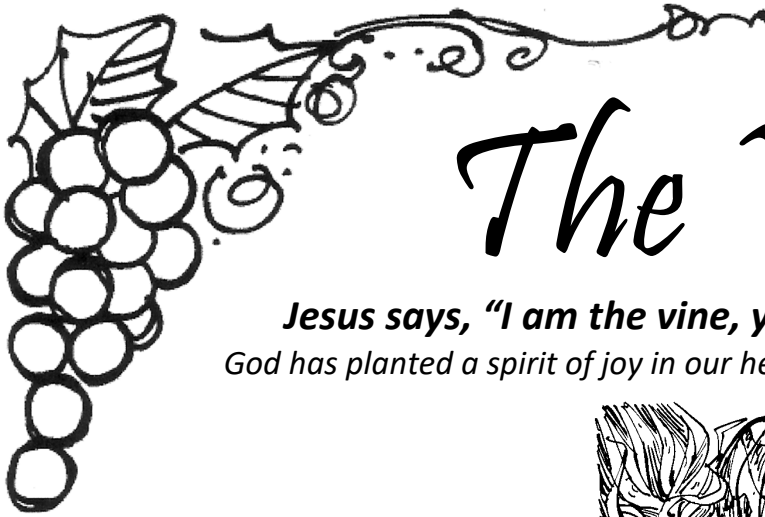




The Vine

2026

Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." John 15:5

God has planted a spirit of joy in our hearts. May the Good News of Jesus flourish!



CRAFTY SCRAPPERS

**Tuesdays, October 6 & 20
10:30 am**

Whether you are a novice or an advanced scrapper or crafter, this group is for you. If you knit, crochet or do needlepoint, you are invited to join us.

This gathering will provide a dedicated time for focusing on your latest project and there will be ample time to visit and enjoy each other's company. Be sure to bring your lunch and favorite beverage.

Can't stay the whole time? No problem...just show up when you can and leave at your convenience. Mark Tuesdays, October 6 & 20 on your calendar today. Bring your pictures, paper, stickers, yarn, needles, and tools and join us for a wonderful afternoon.

We have a long tradition of making Christmas Cards and little boxes, and will be doing so again this year. Please plan to join us on November 3rd & 17th to participate in this special event. Those who participated last year had a wonderful time. Everyone will be able to complete a number of unique handmade cards that can be used for Christmas. The materials for making cards has been purchased, so all you need to do is show up. Mark your calendar today!

*Tricia Wilson,
The Scrappers*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...JESUS WEPT!

**Fridays, October 2, 9, 23 & 30...10:00 — 12:00
Friday, October 16...9:00 — 10:30**

In partnership with VNA Hospice, Spirit of Joy is pleased to provide a meeting place for those currently experiencing grief. Although grief is a very personal issue, sharing with others seems to help lighten the emotional overload that can occur after losing a loved one.

This meeting is open to the community at large. If you or someone you know could use a safe space to experience, share, and/or learn about the grieving process, please let them know about this group.

COOKIE DOUGH GOES ON SALE!

Once again, Spirit of Joy will be offering cookie dough for sale. Stop by the office or catch Barbara Gifford on a Sunday morning to place an order. All orders must be placed by Sunday, October 18.

The cost reflects current increases, \$24/tub. Delivery will be just before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 18. Proceeds from this event will be directed toward our special 30th birthday celebration.

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Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

MONDAY, OCT. 12
COLUMBUS DAY/INDEGENOUS
PEOPLE'S DAY
OFFICE CLOSED!



FAMILY AFFAIR
TUES., OCT. 20 AT 5:00

SPIRIT OF JOY CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Our church council and property committee have been busy these past few months working on developing and prioritizing a listing of capital improvement projects that can be accomplished in the calendar year 2026. You may have read in the Vine, a rather lengthy list of projects known as a "birthday wish list". Our first objective was to cross off the few remaining projects from that list, which I can state has been accomplished by the installation of two benches (thanks to the efforts of Bruce and Scott Mitchell, Lyle and Keith Roberts and Herb Kern) and the ordering of plaques for the Barbara Hesse garden (also honoring Trinity Lutheran Church).

