

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on mission for Christ!

December Ministry of the Month: Giving Tree for a family @ Lexington Elementary

Thank you for your TREMENDOUS outpouring of love for this family. Bryson, Braylon, and their mom were surely blessed by your generosity!



January Ministry of the Month:

Congo Mission International

Freeing babies at \$100/child.

We will give \$500 plus additional donations.

Make checks to Joy Mission Church with

"Congo" on the memo line now until 1/31/24.

How will you grow in your faith in 2024?

- **Sunday School:** weekly at 9:30 a.m. for Life-to-Life Discipleship
- **Monday Bible Study:** 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** weekly at 7:15 p.m. on Zoom for Life-to-Life Discipleship
- **Women's Bible Study:** every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
- **Music Mondays:**
 - Choir - 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
 - Winds - 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- **Women of Joy:** 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a bag supper.
- **Lutheran Men of Joy:** 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a bag supper.
- **Prayer Ministry:** monthly, usually on Wednesdays.

Join us for
SENIOR MINISTRY 12/31 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along at
Lakeside Place Senior Living
(487 Hwy. 378 Lexington)

THANK YOU
to our cleaning crew.
We appreciate you
& all you do!

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.

JOY MISSION CHURCH



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

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

Thus says the Lord,

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)*

As one calendar year draws to a close and another one begins, we recall the year that has passed and look forward to the one that lies ahead. It is a time of great hope, a time of new beginnings - full of both possibilities and promise.

Many people ring in the new year by making promises. We may commit ourselves to changing some particular aspect of our lives - giving up bad habits, making better choices, and perhaps establishing new and healthier habits.

Resolutions are all well and good, but what happens when we fail and fall short? By mid-February, most resolution-makers have given up their resolve and resigned themselves to their same, old patterns of behavior.

No so with God! He never falls short. His resolve never wavers. His promises NEVER fail! God has chosen each and every one of us as His own, beloved son or daughter, and even when our best intentions and efforts flag and falter, His purpose for us remains steadfast and sure.

And because of Christ Jesus, our failures are not the end, but rather opportunities for God to do something new. Even when the way before us seems barren and dry, God always makes a way. And He is always up to something new.

So what new thing is God up to in your life? Maybe He is calling you to grow in your faith –

- to attend worship every Sunday;
- to get involved in Bible study, Sunday school, or another disciple-building opportunity.

Maybe God is calling you to become

- bolder in sharing your faith,
- more diligent in serving others,
- more faithful in prayer,
- or more devoted to His holy Word.

God is always doing a new thing for His people, for our congregation, AND for YOU.

Do you perceive it?

Let's pray about that.

Lord Jesus, you make all things new – even us. Teach us to listen and to watch for the new things you are doing in our lives. Bless us in this new year ahead and make us ever more faithful to live according to your will and your way. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name. Amen.

To the glory of God alone (Soli Deo gloria!)
Pastor Paulette



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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.**