

Joy Lutheran Church

## Special Thoughts This Month:

- *Be prayerful*
- *Be patient*
- *Be loving*
- *Be God's hands and voice*

"Lift Up Your  
Hearts"

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### Wednesday Nights in Lent 2012



In Psalm 26, the Psalmist says to the Lord, "Prove me, try me, test my heart." He asks God to look as deeply into his heart as he can to see the love and faithfulness that he has for him. Our Lenten journey this year will examine matters of the heart. We will see where God's heart intersects with our hearts and how He lifts us up, fills us with grace, and calls us to mission.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd—7 PM

Give Me A Clean Heart—Based on Psalm 51

Wednesday, February 29th—6:15 PM

From Our Hearts—Based on John 7:37-39

Wednesday, March 7th—6:15 PM

Mending Our Hearts—Based on Psalm 147:1-6

Wednesday, March 14th—6:15 PM

Glad and Generous Hearts—Based on Acts 2:42-47

Wednesday, March 21st—6:15 PM

A Trusting Heart—Based on Proverbs 3:3-5

Wednesday, March 28th—6:15 PM

Etched On Our Hearts—Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Wednesday in Lent Suppers** will start on February 29, at **5:30pm**. There is no meal on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There is no charge for Wednesday in Lent Suppers. However, we do ask that each family sign up to bring at least one pot of soup and/or a dozen sandwiches sometime during Lent. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES**. Each week ministry team leaders will be responsible for making sure that all spaces for soup, sandwiches, set up and clean up are filled for their week.

**Children's Programs:** Wednesdays in Lent for Kids will begin on Ash Wednesday at 7:00. The following interactive programs for children will be offered: Children's Activities for children ages 3 to K5 will be "Let All Creation Sing! Lenten Lessons from the Animals of the Season." Kids Connection for kids in grades 1-6 will be a continuation of "Wednesdays in Advent" lessons from "Very Cool Stories and Why Jesus Told Them." Kids Connection is a fast moving program with lots of fun and different activities on our way to connect with the lessons Jesus is teaching us. A Nursery for children under 3 year olds will be provided. Kids programs will begin on **February 22, Ash Wednesday at 7:00** (NO SUPPER) and continue after supper at 6:15 on February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. **PLEASE SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS SO THAT SUPPLIES CAN BE PREPARED.**

## CRAFTERS AMONG US 242

Are you an artsy craftsman? Do you appreciate hand made crafts? A new 242 small group called "Crafters Among Us" is forming and any adult (at this time) can join in the fun. We will have fun and fellowship learning a new craft, but we will discover ways to use this craft as a ministry to others. We will make cards at the first meeting to be sent to visitors, shut-ins, and other people as the church office needs. Later we might make scrap book pages to catch up on the church history. Who wouldn't like to learn the art of saving money by couponing? Teach us to crochet and we can make scarves for Midway.

By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had our first meeting, but you can join us at any time. Keep an eye open in the bulletin and weekly email announcements for dates and craft topics coming up.

Call Becky Strength at the church office 864-486-1036 or email at [beckyatjoy@bellsouth.net](mailto:beckyatjoy@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions.

Dear Joy Family,

We thank you for your many special expressions of love and joy over Christmas and the New Year through your notes, cards, cookies, ornaments, and gifts. You always make us feel very special. We are grateful to all of you for the Congregational



*Note of thanks for RoseCrest  
Christmas bags*

*I would like to thank you for bringing gifts to my mom. That was a true act of Christmas; giving. I'm sure the Lord will bless you. Thank you and may God Bless you.*

From Carol McSwain  
Juanita Moore's daughter  
Resident of RoseCrest

## GOD ON THE LOOSE - JOY'S COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS

To borrow Pastor Lane's recent sermon phrase, "God was on the loose" in a huge way in December thanks to all of you, our generous Joy members. Your giving allowed our Community Ministries Team and several new project volunteers to deliver more than 120 Christmas Angel Tree gift bags to residents of Midway Boarding Home, and Rosecrest Retirement Community (Memory Care Support Unit).

Here are some God sightings from the Angel Tree project:

"My mother could not be with us this year - her first Christmas away from our family because of her Alzheimer's. We're so amazed and grateful that others in our community are thinking of RoseCrest residents in such a caring way".

*Daughter of a Rosecrest  
resident patient*

In the process of delivering 96 Christmas bags to Midway, one Joy youth was so touched by the spirit of the residents there she decided to remain with them during their recreation hour. She stayed behind to color pictures, sing Christmas songs, visit, and even prayed with one man when he asked her to.....

