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JOYful NEWS

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

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Relevant + Hopeful + Generous

Joyful News August 9th - 16th, 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.

Being a river town, we know the water—how it works and flows, how the waves increase as the night falls, how the glassy morning water is the best for the hunting birds. Peter, one of Jesus' first disciples who was once a fisherman thinks he knows the water until he sees Jesus walking across and he bravely steps out to Jesus' call. Even before he starts to sink Jesus is already moving towards him and saving him from his own fear. This fond gospel reminds us that even in our fear and struggles, Jesus always will

our well loved rivers, may we be reminded of Jesus who walks on water and reaches towards us with love!

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 - August 2026

9 Sunday

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10 Monday

9AM-noon Sharing and Caring prep

11 Tuesday

10:30AM Sharing and Caring depart

12 Wednesday

13 Thursday

14 Friday

15 Saturday

16 Sunday

9:30 AM Blended Worship Service

10:30 AM-11:30AM Fellowship time

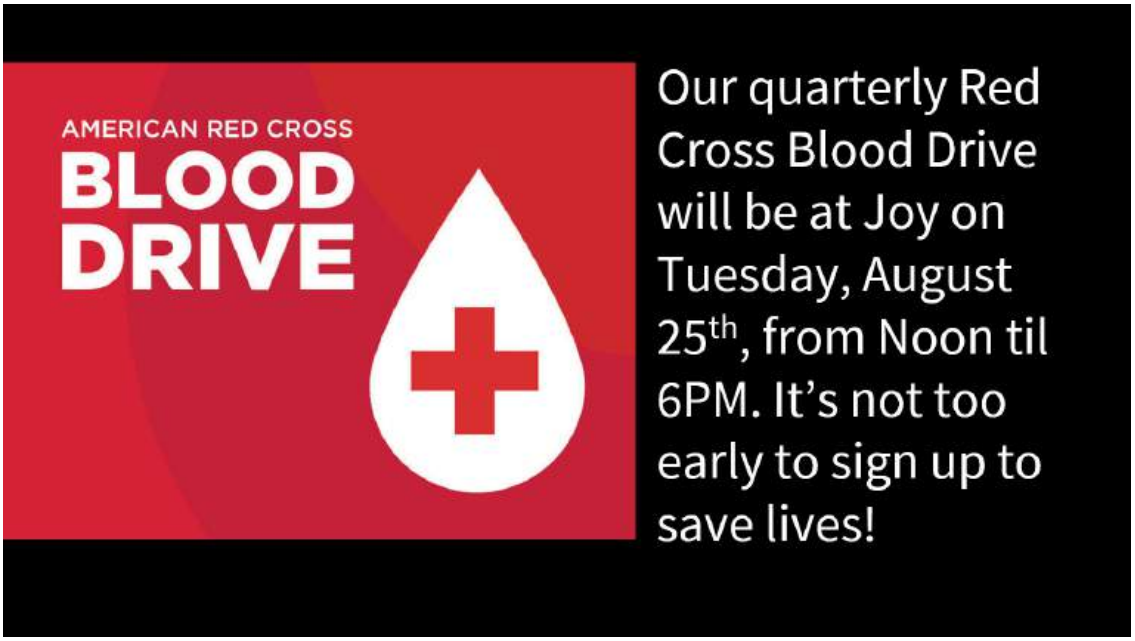
4PM St. Croix All Stars 4-H meeting

Joy will be preparing and serving a meal to 150-200 homeless people in Minneapolis next month. Volunteers are needed for prep work from 9AM-Noon on August 10th and more volunteers are needed to help serve from 11AM-3PM on August 11th. Sign up on the clipboards in the Narthex!

WELCA Summer Retreat

All women of our church are invited to attend the annual summer retreat of our St. Croix Conference. It will be held on Saturday, August 15th, 8:30AM-Noon, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1097 Scott Road in Burkhardt, WI. The theme is "Anticipate God's Goodness," and the speaker is Gaye Lindfors who will bring us a blend of Bible messages, life stories, and humor to help us anticipate God's goodness in front of us. Also, enjoy the companionship of other women from our area as we explore the wonderful things God has planned for us.

$15.00/person. Women who would like to carpool should contact Marcia Lindseth.



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.

