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

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**Relevant + Hopeful + Generous**

**Joyful News June 28th - July 5th, 2026**

**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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You are welcome here! We say that a lot at Joy. We say it when we start worship, when we come in for Wednesday Suppers, when youth come for events and when adults come to volunteer or for Joyful seniors and so many other times! We truly mean all are welcome here to be part of our community for a moment or for a lifetime. We practice and live out what Jesus taught us in the gospels--to love others as ourselves and love God above all else! Here at Joy, you are welcome here!

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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE ♥

We support a simple idea:  
respect and compassion for all.

#### 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.”



**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.**

## **CALENDAR - June 2026**

### **28 Sunday**

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

### **29 Monday**

### **30 Tuesday**

**2 Thursday**

**3 Friday**

**4 Saturday**

**Independence Day**

**5 Sunday**

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time



## Joy Plant Market 2026 Wrap-Up

Joy Lutheran Church celebrated the close of its 2026 Plant Market with gratitude and joy, marking the 18th anniversary of this beloved community event. Over the years, the Plant Market has raised a total of \$68,000 to support charitable causes, reflecting the generosity, dedication, and shared mission of our congregation and community.

This year, the Plant Market raised its highest revenue to date, allowing Joy to distribute \$1,350 to each of four charities: St. Croix Habitat for Humanity, Our Neighbor's Place, Pierce County Veterans, and Joy's sister church in Malawi. In

market to landscape in new homes being built locally. These gifts extend the impact of the Plant Market far beyond one weekend, helping support important ministries and services locally and globally.

We were blessed with two beautiful spring days for the market, welcoming many congregational and community members who were eager to begin the planting season and enhance their landscapes. Shoppers found a wide variety of annuals and perennials, along with vegetables and herbs to complete their gardens for the season ahead.

Thank you to everyone who donated plants, volunteered time, organized the event, and shopped in support of this ministry. The success of the 2026 Joy Plant Market is a wonderful reminder of what can grow when people come together in service, generosity, and hope.

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## **Great news!**

We have two new pianists joining our Worship Team! Please welcome Andrea Swanson and Cayden Johnson as they sit behind the piano over the upcoming weeks!

They are both very accomplished pianists and enjoy what they do. they may take some time to acclimate to the position, but we're excited to see them accompany the band and grow.

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## Mount Carmel Norwegian Heritage Tour with Pastor Tim Peterson will be August 14-28, 2026

Former pastor Tim Peterson is co-hosting a tour through some historic Norwegian sites August 14-28. There is a flyer on the bulletin board and a packet at the Welcome Desk with more information for anyone interested. You can also E-mail Tim directly at [tim.e.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:tim.e.peterson@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up.

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Our Bell choir is collecting cans as a fund raiser to fix damage/wear to the bells to keep them sounding right. Bring in any pop cans you have and drop them off in the wooden box in the youth area by the kitchen. Every little bit helps!

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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. While we have minimal activities over the summer, you can sign up for events up to 4 months ahead of time so you can register early if you're able to!

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.

**Projects to Receive \$250 Seed Money**

Sign-up to be Project Leader anytime.

Apply for project within 14-120 days of project date.

2026 Thrivent Action Teams						
Project		Type of Project			Use of \$250	Application Approved ↓
Date	↕ Action Team Projects ↕	Fund	Serv	Educ	Seed Money	↕ Sign-up Below ↕
<b>June</b>						
<b>July</b>						
<b>August</b>						
	Sharing & Caring Hands		x		Food	
<b>September</b>						
9/2/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/9/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/16/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	Joyful Quilters		x		Supplies	
	Women's Luncheon	x			Supplies	
9/23/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
9/30/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
<b>October</b>						
10/7/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	Mission Apple Pies for Malawi	x			Supplies	
10/14/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	Joyful Quilters		x		Supplies	
10/21/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
10/28/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	

Joyful Seniors gets together every month for regular get-togethers for 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.





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



## 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?

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.



- Continued prayers for orphanage in Romania
- Renee Braun
- Karen Fleming for healing from health issues
- Loretta Knight's daughter, Pam Kinneman
- Brian Lee
- Jean Setering
- Em Horken
- Tracy Banitt
- Betsy Benaszkeski, Bill and Sandy Satchell's daughter

- Baby Ellie, the Lehman's great granddaughter
- Lisa Kleinschmidt's dad, Michael Allen
- Sandy Satchell
- Tina Stenroos
- Ruth Hall's friends, Elizabeth and Jeff
- Cathy Martin's cousin's grandson, Christopher
- Bill and Sandy Satchell's daughter, Melissa
- Sue Hood's sister's partner, Don Fedie
- Shirley Johnson
- Friends and family of Kevin Sommer's dad, Hank, at his passing

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

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## 2026 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.

*(pictured left to right) Pastor Melissa Hrdlicka (non-voting member), David Burleigh (Parish Administrator, non-voting member), Christy Canfield (Youth Director, non-voting member), Corri Anderson, Donna Boatman (President), Mark Olson (Treasurer), Hope Olson (Vice President), Brian Stoeckel, Greg Reid, Tracy Banitt (Secretary), Mandy Bernick (not pictured)*



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

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### **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.





**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](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

**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.

## 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.



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