

JOYFUL NEWS

LUTHERAN February 2023



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE: PASTOR ANGIE KUTNEY

The Lord God has told us what is right and what he requires: [that is] "See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God." Micah 6:8 (Contemporary English Version)

As I write this letter to you, we are knee-deep in the season of Epiphany; the season marked by light and love, and learning who Jesus Christ is for us, and what his life means for the world... but the rain is coming, and we are about to be swept up in flood waters.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and we'll embark on a journey to discover the person, the life, and the unique experiences of Noah. And yes, I do mean the guy from the Old Testament who built an ark big enough for 2 of every kind of creature... even wood ticks. Ugg. Despite Noah's questionable decision to welcome ticks on board, there is much good to be learned from his story. Each week, as we get to know Noah, we will get to know ourselves better. We will begin to recognize ourselves as people drowning in sin and in need of rescue; people saved through the waters of Baptism, and a covenant relationship with God through Christ; people called to see that justice is done, mercy is our first concern, and we walk humbly with God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

The idea is that the season of Lent will be for us a time of reflection, of challenge, of turning our attention to God and our neighbors. The hope is as we turn our attention to God and neighbor we will be inspired to do justice, act with mercy, and walk humbly with God. I have been thinking about this for a year now, this idea of doing justice simply by paying attention to where, and from whom, we purchase things like coffee and chocolate. If we are careful and choose fairly traded products, we are helping to ensure the life, health, and livelihood of farmers and families who are otherwise at the bottom of the supply chain. With that in mind, I've connected with Lutheran World Relief and ordered organic Fair-Trade coffee and chocolate to have in my home as well as available for purchase at Joy for anyone wanting to join me in this challenge. A "treat" for us (Yep, a treat) means life to someone else. This is what justice looks like.

I am looking forward to the Lenten journey; to learning and growing and loving more.

Your Ark-mate, Pastor Angie

(I will not sit next to the ticks, though. Obviously.)



For more information on LWR and the impact Fair Trade has on farmers and families, visit: <https://lwr.org/lwr-farmers-market-meet-gustavo>



Joy Office / Staff / Church / Food Bank Needs

Visit our Amazon Wishlist at: <https://rb.gy/nfvliir> or by scanning the QR code.

The Wishlist is updated weekly as our needs change. If you have any questions, please contact Meg.

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30p Praise Band 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED Groundhog Day	2 Deanna – Vacation	3 Deanna – Vacation	4 Deanna – Vacation
5 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion Communion Blessing 11a Praise Band Practice Fellowship: Sara Route Training: Food Pantry (Sue) Deanna's Birthday Deanna – Vacation	6 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p Reserved Deanna – Vacation ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	7 10:30a Staff Meeting Deanna – Vacation 6:30p-8:30p Lenten Retreat w/ Pastor Angie	8 1:30p Gather Bible Study 5:30p Sounds of Joy 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth Deanna – Vacation	9 7p Council Meeting	10	11
12 8:30a Praise Band Practice 9:15a Faith5 (Fellowship Hall) 10a Worship w/ Communion Fellowship: Quilting Ministry Brunch Training: Food Pantry (Sue) Super Bowl Sunday Sober Super Bowl Party	13 6p-8:30p Building in Use Ukulele Group – Party POC: Bruce Christensen 5:30p Reserved 6:30p WELCA Meeting	14 10a-Noon Quilting Ministry 10:30a Staff Meeting 6p Partners for Recovery 6:30p Heaven on Earth Bible Study w/ Pastor Angie	15 5:30p Bells of Joy 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth 6:30p Gather Bible Study	16	17 PA – Vacation Meg - Vacation	18 PA – Vacation Meg - Vacation
19 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship Service of the Word Fellowship: Council Training: Food Pantry (Sherri) PA – Vacation Meg - Vacation	20 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p Reserved PA – Vacation Meg – Suicide Intervention (Army School) ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED President's Day	21 10:30a Staff Meeting Meg – Suicide Intervention (Army School) ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	22 5:30p Bells of Joy 6:30p Bonfire 7p Lenten Worship Ash Wednesday Meg – Suicide Intervention (Army School) ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	23 Kristin – School Meg – Suicide Intervention (Army School) ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	24 Kristin – School 4:30p-7p Fish Dinner	25 Kristin – School
26 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion 11:30a New Member Orientation Fellowship: Training: Food Pantry (Sherri)	27 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p Reserved	28 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Lenten Bible Study w/ Intern Kristin				