In the process of prioritizing additional capital improvement projects, we listed the repainting of the exterior stucco and wood surfaces of the church. That work is in the process of being completed.

Also listed as a priority was the interior painting of the church (except for the sanctuary and restrooms) and the installation of new flooring throughout the church. We have determined the scope of work and obtained bids from local contractors. The next step in the process requires congregational approval.

Therefore, a very brief presentation of the flooring and painting options available to the church will occur on October 11th to be followed by a Special Congregational meeting on October 18th, during which time the voting members will determine which course of action may follow. It is our sincere hope that each member will attend each Sunday service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Caldwell
Council President

DINE FOR CASH EVENT!
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT RED ROBIN
11:00 AM—10:00 PM

Grab a flyer and head to Red Robin. Meet at 5:00 to dine together, or grab a bite when it's convenient. Either way, Spirit of Joy receives 20% back. Grab a scrip card, which yields 8%, and it's a win win for SoJ!

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Caldwell, President
Josh Caldwell, Vice-President
Janet Johnson
Leslie Kidder
Lyle Roberts, Secretary
Jackie Severa
Naoma Strock, Treasurer

Serving in an advisory capacity:

Brian Foxworth, Pastor
Audrey Caldwell, Youth Representative
Barbara Gifford, Business & Office Manager

AREA OF MINISTRY LIAISONS/CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance: Naoma Strock
Inreach: Leslie Kidder
Youth & Family: Josh Caldwell
Outreach: Janet Johnson
Site Maintenance: Lyle Roberts

TASKFORCE & GROUP CONTACTS

Marge Buller: Sunday Morning Volunteers
Pastor Brian: Care Ministry
Lyle Roberts: Men's Group
Mary Rust: Endowment Fund
Ruth Compton: TLC Bible Study
Pastor Brian: Child & Family Programming
Barbara Gifford: Vine Editor
Theresa Berg: Facebook Administrator

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Letitia Bowles, Scott Mitchell, and Melissa Caldwell, Betty Bowles, Mary Wright, and Ed Camarillo

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

A few more member biographies have trickled in since receiving new members last June. We welcome these individuals and are excited to have new blooms in our garden of joy!

John & Janet Ottosen...were married in Faith Lutheran Church, Pasadena, CA, on December 22, 1963. They have two children: Don, who lives in Lake Orion, MI, and Lisa, living in Sunland, CA. Together they have three grandchildren.

John was born in Los Angeles, CA, and moved to Temple City, CA, with his parents when he was five years old. He attended a Lutheran primary school through the 3rd grade. He moved again with his parents to Arcadia, CA, and graduated from Arcadia High School. John retired as a National Marketing Manager from Linde Corp. in June 2011. He lived and worked in Southern California, except for 19 years when he was assigned to Prescott, AZ. In June of 2018 he moved with his wife, Janet, to the Village in Hemet. Before the move to Prescott, the family had lived on 10+ locations in Southern California, from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. The family has been lifelong Lutherans.

Janet was born in Inglewood, CA, and her parents moved to Monrovia, CA, in 1952. She has been singing in various church choirs since the age of 10, and is currently a member of the Harmonizer's Chorale here in Hemet. She retired in 1999 as the Worship and Music Coordinator at Messiah Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda, CA. Janet makes greeting cards and loves to read many different types of books, both fiction and historical. She, also, plays Mah Jong and card games as well as doing jigsaw puzzles.

Scott Mitchell...boasts that he is the favorite son of our long-time members, Bruce and Corinne Mitchell. Truth be told, not only is he the favorite, but he is also the only.