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 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
-Connie Stevens, friend of Joyce/Fred Booth
-Cathy Martin's aunt Alice
-Pauline Volkman's brother, Tim Schnell

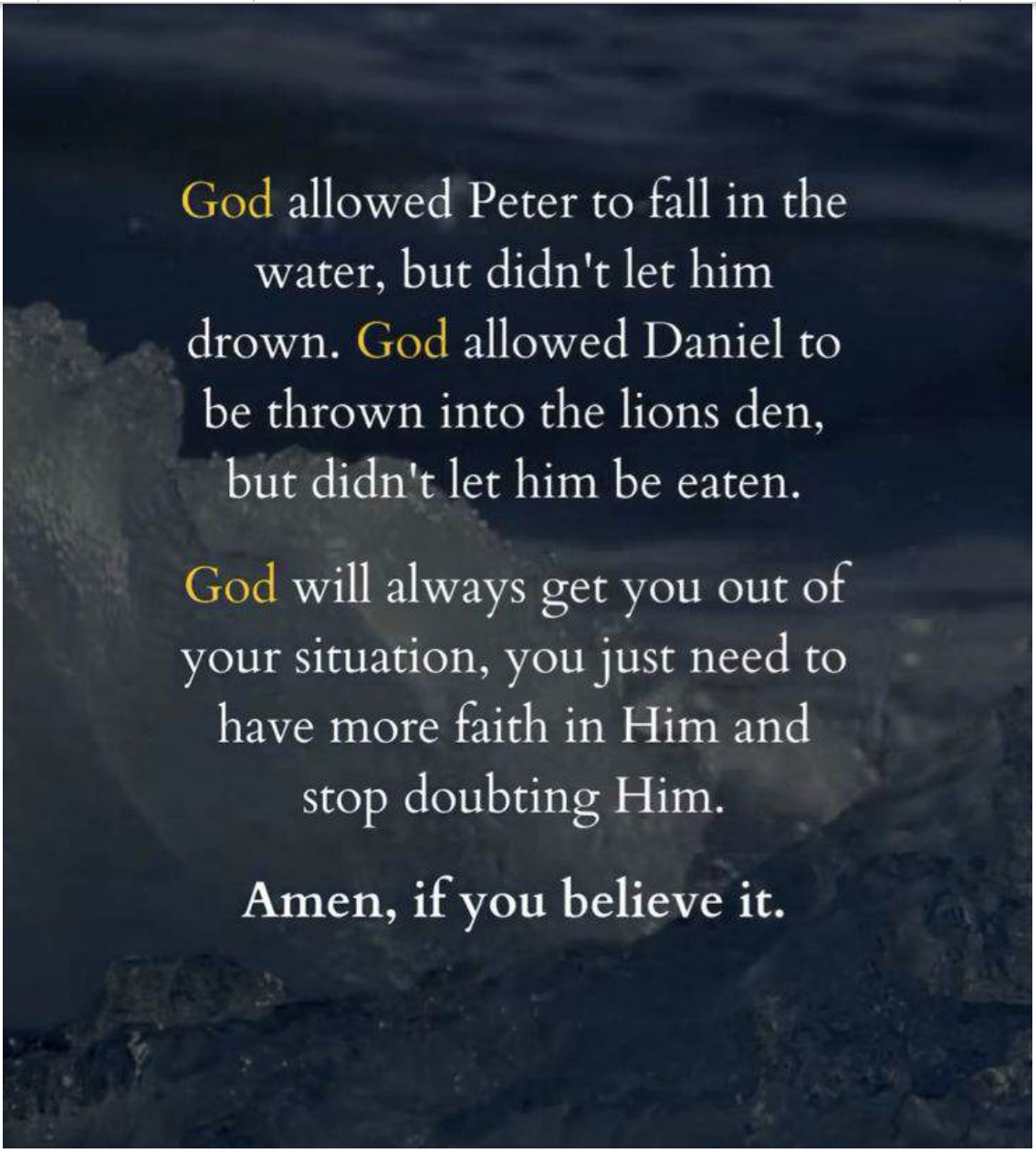
-Please call or email the office if you or someone you know need prayers!

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),

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


God allowed Peter to fall in the water, but didn't let him drown. God allowed Daniel to be thrown into the lions den, but didn't let him be eaten.
God will always get you out of your situation, you just need to have more faith in Him and stop doubting Him.
Amen, if you believe it.

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.

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

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

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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.

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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