Join us for Brunch!
February 12th following worship
hosted by JOYFUL QUILTERS

enjoy brunch, learn about the quilting ministry and
find out how you can contribute or participate!

TAKE YOUR CHANCE AT WINNING A QUILT!

*Mission: Joyfully ministering to our community
with faith and love sewn into a quilt.*

WORKSHOP

EMERGENCY Food Bank - Volunteer Training Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering to staff the Emergency Food Bank at Joy Lutheran, but are unsure of what this Ministry all entails, please join us after Worship on a Sunday in February (workshop hosted all Sundays) to learn more. This brief training session will be led by an experienced volunteer and they will be available to answer any questions you may have. As with all volunteer opportunities at Joy, all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please see Sherri Schaffer, Sue Turner, or Debbie Korsan with any questions.

FROM THE OFFICE



January Attendance:

1st: #38 8th: #93 15th: #88 22nd: #84

Giving in January:

1st: \$1,376.77 8th: \$5,112.56 15th: \$3,273.00 22nd: \$1,346.15

Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex if you need them for the New Year!



MISSIONARY - PASTOR KRISTIN ENGSTROM

2022 VIDEO OVERVIEW - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! I have been living in Zambia and working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZa) for almost a year. During that time, I have been welcomed and invited into ministry by our siblings in the ELCZa. The church here has been a blessing, even as the work I am called to has challenged me to develop new skills and ways of ministry that are appropriate for the Zambian context.

As we start a new year, I have made a short video that tells a bit about the ministry I am engaged in with the ELCZa. You are invited to share this video via social media, in worship services, or perhaps at an upcoming congregational meeting. Enjoy!

You can view Pastor Engstrom's 2022 Video **HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3XSIHn8>

Missionary Sponsorship @ Joy Lutheran

Sign-up in the Narthex to Sponsor Pastor Kristin Engstrom throughout 2023. The cost is \$25 weekly. Checks should be made out to **Joy Lutheran Church** and annotate in the notes that it is for Missionary Sponsorship.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-1PM

Posted hours are subject to change at Staff's discretion. Changes will be published to the congregation and public no later than two-weeks before any permanent change. Any last-minute changes are posted to the Joy Lutheran Facebook page. Meg is **always available via email or cell phone to assist the congregation and the community outside of these posted hours. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything at all!

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK HOURS: TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 11AM-1PM

The Joy Lutheran **Emergency Food Bank** will be open and staffed by volunteers during the above posted hours or by appointment as needed. Thank you to Sherri Schaffer, Sue Turner, and Debbie Korsan for taking the lead on this important Ministry that Joy Lutheran provides to the community members of Polk County. If you have any questions please reach out to them. Sign-up online to volunteer.

INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE

If local schools are closed or release early due to winter weather conditions, the Office will be CLOSED and there will be no events (Confirmation, meetings, etc) at church that evening. If there is a large snowstorm on a scheduled worship day, we post a decision on the JLC Facebook page, website and send out a group email. As much as we want to have YOU at our programming and services, we want you and your family to be safe.



EVENTS CONTINUED...

