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An electronic newsletter of Joy Lutheran Church, Prescott, WI, 54021

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**Relevant + Hopeful + Generous**

**Joyful News March 30th - April 6th, 2025**

**Worship is at 9:30AM each Sunday and 6:30PM each Wednesday during the school year. You can also worship with us online with a live stream [Facebook](#) or from Monday on using our [YouTube channel](#).**

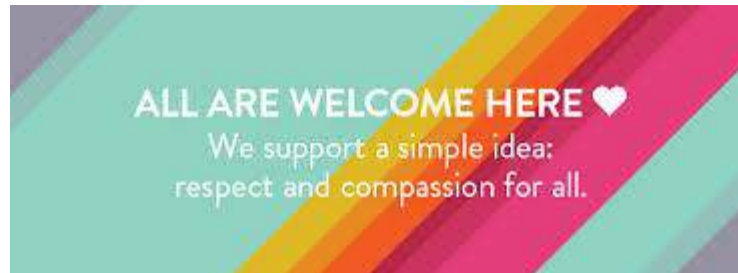
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"Lost and found" isn't just a section of the coat closet, sometimes its a little bit of how we feel in the world. Sometimes we feel lost—in grief, without purpose, struggling with mental and physical health—and sometimes we feel found—grounded in who we are and what we're doing, healthy in mind, body, and spirit. And sometimes we're a little bit of both. Jesus, the ever present Good Shepherd, will always find those who are feeling lost. Jesus will always accompany us throughout our journey and gives us

Sunday we hear the common Lost Sheep parable yet again and remember the promise that Jesus will always be with us.

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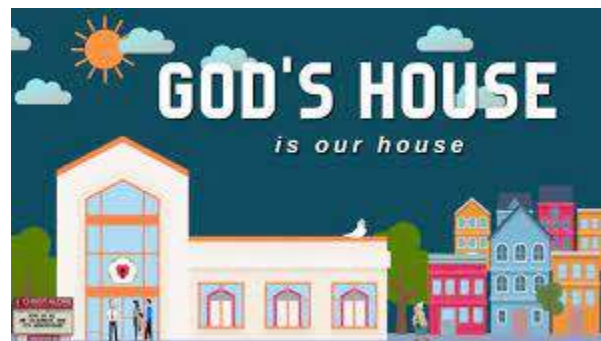


JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH INCLUSION STATEMENT:

“With open hearts, open minds, and open doors we extend a sincere extravagant welcome to everyone to be a part of our church family.

Understanding that all persons are created loved and accepted by God, we embrace all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, life situations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive and emotional abilities, educational, spiritual and religious backgrounds.”

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Thank you to all of our building and grounds keeper volunteers for the loving care and beatification that you provide for God's house and ours. If you are interested in helping inside or outside of Joy, please see one of Church Council Members or call the office.

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**CALENDAR - MARCH-APRIL 2025**

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

### **31 Monday**

### **1 Tuesday**

**1:30PM Women's Bible Study**

### **2 Wednesday**

5:15PM Wednesday Night Supper - Cheesy Potato Soup  
6:30PM Confirmation classes & SHIFT 6/7  
**7:15PM Women's Bible Study**

### **3 Thursday**

### **4 Friday**

7PM Amy Pieper Piano Recital

### **5 Saturday**

9AM St. Croix Valley WELCA Morning of Renewal (Mt. Zion church in Hudson)  
9AM-10:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

### **6 Sunday**

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## **Morning of Renewal**

All the women of the church are invited to attend the St. Croix Valley Conference "**Morning of Renewal**" on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Hudson, WI. Registration and Coffee begin at 8:30 am

Ethiopia, that helps women leave the sex industry by providing safe housing, medical care, counseling, education, and vocational training. Mt. Zion has decided on a Western theme for this event (Round-Up for Jesus) and would like to invite everyone who is interested to come dressed up in Western themed clothing (think cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots, etc.) Please also bring shampoo/conditioner, body wash/lotion and combs/brushes for Turning Point in River Falls. The program will be followed by lunch and a Craft Sale (with proceeds going to "Eyes that See") at 11:30 am. If you'd like to carpool, call the office or Marcia Lindseth, 715-262-3498.



## Mark your calendar to ring in spring with Bells of the Bluffs!



This activity is made possible by the votes of Minnesotans through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & culture heritage fund.

