

# JOYful News

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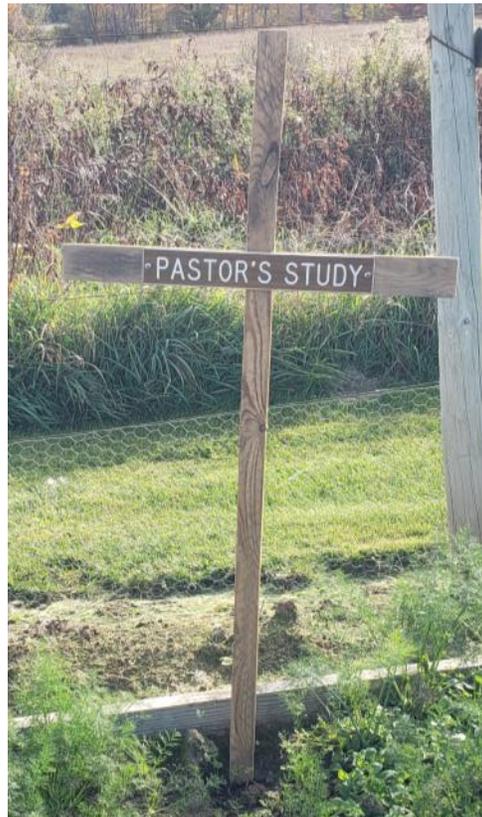
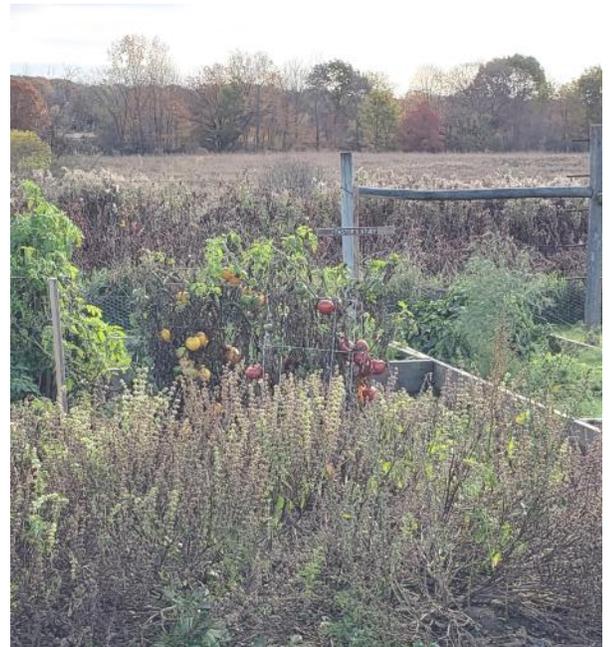
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## From our Pastor...

I snapped this picture the other day while I was out in our garden harvesting Brussel Sprouts and bringing in Butternut Squash. If you look past the falling down tomato plants, you'll see a cross that reads "Pastor's Study." My friend Bruce made that for me last summer during the height of the pandemic (or what we thought was the height of the



pandemic), after I recorded a worship service out in our garden. I stuck the cross in the ground as a reminder to myself that where I studied, worshiped, and praised God didn't matter as much as the fact that I was doing it... doing something... in the midst of a pandemic.

Over the last year I've moved that cross around, it's even been in the house. Over the last year the garden has been tilled up many times, harvested, planted, and harvested again. And over the last year I've worshiped in the garden, at home, in the Joy parking lot, the cave in an empty sanctuary, and in the sanctuary wearing a mask—sometimes, filled with people wearing masks—sometimes. Regardless of how or where,

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## Joy Lutheran Church

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## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 7  
after 10am Worship

We must approve  
the 2022 Budget.

## Council Members

Terrie Lunsman, Pres.

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Ashley Sempf

## From our Pastor...

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I was doing something, and **we are** doing something, in the midst of this ongoing pandemic.

It's been hard. Hard to plan. Hard to know if we should worship in person or listen to the podcast in our car. It's been hard to decide how many verses of a hymn we should be singing in worship. Whether we should serve fellowship treats on Sunday morning or serve dinner before Confirmation and High School Youth Group. I won't even get started on masking. 😊 And that's just church stuff! Our whole lives: school, work, daycare, riding the bus, visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home, family celebrations, grocery shopping... it's all just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the confusing, ever changing, nothing-is-normal pandemic reality in which we are living.

