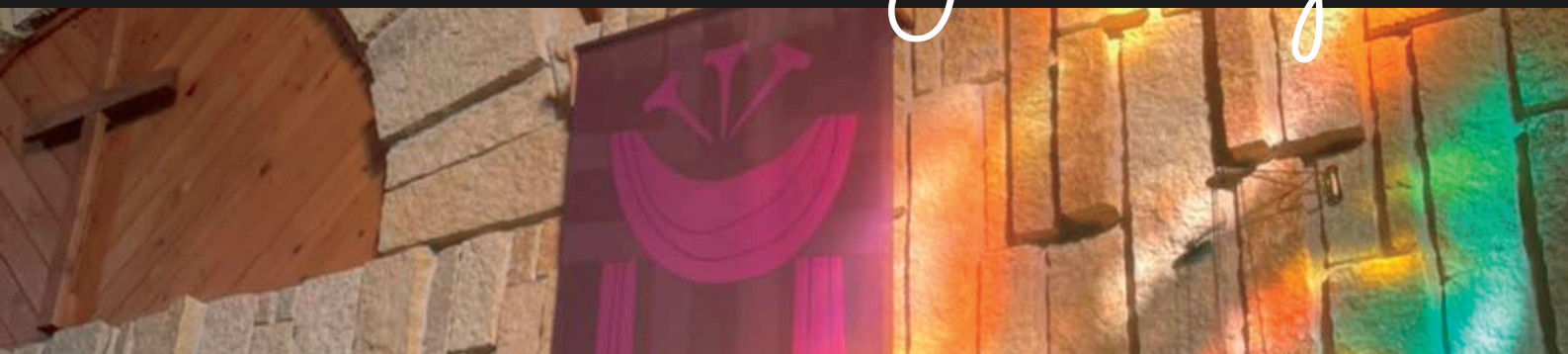


JOY LUTHERAN

FULL NEWS

January 2023



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE: PASTOR ANGIE KUTNEY

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany! We are speeding through the 12 Days of Christmas (December 25 through January 5) toward the Twelfth Night and Epiphany. The name Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation," or "appearance" and refers to the revelation that the incarnate Christ is both fully God and fully human and has come to save all people. The holiday is also called the Feast of Epiphany, Theophany, or Three Kings' Day. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in some countries, while in others children receive small gifts in their shoes in honor of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism., including the blessing of houses with holy water.

Here at Joy, we celebrate Epiphany by choosing Star Words and committing to keeping our eyes and ears and hearts open throughout the year for the multitude of ways Christ is revealed to us. Star Words are intended to help focus our attention on these revelations, these epiphanies.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE: CONTINUED

This past summer I had the privilege of officiating the burial service for our friend and Joy Lutheran Church member, Harlen Kruger. Harlen's family set up an alter next to the grave and placed on it several things that had special meaning to Harlen this life. (*Alter pictured on page 1*). Included among the treasures were the Start Words he had chosen on previous Epiphanies as well as his Remembrance of Baptism and Belonging to Community Milestones. As we ended the brief service, we placed these items into the grave and filled the grave with dirt from his gardens at home. So much thought and care went into this burial service. I experienced God's presence, again, in the reading of scripture and the prayer of prayers. I saw Christ revealed, again, in the pouring of water as we gave thanks for the promises made to Harlen through baptism. And I remembered Harlen's belonging as a member of Joy and a child of God. Star and stones, water and dirt, scripture and prayers...all these things were epiphanies, were Christ revealed again for us that day in the cemetery.



The good news is that Epiphany is not a one and done event. Epiphanies happen every day, many times a day, all around us. Sunday, January 8th, we will choose Star Words, and my continued prayer is we would have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts open to receive Christ revealed to us throughout the year.

In Awe,
Pastor Angie

FROM THE OFFICE



December Pastoral Acts:

Funeral Service for Non-Member on December 16th,

December Attendance:

4th: #72 11th: #114 18th: #77 24th: 4p #104 7p #49 25th: #32

Giving in December:

4th: \$2,364.40 11th: \$4,752.52 18th: \$4,717.27 24th: \$21,165.00 25th: \$951.76

Welcome to the following new members of Joy!

Robert and Linda Jones - Wayne and Kerry Swenson

Goodbye BREEZE, Hello CHURCHTRAC

- We are currently in the process of transitioning from one Database Management system to another. Please be patient as we work through this transition.
- In the upcoming months, Meg will be in the Fellowship Hall prior to and following Worship in order to go over database entries with all members. Stay tuned for a schedule and more information.
- If you are currently enrolled in automatic online giving through Breeze, please ensure you CANCEL this recurring payment NO LATER THAN January 23rd. You will need to utilize the following link to create a NEW online giving account through ChurchTrac.
<https://joylutheranwi.churchtrac.com/give>
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Database Management transition, cancelling your Breeze giving Enrollment, or enrolling in ChurchTrac giving, please contact Meg at:
office@joylutheranwi.org OR 715.646.2357 OR 715.501.6648



Joy Lutheran Photo Directory: Coming to you in 2023!