### Musical Magic

*A handbell adventure  
for the whole family!*

**Saturday, March 22, 2 PM**  
**Hastings Arts Center**  
**216 4th Street East**  
**Hastings, MN**

Sunday, March 23, 7 PM  
St. John Lutheran  
1301 Lincoln Ave.  
Owatonna, MN

*No tickets required;  
free-will donations collected*

### Under the Influence

*A fundraiser featuring beer,  
food, and drinking songs*

**Saturday, April 5, 5-8:00 PM**  
American Legion  
218 W 4th St  
Red Wing, MN

*Tickets: \$20 at door*

### Spring Finale

*Worship music led by  
Bells of the Bluffs  
followed by an  
afternoon mini concert*

**Sunday, April 27**  
First Lutheran Church  
615 W 5th St  
Red Wing, MN

Worship: 9:30 AM  
Concert: time 1:00  
Free concert

Reception in between



We're planning on a group outing to the St. Paul Saints baseball game on Sunday, July 13th, at 2:07PM. The game will be versus the Iowa Cubs.

For those of you that went last year, this year will be a little different. The tickets will be \$20 each... but that cost includes a seat in the Dugout Reserved, which is under the shade and protection of the building. So unlike last year's outfield seats, we will be protected from sun, rain, and foul baseballs.

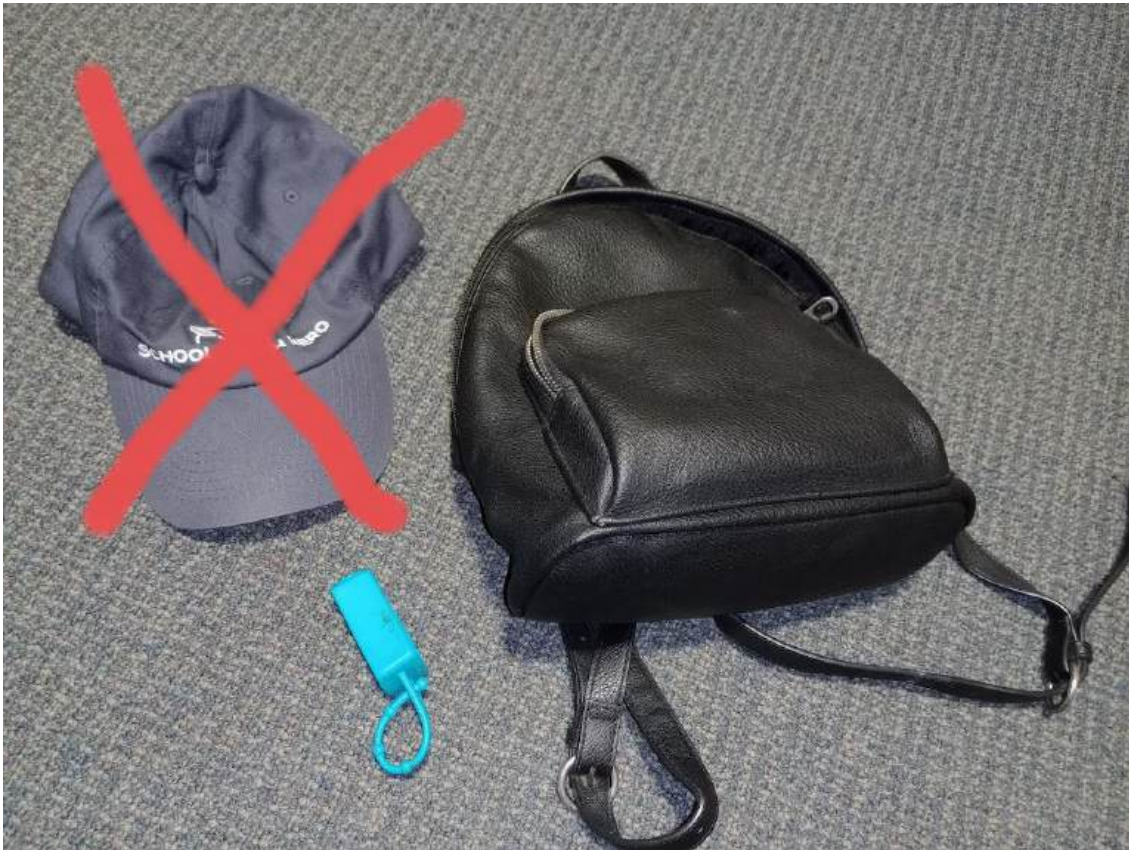
We will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please write down your name and how many tickets you would like to reserve. We will need at least 25 people to get these discounted group seats

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## **LOST & FOUND**

Have you been missing any items? Do any of the items below look familiar? It's Spring Cleaning time so we're working on clearing out our Lost & Found area before donating items. Contact the church office or stop in on Sunday morning to claim your lost item(s)!







