



JOYful NEWS

an electronic newsletter of Joy Lutheran Church, Prescott, WI
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Relevant + Hopeful + Generous

Feb 21-28, 2021

During this corona virus pandemic we have suspended all of our public worship and all the activities where people gather at our facility.

Church is essential...meeting together in the same room is not.

To keep informed, check out our [Facebook page](#)

At anytime you can view worship services and other videos on our [Joy YouTube Channel](#).

We will be posting an Online Midweek Worship each Wednesday during Lent.

It will be available on both Facebook and YouTube so you can watch it whenever it is convenient for you. We will be using **Holden Evening Prayer** for the worship setting. Links are above.



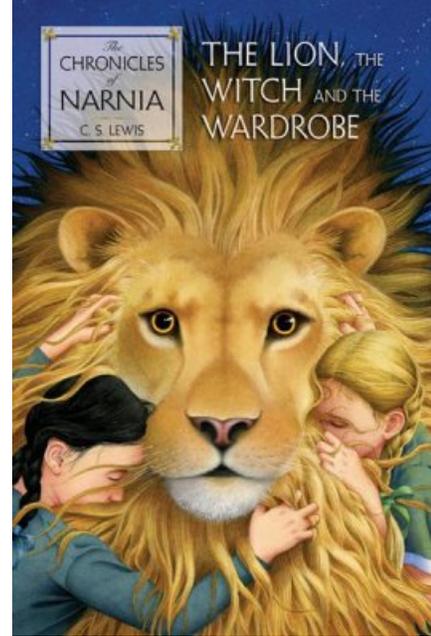
Lenten series to focus on book by CS Lewis

During Lent, we often look for family friendly expressions of our faith journey. This year we will be looking at a story by C.S. Lewis, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", which is part of his Chronicles of Narnia series. You are invited to read the story in the next couple of weeks in preparation for our Lenten series.

We have copies available at the church office for you to

borrow or buy a copy (for \$7). You can get it on kindle for \$3, or for those who don't like to read, there are several movie versions of it out there.

If you would like to listen to the story being read to you, Tim Booth will be reading it and you can listen in here [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe](#)



Need To Get Outside?!?! Join us for SUNDAY FUNDAY!



Sunday February 21

6:00-7:30pm

Ice Skating

Pioneer Park
801 15th St W
Hastings MN

*warming house is now
open

**masks are required inside

Sunday February 28

10:00am -11:30am

Hike at Kinnickinnic State Park Red Trail

(Hidden Falls Trail South Side of Park)

3 mile loop.

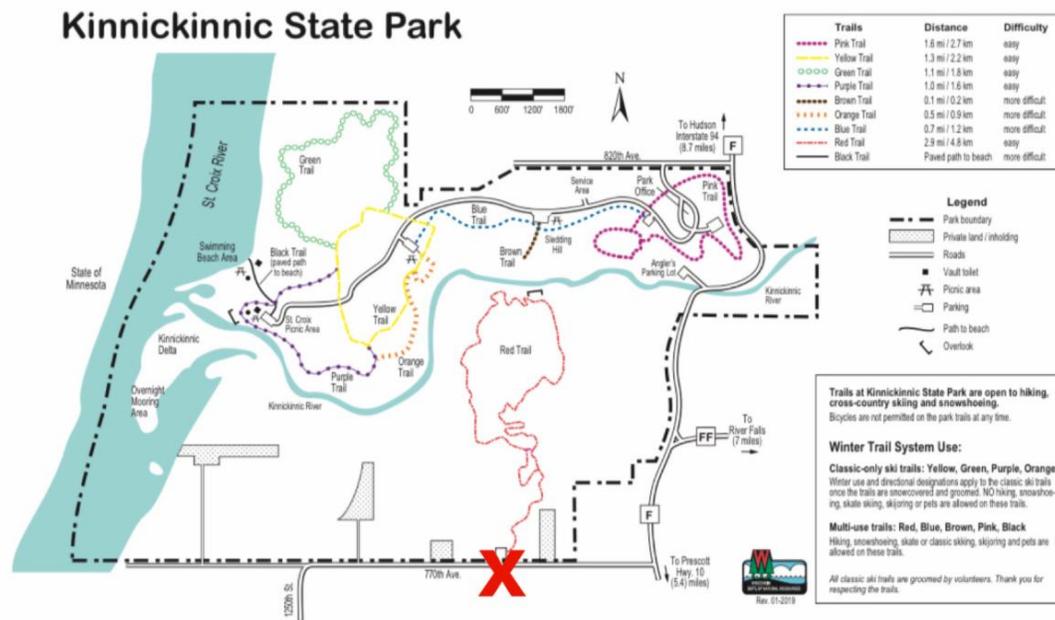
Bring a sled with a rope if you suspect your kids might not make it that far.

