

# JOYFUL NEWS

## LUTHERAN

June 2026

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## The History and Significance of Juneteenth

By Megan Anderson

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, is a historic American holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It marks a significant moment in the nation's journey toward freedom and equality.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, it did not immediately free all enslaved people. Enforcement depended on the advancement of Union troops during the Civil War. As a result, many enslaved individuals in remote Confederate areas did not learn of their freedom right away.

It was not until June 19, 1865, that Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, announcing that all enslaved people in Texas were free. This came more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation and after the Civil War had effectively ended. This moment became known as "Juneteenth" - a blend of "June" and "nineteenth."

In the years that followed, formerly enslaved people and their descendants began celebrating June 19 as a day of freedom, reflection, and community. Early celebrations often included prayer, family gatherings, music, food, and storytelling. Over time, Juneteenth became an important cultural tradition, especially in African American communities across the United States.

Juneteenth was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, reflecting its national importance and the ongoing effort to acknowledge the full history of the United States.

Today, Juneteenth serves as both a celebration and an educational opportunity. It highlights the importance of remembering history honestly, honoring the resilience of those who endured slavery, and continuing the work of building a more just and equitable society.

Understanding Juneteenth helps us recognize that freedom is not only a historical event, but also an ongoing commitment to equality, dignity, and human rights for all people.

DOUBLE THE GIFT. SHARE THE JOY.

MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT



# MATCHING CONTRIBUTION

June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

\$5,000 matching contribution  
for financial offerings gathered  
during the first week of June.

# The Happenings | June 2026

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri – 6:00am to 1:00pm Meals on Wheels | Tuesday – 10:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday – 10:00am to 12:00pm JOYful Quilting Ministry

### MONDAY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>

4:30pm Good Neighbors Ukulele Group

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:30pm Handbell Choir Practice

### SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am to 11:00am Threads of Joy Fiber Arts Fellowship Group

2:00pm UKEE Lutheran Practice

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### SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Worship w/ Holy communion Communion Blessing, Women's Barbershop Quartet Special Music Fellowship hosted by Joy Council

### MONDAY JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>

11:00am Grace in Grief Support Group

### TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Youth Group

6:30pm Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>

1:30pm Gather Bible Study @ Joy

5:30pm Vocal Choir Practice

### THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>

Travel Day – Youth Service Trip travel to Pine Ridge Reservation

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### SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Worship Service of the Word

### MONDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Good Neighbors Ukulele Group

Travel Day – Youth Service Trip travel to Joy Lutheran Church

### TUESDAY JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Youth Group

5:00pm Recovering Together Cafe

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Handbell Choir Practice

6:00pm Gather Bible Study

6:30p Service Trip Sponsor Spaghetti Dinner

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### SATURDAY JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00am to 11:00am Threads of Joy Fiber Arts Fellowship Group

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### SUNDAY JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion

### MONDAY JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:30pm Good Neighbors Ukulele Group

### TUESDAY JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>

2:00pm Youth Group

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Vocal Choir Practice

### THURSDAY JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Handbell Choir Practice

### SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm UKEE Lutheran Practice

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### SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Worship Service of the Word, Handbell Choir Special Music

### MONDAY JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>

1:00pm Good Neighbors Ukulele Group

### TUESDAY JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Youth Group

# Feed My Neighbor | Community Food Pantry

Together We Can Make a Difference

Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry has been in operation since March 2023. I started volunteering there shortly after it opened. I have to tell you that in 3 years I have personally seen an incredible increase in the number of families needing our services. But this last month has been overwhelming. In April we saw over 1000 people, over 20,000 pounds of food was given out. Just last Monday we saw 6 new families come through the doors!

As you all know the price of food, gas, rent and day to day survival has gotten more expensive. We are seeing families who have to choose between gas and food, no one should have to make that decision. I am so proud of Joy Lutheran Church, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church and Faith Lutheran Church for combining their efforts and taking care of our families food insecurities.

You have helped support and nourish our neighbors, you have shown people who Jesus taught us to be. Thank you for your generous hearts, the donations have been so appreciated! We purchase food from St. Croix Valley Food Bank, but that is not enough to cover the need. Your donations and the rescue food picked up from some of the local grocery stores helps to fill in the gap.