But guess what? There is Good News in all of this. And the Good News is the promise that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) This **is** Good News because in a world that's only constants seem to be inconsistency and change, **Jesus, has not, is not, will not be inconsistent or change.** Jesus promises to be exactly who he has always been, since the beginning of time. He is love and peace, a constant presence and comfort for us, he is just and kind, he invites and welcomes. He shows up in gardens and parking lots, sanctuaries and school, grocery store and in rush hour traffic. He is with us in the midst of every hard decision and every moment of our confusing, ever changing, nothing-is normal reality. That is the Good News, the promise of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

Remember the promise.

Pastor Angie

## Pastor's Vacation

I will be on vacation with my family beginning Saturday, November 20. I will return to the office on Wednesday, December 1. Intern Kristin will be here, responding to needs and leading worship. November 21 will be the Thankoffering Service and November 28 is the first Sunday in Advent. Both services will be non-communion services and both services are well in hand. What a blessing it is to have Intern Kristin here with us!

I have arranged for Pastor Marilyn Crossfield to be on call for Intern Kristin.

I intend to enjoy the time away with my family, rest and rejuvenate so I am fueled up for Advent, Christmas and the season of Epiphany.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Angie

Intern Kristin is on vacation November 1-7.

## ELCA Missionary Profile

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June 5

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gift that it is for  
sponsoring our  
missionary.

### **A Note from Our New Missionary—The Rev. Kristin Engstrom**

I just received the good news from the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship Office that Joy Lutheran has chosen to support me as an ELCA Global Missionary. Thank you so much for your continued generosity during these uncertain times, and for choosing to continue supporting the work of ELCA global missionaries after Pastor Alex LaChapelle transitioned back to ministry in the United States.

Just last week I sent a Newsletter to my supporting congregations sharing the good news of my new call as an ELCA global missionary. [Links to her newsletter and blog can be found at [www.joylutheranwi.org/generosity](http://www.joylutheranwi.org/generosity).] I've also attached a short biography, in case that is helpful for the congregation to get to know me a bit more.

In the Newsletter, you will learn how I was previously a Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Country Coordinator in Senegal, but due to the cancellation of the YAGM program for two years, I am now transitioning to a call in Zambia with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia. As a YAGM Coordinator, I also had the honor of working for two years with the missionary you previously sponsored, Alex La Chapelle.

I look forward to getting to know your congregation better, and hopefully visiting you all next year when I will hopefully be on home assignment!

God be with you,  
Pastor Kristin Engstrom

**Pastor Kristin Engstrom** most recently served as the Country Coordinator for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Senegal, West Africa from 2016 until March 2021. A graduate of Mankato West High School, she studied at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. After being ordained by the ELCA in 2009, Pastor Kristin served two different parishes in northern New Jersey for six years, and then accepted the call to coordinate the YAGM program in Senegal. As soon as she receives her Zambia work permit, Pastor Kristin will be moving to Zambia in Southern Africa to serve as the Facilitator for Leadership Development and Capacity Building with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia. You can follow Pastor Kristin's work as an ELCA global missionary on her blog [www.alongwithpastorkristin.blogspot.com](http://www.alongwithpastorkristin.blogspot.com).



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

Mon, Nov. 15

**Council Meeting**

**Nov. 11, 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.

**A Note of Thanks**

To members of Joy Lutheran

Thank you for your prayers.

I pray every day that Joy Lutheran will continue to grow and that the messages from Pastor Angie will continue to reach the hearts and souls of all members of Joy.

Thank you again,  
Mary Mattson



**Joy Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA**

We have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30pm. We will discuss the bazaar outcome, among other items.

Sunday, November 21, is our annual Thankoffering Sunday. We will include our mission statement: Experience faith, Know love, Share Joy. If you are interested in working or participating in this venture, please come to the meeting on the 9th or talk with Intern Kristin.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend all W/ELCA meetings. The more participation, the more we can do together!

—Carol Johnson

**Notes from the October Council Meeting**

Council met via zoom October 14, 2021

Update on COVID, approved to go back a couple of steps to masks recommended and fellowship outdoors after service for the next few weeks.

Introduction to new Missionary sponsorship The Rev. Kristin Engstrom.

Update on highway sign.

Begin work on building use guidelines to be completed November council meeting.

Congregational meeting set for November 7 to approve 2022 budget.

Al Arndt retires from the Joy treasure position (next spring, when he returns from his winter home in AZ).

—Terrie Lunsman, President

**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.

**Advent Party!**

Wednesday, December 1st  
5:30-7:00pm

Dinner, tree decorating,  
cookie decorating,  
FUN!!

All are invited!

# RINGING BELLS

FOR SALVATION ARMY'S RED KETTLE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN.

THIS ENABLES THE SALVATION ARMY TO PROVIDE FOOD, TOYS AND CLOTHING TO OVER 6 MILLION PEOPLE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HELPS MORE THAN 34 MILLION AMERICANS RECOVERING FROM ALL KINDS OF PERSONAL DISASTERS NATIONWIDE.

