

JOYFUL NEWS

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Trunks of Treats is coming to Joy October 31, starting at 6:00pm. Come join the fun on Halloween night for a safe alternative to Trick-or-Treat for the whole family. Ministry teams will be decorating trunks and hosting games. Your family or group of friends can also add to the fun by opening a car trunk and setting up a game for the little tricksters. All the candy and small game prizes will be furnished through the donations made by our members and friends. The big candy bin will be located in the Gathering Area for your donations. Games, prizes, refreshments and lots of treats; it's all a free gift to our community.



Sunday School Classes are available for everyone coming to Joy. There are several adult classes to choose from. Please continue to be in your class by 9:30 each Sunday.

Ministry Team Leaders: Please check your boxes for a worksheet for your 2010 Budget Request. Please return your requests to Wendy Griffin's box by Sunday, October 4.



Upstate Conference Meeting to be held at Joy on Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Rostered leaders and congregational members of all the Lutheran Churches in the Upstate Conference are invited to meet with Rev. Mel Admundson, Assistant to the Bishop SC Synod, for an informational meeting and dialog concerning recent actions taken by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 6 PM, Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at Joy Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to stay for a worship service with Holy Communion at 7:15 PM. Rev. Judson Merrill, Dean of the Upstate Conference, will be the presiding minister and Rev. Admundson will be the preacher.

Adult Sign Language Class will begin on Sunday, October 4, at 6:00. Jennifer and Scott Busch will be teaching this class. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board. The class is limited to 20 adults.



First Sunday Food Bank Drive

will be held the first Sunday of each month to collect donations of specific food items for the Carpenter's Table Food Bank. The October 4th donation request is for Pancake Mix and Syrup. Pancake mix that requires only the addition of water is the preferred choice.





OYOJ schedule the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month to meet together. All youth 7th grade and higher are invited and encouraged to come join us and as always, bring a friend. We have a light supper beginning at 5:00 and then activities/programs ending at 7:00. Youth and your invited friends are strongly encouraged to sign up for all meetings and events. We need to provide an accurate count to the people providing the supper, as well as making sure we have enough chaperones and car drivers as they are needed. Also, help be a good steward of all our resources and let Kelly or Scooter know if you have a change of plans and will not be attending.

On Sunday, September 27, we are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit following the late service. This dinner is being held statewide to benefit the Lutheran Retreat Centers. Because we were rained out of the Scavenger Hunt last Sunday, we will be going to Greenville following the Spaghetti Dinner.

Our first October meeting will be held October 4. We will play trivia, games, and eat! The topic of discussion will be "friendships". October 25, we will go hiking at Paris Mountain and enjoy a bonfire at church to roast hot dogs and s'mores.

KID'S CORNER

Club 4-5-6 enjoyed making our own pizzas and the kickball tournament we had in September. Our next get together will be October 11 at the Greenville Zoo. All Club 4-5-6 families are invited to visit the zoo and enjoy a dessert picnic at the park. The fun will start at 3:00.

Have you seen God today?



Do you have a few hours to volunteer in the church office each week? We need someone to take the responsibility of sending out weekly e-mails, typing the monthly newsletter and other clerical duties like answering the phone. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Strength or Pastor Lane at the church 486-1036.

We will be receiving new members on October 11, 2009. If you are interested in joining Joy, please contact Pastor Lane.

Prayer Concerns



Please remember these people in your prayers

Our Members Claudia Bauman, Martha Christopher, David Goolsby, Marian Greskovic, Percy & Dorothy Grote, John & Chookie Holl, Lois Mall, Emily & Sean O'Connor, and Mary Petroski. **Expecting Parents** Ben & Kristen Heatherly Sullivan, Andy & Allison Wright, and Arpita & Matthew Poeta. President Barack Obama, members of Congress and those in the military especially Michael Goolsby, Victoria Kilcawley, Arie McSherry, Josh Poeta, John Rozsnyai, Matthew Wilson, Andy Wright, Justin Wright. Carl Long, Chuck Wright and all members of law enforcement, SPIHN, the ministries and Ministry Teams of Joy, and Joy's Staff. †



SPIHN Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network

SPIHN is moving into Joy on Sunday October 11 for the week. During this time Joy will provide a safe place for the residents of SPIHN to sleep and eat. We need volunteers to sign up to help prepare the evening meals and visit with the families. There are many opportunities for you to help. If you have any questions, contact Sandi Martin or Leslie Montagne.

