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

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Relevant + Hopeful + Generous

Joyful News September 27th - October 4th, 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](#).



A flyer for a 'TAILGATE PARTY' at Joy Church. The design features a green and white checkered border on the left. The title 'TAILGATE PARTY' is in large, bold, green letters. Below the title, the text reads: 'Join us for a tailgate party! Joy Church Parking lot, across from the middle school. FOODTRUCKS MUSIC BOUNCEHOUSE EVERYONE IS WELCOME'. The date and time are 'September 25th 4-7pm' and the location is '1435 Saint Croix Street'. There are three images: a cartoon of a wooden table with a blue square on it, a group of children playing, and a colorful inflatable bounce house. A starburst graphic says 'JOY CHURCH' and a green cross icon is at the bottom.

TAILGATE PARTY

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FOODTRUCKS
MUSIC
BOUNCEHOUSE
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

September 25th 4-7pm
1435 Saint Croix Street

JOY CHURCH

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 - September-October 2026

27 Sunday

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Fellowship Time

12-2PM Jump Into Fall JWELCA Luncheon

28 Monday

6:45PM Lion's Club Meeting

6PM Joyful Bells

29 Tuesday

4PM Ecumenical Women's Bible Study

30 Wednesday

9AM - Noon Joyful Quilters

5:15PM-6:30PM Wed. Night Supper—Cheesy Potato Soup

6:30PM-7:15PM Wed. Night Worship

6:30PM-8PM Confirmation classes

6:30PM-8PM SHIFT67

1 Thursday

9-11 AM Joy Cleaning Crew

2 Friday

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

4 Sunday

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

11AM-1PM Apple Pie making



Fill the Apple Cart!



Our annual Apple Pie fund raiser to benefit our sister church in Malawi is fast approaching! We are looking for volunteers to help make the pies on Sunday, October 4th. We're also starting pre-orders for pies now so we know how many to make.

Sign up to help, to donate towards purchasing ingredients, or to order pies in the Narthex. There are envelopes next to the sign up sheets to pre-pay for any pies to minimize the hassle on pickup.

LADIES LUNCH

Icing on the Cake

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH**

12-2PM

TICKETS \$5





PLEASE HELP

Please note that this email is only intended for people in our community.

DO NOT SHARE THIS ON FACEBOOK or any digital platform.

SHANNON HOIKA AND HER FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP.

Please consider making a meal for her family.

Please note these meals are just for Shannon's family. Shannon herself has many food restrictions and allergies. If you're interested and also adding a meal for Shannon, please contact Christy and she can give you specific details of Shannons' food restrictions.

Shannon was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

On Sept. 17, Shannon completed her first week of a clinical trial research study at Mayo in Rochester, MN. She will be traveling there for treatment once a week for 12 weeks of chemotherapy with immunotherapy. The result of the first 12 weeks of chemotherapy will determine if she moves to surgery at that time or if additional chemo will be needed.

Sign up to by clicking the link below.

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Joyful Quilters are starting another 10 week program to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Meeting Wednesdays from 9AM-Noon starting this Wednesday. No experience needed if you want to help.

Joy Endowment Fund

We are now accepting applications for \$500 grants from the Joy Endowment Fund.

Apply now! [Application Link](#)



Target grantees could include:

- Activities that support the mission of Joy of generosity, worship, service, education or community.
- Educational scholarships or books.
- Bible camp scholarships.
- Ministry projects at Joy.
- Prescott community projects to gain involvement with Joy.

Application Deadline: 12/31/2026



Joy Lutheran Church
Prescott, WI

Leave a Legacy of Light



The Joy Property and Grounds team is looking for new members! We are a small but mighty group who is tasked with general maintenance and yard care around the building. Our efforts include: mowing the yard, washing the windows, changing the lights, sidewalk snow removal, and leading larger maintenance projects. We usually meet 3-4 times a year to take on an activity around the grounds, and then ad-hoc meetups for specific, task-based efforts as needed. No experience or tools are required, we are happy to teach and support whatever contribution you can provide. This is also a great opportunity for some of our congregation's youth to get experience with various DIY activities, we would be glad to have you participate!

Not able to participate? You can also help by building our network of trusted contractors. If you have been working with a tradesperson that you can trust (plumber, electrician, HVAC, concrete, etc), we'd love to get their names. Having a referral list can come in handy when projects come up.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Tom Strey at:
Joypropertyandgrounds@gmail.com
or call/text to (715) 513-9139.

Thank you for all of your support of Joy!

SEPTEMBER MENU

Sept 2nd ~ Chow Mein



**ALL ARE
WELCOME HERE!**

Sept 16th ~ Chicken Ala King



Sept 30th ~ Cheesy Potato Soup



**SUPPER TIME IS
FROM 5:15 TO**

6:30 PM

Sept 9th ~ Spaghetti



**Vegetarian, Gluten-Free,
Hot Dog & Chips Options
Available!**

Sept 23rd ~ Stroganoff



FREE WILL DONATION!



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 ↓
9/30/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Tyler Dunlop
	October					
10/7/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Wayne Lundgaard
	Mission Apple Pies for Malawi	x			Supplies	Melissa Miller
10/14/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Ben Miller
	Joyful Quilters		x		Supplies	Myah Miller
10/21/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Eyan Miller
10/28/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Noah Miller
	November					
11/4/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	Marv Lindseth
11/11/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
11/18/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
	December					
12/2/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
12/9/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
12/16/2026	Community Wednesday Supper		x		Food	
12/30/2026	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
- Brad Satchell
- Connie Stevens, friend of Joyce/Fred Booth
- Cathy Martin's aunt Alice
- Pauline Volkman's brother, Tim Schnell
- Loretta Knight
- Sue Davis' brother, Joey
- Coach Mike Olson
- CL Lehman
- Tom LeMay
- Bill Satchell
- Carol Peterson
- Sue Davis
- Claire Salay
- Shannon Holkka
- Ed Glaubitz
- Friends and family of Shirley Johnson at her passing

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



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!

Community is not just about being together; it's about doing life together.

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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.



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) 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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