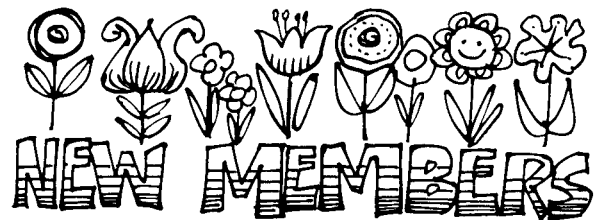
Scott has been an active member at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Garden Grove and Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa before relocating to Hemet.

He recently retired from the City of Long Beach Fire Department after serving the community for 44 1/2 years.

He has been blessed with three children...Sarah, Jacob, and Luke along with two grandchildren... Emma and James.

In his spare time, Scott enjoys everything "volkswagon", stamp collecting, camping, leather working, and Tiki. Scott values not only his family, but peace in his life as well. He is excited to join the Spirit of Joy family and looks forward to serving his term on the Mutual Ministry Team

Please be sure to welcome our newest blooms with a warm handshake and friendly smile next time you see them!



Just a Note of Thanks

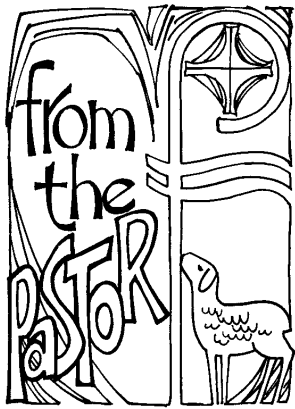
I wanted to thank everyone who remembered me on my birthday. I was amazed at the number of phone calls, texts, and birthday cards I received. Your thoughtfulness made me feel very special, indeed. Thanks, again, and I feel so blessed to have you all as my church family.

*Blessings,
Betty Kern*

FIX-IT FUND FUNDRAISER

CAN RECYCLING...Consider bringing in your aluminum cans and plastic bottles for recycling. There is a bin in the Martha Room set up specifically for that purpose. John and Judy Addington have volunteered to oversee the recycling process. Thank you John & Judy for stepping up. You are making a difference.

Fall Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Summer is coming quickly to a close and that means Fall events are kicking off. I am so excited for the Oktoberfest, Advent Night, and other opportunities to gather and celebrate God's love through fellowship! This is also a big year for Spirit of Joy because we are celebrating 30 years of existence as a community of faith!

What is most sacred about being a community of faith is the memories and moments we create together as we serve God and learn more about God's love for us. We have a very special event planned to honor our 30 years of ministry together!

On December 13th in worship, we will be welcoming Artist Paul Oman from Wisconsin. Paul specializes in Liturgical art based on Biblical stories. On that Sunday, Paul will lead us in an experience that we will never forget. He will create a work of art right before our eyes while teaching and preaching as well. How exciting an experience this will be for all of us! After the work is finished, we will hang it in the church as a reminder of our 30 years and inspiration for our journey together into the future!

Beginning in October a framed print of Paul's work will be available to see. Here is a sample of his interpretation of Jesus Teaching the little children:



Please mark your calendars for December 13th, and prepare for a wonderful day of celebration!

This coming year affords us opportunity to renew our hearts and rededicate ourselves to serve God through the ministries of Spirit of Joy and in our daily life. I encourage prayer, reflection, and participation in the life of the church as a means of opening one's heart to hearing the

Holy Spirit. How is God calling us all to serve, learn, and remember that we are all children of the Living God?

May God bless you all as you seek to hear God's call as Disciples of Christ! In closing, thank you all so much for your dedication to Spirit of Joy and making the past 30 years possible!

*Blessings,
Pastor Brian*

PASTOR'S BUSINESS CARD

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Our Christmas Project →

SPIRIT OF JOY'S OKTOBERFEST
Tuesday, October 20 at 5:00 pm

Martin Luther is well known for his theological prowess, teachings, and translation of the New Testament so that everyone could read it in their own language. He is equally well known as a man who loved beer, writing and singing songs (often to the tunes of popular bar songs of the time period), and a general love for togetherness.

