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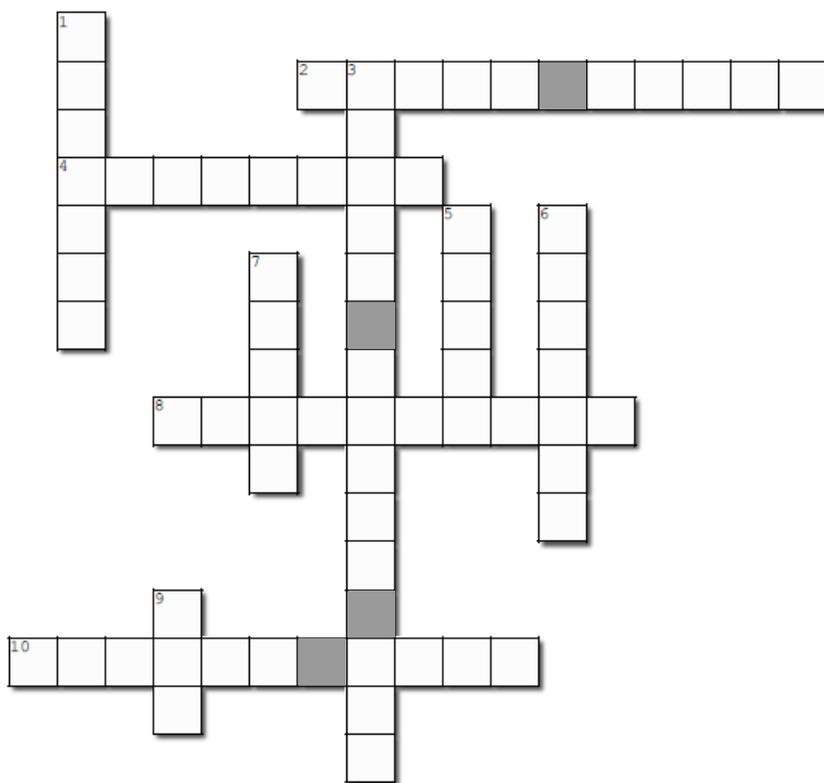
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*Congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*

From our Pastor...

EnJOY this fun little puzzle and learn a few things in the process.



Across

2. Gift the newly baptized receives from the congregation
4. Psalm 23 – The Lord is my _____
8. Conversation and treats
10. Annual community event happening in Centuria in July

Down

1. Newest member of the ministry staff
3. Joy's birthday (hint: it was in 2020)
5. First name of one of the worship leaders Sunday, June 27
6. Sacrament with water
7. A gift Joy gives to graduating seniors
9. The church

Answers on page 6.

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Memory Days

Centuria Memory Days is July 9-11

We need a Team to help with the Pulled-Pork Dinner on Sunday.

Sign-up at church or online at tinyurl.com/5ffdwcwsk

Join us for Memory Days

Saturday, July 10—4pm Music followed by Pie & Ice Cream Social

The music show is FREE. Pie & Ice Cream will be \$4.

Sign-up here to bring pies: tinyurl.com/rudnbamw

Sunday, July 11—11am-1pm Pulled-Pork Dinner

Following our 10am Worship Service, you can dine-in or take-out. Cost \$10

Parade begins on Main Street at 1:30pm.

JOY LUTHERAN

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Special

SUNDAY DINNER

SUNDAY, JULY 11

11 AM - 1 PM



DINE IN
OR
TAKE OUT



Register Online

[tinyurl.com/
3f32r7vx](https://tinyurl.com/3f32r7vx)

Or pick up a registration form at the church and mail to PO Box 217, Centuria WI 54824

Make checks payable to NW Synod of WI memo: Christ Jam



We are so excited to see you all IN PERSON for Christ Jam 2021 this summer! Our theme this year is "Under Construction" and, together, we will reconnect with each other and build relationships - with one another and with Jesus - as we enjoy a day in the beautiful outdoors. Can't wait to see you there!

"The house I am about to build will be great." ~2 Chronicles 2:5a

WHO: All middle schoolers who finished 5th-8th grade this year

WHEN: Saturday, July 24, at Luther Point in Grantsburg

COST: \$55 per participant (adults and youth)

Let Pastor Angie know if you need assistance with the fee

Event for 6th-12th Graders

WED. JULY 14—6pm

Come Meet Intern Kristin

Let's check out our space at JOY and make plans for the future!



**BONFIRE
PIZZA
S'MORES**

**Wed. July 14 - 6pm
at JOY LUTHERAN**

Bring a friend, or 3, or 10!

Council Members

Terrie Lunsman, Pres.

715-553-0914

Todd Sturgul, V. Pres.