Thanks for being God's hands and feet at Joy. Interested in how you can help in our community? Contact Bick McAllister ([bick.mcallister@sealedair.com](mailto:bick.mcallister@sealedair.com)) or Leslie Montagne ([montagneny@aol.com](mailto:montagneny@aol.com)) of the Joy Community Ministries Team.



OLDER YOUTH OF JOY

Sunday, February 5

Dinner & Discussion

5:00-7:00pm



\$25 NYG Payment Due



Sunday, February 19

\*\*4:00-7:00\*\*

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

with the Davisons



LINC/YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP..

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FUN, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:00 AT THE POTTER'S HOUSE

CONTACT: JON AND CARRIE POTTER FOR MORE INFORMATION



## Congratulations

Shelli Foster Slice  
and  
Josh Bagwell  
Were Married  
December 2, 2011

Amy Godwin  
and  
Casey Faulkenberry  
Were Married  
December 17, 2011

## New Arrival Congratulations

Kelly and Matt Uzas  
Proud Parents of  
**Hampton Joseph**  
born  
December 22, 2011



Lindsay and Avery McKenzie  
Proud Parents of  
**William Jeffress**  
born  
December 28, 2011

## In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers  
are extended to  
Kevin and Lynn Hollifield  
upon the death of Kevin's sister,  
Kathy Brewington  
who died December 16, 2011.

### RoseCrest Report

Joan Swenson, Carolyn Natowich and Sharon Goolsby, (pictured here) recently spent a morning at RoseCrest Retirement Community's Memory Support Unit. They made seasonal displays of "shadow box" artwork for the patients there. These shadow boxes provide lovely art on the resident's wings, outside each bedroom, since hanging art work or posters cannot be placed on walls.



Sharon Goolsby serves as the Community Ministries Team RoseCrest liaison. Anyone wishing to help volunteer for projects there can contact Sharon at [goolsbysd@att.net](mailto:goolsbysd@att.net), or by calling 574-9616.

### Cooking with Joy Cookbook Special!!

Buy a new edition of our cookbook and get an older edition **FREE!!**  
Two books for the price of one!! \$15.00  
See Sue Craven for yours today!!



Proceeds will go to the building of an outdoor pavilion to be used for picnics and gatherings.

## JOYFUL READERS 2012

The list for Winter/Spring reading is out.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

The Lost Hours by Karen White.

Meeting dates for all of these books will be announced following the January meeting.



**BBT THE ADULT DINNER CLUB** will begin the New Year dining at the Spice of Life Restaurant in on January 27th at 6:30. The restaurant is located on St. John St. in Spartanburg. Contact Sally Dix to be included.



**January 30, 7:00**  
Pam Lemme, Hostess  
The Hunger Games  
by Suzanne Collins

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Ashley Twitchell's Adult Sunday School Class will start back February 5. The topic of discussion will be "10 Things Christians DO Need to Believe." Anyone is welcome to join this class that meets in the new building.

"Crazy Talk" will continue meeting in the parlor. The class will discuss the who, what, where, when, why and how of a JOY Lutheran as well as that of an ELCA Lutheran. You are invited to join the class any Sunday and everyone is welcome. Becky Strength is the facilitator.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

United by Faith and the Bible

Joy's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



"What's So Great About The Bible?" This is a question Joy's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class tackled last November and December. One answer we found - that Christians are **united** throughout the world by the common Bible they read - prompted a special craft project and LOTS of discussion.

Visit our room as Joy member *Bill Geisler* did, and you'll observe another way Christians are globally linked. The colorful koi-fish hanging paper sculptures surrounding our room are a testament to the **common** Christian fish symbol. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders had a great time developing this project, and invite you to stop in!

A major GOD SIGHTING was observed when Bill returned again, this time with special gifts for our learners. Bill hand crafted beautiful ink pens (with gold Christian fish attachments) from local wood - holly, dogwood and others - as a reminder to our students that through our faith, Lutherans learn that we have been freed to **share** a personal relationship with God.



**Financial Peace University Class**

**Starting in February**

Would you like to improve your net worth by \$8,000? Would you like to eliminate stress that comes from financial concerns? Would you like to verify that your savings plans for college, retirement, or major purchases are on target? Do you need a step-by-step process for getting out of debt and staying out of debt? Do you need help setting and meeting financial goals? Do you wonder how to handle your income tax refund or payment?

If you answered yes to any of these questions or have other concerns about you financial future, please plan to attend one of the free, no obligation preview sessions of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class. We will be offering this class at Joy starting the third full week in February.

The 45 minute preview sessions are tentatively scheduled to be held in one of the classrooms at Joy on the following dates and times:

February 7 (Tuesday), 7:00 pm

February 12 (Sunday), 12:00 noon



If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Clark or Jan Davison at 864-578-7099. Financial Peace University information brochures can be found on the information table near the church entrance.