Make plans to head to Spirit of Joy for our Oktoberfest celebration in commemoration of the Reformation and in the spirit of togetherness. In that same spirit, we will invite Trinity Lutheran to join us that night for the festivities.

The suggested donation is \$10/adult; \$5/children 4-10; Kids under 3 are free!

Together we will eat traditional German food, drink beer or wine, and enjoy a time of fellowship and delicious desserts. The evening will end with a good old fashioned hymn sing to remind us of God's unending love!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 am

The nominating committee will be meeting soon and asking people to serve on next year's Church Council. This question is not asked lightly and requires prayer and quiet discernment.

Please sit with this request, pray about it, and let the Holy Spirit guide you in the decision making process. If, indeed, you feel called to serve in this capacity, contact a nominating committee member. They are Marda-Ruth Roberts, Esther Feigenbaum, Betty Kern, Letitia Bowles, and Mary Wright.

Pray about it and if God leads you in that direction, be sure to stand up and be counted.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box. Bring your items to church on Sunday and we will send them to the Pierre's Bread Basket Food Service.

- December 01 — Stuffing Mix
- December 02 — Jar of Applesauce
- December 03 — Can of Sweet Potatoes
- December 04 — Cranberry Sauce
- December 05 — Potatoes (boxed or fresh)
- December 06 — Carrots (canned or fresh)
- December 07 — Can of Mixed Vegetables
- December 08 — Can of Mushroom Soup
- December 09 — Can of Green Beans
- December 10 — Can of Corn
- December 11 — Cake Mix
- December 12 — Can of Fruit
- December 13 — Box of Macaroni & Cheese
- December 14 — Box of Cereal
- December 15 — Jar of Peanut Butter
- December 16 — Canned Tomatoes
- December 17 — Can of Tuna
- December 18 — Dry Beans
- December 19 — Package of Rice
- December 20 — Oatmeal
- December 21 — Pasta
- December 22 — Pasta Sauce
- December 23 — Chicken Noodle Soup
- December 24 — Tomato Soup



ATTENTION ALL AREAS OF MINISTRY LIAISONS AND CHAIRS: *The Finance Ministry Team will be meeting soon to take a look at next year's budget. Please contact the office and let Barbara Gifford know of your budget requests for the year ahead. Your help is most appreciated.*

Dear Spirit of Joy,

Thank you so much for the generous donation for our sweet Sophie. You all have made this traumatic situation less stressful! Thank you, also, for your ongoing prayers. Your continued support means more than words can express.

Peace,
Jerry & Gail Sines

**ALL SAINTS' DAY:
CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, November 1**

On this particular Sunday during worship in a solemn, yet heartwarming ceremony, we remember our loved ones - friends and family - who have passed on. Those people, who, in spite of their absence, have left a legacy of love and light in our lives by their witness, by their loving example, by their stories, and by their courage.

We begin the special ceremony by intentionally remembering Spirit of Joy's members who have passed away since last year's ceremony; then, we invite you to come forward and honor the saint(s) in your own life. There will be tables set up to display pictures and memorabilia of the saints who have had a profound impact on your life. In a simple but moving ceremony, those who participate state the name(s) of the saint(s) and, a candle of remembrance will be lit. By so doing, you acknowledge the light that those saints have shined in your life. It is a moving ceremony, certain to bring both tears and smiles. Please join us.

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

Three new Mutual Ministry Team members have been seated this month. They are Letitia Bowles, Scott Mitchell, and Melissa Caldwell.

We look forward to welcoming them and thank Betty Bowles, Mary Wright, and Ed Camarillo for their continued two-year dedicated service to this team.

A Great Big Thanks To:

Property & Site Maintenance: A great big thanks to Jesus is the Way Apostolic Ministry (JWAC) for taking complete charge of our outside areas. From irrigation issues to tree trimming, weed abatement to trash pick-up they are truly our partners in Christ.

Dollar a Sunday Participants: Our hats go off to all those who have jumped on the Dollar a Sunday bandwagon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and has had a substantial impact on our bottom line. Thank you to the Men's Group who came up with this great idea!

