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

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Relevant + Hopeful + Generous

Joyful News July 19th - 26th, 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](#).



This summer is the season of parables! Jesus is doing all of his teaching through stories and sometimes there are explanations and sometimes there aren't. Sometimes they will make perfect sense, and sometimes they leave more questions than answers. Sometimes there will be more than one answer too! And that's the point of parables—they keep you thinking and exploring and learning in our faith. The point is that we keep coming back to God for answers and we turn to each other to help us explore. Even though school is out for the summer, may we never stop learning and exploring all the love God has for us!

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 - July 2026

19 Sunday

Canada

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

4PM St. Croix All Stars 4-H meeting

20 Monday

Canada

10AM Joyful Seniors

Return from Canada

22 Wednesday

1:30PM Caregiver's group

23 Thursday

9AM-11AM Joy Cleaning Crew

24 Friday

25 Saturday

9AM-10:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

26 Sunday

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time



our youth and the adult volunteers in your prayers as they return for their mission trip in Canada this week. We pray for safety in their construction projects, camping, and travels.

WELCA Summer Retreat

The annual retreat for our WELCA conference is coming up on Saturday morning, August 15th, at Redeemer Lutheran in Burkhardt. A flyer with more information is on the bulletin board and Marcia Lindseth is offering a carpool if anyone is interested in going and would like a ride.

Great news!

We have two new pianists who have joined our Worship Team! If you haven't already, 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.



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 with any questions or to sign up.



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!



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 ↓
	June					
	July					
	August					
	Sharing & Caring Hands		x		Food	
	September					
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	
	October					
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.







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 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
- John Fewer, Joe's dad, for health

- Lisa Kleinschmidt's dad, Michael Allen
- Sandy Satchell
- Ruth Hall's friends, Elizabeth and Jeff
- Cathy Martin's cousin's grandson, Christopher
- Sue Hood's sister's partner, Don Fedie
- Shirley Johnson
- Brad Satchell
- Tina Stenroos

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



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!



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.



New VANCO Mobile Giving App!



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) **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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