**Lutheran Men Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Date: Tuesday, February 21

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Where: Joy Lutheran Church

Proceeds go to SC Lutheran Men  
in Mission

Tickets: \$5 per person or \$15 per family with  
three or more in the household

Tickets on sale at the church on Sunday mornings  
in the Gathering Area or in the church office





## You're Invited

**What:** First Annual Family Fellowship Valentine's Dance

**Where:** Joy Lutheran Church

**Who:** Families with children from birth to third grade

**When:** Saturday, February 11, 2012 4:00-6:00P

Please join us for a fun afternoon of dancing, games, and crafts! Bring a snack to share and drinks will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board.




**JOYful Seniors (Joy's Retirees)**

This group will meet on Thursday, February 23  
at 6:00 for a covered dish meal.

Beth Rutherford, Director of SPIHN  
will be the guest speaker.

Please sign up and designate  
what your covered dish will be.

Becky Fleck is the coordinator.



**PRAYER TREE**

If anyone in the church has a prayer concern for yourself or a member of your family please call Irene Kocisko 864-486-9849 or Cell 864-706-0284 Or Jan Burnette 864-576-6838 or Cell 864-706-0730

**Pastoral Concerns**

If you have pastoral concerns such as surgery, major illness, death or other areas that you would like the church to know about, please be sure to contact the church office. You may inform us by email (laneatjoy@bellsouth.net, beckyatjoy@bellsouth.net) or phone 486-1036.

*We Care*

**PRAYER LIST**

*Please remember these people in your prayers:*

**Our members:** Donnie Barnes, Bob and Claudia Bauman, Gretchen Breident, Martha Christopher, Helen Lutot, Kellie Geater, Marian Greskovic, Ella Rose Lee, Lois Mall, Lorie Pumphrey, Sharlene Teichmann, Jean Veres, Percy & Dorothy Grote, John & Chookie Holl.

New Parents: Kelly and Matt Uzas, Lindsay and Avery McKenzie. Expecting parents: Chrissy and Tim Calvert, and Karen and Daniel Horton. President Barack Obama, members of Congress and those in the military overseas especially Carol Kilcawley, Justin Wright, and Jen Wright. Carl Long, Chuck Wright

and all members of law enforcement, SPIHN, the Carpenter's Table, the ministries and Ministry Teams of Joy, and Joy's Staff.

*You are invited to add prayer requests for your family and friends to the white board in the Gathering Area. Names will remain on the board for the current month.*



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**January 29, 2012**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Psalm 111  
 I Corinthians 8:1-13  
 Mark 1:21-28

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)*

**February 5, 2012**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
 I Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

*The Lord heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*

**February 12, 2012**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 2 Kings 5:1-14  
 Psalm 30  
 I Corinthians 9:24-27  
 Mark 1:40-45

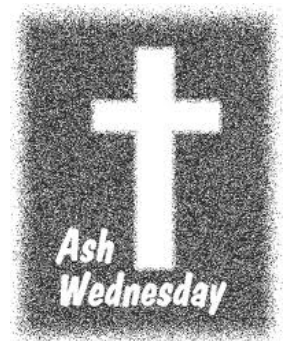
*My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. (Ps. 30:2)*

**February 19, 2012**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
 2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Psalm 50:1-6  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

**February 22, 2012**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
 Psalm 51:1-17  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*





February Calendar and  
Server Schedule Inside

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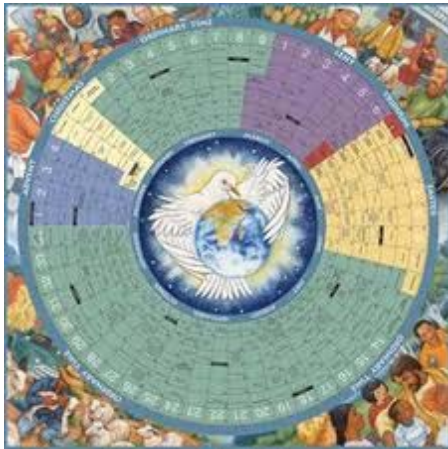
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Grow With Us



## February First Wednesday

February 1, 2012: First Wednesday in February: "Circle of Seasons" Did you know that the seasons of the church calendar follow the life of Jesus? Do you know how many church seasons there are and what the colors of the seasons stand for? Join us on the First Wednesday in February for an evening of delicious food, fun, fellowship, and discovering

interesting facts about the seasons of the church year. This will be an evening for all ages of interactive learning followed by a "Circle of Seasons Jeopardy Game." Please sign up for supper (\$3 per person/\$10 max per family) beginning at 5:30 and the program beginning at 6:15.