Valley Restart Meal: Mike & Patty Gaudreau along with the support of Cheryl Insua stepped forward to provide the meal for our Valley Restart folks in October. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Spirit of Joy will be receiving new members during the month of December. If you are interested in pursuing membership, this class is for you!

**New Member Class
Tuesday, November 17 at 5:00 pm**

At this gathering, you will be introduced to the basic beliefs of Spirit of Joy Community Church as it pertains to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and learn the history of the congregation, its challenges and practices, current ministries, and dreams for the future. This time is for all potential new members to become better acquainted and to celebrate our faith!

A light supper will be served and childcare provided, if needed.

If you think you might be interested in becoming part of our Christian family or just learning more about Spirit of Joy, please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby on Sunday morning and indicate if you will need childcare. If you have questions, please call Pastor Brian at the office 951-652-2519.



There are only 85 shopping days left
before Christmas...

Think Scrip!!!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS UPDATE

A big thanks to all who participated in this outreach project. The dry goods were picked up by the Pierre's Bread Basket Food Service (*formerly known as the Bread Basket*). The donations were met with outstretched arms and tears of gratitude.

The Special Collection from Spirit of Joy came to \$2,141. This money was given directly to Pierre's Bread Basket Food Service



Again, thanks to all who joined in to make this event a huge success. Together we made a difference in our community.

SPIRIT OF JOY'S NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

ESTABLISHED - JUNE 2026

A Brief History: Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) set up an endowment fund more than 50 years ago. It started when two of our members left their house to Trinity in their will. The house was sold when they passed away and the proceeds went to our church for the endowment fund. Following that, many more members left a portion of their worth to the endowment fund in their will or in their trust.

Why did they choose to put their money into the endowment fund, instead of giving it to the church's general fund? When money is donated to the church, usually it is spent in the first few months on mortgages and other bills. However, when they leave money for the endowment fund, they know it will be there to help students and outreach missions for generations to come. They want to "leave a legacy," that says that they want to support the church that meant so much to them during their life, long after they are gone.

When the endowment board meets, they vote on how much of the total funds will be invested, and how much will be left in the checking account for current year grants. A large portion is invested in companies, such as Thrivent Charitable Investment (a non-profit org.), and it continues to grow monthly. **We give approximately 5% - 6% of the total value of our endowment fund per year in education and mission grants.** This spring we gave out \$24,700.

In May of 2026 Spirit of Joy expressed interest in setting up an Endowment Fund of their own. After a vote by the TLC congregation, TLC offered their funds, \$474,010.35 to SOJ. The next thing we had to do was to write the Spirit of Joy Endowment Community Church Fund Bylaws, which were approved by a unanimous vote of the SoJ congregation on May 27, 2026. We then set up a new checking account. SoJ added \$1,000.00 to the account to get it started.

The new Endowment Fund Board of Directors started meeting and they invested the lion's share of the money (\$424,000.00) into a Thrivent Charitable Investment Account. By the end of August, we had already earned \$8,935.10 in dividends. The smaller portion of the funds (\$49,960.45) was left in the checking account for upcoming grants.

August 31, 2026, Thrivent Charitable Investments:
\$ 432,935.10
August 31, 2026, PNC Bank Checking Account
\$ 49,960.45
Total Endowment Fund value at the end of August:
\$ 482,895.55

Regarding the Endowment Fund Officers: The SoJ Council asked the current TLC Endowment Board members if they would continue directing the fund until the next annual congregational meeting in January 2027, when we can elect the new officers. They agreed, but one officer had to resign because she was moving. We found a SoJ member, Carolyn Straub, who graciously agreed to run for that position.

Officers normally serve for two-year bienniums, and they are elected on alternate years so that everyone doesn't go off the board at the same time. To start the staggered terms, we will be electing two people in January who will serve a one-year term and three who will serve the normal two-year term. After that, all elected officers will serve two-year terms. (For more details see the Endowment Fund Bylaws.)