No restrooms on the trail.

Meet at the trailhead parking lot (see map below). Admission sticker or day use pass is required.

You can purchase online or by check at the parking lot pay box.

PARK PASS DETAILS



These events are outside. Masks are required when 6ft distance can't be maintained.

Equipment not provided. I do have some ice skates, text me your shoe size and I will let you know if I have any. Christy 715.441.6366

Dress for the weather.

Kids younger than 6th grade require adult supervision.

A big word of thanks to Kelly

We had a wonderful turn out for the stroganoff dinner last Wednesday (120 meals served). Since it was such a success Kelly will prepare another meal on **March 17 5-6:30pm** so mark your calendars





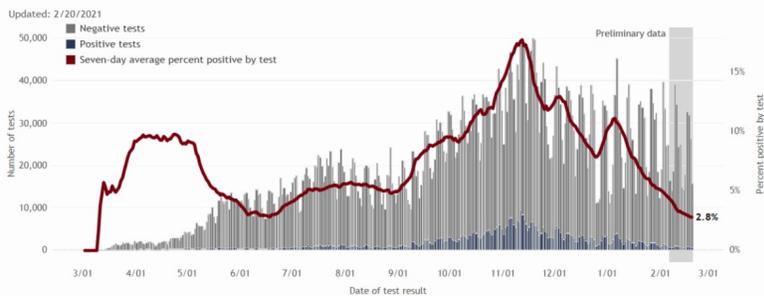
Below are more pictures from Ash Wednesday. Thanks for coming out. It was great to see so many people, even if we only got to see your eyes.





Covid Update

We are following guidelines from the Wisconsin Council of Churches to help us determine when we will begin in-person worship again by monitoring the vaccination rate, and the viral transmission rates.



The target is over 50% vaccinated, viral transmission between 5-10/100K and positive test rate under 10%. We are looking good on transmission rates with 7.2/100K and a positive test rate of 3.0 for Pierce County. The vaccination rate is still a challenge with only 13.7 of Wisconsinites vaccinated but we are making progress.

The wildcard that we need to watch is the new UK variant that is more contagious and spreading rapidly. If our numbers stay down we can start implementing steps toward in-person worship. We are currently planning for **Palm Sunday and Easter to be parking lot worship** as well as online (weather permitting)

If you missed the **Walking Together** workshops on Saturday from the Synod Event, don't worry because they were recorded and we will share the link to them as soon as we get it.

Van the Man Stockwell

Looking for some fun original music? check out Van the Man Stockwell on Youtube



Joy Church @ Home...For Kids and Families!

JOY CHURCH

Date: Sunday February 21, 2021

Main Point: God's kingdom appears in acts of Mercy and love.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-42



SHARE

your highs and lows

Sit together in a comfortable space. Make sure there are no distractions.... Cell phones, tv, toys, ect. With your Family take turns sharing your highs and lows with each other. Share a time when you have felt like you were alone.



READ

a Bible verse or story

Bible: Luke 10:25-42

Spark Bible Story Bible: 360-365

Or go to the JOY Church YouTube channel and watch this weeks worship.

Check out this video [about the Good Samaritan](#).



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

After reading the bible story ask these questions.

1. What was one thing that stood out to you in today's story?
2. Was there anything that surprised you?
3. Think of a time that you needed a lot of help with something; what did that feel like? Who helped you?
4. What are some stories of people from our community or region that have experienced trauma? What can be done to help? How would Jesus react?
5. What does it mean to faithfully accompany someone else?



PRAY

for one another's highs and lows

Join hands as a family and pray this prayer or create your own prayer. Dear God, Please help us to see all people as people.



