

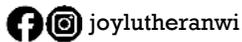
JOYful News

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From Our Pastor

To say 2020 has been a strange year is an understatement! One of the things this year has given my family is the opportunity to spend more time together. For example, Mike and I been gardening a lot this year! We love our garden and have enjoyed harvesting and cooking and freezing and canning. We have also been doing a lot of hiking **together** this year. More than other years. In fact, we were just in

Whitewater, visiting my parents. One of the days we hiked a 12-mile section of the Ice Age Trail which took us around a lake, through a marsh, part of a pine forest, a gorgeous bluff, and thick woods. Every turn of the trail gave us a new view... and we were amazed! At one point, Mike stopped and said, "We have to remember to take time to look behind us, too, because it looks like an entirely different trail when you do." And he was right! Even though I had just hiked around that lake... when I stopped at the top of the trail and looked back.... It was a spectacular view, one I hadn't appreciated fully while navigating the trail and swatting away gnats.

In that very moment, I began to apply the idea of stopping and looking back to 2020. There have been some real challenges this year: becoming a new church, worshiping in a different way this Easter, Faith5 Zoom edition, and more. There have been some really beautiful moments this year: becoming a new church, worshiping in new ways, and learning new ways to engage with families, one another, and BE the church together!

Let me encourage you, right now, to stop (reading) and look back to 2020 from your vantage point.

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**October
Newsletter
Deadline**

Monday, Sept 21

From Our Pastor

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What have been the real challenges? What are some of the really beautiful moments? Is it easy to recall these things? How have you grown? What have you learned to appreciate more? Not take for granted?

Now turn your attention to what lies ahead. What are your prayers for your family, for Joy Lutheran, for the world? How is God calling you to lead, follow, pray, give, love in the days, weeks, and months ahead? Thinking about the future in this way, especially as the Body of Christ, is to engage with the world around us as faithful, hopeful, joy-filled children of God.

In the midst of the hike... the journey... 2020... we can get caught up in the moment: the difficulty of each step, the uncertainty of what lies ahead, frustration with the pace. All those things are true and valid. But if we never look up, or take time to look around and appreciate the view behind us, we will have missed an important and beautiful part of our journey. So far, we have done things very differently than I ever imagined or thought we would in 2020. In fact, NOTHING so far has lined up with my plans. And that is alright. Because I know that God is with us, drawing us together, changing our perspective, driving our mission and ministry. We may not have planned for the strangeness of 2020, but as the church we are living into it. We are reaching out in new ways. We are collaborating with others, praying fervently, leaning into our baptismal vocation, and worshiping in powerful ways.

As we look ahead, we look forward to the time when it's safe to gather in our building again and worship. But in the meantime, my prayer is that we will continue to BE the CHURCH in the world. The church, free from buildings and doors, schedules and routine.

We are the church. We are Joy. Together.

Pastor Angie

FAITH5 Family

In September, we are providing the Best Year Ever Children's Curriculum for you to do at home as a family. You can view and download the information on at www.joylutheranwi.org – located under FAITH5 Family. Pastor Angie will have FAITH5 messages for us in September so keep an eye out for those!

FAITH5 Family will resume in October. We will update you with the details as soon as they are finalized. Thank you for your patience!



W/ELCA News

Who would like to help plan our first OUTDOOR BAZAAR? Please join us (if you are comfortable) on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Joy's Fellowship Hall. We will wear masks and be social distancing. Please come with ideas on how to do it, when to do it, and what we will sell. Some ideas so far: lefse, pickles, canned produce, quilts, homemade items, pies and baked items, crafts, and cookbooks.

If you cannot come to the planning meeting, please feel free to share your ideas. Call or email Carol Johnson at 715-825-3114 or carolclay@lakeland.ws

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Council Meeting

Sept. 10, 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.

SEPTEMBER HOURS

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAY 2:00PM-4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 10:00AM-2:00PM

THURSDAY 2:00PM-4:00PM

MASKS AND SANITIZER ARE REQUIRED, WE DO HAVE THEM AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
501 STATE RD 35 CENTURIA WI**

Pastoral Acts

Wedding: 7.31.20
Kierstyn (Campbell)
and Ryan Timmers
at Bloom Lake Barn,
Shafer, MN.