The main tasks of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors are :

- To **monitor and protect the endowed funds** through wise investments, good banking, good communication with the congregation regarding wills, bequests, trusts, and any other possible ways to donate to the fund. Endowment funds in general are very restricted. Endowment Funds cannot be spent on such things as: building repairs, mortgage payments, office supplies, salaries, utility bills, or cost of running a church. Our funds can ONLY be spent on education grants and mission outreach programs within our church or outside of our church, and only if they align with our church missions.
- To award grants:
 - a. Mission Grants:** We give grants to non-profits who align with the goals of the ELCA in general. (Examples: Food Pantries, Vacation Bible School, Valley Restart, My City Youth, Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and conferences.) Suggestions are appreciated!
 - b. Education Grants:** We give education grants to students who have graduated from High School and who are enrolled in a school of higher-level education. (Examples: Jr. College, Universities, Training Institutions, and Lutheran Seminaries.) We disseminate the education grant application forms, view the applications, and communicate with the students and the institutions they will be attending.

We give out application forms that are available by request from the SoJ church office near the end of February. Email: soj1996@verizon.net for a copy. Completed applications are due back at the office around the end of April each year. They can be mailed via US Mail, walked in, or sent to the office as an attachment to an email to the above address. Students in their senior year of High School may apply. Adults of any age who are members of our church and would like to enroll in college courses may apply.

A sub-committee of the Endowment Board will review the apps and make recommendations to the board for approval. More information will be sent out in upcoming church bulletins and newsletters.

You can also ask an Endowment Board Officer for more details. They are **Mary Rust, Theresa Berg, Debbie Simmons, Renee Paulsin, and Carolyn Straub.** (Look us up in the SoJ Church Directory. We are here to serve you!)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rust,

President of the SoJ Endowment Board of Directors

SEPTEMBER REPORTS

Financial

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Fix-It Fund</i>
Income: \$ 20,211	\$ 20
Expenses: (41,213)	(360)
(21,002)	\$ (340)

Attendance

9/06 — 73	9/13 — 91
9/20 — 86	9/27 — 108

Average Weekly Attendance: 90

Checking Balance: \$ 32,431

Fix-It-Fund Balance: \$2,931

Scrip Proceeds: \$87.85

Thank you for your donations during this past month. Your willingness to share enabled us to start up our Fall programming host an Oktoberfest Festival. Your financial support continues to be a blessing.

Happy Birthday



10/01 — Michael Hansen
 10/04 — Natalie Foxworth
 10/06 — Janet Salters
 10/10 — Eva Johnson
 10/11 — Mike Buller
 10/12 — Doris Mensch
 10/13 — Bob DeNeui
 10/15 — Connie Mills
 10/21 — Shar Wynne
 10/22 — Dave Patrick
 10/25 — Ray Foxworth
 10/26 — Anthony Pierre
 10/28 — Kathy Feste

Sunday Morning Volunteers for October:

Lay Readers: 10/04...Greta Tuominen 10/11...Marda-Ruth Roberts
 10/18...Carolyn Straub 10/25...Esther Feigenbaum

Ushers: 10/04...Betty Kern & Shar Wynne
 10/11...Anthony Mendoza & Dominic Damiani
 10/18...Herb & Betty Kern
 10/25...Patty Gaudreau & Mary Wright

Communion: 10/04...Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Priscilla Lindquist
 10/11...Janet Langemeier, Leslie Kidder, & Patty Gaudreau
 10/18...Carolyn Straub, Lyle Roberts, & Betty Bowles
 10/25...Herb & Betty Kern, & Priscilla Lindquist

Fellowship: 10/04...Janet Salters & Shirley Schumacher
 10/11...Betty Kern & Shar Wynne
 10/18...Shirley Schumacher & Janet Salters
 10/25...Shirley Schumacher & Betty Bowles

Welcome Cart: 10/04...Anthony Mendoza
 10/11...Patty Gaudreau
 10/18...Anthony Mendoza
 10/25...Patty Gaudreau