The new year is bringing a new photo directory to Joy Lutheran!

- Once the Database Management system transition is finalized, Meg will start working on the photo directory.
- Start looking for / or take a photo that can be submitted for inclusion in the directory. If you do not have a photo or are unable to take one, there will be opportunities in the upcoming months for you to have a photo taken at Joy Lutheran. Communion Visitation Ministry will be collecting and/or taking photos of those unable to leave home or a care facility. ALL will be included in this project. I look forward to it.

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.





Joy Office / Staff / Church / Food Pantry 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.

Community Referral Agency: Domestic/Sexual Assault Shelter and Services

Throughout the month of January, Joy Lutheran will be collecting items for the Community Referral Agency (CRA) of Polk County. The mission of the CRA is to support, aid, protect, shelter educate and mentor those who have survived domestic and/or sexual abuse. This agency supports all of Polk County, providing resources and services to men, women, and children of all ages.



Community Referral Agency

Providing Shelter and Services for Survivors of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault



January Shelter Needs: Kleenex, Paper Towels, Laundry Soap, Garbage Bags, Hand Soap, All Purpose Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Bath Towels, Body Wash, and Hamburger Helper.

Monetary Donations are always needed/accepted as well.

CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10a Worship w/ Communion Communion Blessing & PJ Party Fellowship: Council Kristin – School <u>New Year's Day</u>	2 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p NA Meeting Kristin – School OFFICE CLOSED	3 10:30a Staff Meeting Kristin – School	4 NO Music Practice NO Confirmation / HS Youth Kristin – School	5 Kristin – School	6 11a Pastor Angie Funeral Off-Site Kristin – School	7 Kristin – School Meg – Drill
8 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion STAR WORD SUNDAY Scholarship Presentation Fellowship: Kristin – School Meg – Drill	9 10a-Noon Quilting Ministry 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p NA Meeting Kristin – School OFFICE CLOSED	10 10:30a Staff Meeting 6p Partners for Recovery 6:30p WELCA Meeting Kristin – School	11 1:30p Gather Bible Study 5:30p Sounds of Joy 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth Kristin – School	12 7p Council Meeting Kristin – School <u>Jim's Birthday</u>	13 Kristin – School	14 Kristin – School
15 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion Fellowship: Training: Greeter / Usher Kristin – School	16 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p NA Meeting Kristin – School OFFICE CLOSED <u>Martin Luther King Day</u>	17 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Heaven on Earth Bible Study w/ Pastor Angie Kristin – School	18 5:30p Sign Up for Bells & Practice 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth 6:30p Gather Bible Study Kristin – School	19 Kristin – School	20 Kristin – School	21 Kristin – School
22 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion Fellowship: Training: Reader Kristin – School	23 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p NA Meeting Kristin – School	24 10:30a Staff Meeting Kristin – School	25 5:30p Sounds of Joy 5:30p Confirmation / HS Youth Kristin – School	26 Kristin – School	27 Kristin – School	28 Kristin – School
29 9:15a Faith5 10a Worship w/ Communion Fellowship: Training: Acolyte Kristin – School	30 5p Ukulele Group 5:30p NA Meeting Kristin – School	31 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Heaven on Earth Bible Study w/ Pastor Angie				



Got Bread? Winter Camp: January 13-15 AND 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.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. John 6:51

Give Blood. Help save lives - Luck Lutheran Church

Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Luck, to schedule an appointment.



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Sunday January 1st	Sunday January 8th	Sunday January 15th	Sunday January 22nd	Sunday January 29th
Greeter/Usher: Open	Greeter/Usher: Open	Greeter/Usher: Open	Greeter/Usher: Open	Greeter/Usher: Bruce Christensen
Reader: Open	Reader: Open	Reader: Deborah Schmalz	Reader: Open	Reader: Sandy Christensen
Acolyte: Open	Acolyte: Open	Acolyte: Open	Acolyte: Open	Acolyte: Open

We are in need of Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings! No experience is needed - we will show you what to do. CONFIRMATION KIDS - 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: Worship is a community event, and we can *all* be leaders in the Joy Community. The cultivation of our Joy Community is a group effort, and it takes all of us! Join us for a brief training following Worship about each Worship Assistant Role. Any and all people are encouraged to attend (kiddos - that means you too!) We want you to feel comfortable assisting with Worship.