BLESS

one another

Turn to each other and make the sign of the cross on each others forehead. Look at each other and say, "May your eyes see those around you and may your feet and hands do the work that is required."

FAITH IN THE WORLD

As a family work to identify people/groups of people in our community that others "Pass by" with out considering. This is a difficult task, but it is important to teach kids to look at people as people. Too often we label people as "other" and this is passed down to our children.

February 21st Church at Home

Church at home is broken into 5 buckets. See the image above or click the green link below.

SHARE
READ
TALK
PRAY
BLESS

Check out this weeks Joy Church @ Home!

Blessings to all of you!
Christy

[Click HERE for this weeks Church @ Home!](#)

Due to COVID-19 we will not be meeting for Faith Education.
Please set aside some time each week to watch worship on YouTube and use the sheet above to connect with each other as a family.



The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you love me
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes
but I know your love is always with me
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions
I am weak, but I know with your help
I can use these small sacrifices in my
life to draw closer to you. Amen



Joy Card Ministry Rack Relocation

****BEAUTIFUL NEW CARD DESIGNS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CARD MINISTRY RACK!****

Please be advised that the card rack has been relocated to the hallway by the Office entrance door.

So many beautiful hand-made cards are available for purchase at only \$2.00 per card! There is a wide variety of occasions to choose from.

Feel free to stop by and pick out one or ten. Envelopes for cash or checks are provided for you at the top of the rack.



DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING FOOD?



PRESCOTT AREA
FOOD PANTRY

Need FOOD
WE CAN HELP!



Prescott Food Pantry

[CLICK HERE TO REQUEST FOOD](#)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) *NEW* Income Eligibility Information During Covid-19.

Click [HERE](#) for the newest guidelines for food assistance available for your family!

DO YOU HAVE FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS?

*Helpful items are:

- Healthy cereals and oatmeal
- Bags of potatoes or apples
- Kids' snack items (juice boxes, individual applesauce, etc.)
- Toilet paper
- Diapers and wipes
- Jars and pouches of baby food
- Personal hygiene products, like sanitary pads
- Toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, lip balm
- Dry pasta
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Canned fish and meat (salmon, tuna, ham, turkey-pop-top cans are best)
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Milk (fresh, canned, or powdered)
- Peanut butter

PRESCOTT
AREA
FOOD PANTRY

- Canned beans
- Sliced bread
- Canned and dry soups
- Baking mixes that require only water
- Spices

The Prescott Area Food Pantry is able to offer more Prescott Area households the Grade-A foods provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Prescott Area Food Pantry is an authorized food distributor in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and can now provide no-cost groceries for households that have incomes up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL). People who have lost jobs or income may obtain a monthly share of American-grown meat, vegetables, fruit, juice and more from a TEFAP food pantry. Before June 1, 2020, TEFAP's qualifying income threshold was, 185% FPL.

Enrollment is confidential and simple. **The Prescott Area Food Pantry is located at 911 Pearl Street and is open Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 AM until 2 PM and Thursdays from Noon until 5 PM.** The pantry will provide food on the day of application and once each month as long as the household's income qualifies them to participate. Proof of address and identification are required: proof of income is not.

Household participating in other food programs (such as Food Share, WIC or school nutrition) may also participate in TEFAP without affecting their ability to qualify for those programs.

Wisconsin's pantry volunteers are providing "no contact" food distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are enrolling households and distributing groceries outdoors to minimize health risks. In many locations, TEFAP applicants and participants remain in their cars for service.

In 2019, Wisconsin's 265 charitable TEFAP pantries made more than 800,000 monthly food distributions to households in need of food.

Could you please find a way to "Help Us To Help Those In Need"?

Missed a worship service?

You can go back and view any of our Wed. night Drive-in Devotions or our Sunday worship on our [Joy Youtube page](#)

**Starting Monday, January 25th,
Wisconsinites age 65 and older will be
eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.**

It will take months to vaccinate everyone 65 years or older in Pierce County.



**~700,000
Wisconsinites
65 and older**

**WI currently receives
~70,000 first-dose
vaccines per week from
the federal government**



If you are 65 years of age or older, live in Pierce County, and would like to be placed on a list to receive details later this week about making an appointment through the county, please complete this form.