DECEMBER 4TH  
9:00-11:00AM

WAYNE'S FOODS  
PLUS IN LUCK



Signup here: <https://bit.ly/JOYRingBells> or just show up!

**We will be ringing the Joyful Noise Bells. So many hands are needed.**

**Family Pathways  
Thanksgiving  
Baskets**

Family Pathways is collecting food to create Thanksgiving Baskets for families and individuals so they can make their own Thanksgiving dinner.

We have been asked to collect **Gravy—jars, cans, or dry packages.**

Please have items to the church by November 14.

Twenty-First Annual  
**Chili Feed**  
Drive Through Event

Proceeds to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelters  
located in Amery and Luck

**Saturday, November 20, 2021**  
**4:30 pm— 6:30 pm**



*Free Will Offering*

Hosted by  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**1050 Keller Ave. N., Amery**

[www.northwoodsshelters.org](http://www.northwoodsshelters.org) \* (715) 268-5730

**December Crafting**

We will have a special crafting event after worship on Sunday, December 5 and again on Tuesday, December 7, at 6:30pm. We will be making the same craft each day, so you only need to attend one (if you want). Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and the December newsletter.

This craft is easy enough for all ages and crafting abilities.



**Help Count Offerings**

Volunteers are needed to help count offering on Mondays.

Call the office for more details, 715-646-2357.

**Food Pantry Volunteers**

**November**  
Dave Beaulieu

**December**  
Volunteer needed



**Ways to Give at Joy**

If you would like to **give online** or setup automatic giving, go to: [joy.breezechms.com/give/online](http://joy.breezechms.com/give/online)

You can **give by text**. Text an amount to (715) 800-3709.

*First time givers will be prompted to provide their payment method via a secure web page.*

**To Avoid Fees** – Give through your bank: If you use online banking, you can set up an automatic payment to the church.

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**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 Monday-Thursday during office 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.

**Joy Birthdays—November**

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.

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Annabelle Hatten | 17 Mike Peper            |
| 3 Paul Hauge       | 20 Eiley Entwistle       |
| 3 Glen Nelson      | 20 Joyce Skog            |
| 4 Al Arndt         | 21 Julie McMeekin        |
| 5 Bob Yira         | 22 Cailin Flaherty       |
| 7 Declan Reed      | 24 Brenda Lehmann        |
| 8 Dakota Hyden     | 24 Brent Priebe          |
| 11 Peyton Sloper   | 24 Erin Vollrath         |
| 13 Anna Gingras    | 25 Bruce Muller          |
| 13 Katheryn Rivers | 25 Tom Wisdom            |
| 14 Harvey Berg     | 27 Elle Vollrath         |
| 15 Russ Pollock    | 28 Kathy Adascheck       |
| 15 Makenzie Turner | 28 Elizabeth Ebensperger |
| 15 Justin Vollrath |                          |

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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)

### Happening in November

- Weds, Nov 3, 10, 17** **Confirmation & High School Youth Group Meeting Night**  
5:30pm Supper | 6-7pm Confirmation/High School Youth Group
- Sun, Nov 7** 9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family—every Sunday, meet in Sanctuary  
10am Worship with Holy Communion followed by **Congregation Meeting**
- Tue, Nov 9** 3:30pm W/ELCA Apple River Conference Board Meeting at Joy  
6:30pm Joy W/ELCA Meeting—all women are invited
- Wed, Nov 10** 1:30pm Women's *Gather* Bible Study
- Thu, Nov 11** 7pm Church Council Meeting
- Sun, Nov 14** 9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family  
10am Worship with Holy Communion and the Joyful Praise Band—**Youth Sunday**
- Wed, Nov 17** 6:30pm Evening *Gather* Bible Study for everyone
- Sun, Nov 21** 9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family | 10am Worship—**Thankoffering Sunday**
- Thu, Nov 25** **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Sun, Nov 28** **First Sunday in Advent—Advent theme: “My Heart Shall Sing”**  
Advent Devotionals and Faith5 Family Advent Booklets will be available  
9:20-9:50am Faith5 Family | 10am Worship with special music

### Happening in December

- Wed, Dec 1** 5:30pm Advent Party for Everyone—food, decorating, fun
- Sat, Dec 4** 9-11am Joyful Noise Bells at Wayne's in Luck—Ringing for Salvation Army
- Sun, Dec 5** **Crafting after Worship** and **Tue, Dec 7 at 6:30pm**
- Fri, Dec 10** 6:30pm Community Choir presents Christmas Dreams at Joy (treats afterwards)
- Fri, Dec 24** 4pm and 7pm Christmas Eve Services at Joy