January 15th: Greeter/Usher

January 22nd: Reader

January 29th: Acolyte

Sign-up Online at: bit.ly/JoyWorshipAssistant

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RECURRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food Pantry: Assist in stocking and organizing the pantry, check expiration dates on items, shop for the pantry, update the pantry needs sign 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 anytime to prepare the meal, as needed. Paper plates, cups, silverware, and Kool-Aid/Lemonade are available for use. Dinner hosts should plan to feed 25 people and make enough for seconds.

Sign-Up Online at: bit.ly/JoyWedDinner

Wednesday night meal is available to ALL!



YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION

YOUTH EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SCHEDULE

January

Jan 4th - No Programming

Jan 11th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Jan 18th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

Jan 25th - 5:30p Dinner / 6p Class

February

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

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

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

Feb 22nd - Lent Dinner / Worship

March

Mar 1st - Lent Dinner / Worship

Mar 8th - Lent Dinner / Worship

Mar 15th - Lent Dinner / Worship

Mar 22nd - Lent Dinner / Worship

Mar 29th - Lent Dinner / 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 three Tuesdays from 6:30p-7:30p.

January

Jan 17th - Who Wants Heaven on Earth?

Matthew 4:12-23

Jan 31st - Are We the Right Ones to Bring Heaven to Earth?

Matthew 5:13-20

February

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

Matthew 5:38-48

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

January

Jan 11th - 1:30p

Jan 18th - 6:30p

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

JOY COUNCIL

November Financial Report

	November	YTD (Jan-Nov)
Income	\$23,223.66	\$200,357.92
Expenses	\$22,672.50	\$226,534.49
Difference	\$551.16	(26,176.57)

Council Leadership

Pastor: Pastor Angie Kutney angkutney@gmail.com

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Treasurer: Elizabeth Ebensperger treasurer4joy@gmail.com

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

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

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.

BELLS OF JOY: Now's the time to participate in the Bells of Joy group for our Lenten and Easter performances. We practice an hour or so 1 or 2 nights per month then ramp up more as needed when we get closer to performance dates. We have a lot of fun while also working hard to make a cool sound. If you are committed to roughly 6 practice sessions between January 18th and April 9th, we would love to have you!

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



JOYful Noise Bells: Salvation Army

On December 17th, members from Joy Lutheran rang the JOYful Noise Bells at Wayne's Grocery in Luck, WI.

De'Kari can be seen here, with Intern Kristen, holding down the percussion section with the shakers!

PRAYER LIST

Cheri VanGundy (Cheryl Peper's sister-in-law's mother) Nolan Milton (Son of close friend of Debbie Korsan), Rose Mason (Dawn Swanson's mother), Chase Waldie (relative of Pam Livingston), Chris Nelson, Jerry Larsen, Ron Marlette, Mary Pollock, Tom Rivers; Michael Carlson (Tom & Katheryn River's grandson), Pat Hyden, 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, Fred Bentley, 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!

January 1

Brady Turner

January 2

Don Ellefson

Xylar Tschida

John Turner

January 4

Katherine Ebensperger

January 7

Adelle Babcock

Lorna Britain

January 8

Braxton Amirante

Dennis Anderson

Kenneth Kellogg

McKenzie Knutson

Lindsay Spindler

January 10

Emma Livingston

Wyatt Livingston

January 11

Owen Kemis

Bailee Sloper

Kyra Swanson

January 12

Reed Sorensen

Atley Thomas

Jeff Turner

Jim Young

January 13

Tom Bainbridge

Michael Clausen

January 14

Carly Davis

Lucas Davis

January 15

Timothy Patterson

January 16

Ervin Lehmann

Ethan Lehmann

Jerold Livingston

William Schultz

January 22

Camden Paquin

January 23

Frances McLeod

January 26

Zachary Reed

January 27

Karri Balzer

Ellen Lehman

Alex Peper

January 28

Lexi Anderson

January 29

James Klapste

January 30

Kylie VanVleet

January 31

Steve Beyl

Grace Owen



Going forward, the birthdays of Joy members will be posted in the monthly newsletter. If you have a birthday in January 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.

Name: _____

Epiphany Word Search



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| FIRST MIRACLE | REVELATION | MELCHIOR |
| FRANKINCENSE | BALTHAZAR | BAPTISM |
| WISE MEN | BETHLEHEM | HOLIDAY |
| THREE KINGS | CHRISTIAN | JANUARY |
| TWELFTH DAY | EPIPHANY | CASPAR |



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JANUARY

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