FORM IS NOT A WAITING LIST IT IS FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION ONLY
<https://forms.gle/mgdVej3Qucjf56E59>

Before making an appointment with Pierce County Public Health, please reach out to your doctor to see if they are able to vaccinate you.

Vaccine is not yet available to the general public. The state of WI determines who is eligible for vaccines and at what time. Pierce County Public Health coordinates with local vaccinators and provides vaccines for those who cannot access vaccine through their healthcare provider. We cannot vaccinate people who are not part of populations approved by WI DHS.



COVID-19 QUARANTINE UPDATE

Based on new information the following changes have been made to COVID-19 quarantine.

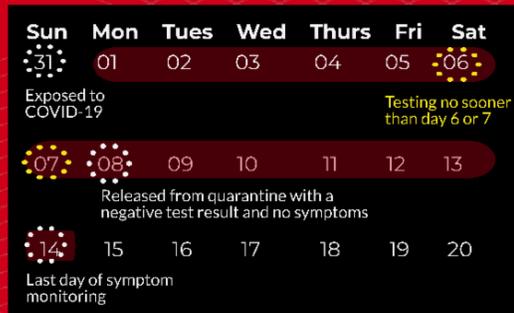


CDC & DHS continue to recommend a 14 day quarantine.

14 Day Quarantine Alternatives

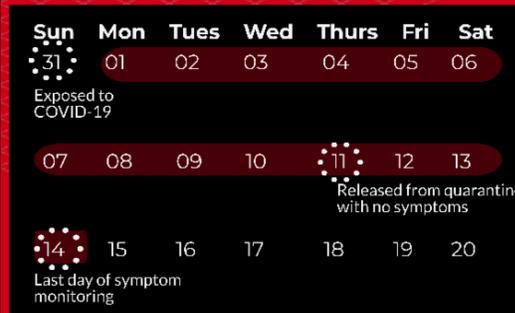
7 Day Quarantine

- No symptoms
- Have a negative test
 - Testing on day 6 or 7
- 8** Go back to work or school on day 8
- Continue to monitor symptoms for the full 14 days
- If you develop symptoms isolate and get tested



10 Day Quarantine

- No symptoms
- 11** Go back to work or school on day 11
- Continue to monitor symptoms for the full 14 days
- If you develop symptoms isolate and get tested



Continue to follow COVID-19 precautions including wearing a mask, physically distancing, and avoiding gatherings.

Healthcare facilities must continue to follow guidance in DHS HAN #18 and #22



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[NEW Real-Time Covid-19 Dashboard-CLICK HERE](#)

STAY INFORMED ON COVID-19

- 211 Wisconsin: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/coronavirus>
- Pierce County Website: www.co.pierce.wi.us
- Pierce County Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/piercecountypublichealth>
- Wisconsin DHS website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized, hurting emotionally or otherwise, consider picking up a prayer shawl from church.

We have crocheted, knitted, quilted and hand tied fleece scarves, shawls, wraps, and blankets. We also have Prayer Bears, Pocket Crosses, and Palm Prayer Squares. Different styles are available for men, women, children and babies.

These were all lovingly and prayerfully created by hand to provide comfort in a time of need.

It's a great way to share love with someone you care about.



Do You Like To Read Scriptures?

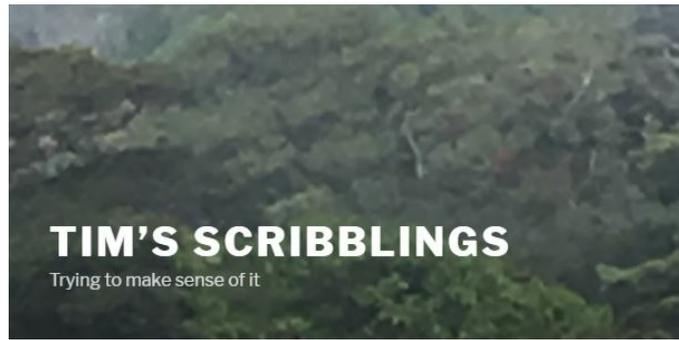


We are looking for people who enjoy reading the scriptures to come to Joy and get recorded reading! The recording of you reading will be added to the Worship Service videos on Joy's YouTube channel. No experience necessary, please call the office if you would like to try it out!!



