



May

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JOY

Do you know what Johann Sebastian Bach, Ann Margaret and Bruce Willis have in common? All three were Lutherans.

Bach used his Lutheran heritage in his music. And while Willis eventually left the church, Ann Margaret remains a Lutheran today.

And of course there is funny man Dana Carvey who made a career out of poking fun at his Lutheran background as the infamous Church lady on Saturday Night Live.

And while it's nice to have some famous people in our Lutheran denomination, I prefer the rock stars in our congregation. That's right, the people sitting next to you, the ones you share the peace with every Sunday.

You are the rock stars of Joy. Each week someone steps up to fill a needed role at this church whether it is to serve as a greeter, usher, reader, cantor or more behind-the-scenes such as those who provide refreshments following service.

Our Call Committee is feverishly working on the Ministry Site Profile to present to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod.

The Joy Council diligently gives their time each month to handle church business. And where would we be without our staff – Rev. Bob Lawrence our supply pastor, Music Director Catherine Conger and Office Manager Sarah Smith.

In short, it is business as usual at Joy Lutheran Church whether or not we have a fulltime minister.

This month we are approaching the 1-year anniversary of the departure of our previous minister. We may have had some hiccups here and there, but we still show up faithfully for our church.

Your Council has been brainstorming the past few months and two ideas have already been presented – the Blessing of the Pets and a Garage sale. Both are scheduled for later this year and in the spring of 2025. We would love to hear YOUR ideas and thoughts on growing our congregation.

We are presenting a plan to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod to office out of Joy Monday-Friday should the Synod delegation vote to sell the current office in Tulsa. The Synod presence at Joy would bring needed income and serve as a place for our Synod to office and meet with ministers throughout the Synod.

In closing, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your role at Joy. There is no task too small or goal too large that we cannot accomplish together.

Lynn Jacobsen,

Council President

“Celebrating and Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ”

May 26th Joy Family Picnic!

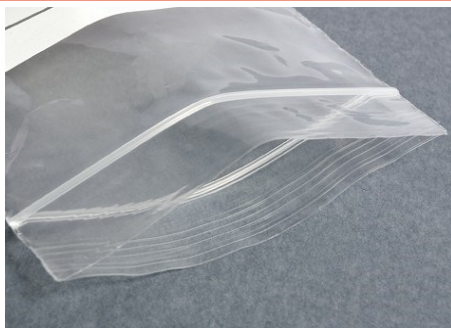


JOY CHURCH PICNIC

Our menu will be favorite picnic food!! HOTDOGS



Please contact Carol Rowe @ cox.net or see her Sunday for the sign-up sheet. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Greetings, all!

Joy's Kitchen is in need of help from ALL users. Because of the run-a-way costs of renewable supplies, your cooperation is needed. Except for special dinners, like funerals or weddings, zip lock bags and new take home containers will no longer be available.

If you have clean & clear lidded containers to donate, please feel free to do so. If you would like "doggie dishes" after parties or brunches, please bring your own containers.

Let us be good stewards of our resources and save on expenses. Thank you!



May 2024 Celebrations



Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 12th, therefore let us continue in the spirit of staying connected to each other through sending cards to one another. We invite you to reach out to the women at Joy and to connect with them on this day through a greeting card. Many are mothers, grandmothers mimis, nanas, aunts and more; others are not biological

mothers but have the loving heart of a mother and have cared for & loved those around them as such. Reach out to someone this Mother's Day with a caring card!

Happy May Birthday

Carol Mangels	5/1
Roger Meyer	5/2
Debbie VanStine	5/2
Nancy Young	5/2
Gerry Russell	5/3
Bonnie Halverson	5/7
Anna Humphrey-Bruner	5/12
Bob Young	5/19
Emma Bloomfield	5/22
Bryan Waytula	5/24

May birth flower is Lily-of-the-Valley

The fragrant **lily-of-the-**



valley signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley





To Honor our Mothers & Fathers

We would like to collect **NEW**, in packages, panties, bras & socks, **ADULT SIZES**, for donation to the Day Center for the Homeless.

We will collect items from April 21 through May 26. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. Questions? Talk to Katherine Tooley.

Thank you!