Funeral: 8.7.20
Joseph Timothy
"Butch" Korsan Jr,
at Apple River Park
and Campground,
Amery, WI

Memorials

\$20 in memory of
Nellie Ann Vollrath
given by Viola Karr

\$10 in memory of
Jack Fahrendorff
given by Viola Karr

\$20 in memory of
Nellie Vollrath
given by
Mary Hahn

Pastor's Report—as given to Council on August 13, 2020

Do you remember what was happening 1 year ago August? Fristad and Milltown decided to consolidate, and we began worshipping together as one new church on August 4th, 2019. That means this is an anniversary month for us! How exciting! I know it might not feel very exciting at the moment, considering Covid-19 and social distancing and masks and the fact that we have not worshiped in our sanctuary for 22 weeks. 22 weeks! Which for me seems simultaneously like yesterday and years ago. How is that even possible?

Since I am talking about anniversaries, I think it's important to remember the following anniversaries of sort.... things that have been happening for 22 weeks now.

- ◇ We are Joy!! (This happening officially on April 1, 2020, but let's be honest, we've been acting like a newborn church for a year now!)
- ◇ Mike and Deverah continue to clean/sanitize/care for the building.
- ◇ Mary, Deanna, and I keep devising new and interesting ways to work and keep members connected to what's happening at/through Joy.
- ◇ Members and friends continue to give financially and generously to the mission of the church.
- ◇ Members and friends continue to give generously of their time and talents: Painting, organizing, and creating wonderful and welcoming spaces for gathering.
- ◇ Thanks to dedicated volunteers, our emergency food pantry has continued to provide food to people in need. No questions asked.
- ◇ The sick have been visited (or called, when an in-person visit wasn't recommended).
- ◇ Communion visits have been made.
- ◇ Wedding couples have had many hours of pastoral care.
- ◇ I have presided over weddings, memorial services, and burials.
- ◇ 22 weeks of an on-line worship service. Different all the time!
- ◇ Drive-in worship has been dreamed up, planned for, and happens this Sunday.
- ◇ Did I mention that we are JOY?! So, naturally we will be celebrating Holy Baptism as well as welcoming the parents of the newly baptized as members of Joy!!!

This is why I say things are exciting. If it were not for our decisions to become a new thing together, all these wonderful ways we are loving and serving God and our neighbors would most likely not be happening. So, join me in thanking God for Joy Lutheran, as together we experience faith, know love, and share joy!

Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Angie

Joy Birthdays—September & October

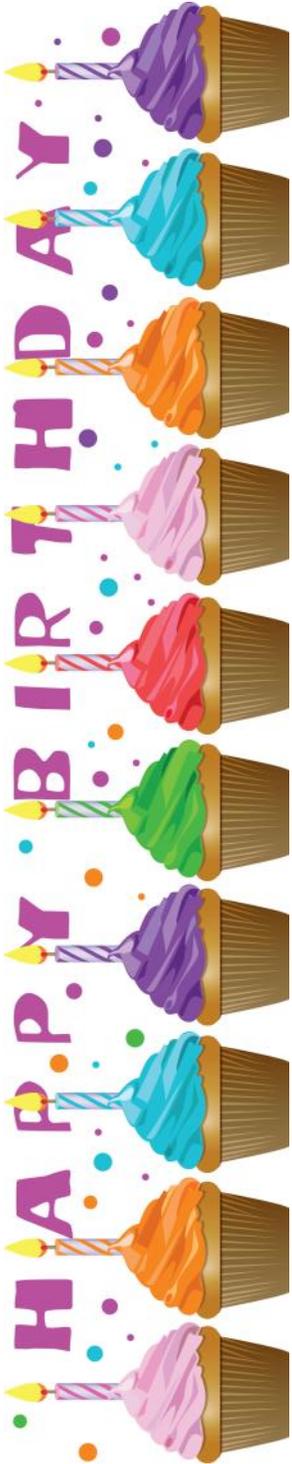
If you do not see your name on this list—it means we do not have your birthdate in our records. Please contact the office with that information.