If you want to keep in touch with members of the congregation. Remember you have an updated directory at fingertips at all times on line. Just click [here](#). It is password protected (it is the same password we had on our web page, if you forgot it, just contact the office and we will share it with

you) We have printed off some new copies if you want a paper copy, just stop by church to pick on up.



If you are looking for thoughtful reflection and devotional insights check out this blog by our own Tim Booth <https://timbooth.home.blog/>

Home Communion

Long before there were church buildings and professional clergy, people of God have gathered in homes and shared bread and wine as they celebrated and remembered the presence of Christ with them through this sacrament of grace. Normally we invite you to gather with the community to share the meal, but when the community is prevented from gathering we make some exceptions. This is one of those times. If you have questions or concerns about what this means please visit with pastor.



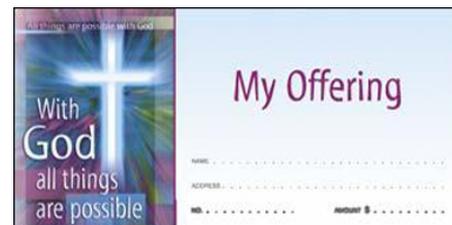
Weekly Giving

WEEK OF	REGULAR GIVING	ELECTRONIC GIVING	TOTAL	OTHER GIVING
January 3	\$0.00	\$6,402.41	\$6,402.41	\$36.79
January 10	\$315.00	\$4,262.07	\$4,577.07	\$198.61
January 17	\$1,400.00	\$3,382.76	\$4,782.76	\$711.41
January 24	\$1,550.00	\$1,921.38	\$3,471.38	\$69.41
January 31	\$180.00	\$13,598.79	\$13,778.79	\$1,427.47
February 7	\$720.00	\$6,292.07	\$7,012.07	\$741.61

**=Updated, N/A=Not Available

Your gifts are still needed

For those of you who do your giving online thank you! and if you would like to begin doing so, this would be a great time to start and the church office can help you set it up if you need assistance.



For those of you who typically give by placing your offering in the plate when you come to worship we encourage you to mail in your gift. Even though we are not having public worship we still have expenses and staff to pay

If you have been laid off from work or don't have the resources to give right now, do what you can. If you need assistance let us know...together we will get through this.

Did you know you can make a gift to Joy electronically (on your

own from anywhere)

There are several ways you can give electronically for both your recurring gifts or one time gifts.



1) If you are at Joy, you can use the **giving kiosk** (a tablet at the welcome desk) and swipe your credit card.

2) You can access our **webpage** (www.joy-church.org) from anywhere you have internet access and click on the [online giving](#) to set up or manage electronic gifts

3) you can download a free app called GIVE+ from wherever you get your apps which allow you to give from your **smart phone**. Like many apps...it will take a little effort on the front end (creating a password, entering some data, etc.) but once it is set up you have simple one-click giving

questions or assistance? contact the church office

GIVE ONLINE

Amazon Smile

If you shop on Amazon, please consider supporting Joy Lutheran Church by shopping at Amazon Smile! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates to your favorite charitable organization!



Smartphone?

If you enjoy the convenience of a smartphone there are a couple of apps you may want to consider;

One is the **Give+** app (which is a free download wherever to get your downloads) which allows you to make a electronic gift from your bank account instead of swiping a credit card (the handling charges are significantly less, so more of your gifts gets to us). You can us it for one time gifts or managed giving, and it is all integrated into your regular electronic giving to Joy. click [here](#) for instructions.

You also now have the ability to set up a **member portal** with our church database. This portal can be made into an app so you can have instant access to your data (with the ability to make changes and give permissions, view the church photo directory, and see and print your giving statement whenever you want). To create a portal, click [here](#). If you want to make your login into an app just check with the office.



If you miss a sermon...

and want to catch up or share it with someone who might appreciate it. We record our worship each week and post it on our web page as well as the bottom of this weekly electronic newsletter. Just click on the [YouTube button](#).



If you would like to give electronically you can do so through our web page



[Set up or manage my electronic giving](#)

If you have a QR reader on your phone you can also access the page by scanning here



If you don't have a QR reader and still would like the convenience of working from your phone. We also have a church giving app called Give+ available as a free download. [How it works](#)

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