

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on mission for Christ!



*Blessing of the Animals 10/1/23
Celebrating our interdependence
with God's creatures and the Church's
witness to Christ in the stewardship of
God's creation.*



GROW IN FAITH

- **Life-to-Life Discipleship Training** - Wednesdays (on Zoom) 7:15 p.m. AND Sundays 9:30 a.m.
- **Women's Bible Study** - Thursdays 10 a.m.
- **Monday Bible Study** - 2nd & 4th Mondays 7 p.m.
- **Women of Joy** - 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- **Music Mondays: Choir** - 2nd & 4th Mondays 6 p.m.
- **Brass** - 3rd Mondays 6 p.m.

THANK YOU to our housekeeping crew who keep our buildings clean and pristine! We ♥ you!



*24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
(Hebrews 10:24-25)*



Million Dollar Smile
Emily Lyles finished chemo. & radiation & rang that bell Oct. 4th.
Keep on praying.
GOD'S GOT THIS;
We love you, Emily!

Upcoming Worship Services & Events:

- Nov. 5th 11:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday (DST ends.)
- Nov. 22nd 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service/M meal
- Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer
- Dec. 10th 9:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 24th 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service & Communion
- Dec. 25th 11:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

How is God calling YOU to serve?

- Worship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231
- Fellowship Team: Karen Price (803) 206-5423
- Discipleship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231
- Property Team: Steve Teer (803) 513-4399

**Is God calling you to become a member missionary disciple of Joy?
Contact the pastor for more information.**

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✝ We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

Dear Pastors, Congregations,
Partners in Ministry, Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

In the wake of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, which is also emerging in other parts of the region, our hearts are heavy with sorrow and concern for the people and the nations involved. An abrupt offensive led by Hamas, has resulted in an escalation of violence that has caused abhorrent suffering for countless individuals, families, and communities.

The NALC unequivocally condemns the violent actions of any terrorist group, as well as all forms of antisemitism found throughout the world. In contrast, we advocate for peace, justice, and the sanctity of all human life. We believe in the power of prayer and the potential of human hearts to move towards reconciliation and peace under the divine guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We stand with all those in the region who yearn for peace. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all its inhabitants, remembering that we have brothers and sisters in Christ living in Israel, as well as in other Arab nations including Palestine, who find themselves in dire circumstances amidst the turmoil.

We are mindful of the complex history and deep-rooted tensions that permeate the region. Yet, we ardently pray for an end to the hostilities and for a sustainable resolution that honors the dignity, security, and rights of all individuals. We call upon the leaders involved to act with wisdom, compassion, and a genuine desire for lasting peace.

We invite our pastors, congregations, and partners in ministry to unite in fervent prayer for peace in Israel, Gaza, and the surrounding region, for the illumination and guidance of the leaders involved, and for humanitarian aid to reach those in desperate need.

Let us all be praying for a future where enmity is replaced with understanding, oppression with justice, and despair with hope, under the sovereign grace of our loving and Triune God.

I encourage our congregations to be places where our doors are open for comfort and prayer for all of God's people, and where the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to us in His life, death, and resurrection from the dead for our sin are abundantly present and found.

The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families, and in your congregations:

Gracious God, in a world overshadowed by sin and strife, we come before You with heavy hearts, seeking Your divine mercy and peace for the people living in Israel, the Gaza Strip, and the surrounding regions. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that their hearts may be stirred towards justice, reconciliation, and the well-being of all people. We pray for those whose lives have been lost, for those torn from their homes and families, as well as for those who are being held hostage in this brutal conflict. We pray for comfort, protection, and healing for wounded spirits and bodies, knowing that all true healing is found in You alone. Lord, may Your boundless love lead us through these dark times towards a horizon of hope, understanding, and enduring peace. Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has secured our lives eternally. In the holy and precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33 NIV

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo

Bishop, North American Lutheran Church



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We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

This is why we exist - to: **Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**