Save the Date & Your Junk

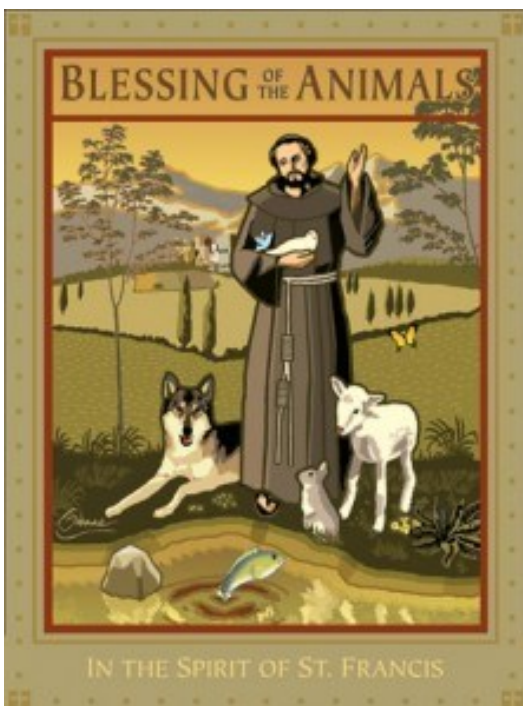
The Church Council is planning a *Garage Sale/Open House* for **March 29th, 2025**. The plan is to bring awareness of Joy and to bring in new members.

We are in the very early stages of planning. So save your garage sale items. Clean and wash them up, including any clothes. Mark them with a price and pack them to donate. We are also in need of lots of volunteers to assist with this event. Some of the things we are thinking about are the garage sale, serving grilled hot dogs, and maybe some yard games, if weather permits, maybe a quilt raffle. If you have any other ideas or if you are interested in helping please contact Donna Gould dgould64072@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PET LOVERS-MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 29, 2024

On Sunday, September 29, Joy Lutheran Church in Tulsa will conduct a Blessing of the Animals during its regular 9:30 a.m. service at the church at 9940 S. Yale Ave. Leashed or caged pets and their humans are all invited. We expect some special celebrity pets to attend. If you don't have a pet of your own, never fear. There will be opportunities to adopt following the service. More information to follow.

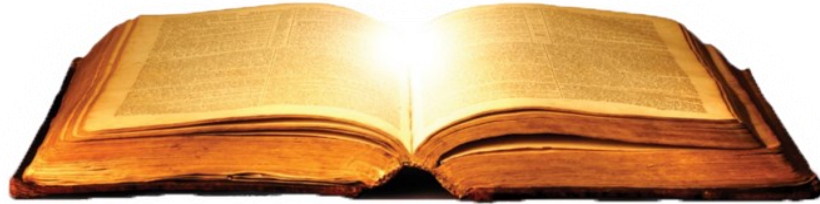


Esther Circle meets on **Thursday,**
May 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Esther Circle Bible Study for 2024 has moved to Thursday mornings.

Our study will be used from the Gather Magazine.

from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Susan Humphrey will lead Bible Study. We plan to go out for lunch after Bible study if you would like to join us!



Joy Lydia Quilters

The Lydia quilters meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30. We bring a sack lunch. Some people come and work on their own craft projects & enjoy the company!! Come on down!! Our hands to God's work!

Thank You Lydia's Quilting Group!

Dear Quilters,

Thank you for your support of our 20th Anniversary "Run for the Roses" Gala fundraising event held to be held on May 4th. Your gift of two handmade baby quilt will help make this year's event a great success!

Tulsa Boys' Home has gratefully benefited from community support. For more than 105 years. All proceeds support the vital mission of providing food, care, healing, and hope for 62 young boys in need.

Thank you for helping to "**Change lives for a lifetime—one boy at a time**".

