



JOYful NEWS

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

March 7-14, 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 are planning for a Drive-in Parking Lot worship on Palm Sunday March 28 at 9:30am

Who knows what the weather will be like at the end of the month, but we are planning for an outdoor worship. You can remain in your cars and tune in through your FM radio or bundle up and sit in the parking lot. We will have palms to distribute and Christy will have activity packets for the kids. If you are still not comfortable being "in-person", we will continue to be offering the online worship (on Facebook and YouTube) as well.



Depending how it goes we will use this model for Easter and the Sundays following as well. We are also looking into how we might start reintroducing worship in the sanctuary with limited capacity. As more and more people are vaccinated we will be able to open up more safely. Thanks for your patience and understanding. These next few months will see some changes in how we being church.

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.



Joy's Plant Market is Back!!!

This year, the 13th Annual Plant Market is planned for Saturday, May 15th. We will be using a pre-order system through Gerten's with pick up on May 15th at Joy Lutheran Church.

As promised, here is the 2021 Joy Plant Market Pre-Order Form. This year, to be safe from the pandemic and help you avoid crowded nurseries, Plant Market plants are available only on a pre-order basis. We'll schedule staggered pickup times on May 15th, again for your safety. Payment is not due until time of pickup. We accept cash, check or credit card. Please add "Joy Plant Market" to the memo line on checks.



Just add your desired quantities to the order form spreadsheet (the form will calculate the totals). Save a copy for yourself, attach the completed form and email to: office@joy-church.org or drop off or mail to Joy. If you are not comfortable using the spreadsheet, contact Joy, and we can mail a form to you that you can complete and drop off or mailed to the church. We'll confirm receipt via email or phone.

Orders must be received by April 15.

This year, the proceeds from Plant Market will benefit:

- Prescott Area Food Pantry
- St. Croix Valley Habitat
- Missions in Malawi
- Joy Worship Enhancements

If you have any questions, you may contact this year's co-chairs:

Craig Orf
715-426-9646
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Ernie Schultz
612-432-3547
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Keep in mind, no other plants will be available this year if not preordered.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Joy Plant Market!!!

IMPROVED PLANT MARKET ORDERING

The links to the plant order form that you received do not work for everyone as planned, so we created a simple online form. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion. Simply Click the link below, complete the form, and hit submit.

If you have any problems with ordering, please reach out to this year's co-chairs, Craig Orf or Ernie Schultz.

Thank you for your support of the Joy Plant Market



Wednesday Night Drive Thru Supper-March 17th

Since it was such a success Kelly will prepare another meal on **March 17th, from 5-6:30pm**, so mark your calendars!

Kelly will be preparing her famous Spaghetti Dinner for us! The options will be:

1. Spaghetti with Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast and Cake.
2. Spaghetti Noodles only, Green Beans and Cake.
3. Gluten-Free/Vegetarian.
4. Hot Dogs-With or with out bun.

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.



Speaking of Joy's Kitchen...

If you have borrowed any items from Joy's kitchen, we ask that you kindly return them as soon as possible.

It's a challenge to prepare meals when there are missing tools!

Please return anything by bagging it and leave the bag by any door, if there is no one here or bring into the office.

Thank you so much for your help!!



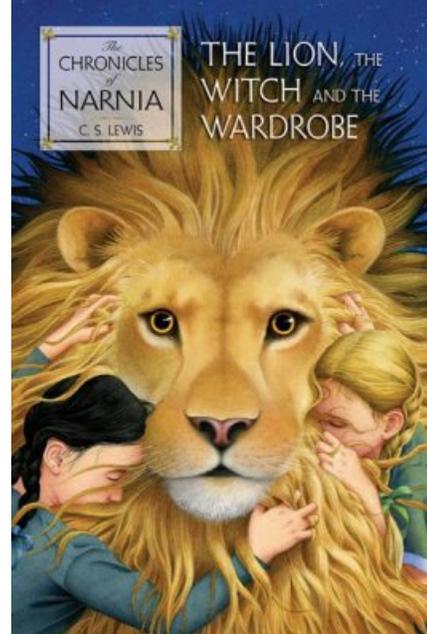
Lenten series to focus on book by CS Lewis

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](#)

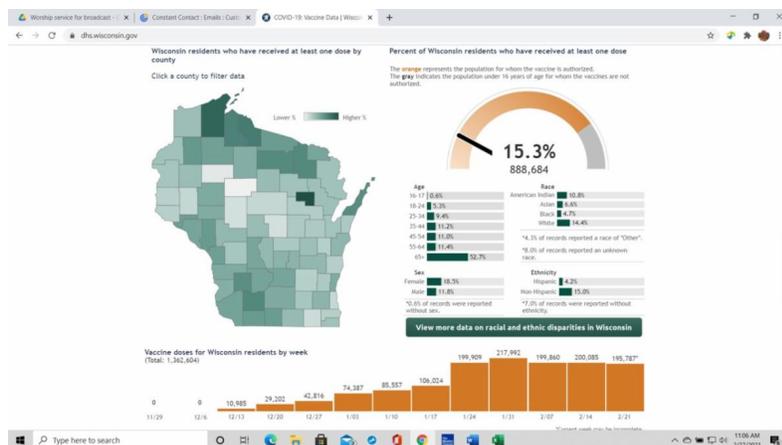


Covid Update

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%. The vaccination rate is still a challenge with only 15.3% of Wisconsin residents vaccinated but we are making progress and the positive test rate is down to 2.2%

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)



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

JOY CHURCH

Date: Sunday March 7, 2021

Main Point: God celebrates when the lost are found and those who were dead find life.