715-553-0606

Sarah Campbell, Secy.

715-557-0387

Al Arndt, Treasurer

715-210-1355

David Beaulieu

Steve Beyl

Bruce Christensen

Lonnie Ellefson

Erin Kaiser

Deborah Schmalz

Richard Schmalz

Ashley Sempf

Vision Statement

Joy Lutheran comes together in service to our community locally and globally to experience faith that comes from God's word; to know the love of God and to share the joy of our faith through Jesus Christ.

Notes from the June Council Meeting

Old Business

- Approval to follow the CDC guidelines regarding COVID.
- After lengthy discussion on doors for Pantry and Quilt openings subject was tabled until July meeting.
- Maintenance issues were discussed and voted to hire Andre Electric to fix exposed wires by the highway sign and bell tower.
- Committee needed for the highway sign updated project.
- Planning happening for VBS in August. Luther Point will not be able to help because of limited staff.
- Approval on the proceeds from the Memory Days Pulled Pork dinner. 75% to go to Luther Point camperships, 25% to the Generosity fund.
- Discussed continuing resolution and work needed on the Constitution.

New Business

- Next Congregational meeting scheduled for October 10, 2021.
- Mentioned forming a men's group.
- Parsonage rental - Approval on motion to set aside 25% of monthly rent for future upkeep.
- Long range committee established to set goal for the future of Joy. Now seeking persons interested to serve.
- Next council date set for July 15, 7pm.

—Submitted by Terrie Lunsman, president

Pastor's Report presented at the June 2021 Council Meeting

This May certainly looked/felt a lot different than May one year ago. I have been re-reading the services and sermons I preached last year during the first couple of months of the pandemic. One thing I notice is that seemed to be genuinely surprised by what was turning into week after long week of sheltering at home. Apparently, I thought every day might be the end of COVID and the return to "our regularly scheduled program" so to speak. Now 15 months later I am thankful that there seems to be no real "normal" now. We became a new church in the pandemic, and as JOY everything we do is new, a challenge, exciting. I remind myself of this each week as we take little steps in new directions, becoming who we are created and called to be. This really is an exciting time to be God's church. As the Apostle Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians (5:17) "*... if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*" That's us! We are a new creation!

Here is some of what's been happening with this new creation in May 2021.

The Confirmation Ministry year wrapped up on June 2. We started the year with 8 boys and 1 pastor and finished the year with 8 boys and 1 pastor, so I consider that a success. Joy hosted the end of the year party for the Apple River Conference Confirmation group. Luther Point Bible Camp staff joined us for the evening. Thank you to Joy confirmation families who kept a sense of adventure and made learning during the year of pandemic such fun. The 2021-2022 Confirmation Ministry year will begin in September 2021. A reminder that **Confirmation Sunday will be October 31, 2021.**

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August Newsletter Deadline

Tue, July 20

Council Meeting

July 15, 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.

Pastoral Acts

Funerals:

Martha Gustafson,
5.1.21 at Joy
Lutheran Church

Burial:

George Lair,
5.15.21 at Cushing
Cemetery

We installed our new council and began work on May 13. The council members are: Terrie Lunsman, President; Todd Sturgul, V. President; Sarah Campbell, Secretary; Al Arndt, Treasurer; David Beaulieu; Steve Beyl; Bruce Christensen; Lonnie Ellefson; Erin Kaiser; Deborah Schmalz; Richard Schmalz; Ashley Sempf

I attended a week of continuing education via zoom called the **Festival of Homiletics** May 17-21. It was a good week of preaching and text study.

I attended internship supervisor training three Thursdays in May to prepare for our intern. Intern Kristin and I are attending a retreat (via Zoom... but together at Joy) June 9, 10, and 11. A reminder that **Kristin Boland**, Luther Seminary M.DIVX student, begins her internship on Monday, June 21. We will install her as our intern pastor and celebrate her learning and ministry among us on Sunday, June 27. I know you will all be ready to welcome her! Pastor Randy Olson, Synod Minister, will be with us that Sunday.

Apple River Conference Ministers met at Luther Point Bible Camp on Thursday, May 13. Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and Luther Point Camp staff were able to join us. This was the first time we have all been together since the pandemic began. Pastor Marilyn Crossfield and I serve as Conference Deans.

Joy hosted a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on May 21 and was **Covid Vaccination site** on May 27.

We recognized our graduating **High School Senior's during worship** on Sunday, May 23. Chevy Baxter, River Pfeifer, Raegan Sorensen, all Unity grads, each received a milestone and a quilt from Joy. Thank you to Sharron Lofgren for creating the beautiful quilts.

We also hosted the pastor's weekly text study, kept the emergency food pantry organized and stocked, and helped a neighbor move.

