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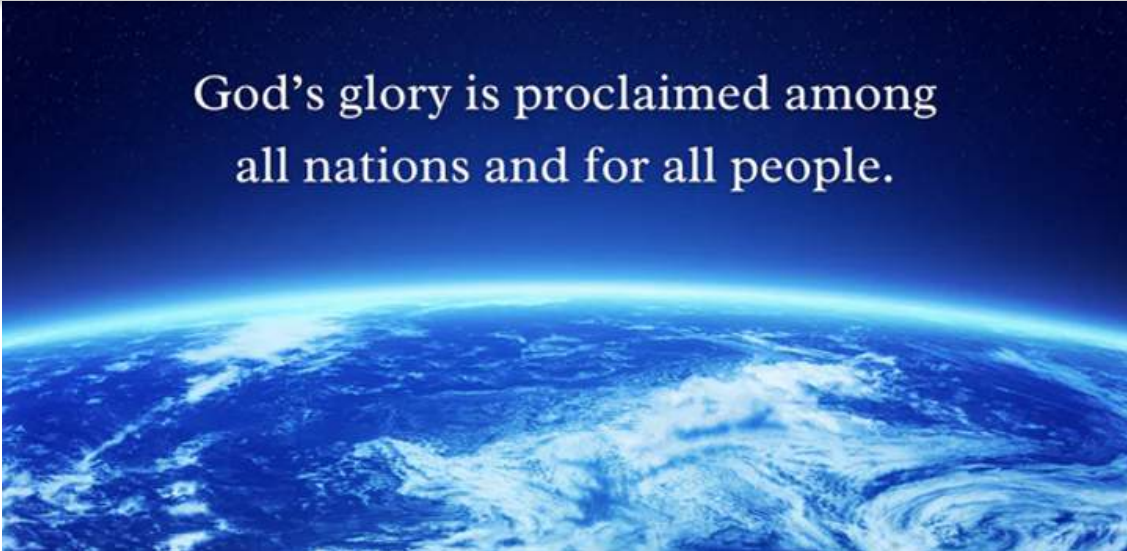
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**Relevant + Hopeful + Generous**

**Joyful News July 5th - 12th, 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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God's glory is proclaimed among  
all nations and for all people.

As we approach a holiday weekend, I have been reflecting on two things. The first is that our God is a God of all the nations. Jesus sent disciples out everywhere to proclaim the Good News of God's love and mercy. God's peace reigns down everywhere. And God is compassionate and cares for all. May God's peace be present in all countries and nations and may all have a day and lifetime to celebrate freedom! And secondly, my prayer and thoughts is for safety for all who travel, for all on the water, for all who serve our country in many different ways. May God grant safety to all this weekend so we can gather together again on Sunday to hear God's good news!



**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

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 - July 2026**

### **5 Sunday**

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

### **6 Monday**

Office closed in observance of the 4th

### **7 Tuesday**

### **8 Wednesday**

### **9 Thursday**

9AM-11AM Joy Cleaning Crew

### **10 Friday**

### **11 Saturday**

## 12 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 addition, St. Croix Habitat for Humanity further benefited the community by taking the remaining perennials, annuals, and vegetables that did not sell at the 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.



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

...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
- John Fewer, Joe's dad, for health

- Lisa Kleinschmidt's dad, Michael Allen
- Sandy Satchell
- Tina Stenroos
- 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

**-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)*

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

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"The unshakable Kingdom of God is our country and we are Kingdom citizens with power to inform and transform the community and world in which we live, vote, speak, act, and have our being.

## THE ART OF HOLINESS

### 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.



provide comfort in a time of need.  
It's a great way to share love with  
someone you care about.



**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

## 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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