Sincerely,

Gregory T. Conway
Executive Director and CEO



Oaks Indian Mission

**Mark your calendars for the
Dedication/Open House in Honor of**

Rev. Don Marshall

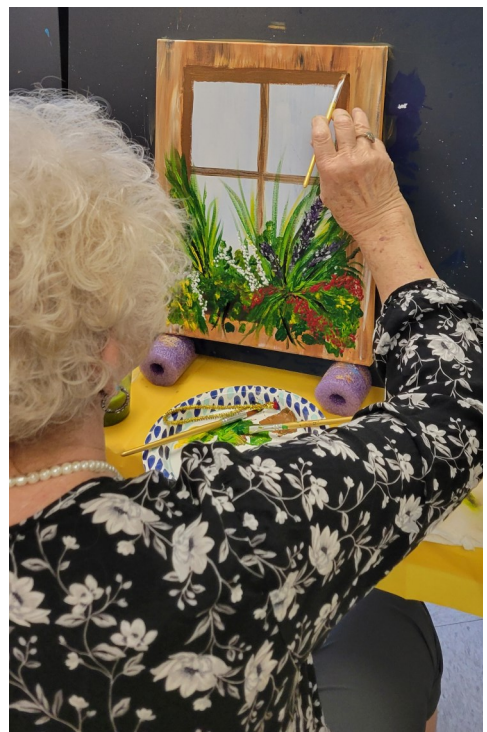
Saturday, July 20th, 2024

10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow

RSVP: 918-868-2196 or

monique.sharp@oaksindianmission.org

*April Spring Fling Paint Party &
Catherine Conger at Worship*



Pastor Sarah Humphrey was ordained on Saturday, April 20th by the Metro New York Synod. Pr. Humphrey will serve as associate pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, East Northport. Sarah is the wife of Ryan Humphrey and daughter-in-law to Susan & David Humphrey.



Mom (Pr. Sarah Humphrey) sharing the bread of Christ with her son, Gabriel on his first communion day.



Call Committee Corner

Stay tuned to what's happening each month in this CCC.

Members: Susan Humphrey — Chair
Dan Norford — Co-chair/Scribe
Bonnie Peters — Deb Lovelace
Kathryn Daniel — Ione Allison
Nick Conger
Please keep us all in your prayers.



After extensive reflection and prayer and the polling of the congregation, the Call Committee is finally at the point of drafting the official version of the Ministry Site Profile! Based on the responses of the congregation, we are especially focused on finding a candidate who will both tend to the needs of the congregation (pastoral care and teaching) and reach out to the surrounding communities to spread the hope of God's grace. We thank the congregation for their feedback and patience and hope that everyone who has questions or concerns won't hesitate to get in touch with any member of the committee.

As always, we welcome all of your prayers and support as we continue to work towards finding a new pastor for Joy!

The Joy Call Committee



Youth and Adult Sunday School

*Sunday, May 19th is our last day of SS for the
Spring and Summer!*

**The adult class, led by Rev. Lawrence
meets in Fellowship Hall.**

**Youth Sunday School led by Jamie
Donohue meets in SS Classroom # 103.**

Joy Choir

**Joy Lutheran Choir meets on Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m. and sings music at services
twice a month. Choir will continue to
practice through Wednesday, May 22nd.
ALL are welcome!**



Joy Connections



**Joy's Food Chest for the Jenks Community
Food Bank Current
requested items as of 5-1-2024**

Cereal—Tuna

Pasta Sauce

**Canned Veggies
(other than corn and green beans)**

“Helping to feed those in need”

Thank you Joy members that contribute and thank you to Michael Mueller for delivery several times each month!

**06 April 2024: 68 pounds
20 April 2024: 31 pounds**

Hello Joy Members!

This newsletter is created monthly to announce activities, spread information and give us thoughts to ponder.

How can you help?

Please consider adding photos of Joy activities, special announcements and items of interest.

