



JOY

Lutheran Church

Bringing Joy to the Heart of Rockwall...

The 'Joyful Noise' Newsletter –October 2, 2026

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

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**YOUNG AT HEART
Luncheon**

Our next **Young at Heart Luncheon** is Wednesday, October 14th at 11:45 at *Onassis* 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!

GET READY! OUR OKTOBERFEST IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Join us for our Oktoberfest celebration after church on October 18th. A sign-up sheet has been posted. Come enjoy a wonderful time of German food, dark beer, fellowship, and fun with our church family. Invite a friend!



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY –

First Reading- Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading- Philippians 3:4b-14

Responsive Reading- Psalm 80:7-19

Gospel- Matthew 21:33-46

Save These
DATES

- Adult Sunday School – this Sunday, October 4th at 9:15.
- Artists Gathering – Tuesday, October 6th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- Young at Heart Luncheon – Wednesday, October 14th at 11:45 at *Onassis* in Rockwall.
- Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 18th after our worship.
- Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 pm.
- Reformation Sunday – October 25th at 10:30 am.
- NALC North Texas/Oklahoma Convocation - December 12th at San Miguel Lutheran in Ft. Worth.



Sharon, Jodi, Patty, Tommy & Laurie, Danielle, Fred, Mary Kay & Mike, Mary, Annette & Charles, Bonnie, Rich, Andrea, Helen, Weston, Kelli & Brian, Pady, Paul, Michael, Larry, Charles, Kay and Nathan.

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.



UPDATE ON PASTOR'S UPCOMING RETIREMENT

September 28, 2026

This past month marked the end of our forty-fifth year of pastoral ministry as I celebrated my seventy-first birthday. Next month will mark the beginning of our third year here at Joy. As your pastor we have been blessed beyond measure by this church family and hope we have been a blessing to you as well.

We have prayed about the right time to retire and feel that the time is approaching. I met with the Church Council this past Sunday and informed the council of my decision. We do not have a date in place, a major driver surrounding that decision is the sale of our house. We will work closely with the Church Council in the coming days to develop a timeline and explore options for keeping everything moving forward.

We will have opportunities to say more to one another in the coming weeks. But know that we will always have a deep love for this remarkable community and the people of Joy Lutheran Church. Please keep us in your prayers as we enter this next chapter of our lives and rest assured that you will continue in our prayers as well.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." -Philippians 1:3-6

Pr. Martin and Denise Moore



September 28, 2026

Dear Congregation of Joy Lutheran Church:

It is with great sadness that I share that Pastor Martin Moore announced his resignation from his call at Joy Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 27th to the church council.

Pastor Martin will be retiring. Although we are happy that he and Denise will enjoy retirement in Washington State near their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, we are deeply saddened that they will be leaving us.

We are deeply grateful to Pastor Martin and Denise for all they have done for Joy during their two years with us, and we wish them the very best in retirement.

They have not yet set a moving date, as they will first put their house on the market. Pastor Martin will keep us informed about the timeline and his final date with Joy.

I have contacted the Rev. Dr. Amy Little, General Secretary, and will keep everyone informed as we move through the next steps.

Together, as one church family, we will move forward with God's help.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." —

Romans 12:5

Sincerely, with the grace of God,

Rhonda L. White

Council President

And now for something completely different...



"A joyful heart is good medicine, but depression drains one's strength."

(Proverbs 17:22, God's Word Translation)