SEPTEMBER

Sarah Broome	09/01
Anna Christensen	09/02
Keenan Hacker	09/02
Jake Turner	09/02
Bruce Christensen	09/02
Khloe Swanson	09/03
Griffin Vollrath	09/04
Chuck Johansen	09/04
Jim McKenzie	09/04
Dan Campbell	09/05
Sophie Christensen	09/05
Gary Clausen	09/06
Marilyn Lacy	09/06
Scott Benedict	09/07
Harley Kruger	09/08
Deverah Koshatka	09/09
Jill Netland	09/11
Mikaela Robelia	09/12
Jill Gingras	09/15
Teri Hexum	09/15
Melissa Peterson	09/16
Cheryl Schultz	09/17
Joan Romans	09/17
William Olson	09/18
Connie Schultz	09/19
Preston Entwistle	09/21
Gary Schauls	09/24
Chris Swanson	09/25
Olivia Nelson	09/25
Harland Lofgren	09/27
Brent Bublitz	09/28
Jodi Reed	09/29
Grace Olson	09/30

OCTOBER

Alec Larson	10/01
Karen Livingston	10/02
Vic Nelson	10/04
Jeremy Gingras	10/05
Gavin Humpal	10/05
Nancy Glaim	10/05
Brooke Johnson	10/05
Mandy Wisdom	10/05
Hailee Thomson	10/06
Jerry Owens	10/08
Peter Carlson	10/09
Tanner Olson	10/09
Twyla Bublitz	10/10
Ed Ellefson	10/10
Xander Haack	10/11
Scott Johnson	10/11
Brittney Bublitz	10/13
Jesse Turner	10/13
Corrine Dahl	10/16
Kari Larson	10/17
Lucas Nelson	10/17
Barbara Jorgensen	10/18
Katie Christensen	10/18
Madison Robelia	10/19
Belle Carlson	10/20
Autumn Hyden	10/23
Terrie Lunsman	10/23
Pat Wall	10/23
Mike Kutney	10/25
Randy Juleen	10/29





Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

COVID 19 Stimulus Check Appeal for ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

August 1, 2020

Friends in Christ:

Over the past few months our lives have changed dramatically. Daily routines have been disrupted, new challenges have arisen. In spite of Covid 19, the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin continues to be impactful, making a difference in the world for Jesus' sake. I am grateful for your generous prayerful and financial support of the work that we do together. **I invite you to join me and our synod council in continuing to support the synod's ministry with a special gift.** Perhaps you received a COVID stimulus check. For many this check was a blessing, a needed relief for those who had lost income. However, if you are able, I invite you to consider making a gift from those funds to support essential synod ministries. Consider these opportunities:

Give a gift to your home congregation

Give a gift that will keep on giving by donating to the Synod Endowment Fund <http://nswi.org/endowment-fund>

Give to the ongoing work of the NWSWI <http://nswi.org/giving>

- Give to the synod's general fund
- Give to our companion synod in Malawi
- Give to our synod's newest Latino/a ministry, Neighbor to Neighbor

Give directly to one of our synod's ministries

- Bible Camps: Luther Park, Luther Point, Wapogasset, Amnicon
- Lutheran Campus Ministries: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls

As a Synod, we are making a difference for Jesus' sake

1. The synod's capital campaign, endowment fund and staff helped congregations upgrade technology and provided assistance as nearly every congregation in the synod went to worship and meetings on line during the pandemic.
2. The synod ministers provided additional education, support, encouragement, and resources for both worship and faith formation to pastors, deacons, SAMS and congregations since March.
3. The synod has provided financial support to the Lutheran church in Malawi to help with flood relief and pastor's salaries during the pandemic.
4. The synod's justice team has been meeting and working on video resources on racial, gender, environmental and hunger justice issues. The synod is launching a NEW Latinx racial justice ministry called Neighbor to Neighbor that will focus on connecting with our American Latinx neighbors.
5. The Northwest Synod awarded small ELCA COVID 19 grants to our synod's Bible Camps and Lutheran Campus Ministries hit hard by loss of income during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in the past! I invite you to join me and the members of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council in making a special gift to support the synod that will benefit the ministries of every congregation in NW Wisconsin as we move forward together in God's mission for the sake of the world.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

The Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council

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Reverend Rolf Morck
Kathy Boe

Heart of the North Conference

Reverend Luci Sesvold
Ed Peters
Karyn Hullinger

Lake Superior Conference

Reverend Paul Simmons
Tom Potterton

St. Croix Valley Conference

Marcia Lindseth
Ralph Van Keulen

Baptisms at Joy

On our first Sunday back together—August 16 at our Drive-In Service, we of course had a baptism (or 2)! We welcomed Owen and Emmy McCabe into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. They are the children of Alex & Krysta McCabe, who also became members of Joy. Welcome!



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block of the church for
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