Scripture: Luke 15:1-32



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 spent money foolishly.



READ
a Bible verse or story

Bible: Luke 15:1-32
Spark Bible Story Bible: 374-383

Or go to the JOY Church YouTube channel and watch this weeks worship.
Check out [this video](#)



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 todays story?
2. Was there anything that surprised you?
3. How would you feel if you were the older brother?
4. How would you feel if you were the younger brother?
5. How would you feel if you were the Father?



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Join hands as a family and pray this prayer or create your own prayer. Dear God thank you for showing us that your love can overcome any thing. Help us to celebrate when the lost have been found, . -Amen



BLESS
one another

Turn to each other and make the sign of the cross on each others forehead. Look at each other and say, "You are a beloved child of God."

FAITH IN THE WORLD

LOST AND FOUND!

Play hide and seek with an object you choose. Have one person hide the object. Celebrate when someone finds the object. Play as long as you want. Take turns hiding the object.

March 7th
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

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[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.



God's Story: Two Sons and a Father

♥ START
EACH DAY
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART ♥

THESSALONIANS 5:18 - "IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS..."

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
- 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

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Go back to work or school on day 8

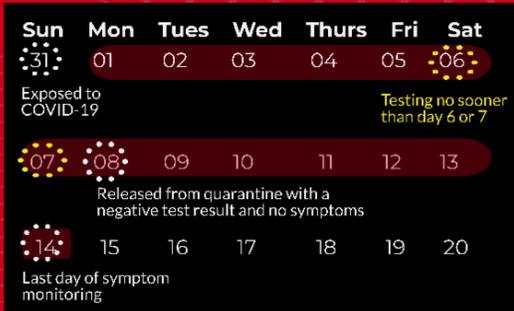


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Continue to monitor symptoms for the full 14 days



If you develop symptoms isolate and get tested



10 Day Quarantine



No symptoms

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Go back to work or school on day 11

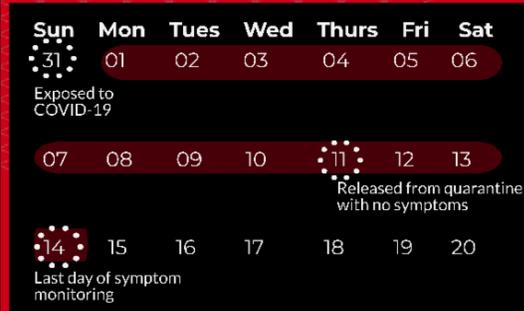


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Continue to follow COVID-19 precautions including wearing a mask, physically distancing, and avoiding gatherings.

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?

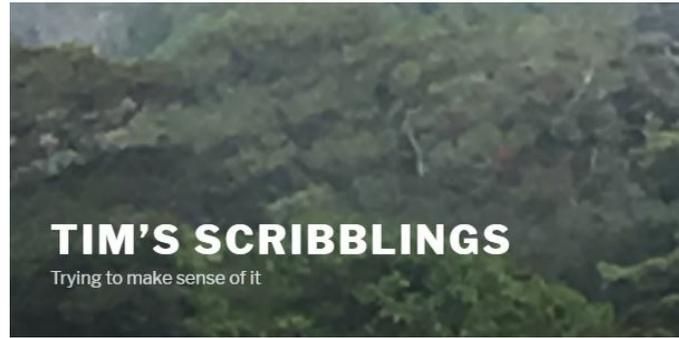


We are looking for people who enjoy reading the scriptures to come to Joy and get recorded reading! The recording of you reading will be added to the Worship Service videos on Joy's YouTube channel. No experience necessary, please call the office if you would like to try it out!!



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.



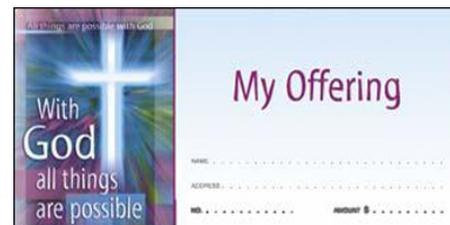
Weekly Giving

WEEK OF	REGULAR GIVING	ELECTRONIC GIVING	TOTAL	OTHER GIVING
January 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
February 14	\$835.00	\$7,186.38	\$8,021.38	\$167.41
February 21	\$552.00	\$1,451.38	\$2,003.38	\$561.41

**=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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