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Lenten Calendar

TO BE USED AT HOME DURING PERSONAL AND FAMILY DEVOTION TIME EACH DAY OF LENT



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
6:30PM-8:30PM

Register **ONLINE NO LATER THAN** January 31st. All ages encouraged to attend. Childcare available if needed!
<https://bit.ly/lentencalendar>

fish fry



Friday, February 24 Cost:
4:30-7:00PM Age 0-5: Free
or until gone Age 6-10: \$7.00
Age 11+: \$12.00

MENU INCLUDES: **PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**
Fish, Scalloped Potatoes
Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, **LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP**
Baked Beans,
Dessert & Beverage

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Sign-Up Online to donate supplies / money and to volunteer to work the dinner.
Supplies/Money: <https://bit.ly/2023fishfry>
Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3Jgdkxv>

ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, March 5th
following worship

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NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:00AM

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AT JOY LUTHERAN

MARCH 5TH

Join us on February 26th for lunch and a brief orientation following worship

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EVENTS CONTINUED...

MARCH 12TH & 26TH

A Communion Class for all ages!



Class starts at 11:30am, beginning with a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Class will be led by Intern Kristin and will end by 1pm.

Youth should have a guardian attending with them.

We will make communion cups on March 12th and communion bread on March 26th.

First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm.

REGISTER HERE:
bit.ly/CommunionClassatJoy2023



Register ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/CommunionClassatJoy2023>



Lenten Services

Wednesdays
Dinner:
5:30-6:45pm
Worship:
7:00pm



WHERE'S NOAH?

- 03/01: On the Path of Faithfulness
- 03/08: Building an Ark and an Altar
- 03/15: Saved on the Ark
- 03/22: Receiving a Rainbow
- 03/29: Near the Saving Flood (Baptism)

Lent Worship Theme 2023

We are embarking on a quest to find "Noah" -- Noah of the Holy Bible. As we seek to discover the person, the life, and the unique experiences of Noah, this Old Testament legendary character, we will more clearly define and understand ourselves. We, like Noah, are called to be builders of arks and altars. This series is an invitation to all ages to participate in this Lenten season. It is a fact: "It takes an ark to save a child!"

Dear Family...

Paaaleeseeee take me to Wednesday night Lenten worship this year!!! Worship is 30 minutes, from 7p-7:30p. Mister Noah from the Old Testament will be there for you and for us kids.

Each week we will learn something very important about God and God's promises. Plus, our family will receive a wooden animal token with a special hidden message that we will figure out when we collect all the tokens from the ark.

There is even dinner at the church from 5:30p-6:45p so you won't even have to cook on Wednesday's! Plus, there is a Lenten Craft each week just for us to work on while you are busy fellowshiping. It is going to be awesome!

We can do it!

Thanks a lot, Your Loving Child

Mary Pollock Benefit



Saturday, February 18th, 2023
From 1pm-5pm @ BrowTime Event Center
1361 100th Street Amery, WI

Silent Auction & Raffles

Bake Sale ~ Live Music ~ Gun Raffle

This benefit is not only to help unforeseen medical expenses and daily living but to shower Mary with all the love and support!

In fall of 2021 Mary had been dealing with ongoing headaches for months along with mini seizures but due to long waits to see neurologists she put off going in. Just before Thanksgiving she had a massive seizure and was rushed to Regions where she underwent brain surgery. Unfortunately diagnosing her with grade 4 glioblastoma. There is no cure for this type of cancer. She underwent surgery for tumor removal in January of 2022 along with chemo and radiation. She recently started having numbness and weakness in her legs. Mary was taken to Regions hospital again around Thanksgiving and found out that she now has tumors in her neck causing paralysis of her arm and legs. She was recently hospitalized for 2 weeks due to weakness and an ankle fracture. Mary underwent more radiation and chemo in hopes to shrink the tumors.

Pulled Pork Lunch
Free Will Donation

Raffle Drawings
start at 4pm

Live Music
Allison Dyg
1:30pm-3pm

More Info:



Cash or Check Only



Got Bread? Winter Camp: February 17-19

Come experience camp in the Winter! Workshops, broomball, sledding, indoor games, and more! Register online at lutherpoint.org/winter-camp.

OPEN TO: 6th-12th grade COST: \$95/person

Do not let cost keep you from attending. Contact Meg if you are interested and need assistance.