It was a good month to be a new creation!

Peace, Pastor Angie

Joy Lutheran Scholarship Fund

All members of Joy accepted to any post-secondary education program are encouraged to apply for a scholarship.

Applications are available online or in the office.

Deadline is **July 15**.

Answers

Across: 2. faith chest; 4. shepherd; 8. fellowship; 10. memory days

Down: 1. kristin; 3. april fool's day; 5. lucas; 6. baptism; 7. quilt; 9. JOY



Joy Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

Highlights from W/ELCA meeting on June 8, 2021

A quilt was given to Chevy Baxter, another Unity graduate.

Anyone interested in quilting, please contact Marilyn Lacy at 715-646-2631.

We changed our meeting day to the first Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting on July 6 at 6:30pm.

Memory Days: Pie and ice cream will be served after the music program on Saturday, July 10. Please call Nancy Priebe at 715-645-0025 if you can donate a pie/s. Thank you. No charge for the music program and \$4 charge for the pie and ice cream.

Pulled pork dinner on Sunday, July 11. The W/ELCA will provide brownies for the meal. Please call Carol Johnson at 715-825-3114 if you can donate a pan of brownies. Thank you.

Fishermen's Party: We will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 14, from 8 to 10am in the park shelter. Menu will be pancakes, sausages, apple sauce, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Please call Carol Johnson at 715-825-3114 if you would like to help by donating any supplies or working. Thank you.

Bazaar: We are looking for new ideas for expanding the bazaar. Please come and share ideas at our next meeting on July 6 at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

School Kits & Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

It is time to think about School Kits and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Sales for school supplies usually begin in mid-July.

Last year I shopped for supplies for 125 school kits. Additional supplies were donated to make approximately 135 school kits. I will be applying for a Thrivent Team Action Grant of \$250. Watching the weekly sales, I am estimating that I can get the items for the School Kits for about \$3.25 to \$3.50 per kit. The drawstring back sacks have been donated by Terrie Lunsman—thank you Terrie! For the Personal Care Kits, those items are usually not on sale and I can purchase the items for between \$8 and \$9 per kit.

If you would like to contribute towards these kits, please place a check in the offering plate and clearly mark it as "School/Personal Care Kits" or mail your check to the church office. The money that is donated I will first apply towards the cost of the School Kits and whatever is left I will purchase supplies for the Personal Care Kits.

The following is a list of supplies needed for the kits. If you wish to purchase supplies towards these kits, you may do so and bring the items to church on Sunday morning or the office during normal office hours.

SCHOOL KITS

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx. 8 ½ X 10 1/2". NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on 1 side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 new unsharpened #2 lead pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band

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School Kits & Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

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- 5 ball point pens (no gel ink), secured together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser approx..2 ½” long
- 1 sturdy drawstring cloth backpack. Backpacks have been purchased and donated by Terrie Lunsman (we have plenty)

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (20” X 40” to maximum 27” X 52”), dark color recommended [Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.]
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you have any questions about this project, contact Al Arndt at 715-210-1355 or alarndt@lakeland.ws

Thank you for your support and generosity of this project! —Al Arndt



Food Pantry Volunteers

July
Volunteer needed

August
Volunteer needed

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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.

Joy Birthdays—July

If you do not see your name on this list—it means we do not have your birthdate in our records. Please contact the office with that information.

Renee Allen	07/03	Craig Turner	07/16
Carly Nelson	07/04	Todd Pfeifer	07/17
Megan Carlson	07/09	Michael Carlson	07/17
Rachel Humpal	07/10	Heather Gillitzer	07/19
Hannah Yira	07/12	Hunter Wisdom	07/19
Bill Johnson	07/13	Sharron Lofgren	07/19
Nathan Cousins	07/13	Michael Cordie	07/21
Mary Hahn	07/13	Mitchell Cordie	07/21
Jodie Beyl	07/14	Lucie Nielsen	07/24
Robert Mount	07/15	LeAnn Belisle	07/26
Jace Swanson	07/15	Turner Flaherty	07/31



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10am Worship indoors or parking lot 87.9 FM

Listen to our Sermon Podcast: www.joylutheranwi.org/podcast

Happening in July

- **W/ELCA Meeting**—Tuesday, July 6, 6:30pm
- **Memory Days Events**—see page 2
- **Youth Event at Joy**—Wednesday, July 14, 6pm—see page 3
- **Council Meeting**—Thursday, July 15, 7pm
- **Sunday, July 18**—Worship with Baptism of Nash Ardolf
- **Christ Jam**—Saturday, July 24 at Luther Point—see page 3
- **Sunday, July 25**—Worship with Baptisms of Elaina, Adalynn, & Bodie Hanson followed by fellowship