Joy Kids' Church: 10/04...Kate Rubke-Foxworth
 10/11...Mike & Lynn Wilson
 10/18...Melissa Caldwell
 10/25...Kate Rubke-Foxworth

Video Tech.: 10/04...Barbara Gifford
 10/11...Herb Kern
 10/18...Letitia Bowles
 10/25...Melissa Caldwell

November Vine articles are due Wednesday, October 22. Please e-mail them to jazzgen2@aol.com by that date.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday Michael H.!	2 10:00 Grief Group	3
4 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday Natalie F.!	5	6 10:30 Crafty Scrappers Happy Birthday Janet S.!	7	8	9 10:00 Grief Group	10 Happy Birthday Eva J.!
11 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday Mike B.!	12 Columbus Day Office Closed! Happy Birthday Doris M.!	13 Happy Birthday Bob D.!	14 Happy Birthday Connie M.!	15	16 9:00 Grief Group 11:00 Bunco	17 8:00 Men's Breakfast at J & M's
18 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:30 Special Congregational Meeting 11:45 Confirmation Class	19 6:00 Church Council	20 10:30 Crafty Scrappers 5:00 Oktoberfest	21 Happy Birthday Shar W.! Vine Articles are due!	22 Happy Birthday Dave P.!	23 10:00 Grief Group	24
25 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday Ray F.!	26 Happy Birthday Anthony P.!	27	28 Happy Birthday Kathy F.!	29	30 10:00 Grief Group	31

SPIRIT OF JOY PRAYS FOR...

*Those with new concerns, health and otherwise, including: **Naoma Strock, Tricia Wilson, Bob Carroll** (on hospice), **Doris Mensch, LeRoy Andre, Tommy** (Nancy Eller's son), **Linda** (Bonnie Kopplin's friend), **Pam** (Leslie Kidder's friend), **Kathye & Linda** (Letitia Bowles friends), **Don** (Esther Feigenbaum's friend), **struggling countries**, and **Pierre's Bread Basket**.*

*Those with ongoing health concerns and our shut-ins including: **Susan Pierre, Angela Pierre, Dan Straub, Esther Feigenbaum, Bev Polito, Michael Buller, Jo Neely, Jean Miller, Bruce Mitchell, Elaine** (Kate Foxworth's grandmother), **Charlie Sams, Sue Johnson, Maria Boyd, Mike Caldwell, Gordon Mensch, Judy** (Marge Buller's sister), **Pete** (9th Shield Night Supervisor), **Mike** (the Luper's son), **Judy** (Jennifer Hanson's sister), **Isabel** (Janet Johnson's granddaughter), **Richard** (Carolyn Straub's brother), **Vera** (Laurel Ojeda's friend), **Noah & Luca Barajas, Tim Acevedo, Janet Beeson, Richard** (Marda-Ruth Roberts' brother), **Todd** (Mike & Mary Lou Caldwell friend), **George Grijalva** (Barb Gifford's grandson), **Kim** (Melissa Caldwell's friend), **Sakima** (Leah Christiansen's friend), **Tony & Faby** (Marge Buller's friends), **Stacy Lynn** (Esther Feigenbaum's niece), **Tim** (Mike Caldwell's friend), **Bob** (Shar Wynne's step-son), **Lee** (the Eller's friend), **Jeff** (Mike Hanson's friend), **Linda, Shane, Connie, Darrell, & Janine** (Shar Wynne's friends), **Betty** (Marge Buller's friend), **Paul** (Herb Kern's nephew), **John Schenien** (Marge Buller's nephew), **Tom Bennett** (the Addington's friend), **Leanne** (the Damiani's family member), **Glenn** (Bruce Mitchell's cousin), **Mary** (Carolyn Straub's sister), **Sue** (Betty Kern's sister-in-law), **Paul** (Esther Feigenbaum's nephew), **Gary** (the Kenyon's son-in-law), **Neil** (Sharon Wynne's son), **Erik** (Marge Buller's Godson), **Mary Ann** (Betty Kern's sister), **Brenda** (Ashly Acevedo's friend), **Linda** (Esther Feigenbaum's friend), **Vince** (Betty Kern's brother), **Jared** (Betty Kern's grandnephew), **Rob** (Lana Andre's nephew), **Nicole** (Kathy Damiani's niece), **Marsha** (Esther Feigenbaum's sister-in-law), **Ryan** (Ruth Compton's grandson-in-law), **Joyce & David** (Janet Salters' sister and brother-in-law), **Simon** (Kathy Feste's friend), **Kathy** (Corinne Mitchell's friend), **Janet** (Lana Andre's sister), **Violet** (Marge Buller's great granddaughter), **Walt Block** (Marge Buller's brother), and **Enid** (Marge Buller's friend).*