# LET'S KICK MS



**Thank you for  
your support!**

- Our cousin Dale is participating in the MS Walk again this year. Several advances have been made in MS treatments. With your continued support, we are closer than ever to finding a cure!
- Please consider donating to TEAM JEAN to help fight this disease.
- Make checks payable to Multiple Sclerosis Society

Please send your donations to:

TEAM JEAN SETERING  
c/o Dale Tennison  
911 Abbott St W  
Stillwater, MN 55082

OR

TEAM JEAN SETERING  
260 Locust St S  
Prescott, WI 54021

Joyful Quilters finished their Spring session in which they made 20 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. A big thank you to all who helped!



Our Savior's Lutheran church in Hastings has a coed softball team that is looking for more players. Ages range from 14-70 and the league plays throughout the summer. If you're interested, you can contact Donna at 715-307-0451



**Luther Park  
Bible Camp**

## **It's time to register for BIBLE CAMP**

Online summer camp registration is now available at Luther Park Bible Camp. Joy Church coupon code (JOY50) for 1/2 off camp for kids from Joy Church. Please note that the coupon will be applied after your registration and this coupon is intended for Joy families in need. If you know of someone outside of the church who needs financial assistance please contact Christy.

# TRAVEL TO MEXICO

*Holy week immersion mission  
experience for all ages!*



Worship



Service



Learning



FUN

April 12-21

aprox. Cost \$1400-\$1600

scan the code below for details  
and sign ups.

you must have a valid passport.  
students under 15 must travel  
with an adult



**SIGN UP ONLINE**



# SUMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION

JUNE 25-29, 2025

CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE YOUTH



SCAN QR FOR DETAILS AND SIGN UP



Save the Date!!

# ENTANGLED

Multi-Synod High School Youth Gathering



JULY 8-11, 2025

UW River Falls



# CANADA ADVENTURE



Join for a summer mission trip to Canada! July 15-22, 2025 as we venture into the wilderness, explore breathtaking landscapes, service projects that help the environment, and create memories that will last a lifetime.



water fun



camping



nature



SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS AND SIGN UP



## **Joy is looking for new pianists!**

Our pianists have announced that they will be retiring at the end of the summer so we are looking for potentially 2 pianists to alternate services to play in. Please let us know if you are interested in playing piano or forward this to anyone who might be interested.

The full description is at <http://joy-church.org/joy-is-looking-for-new-pianists/>

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# Wednesday Worship!



**Every  
week!**

**6:30  
PM**



**JOYFUL NOISE BAND**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



The church needs the help of all Thrivent members! If you haven't yet used your seed money for Thrivent Action Teams, we still need people to sign up for events. We've had a great start for January and

whole year.

It's a free program for all Thrivent members and it's easy to become a Thrivent member if you aren't one yet. Everyone who signs up for seed money for a church event gets the church \$250. That money supports so many events throughout the year that we want to keep doing. Talk to Jim Flatz or David Burleigh if you'd like more information.

**Thrivent Members Sign-up for "Action Team"**  
**Projects to Receive \$250 Seed Money**  
 Sign-up to be Project Leader anytime.  
 Apply for project within 14-120 days of project date.

3/18/2025

2025 Thrivent Action Teams						
Date	↓ Action Team Projects ↓	Type of Project			Use of \$250 Seed Money	Application Approved ↓ ↓ Sign-up Below ↓
		Fund	Serv	Educ		
<b>April</b>						
4/2/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
4/9/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
4/20/2025	Easter Breakfast		x		Food	
4/23/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Kevin Sommer
4/30/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
<b>May</b>						
5/4/2025	Joy Plant Market	x			Birdhouses/Pots	Craig Orf
5/7/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
5/9/2025	Joy Plant Market	x			Promotional	Ernie Schultz
5/10/2025	Joy Plant Market	x			Plants/Supplies	Bobbie Flatz
5/14/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
5/21/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
5/28/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	Logo for Youth Gathering	x			Supplies	
<b>June</b>						
<b>July</b>						
<b>August</b>						
	Card Ministry	x			Supplies	
<b>September</b>						
9/3/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/10/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/17/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/24/2025	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	Joyful Quilters		x		Supplies	
	Sharing & Caring Hands		x		Food	

movies, fellowship time with games. If you'd like to join them for these or other monthly activities, contact the church office for more details.



