



JOY

Lutheran Church

Bringing Joy to the Heart of Rockwall...

The 'Joyful Noise' Newsletter – August 7, 2026

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!" (Psalm 100:1)

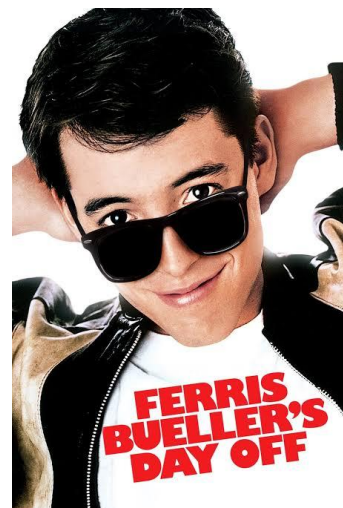
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BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT – TONIGHT AT 6:30 PM

This evening we will enjoy a taco supper and watch a classic 1986 film by John Hughes. What better movie to gear up for the start of school? Invite a friend to join us for this fun fellowship event tonight at the church.



This Sunday morning, August 9th, we will have a special time of prayer for our students and teachers returning to school.



Our next **Young at Heart Luncheon** is on Wednesday, August 12th at 11:45 at Saltgrass Steak House in Rockwall. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and invite a friend to come and share this great opportunity for fun and fellowship!



Is God calling you into membership at Joy?

We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, August 23rd.

If you are interested in joining, membership papers are available on the Guest Table.

Have questions? Please see Pastor Martin.

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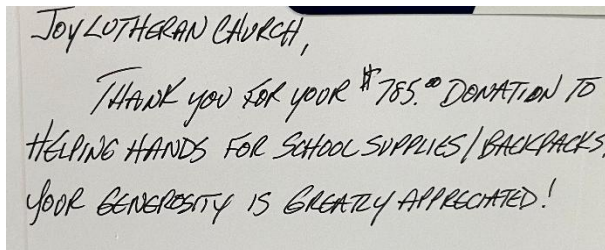
- Back to School Movie Night – Friday, August 7th at 6:30 pm – Our movie is *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*!
- Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 9th at 10:30 am.
- Artists Gathering – Tuesday, August 11th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- Young at Heart Luncheon – Wednesday, August 12th at 11:45 at Saltgrass Steak House in Rockwall.
- Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm.
- New Member Sunday – August 23rd at 10:30 am.
- Rally Day – Sunday, September 13th.
- Sunday School Resumes – Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 am.
- Congregational Potluck – Sunday, September 20th after our worship.
- Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 18th after our worship.
- Reformation Sunday – October 25th at 10:30 am.



Sign-up Sheets are on the **BLESSINGS BOARD** in the Fellowship Hall. Please review these opportunities and see where God may be leading you to serve our church family.



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Dear Joy Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the generous support you've provided the North American Lutheran Church! Your donation of \$522.29 on 07/27/2026 expands the witness of our church body. As you know, our vision is to be a disciple-making church body committed to renewing congregation, equipping people, and transforming communities, as we respond in love to our calling and commission in Christ Jesus. Thank you for helping to make this a reality. We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel.

In Christ,

Madeline C Benson

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Director of Development



Jodi, Gail, Patty, Danielle, Lucy, Carol, Tommy & Laurie, Fred, Mary Kay & Mike, Brian & Kelli, Mary, Annette & Charles, Michael, Donnie, Sandy, Kassie, Justin, Westin, and Will.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES:

"AND SO WE CAME TO ROME" (ACTS 28:14)

This Sunday finds us in Romans 10 as St. Paul continues to wrestle with an urgent pastoral and theological crisis: the failure of the Jews to accept Jesus as Messiah. Paul wrote,

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them [his kinsmen after the flesh] is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." (10:1-4)



Commenting on this text, Luther wrote:

"'They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge' is a massive statement, because it is the essential and sole opponent of faith, it resists obedience and makes men stiff-necked and incorrigible. As if it were impossible for them to make a mistake, they stand firm and obstinate in their good intention, staking their entire salvation on the fact that they are carrying out their pious intention out of a zeal for God." (Martin Luther, *Commentary on Romans*)

Paul reveals that there are two kinds of righteousness in this text; one is **"based on the law"** (vs. 5) and the other is **"based on faith."** (vs. 6) Luther built his theology on this apostolic truth and understood that it was the indispensable foundation of the Protestant Reformation.

"THIS IS OUR THEOLOGY, by which we teach a precise distinction between these two kinds of righteousness, the active and the passive, so that morality and faith, works and grace, secular society and religion may not be confused. Both are necessary, but both must be kept within their limits." (Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY –

First Reading- Job 38:4-18

Second Reading- Romans 10: 5-17

Responsive Reading- Psalm 18:1-6

Gospel- Matthew 14:22-33

AN 'ORDINARY' TUESDAY AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH –

**"We go to church every Sunday to worship and pray...
But Monday to Saturday? Your daily discipline is worship,
your skill-building is service, your business is ministry."**

-A.W. Tozer

Tozer's theology of daily life came to mind this past Tuesday. As the photos below show, Denise and I joined the artists' gathering in the fellowship hall while others quietly served behind the scenes to make Joy such a wonderful place. We appreciate Paul for tending the front entry yard and pruning our crape myrtle, and Trey and Juan for assembling the AV desk and hanging new mirrors in the downstairs restrooms. Meanwhile, several women prepared decorations for the Chrismon tree and made cards for members and guests.



"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." -Colossians 3:17