LPBC ANNUAL MEETING

February 19th, 2023 @ 2pm

Luther Point Bible Camp's Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2pm. Join us in person at Luther Point's Dining Hall or via Zoom. Visit www.LutherPoint.org for more information and to sign up today!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Sunday February 5th	Sunday February 12th	Sunday February 19th	Sunday February 26th
Greeter/Usher: <u>OPEN</u>	Greeter/Usher: Bruce Christensen	Greeter/Usher: <u>OPEN</u>	Greeter/Usher: <u>OPEN</u>
Reader: <u>OPEN</u>	Reader: Sandy Christensen	Reader: <u>OPEN</u>	Reader: <u>OPEN</u>
Acolyte: <u>OPEN</u>	Acolyte: <u>OPEN</u>	Acolyte: <u>OPEN</u>	Acolyte: <u>OPEN</u>

We are in need of Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings! No experience is needed - we will show you what to do. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS- You should be signing up to be Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings!

Greeter/Usher: Greet people, hand out bulletins, dismiss rows for communion, advise Pastor of those needing communion in their seat, and take attendance.

Reader: Read lessons for the day. Readings will be sent to you via email ahead of time and available at the lectern on Sunday morning.

Acolyte: Light candles at the beginning of Worship, help with communion, extinguish candles at the end of Worship.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: We hope you attended the training sessions for each Worship Assistant role in January! If you missed it and are interested in receiving a *brief* overview of the roles and responsibilities for one (or more) of the Worship Assistant roles, please contact Meg in the office. **Remember** - this means kiddos too! Children are an important part of our Joy Family and are encouraged to participate in Worship.

Sign-up Online at: bit.ly/JoyWorshipAssistant

Contact the Church Office: office@joylutheranwi.org or 715.646.2357

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RECURRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Food Bank: Assist in stocking and organizing, check expiration dates on items, shop for needed items, update the whiteboard in the Narthex, and greet community members as they arrive.

Sign-Up Online at: bit.ly/JoyPantryVolunteer

Fellowship Host: Provide treats after Worship on Sunday mornings during the fellowship hour following Worship.

Sign-Up Online at: bit.ly/JoySundayFellowship

Wednesday Evening Dinner: Please sign-up to host Wednesday night dinner for Confirmation and High School Youth Group. Dinner should be ready by 5:30p. Hosts can use the church kitchen and come any time to prepare the meal, as needed. Paper plates, cups, silverware, and Kool-Aid/Lemonade are available for use. Dinner hosts should plan to feed 15 people and make enough for seconds.

Sign-Up Online at: bit.ly/JoyWedDinner

We have dinners covered until Lent begins! Please look ahead to April as we will need meal hosts!

Wednesday night meal is available to ALL!



YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION

YOUTH EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SCHEDULE

February

Feb 1st - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Feb 8th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Feb 15th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Feb 22nd - 6:30p Bonfire / 7p Lenten Worship

**No dinner served on February 22nd.*

March

Mar 1st - 5:30p Dinner / 7p Lenten Worship

Mar 8th - 5:30p Dinner / 7p Lenten Worship

Mar 15th - 5:30p Dinner / 7p Lenten Worship

Mar 22nd - 5:30p Dinner / 7p Lenten Worship

Mar 29th - 5:30p Dinner / 7p Lenten Worship

April

Apr 5th - No Programming

Apr 12th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Apr 19th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Apr 25th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class (LAST DAY)

ADULT EDUCATION

HEAVEN ON EARTH BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ANGIE

Join Pastor Angie for a three-session study, *Heaven on Earth - Studies in Matthew*. Study will meet at Joy Lutheran on Tuesdays from 6:30p-7:30p.

February

Feb 14th - Bringing Heaven to Earth Sounds Hard -
Do We Have What It Takes?

Matthew 5:38-48

Stay tuned for additional study dates TBD by Pastor Angie!