Thank You

Dear Joy Family,
Thanks to all of you for your calls, visits, prayers, cards, and food during my recent surgery. I really appreciate all the thoughtfulness and help from each of you.

Love,
Irene Kocisko

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Emily and Sean O'Connor, Mason and Taylor Ann on the death of their unborn son and brother Owen Andrew on September 1, 2009.

Joy Date-line

Save These Dates!!!



Men-A-Plenty meets every Tuesday morning at 8:00 at the Beacon Drive-In for Bible Study, Breakfast and Fellowship. Men from several churches in the Spartanburg area join together, so you are encouraged to join them and bring a friend. Earle Dunham is leading the discussion on the series "Walking with Lincoln".

Lunch Bunch is held at noon every Monday. Bring your lunch and join us in our study of John. Pastor Lane leads the study.



Adult Bible Study is held at 10:00 every Wednesday. This group is also studying John and is led by Pastor Lane.

Women's Bible Study is led by Mary Ann Bethea every Wednesday morning at 9:30. This group is currently studying "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible"

Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA will meet Monday, October 19, at 7:00 at the church for dinner together. Following the dinner they will have their respective meetings.

The Ruth group of WELCA will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 9:00am at Espresso Café.


All members of Joy are invited to attend these meetings. Julie Watson is the president of WELCA and Scott Elmore is the president of LMM.

Music Notes Kids' Choirs have started to meet again on Wednesday afternoon at 4:45. There are three choirs to accommodate all our little joyous singers. Parents please remember to pick up your children from their choir rooms.

Joy Adult Choir meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00. New voices are always welcomed to join in leading our worship services. Come any time.

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at Joy on Thursday and Friday, October 8 & 9, 9-1:00. Cost is \$12 for AARP Members and \$14 for non-members. Please sign up with Mary Ann Bethea.

Ken Medema in Concert to benefit SPIHN and The Carpenter's Table Outreach will be held Saturday, October 17 at 7pm. at Morningside Baptist Church, Spartanburg. Tickets are \$15.00 donation. See Sandi Martin for tickets.




Empty Nesters will be enjoying their first time Costume Party on Friday, October 30. All Empty Nesters are invited to join us at the home of Dan and Mary Ann Crout at 6:30. Bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice. We are going to eat, drink and be scary. Costumes are **HIGHLY** encouraged.



BBT (Break Bread Together— Adult Dinner Group) will be dining at the Minnow Creek Café and Seafood in Gaffney on Friday night, September 25, at 6:30. The Café features a menu of seafood broiled, fried, blackened, or salt and pepper battered. Sounds like a wonderful experience.



JOYful Readers will meet Monday, September 28 at 7:00 at the home of Jackie Taylor. We will be discussing Not a Sparrow Falls by Linda Nichols

WANTED Office Volunteer to do word-processes and publish worship bulletins, announcements and newsletters. Contact Pastor Lane 486-1036.

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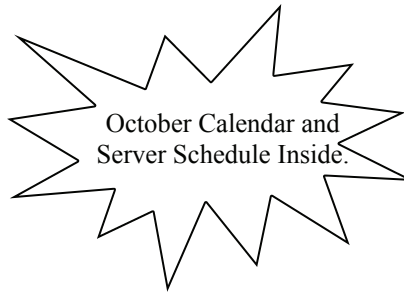
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Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ at Joy Lutheran Church, we will... invite others to God's loving family, nurture them with God's Word and love, build with them a fellowship of friends in Christ, and send them out into service in our community and world.

Bring your Bible to church

"Blessing of the Animals"
October First Wednesday
October 7, 2009

5:30 Program

"Blessing of the Animals"

6:15 Supper (\$3/\$10 max per family)
Cincinnati Chili by the Taylors



Because of the nature of this "First Wednesday" event, we will have the Blessing of the Animals first and then the supper will begin after the animals are secured.

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings for

September 27

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes (Ps. 19:8)

Scripture Readings for

October 4, 2009

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

You crown us with glory and honor (Ps. 8:5)

Scripture Readings for

October 11

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom (Ps. 90:12)

Scripture Readings for

October 18

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline

The next mailed *Joyful News*, containing the November calendar and Server Schedule, will be dated October 25. Please submit items for that newsletter by October 19. Also contact Becky at beckyatjoy@bellsouth.net with any dates unavailable to you for serving in November.



Joy strives to be a tree nut/peanut free environment.