joy.

Faith5 has begun. Pre-recording a greeting to the kids from me. Info for the first month is on the Joy website under F5. This month's lessons are called "Best Year Ever." Families are working on the lessons at home together. I hope to be back to live or Zoom with families in October.

October 25, Reformation Sunday, we hope to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for our two 2nd year students: Allison Gingras and Kendra Wheeler. I am working with the families on this. Whether we pre-record the service and have just the families in the sanctuary and use during our online service, or if we've begun worshipping in the sanctuary, then we will do it "old school," meaning together in the sanctuary.

Pastor Angie



Alec Larson	10/01	Jesse Turner	10/13
Karen Livingston	10/02	Brittney Bublitz	10/13
Vic Nelson	10/04	Corrine Dahl	10/16
Nancy Glaim	10/05	Lucas Nelson	10/17
Gavin Humpal	10/05	Kari Larson	10/17
Brooke Johnson	10/05	Chris Wilson	10/18
Mandy Wisdom	10/05	Barbara Jorgensen	10/18
Jeremy Gingras	10/05	Katie Christensen	10/18
Hailee Thomson	10/06	Madison Robelia	10/19
Jerry Owens	10/08	Belle Carlson	10/20
Peter Carlson	10/09	Autumn Hyden	10/23
Tanner Olson	10/09	Pat Wall	10/23
Ed Ellefson	10/10	Terrie Lunsman	10/23
Twyla Bublitz	10/10	Mike Kutney	10/25
Xander Haack	10/11	Randy Juleen	10/29
Scott Johnson	10/11		

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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.

**Starting Thursday, October 8**

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