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

February

Feb 8th - 1:30p @ Evelyn Bystrom's

Feb 15th - 6:30p @ Joy Lutheran

Gather study *typically* meets on the following:
Afternoon Study - 1:30p 2nd Wednesday / month
Evening Study - 6:30p 3rd Wednesday / month

THIS-N-THAT

JOY COUNCIL

December Financial Report

	December	YTD 2022 (Jan-Dec)
Income	\$35,296.53	\$223,738.11
Expenses	\$18,061.45	\$244,645.94
Difference	\$17,235.08	(20,907.83)

Council Leadership

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If you would like to receive council minutes or congregational financial reports, have any questions, or would like more information on any event or church happenings, please contact the Office.

Call (715) 646-2357 Email office@joylutheranwi.org



MUSIC DIRECTOR

SOUNDS OF JOY: We're starting our Spring Choral season here at Joy! It's your time to be a member of the Sounds of Joy! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month or as needed. We have a lot of fun and would love to have you.

For questions, contact Julie Riemer at:
(715-338-1295 or jriemer@centurytel.net)

GOOD NEWS STORIES



GOOD NEWS IS STILL OUT THERE!

This portion of the newsletter is looking for uplifting and motivational stories and/or photos! Share your "news" about helping others, pets, human kindness, heroes, faith and family values, anything...anything GOOD! Share stories and photos that highlight special moments you have encountered, experienced, or witnessed during the past month.

Submit your Good News Story to:
office@joylutheranwi.org

PROJECTS @ JOY



Volunteers are needed to complete some projects around Joy! See the list below and contact Meg if you are willing to help or have any questions.

Narthex Bulletin Boards: We have two bulletin boards in the Narthex that have the potential to be *beautiful* and an excellent way to advertise events, celebrate holidays, and display artwork (kids, color more pictures!). I am looking for somebody to "decorate" these boards / create a background of some kind.

Youth Room: We have a spacious Youth Room with couches, a TV, Wii Gaming System, Ping Pong Table, etc....but it is *bland*. I am looking for individuals to help transform the space into an environment welcoming to Youth in the Congregation and Community. Painting the walls, new curtains, lighting, etc.

Building Keys: When I came into this position I acquired a billion (approximately) keys, with *no clue* what they belong to! Looking for somebody to play "key detective" and help get them labeled.

PRAYER LIST

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family and Friends of Pat Hyden, Chuck Johansen, Willie Lee (Friend of Carol and Clayton Johnson), Cheri VanGundy (Cheryl Peper's sister-in-laws mother), Nolan Milton (Son of close friend of Debbie Korsan), Rose Mason (Dawn Swanson's mother), Chris Nelson, Jerry Larsen, Ron Marlette, Mary Pollock, Tom Rivers, Michael Carlson (Tom & Katheryn River's grandson), Paulette Kapaun (Joyce Skog's daughter), LouAnn Schwanz (Annette Skog's aunt), Lisa Turocey (Tom River's cousin), and all members of the military & their families including; CJ Wesley (Linda Wesley's son), William Anderson (Dawn Swanson's son), Megan Anderson (Kutney), Tina Braddy (Edgell), Josh Kreft, Cameron Wood.

REMEMBER THOSE IN CARE CENTERS AND AT HOME

Charles Lehman (Deanna Wheeler's grandfather), Lois Sorensen, Mary Hahn, Harland Lofgren, Bernie Hinck (Melinda Sorensen's father), Dolores Huser, Bill & Marge Johnson, Mary Lunsman, Mary Mattson, Carole Shern, Marlin Snyder, Ardis Swenson, Erling Voss, Lois Voss, Pat Wall, Bob & Ruth Yira.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1