Send any input to Sarah in the office at

Office@joylutherantulsa.org

or call 918-299-3292

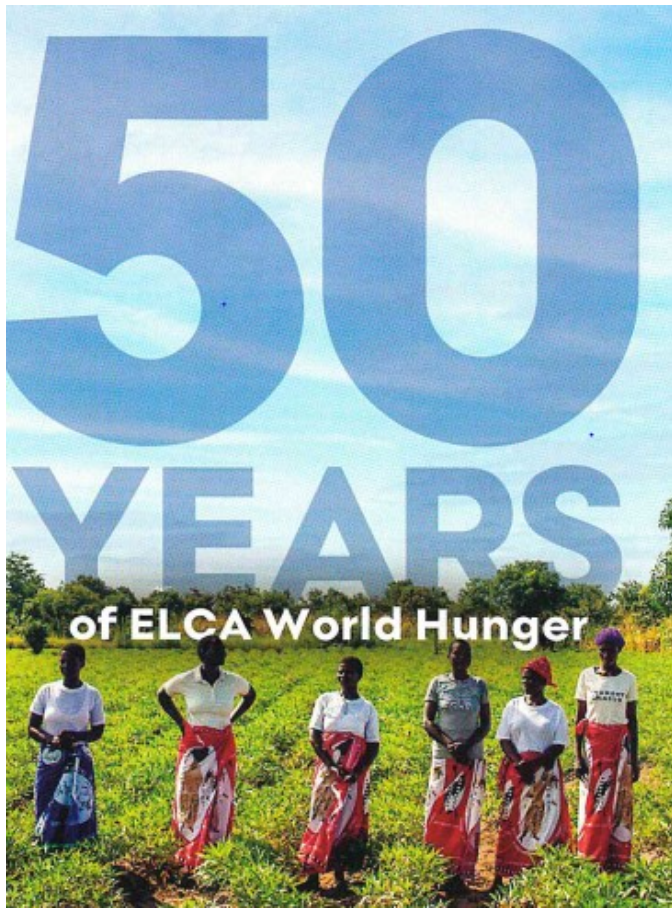
Operation Hope Prison Ministry Mission Statement

To provide services to the men, women and children impacted by incarceration. We offer support to this population to lower recidivism rates and the incidence of first-time offenders among their children, ultimately reducing the crime and violence that threaten neighborhoods and families.

Items needed for families and individuals coming out of prison and getting back into the community.



**Deodorant - Shampoo
Conditioner - Body lotion
Moisturizers - Bar soap
Shower gels - Toothbrushes
Toothpaste**



“Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

—1 John 3:18

For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger.

Part of our church’s long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God’s promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. In 2024 we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of this ministry. We have made great strides, but once again we face a startling increase in global hunger. As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever. Will you join us?

— CURRENT CHALLENGES —



As many as **828 million people** worldwide live in hunger.

In the United States, **1 in 8 people** isn’t sure where their next meal will come from.



The root causes of hunger are complex and include rising costs, global conflict, climate change and the lingering impact of COVID-19.

OUR WORK



AGRICULTURE & NUTRITION



WATER & SANITATION

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities in 64 countries — including the United States — to create unique solutions to specific challenges. With your help, our church can grow its support for our most vulnerable neighbors in a changing world.

“I can proudly say I am now able to run successful projects without fear of failure. My family lacks nothing, I have all that I once dreamt of having, and I am a proud mother.”

—RUMBIDZAI TOMU, Zimbabwe

With support from ELCA World Hunger, Rumbidzai received the tools and training she needed to begin raising poultry. Her family can now afford to eat three meals a day, and she has been able to send her four children to school.



HOW TO GIVE

Mail: Make checks payable to “ELCA World Hunger” and mail to:

ELCA
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

ONLINE

ELCA.org/hunger/donate



Finance Report

Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Joy Lutheran Church Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday evening, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.**



Financial Report: The financial summary of contributions and expenses for the month of March and year to date.



	March 2024	01 January-YTD 2024
Giving	11,355	53,298
Expense	10,635	31,796
Income (Loss)	720	21,502



ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD
God's Grace In Motion

heart of worship



2024 Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Assembly

The Assembly will begin Friday, May 3rd at 2 p.m.
and concludes Sunday, May 5th at 3 p.m.
Lila Martini & Deanna Rabara will represent Joy.



**Our next monthly Joy Council meeting is Sunday, May 19th
immediately after Worship.**

2024 Joy Lutheran Council:

(L to R)

Lynn Jacobsen - President

Sara Richers - Vice President

Brenda Baker - Secretary

David Humphrey - Treasurer

Donna Gould

Nancy Sies (Not pictured)

Michelle Staedeli

Church Staff:

Reverend Bob Lawrence: Interim Supply Pastor

Catherine Conger — Director of Music

Sarah Smith — Office Manager

Church Office Hours: Mon.—Thur. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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