*Those with cancer including: **Mary Lou Caldwell, Nancy Eller, Marge Buller, Lyle Roberts Jr., Bob Flavell, Chuck Buller, Lisa Kramer, Danny McGarry, Debbie Piper, Judy Britain, Fred Taylor, Jim, Robert, Kathy, Joseph, Gary, Gladys, Katie, Louis, Barbie, Carole, Veronica, and James***

*Those experiencing difficult times and/or seeking employment including: **Josh** (the Damiani's nephew), **Jon** and **returning veterans***

*For Those Who are Expecting: **Kristina** (Jennifer Hanson's daughter)*

*For Those Who Mourn: **Charles Luper and family mourning the loss of his wife, Carol***

*For Our Shut-In's: **Lola Pinder, Dick Beeson, Charles Luper, and Lana Andre***

BITS OF TRIVIA...WHO KNEW?

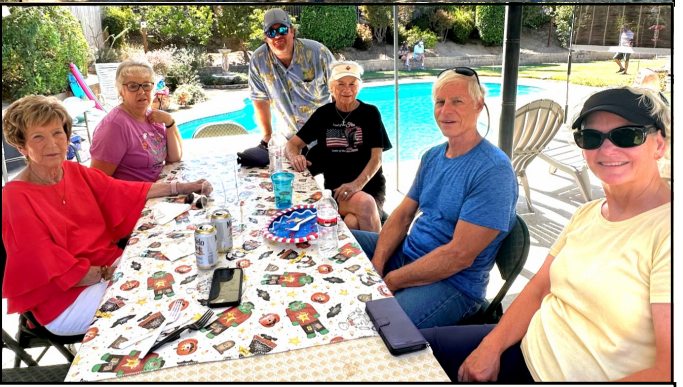
In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence, we have 'the rule of thumb'.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

If a statue in the Park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.



Pool Party Picnic 2026





Every year about this time, a small group of dedicated men and women meet to listen to the spirit of God. He is calling some of you to become leaders of our church, and the nominating committee tries to eavesdrop on the conversation! The Lord may be seeking you or someone you know to be part of next year’s leadership council, therefore, we encourage each of you to listen with us.

What qualifications should a church leader possess?

- a member of Spirit of Joy
- regular attendance at worship
- active involvement in church activities and ministries
- contributes to the financial support of Spirit of Joy
- attends congregational meetings including the Annual Meeting
- strives to live a Christian life

Leadership Council Members are people — real people who, when the Lord identifies and calls them by name, are willing to say, “here am I (as I am) — use even me!”

*(Additional forms are available on the table in the church lobby or in the church office. Please return your nominating forms to a committee member **no later than Wednesday, December 8**. For questions contact a committee member. They are Marda-Ruth Roberts, Esther Feigenbaum, Betty Kern, Letitia Bowles, and Mary Wright.)*

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TO THE CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

I think the following individual is particularly qualified to serve Spirit of Joy Community Church

(you may nominate yourself)

Why you believe he/she would make a good church leader (your observations):

Submitted by (optional): _____ Phone: _____