Caden Patterson
Steve Prince

February 2

Daniel Galle

February 3

Joel Ditlefsen
Jackie Johnson
Michael Koshatka

February 4

Judy Bainbridge
Raegan Sorensen

February 5

Josie Kreft
Deanna Wheeler

February 6

Kendra Carlson
River Pfeifer
Benjamin Wheeler

February 7

Daniel Reed

February 8

Peter Duerkop

February 9

Christopher Nelson

February 10

Loretta Gillitzer

February 11

Laurie Ellefson
Melinda Sorenson

February 14

Anna Larsen
Madison Schultz

Kristine Turner

Wesley Turner

February 16

Ivy Fawley

February 19

Dayne Mumm

February 21

Kelly Nelson

February 22

Eric Kuske

February 23

Maverick DeSmith

February 24

Terilyn Olson
Bethany Rose
Marlin Snyder

February 25

Heather Nielsen

February 26

Lisa Hatton
Maximum Wisdom

February 27

Aiden Cordie
Mitchell Hobbie

February 28

Janet Krueger



Going forward, the birthdays of Joy members will be posted in the monthly newsletter. If you have a birthday in February and do not see it listed here, that means the church office does not have complete and/or accurate information for you. Please contact Meg to get your information updated.

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PUZZLE

VALENTINE'S DAY

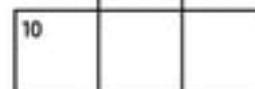
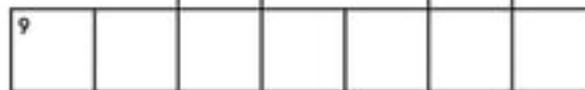
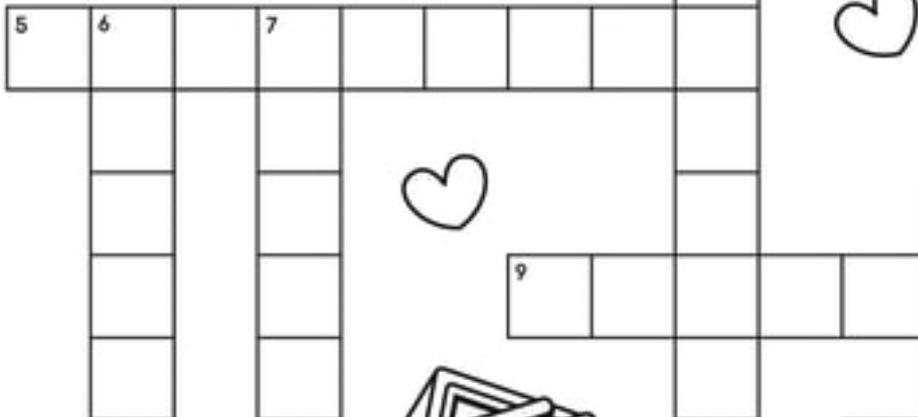
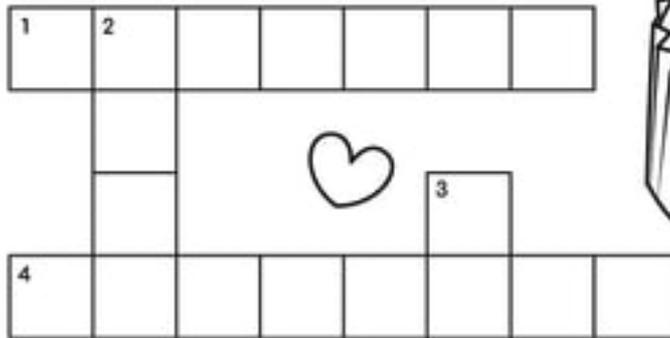
Test your knowledge of vocabulary words and facts. Use the clues below to fill in your answers in the numbered squares.

ACROSS

- Plants that you put in a vase. emotion.
- Valentine's Day happens during this month.
- A popular Valentine's Day candy.
- You might find a valentine in your ____.
- The main color associated with Valentine's Day.

DOWN

- Valentine's Day is a celebration of this.
- Will you be my ____?
- You may receive candy in a ____-shaped box.
- A winged archer associated with love.
- A flower with a sweet scent and thorns.



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Join us on Sundays
9:15-9:45am FAITH5 Family | 10am Worship with Holy Communion