APRIL MENU

April 2 ~ Cheesy Potato Soup



**Vegetarian, Gluten-Free,  
Hot Dog & Chips available.  
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**SUPPER TIME IS  
FROM 5:15 TO  
6:30 PM**

April 9 ~ Chicken Noodle Hotdish



April 16 ~ Chow Mein



April 23 ~ Baked Potato Bar



Oct 30 ~ Stroganoff





**Staffed Nursery  
Sundays @ 9:30am**



**PRAYGROUND  
ALWAYS  
AVAILABLE**



## Join our Lending Library!

Have you found yourself in need of a tool that you may only use once in your life and you'd rather not have the expense, knowing you'll only use it once? How about a cake pan that you'll use for one birthday and then put it in the basement to collect dust? Maybe a folding table for a garage sale or game night that just sits in a corner the rest of the time? Join our Lending Library and see what other members of the congregation have that they're willing to lend to you!

Or how about those car tools in your garage that you almost never use? Maybe a card table or some crafting supplies that you hardly ever use? Would you like to see the dust cleaned off of them and have them put to good use again? Then join our Lending Library!

All lists are kept confidential in our office and our office staff will direct anyone looking to borrow to someone on our list that has the item(s) to lend. We can provide a form for anyone who would like one. You can call our office at 262-5800 or E-mail at [office@joy-church.org](mailto:office@joy-church.org) to start the process.

We've already got people who have volunteered to give away everyday tools that they want to get rid of so let us know what you're in need of or what you've got to offer.

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- Laurie Sanftner, Sandy Satchell's cousin's wife
- Jim (Jenny) Wazlawik & Family
- Jenny, Bill (Sandy) Satchell's Daughter In Law
- Continued prayers for orphanage in Romania
- Diana McCoy
- Renee Braun
- Howard and his daughter, Jill, friends of Karen and CL
- Ron Willow
- Terry Bernick, Shawn (Mandy) Bernick's Mother
- Tina Lee
- Tina Stenroos
- Maureen Kranz
- Ken and Loretta Knight's daughter, Pam Kinneman
- Christy's Grandpa Leo
- Mary Wiske, Karen Lehman's friend
- Dick and Em Horken's son, Todd
- Sue Hood for healing
- Jason Emanuel for healing
- Vivienne Hoikka, Shannon Hoikka (Hood)'s grandmother
- DestiNae Sakschek for health concerns
- Erin Lehnert, friend of Sarah Eastling, for healing
- Tom and Dave Swanson's sister, Kate, for healing
- Michael Allen, Lisa Kleinschmidt's Dad
- Greta Meyer, friend of the Sommer family, for relief from neuropathy
- Karen Fleming for healing from health issues
- Ken Knight
- Joe Glaubitz
- Dick and Em Horken's daughter-in-law, Stacey

- Tracy Banitt for recovery and healing
- Friends and family of Dick Shager, Marv Lindseth's brother-in-law, at his passing
- Friends and family of Cathy Martin's cousin, Sue, at her passing
- Friends and family of Ron Anderson at his passing

**Please call or email the office if you or someone you know need prayers!**

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## **2024 Joy Council Members**

Got a question, an idea, want to help with something? Contact one of our Vision Council members. And remember to pray for them as they do their important work.

*Left to Right: Front row – Pastor Melissa Hrdlicka, Jim Flatz (Treasurer), Mandy Bernick, Hope Olson, Kathy Sommer (Secretary); Second row – Christy Canfield (Youth Director), Mark Olson, Tracy Banitt (President), Joe Fewer (Vice-President), Donna Boatman, David Burleigh.*

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Stay after worship on Sundays to enjoy coffee, muffins and fellowship!

"Being lost is an opportunity  
to find new strengths."

## 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.



New  
VANCO Mobile  
Giving App!



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](http://www.joy-church.org)) from anywhere you have internet access and click on the [online giving](#) to set up or manage electronic gifts
- 3) **Or you can use the NEW VANCO MOBILE APP which replaces the Giving+ app** we have been using the last few years. The free app is available wherever you download apps

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### **Smartphone?**

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.

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### **Joy's Online Member Directory**

If you want to keep in touch with members of the congregation, remember you have an updated directory at your 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.



**Our mailing address is:**

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