Right now we could use canned meat-tuna, chicken, salmon, ham and spam. These shelf stable foods help fill in the protein needs for our people. Families are only allowed one frozen piece of meat twice a month. We could also use baking mixes; cake mixes, Jiffy, Bisquick any quick-mix to help hard working people make a fast meal or a special treat for their children. As the weather gets warmer we will have more residents living in cars and tents, they need bottled waters and drinks for proper hydration.

If you have the resources to donate these foods you can put them in the shopping cart in the narthex, or bring them to the pantry and let them know who you are!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, and keep showing the world what a Christian community does for their people!

-Margot Nelson



**Sponsor a Bible**

Would you like to be part of putting God's Word into someone's hands?

At Joy, any time a Bible is requested, we do our best to fulfill that need. Each sponsored Bible is \$25, and you're welcome to sponsor as many as you'd like.

Scan QR code or go to [bit.ly/joybiblesponsor](https://bit.ly/joybiblesponsor) to sign up and then submit payment to church office noting Bible Sponsor. Checks payable to Joy Lutheran Church.



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**Current Needs:** baking mixes, bisquick, jiffy, canned meats, tuna, spam

Drop off at Church – Shopping Cart in Narthex

Monetary donations designated to Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry can be dropped off at church during office hours or placed in your regular giving envelope during Worship.

## Ways to Serve at Joy | Volunteer Opportunities

Follow the links provided to sign-up online! You can also sign-up by contacting the office.



### RECURRING OPPORTUNITIES

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

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

**Reader:** Read lessons for the day. Readings will be sent to you via email to practice and a printed copy will be available on the lectern.

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

Sign-up Online at: [bit.ly/JoyWorshipAssistant](https://bit.ly/JoyWorshipAssistant)

#### FELLOWSHIP HOST

Provide treats and beverages on Sunday mornings during the fellowship hour.

Sign-Up Online at: [bit.ly/JoyFellowshipHost](https://bit.ly/JoyFellowshipHost)

Your time, talents, and financial gifts help meet both the daily physical needs and the spiritual well-being of our community.

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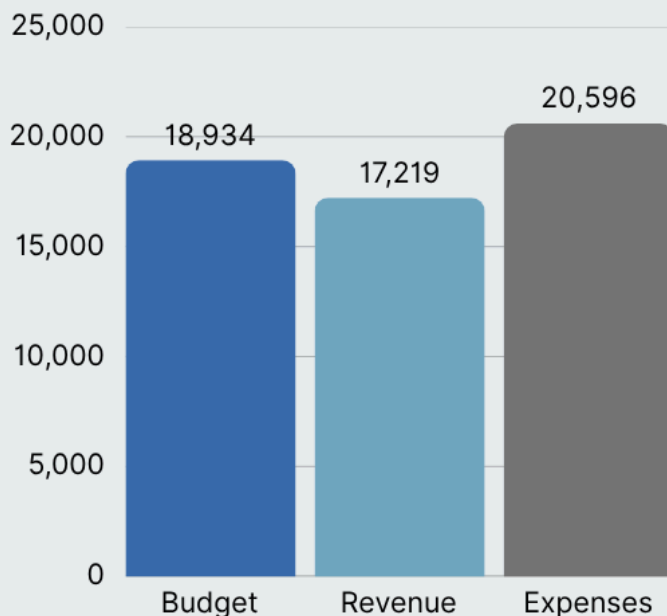


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## Giving Report




### April 2026

We operated with a budget of \$18,934, while actual revenue totaled \$17,219. At the same time, expenses reached \$20,596 exceeding both the monthly budget and incoming revenue. This results in a shortfall of approximately \$15,528 year-to-date.

This gap highlights the importance of continued generosity and mindful stewardship as we move forward together.

**Thank you for your ongoing support of Joy Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.**





**June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Patty Turner

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Jenna Antonson

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Raelin Stridde

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Jacob Robelia  
Victoria Hoag

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Wayne Olson  
Joy Skarda

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Jodi Olson

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Linda Henck

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Miranda Christensen

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Jennifer Nelson

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Dennis Soper  
Laura Ebensperger

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Susan Berg

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Bentley Gross

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Norma Hauge  
Colton Sorensen  
Kylie Thompson

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Daniel Kaiser

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Steve Edgell  
Findley Reed  
Ivadel Hendricks

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Carol Klapste  
Jeffrey Kellog

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Lisa Bjornstad  
Brionna Roetgger

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Brian Chryst

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Alan Bystrom  
Evelyn Bystrom  
Lily Tourville

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Allison Gingras

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Ruth Vollrath

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Jerrold Britain



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Join us on Sunday Mornings

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion