

June 2025



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“So teach us to count our days
That we may gain a wise heart.”
Psalm 90:12

Salvador Dali’s *The Persistence of Memory* is a painting that has always captured my imagination. I saw a print of it for the first time as a teenager, hanging on the wall of a local pizza parlor. In the painting there are three clocks that seem to be melting, losing their form, almost like uncooked, hanging pizza dough. Scholars have written volumes interpreting this piece of art, but most agree Dali is saying something about time and the impermanence of everything. (You can view the painting at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City or by visiting their website [here](#).)

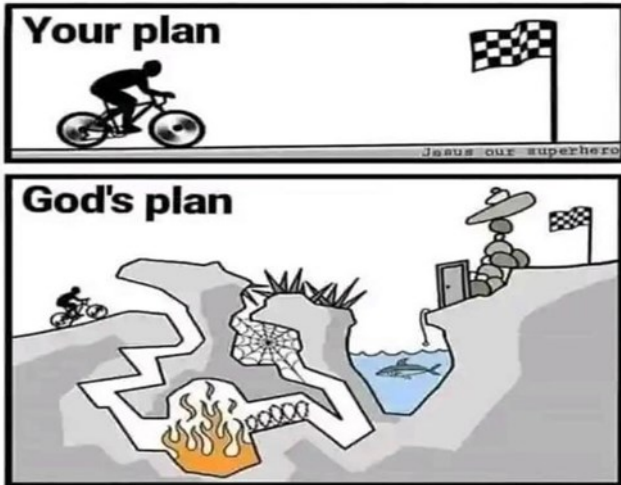
Biblical authors write about time in a variety of ways, but there are multiple instances of time being described as limited with an urging for the readers to use it wisely. (See Job 14 and 1 Corinthians 7 as examples.) In these cases, time is considered a provision of God entrusted to us for the purpose of using time to glorify God, to serve others, and to enjoy the blessings God provides.

The month of June will begin with the celebration of two major feasts: Pentecost and Holy Trinity. Immediately after these festivals we move into Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time tends to be a season of less activity in the church with no big celebrations scheduled until the end of October. It is by design that we are less busy during the summer and the fall; this time is held as a season of growth and renewal. It is a time for learning and reflecting; it is a time established specifically for the development and growth of our faith.

As we begin the long, green season, I urge you to not let this time be wasted. We are stewards of the time God has given us in our lives. Before these weeks begin to fly past us, make conscious choices about how your time will be spent, prioritizing that which is important and avoiding those activities that waste our precious, limited time. Consider how you will use this gift from God and how you can give the gift of your time to others.

May the peace of Christ be with you, every minute of every day of this ordinary season.

Pastor Julie



Wanna talk about it?

Might be hard to face alone.

Contact Pastor Julie,

Stephen Leader Dorothy Fager, or

Stephen Leader Sue Maser



STEPHEN MINISTRY OF JOY IN CHRIST

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Read the Bible Together

Join us as we read through the bible in a year using the reading plan by BibleProject, which can be downloaded from the BibleProject website. Copies are also available in the office if desired.



We meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00am to discuss what we've read the previous week and to reflect on how this regular spiritual practice of bible reading is enhancing our faith.

All are welcome to join in the conversation.



No commitment required.

Pentecost 2025

Joy In Christ will celebrate the birthday of the church, Pentecost, on June 7/8 this year. We will try to make the service as RED as possible. You can help by wearing red while attending worship that weekend. We celebrate not only Pentecost but also the anniversary of the merger that formed Joy in Christ.

Please plan now to join in the celebration. See you in church!



In June we are collecting 15oz. cans of vegetables.

Thank you for your help.

JOY IN CHRIST COUNCIL MINUTES

You are welcome to read the minutes from each council meeting, which are located on the church website at:

COJ Documents/Reports

You will be asked for a password (if you do not know the password, call the church office to get it).

Scroll down and all the minutes are listed for your viewing.

Bobbie Gibbons	June 3
Tom Nichols	June 5
Steve Blankenship	June 8
June Palmquist	June 12
Robin Pearson	June 12
Karen Letchford	June 15
Sandy Knoke	June 27



HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Barb & Jack Woodman	June 5	(54 yrs)
Dick & Joan Coulson	June 6	(61 yrs)
Terry & Dennis Bayes	June 7	(45 yrs)
Jerry & Dorothy Fager	June 7	(45 yrs)
Don & Ina Gohr	June 12	(54 yrs)
Chuck & Jan Floy	June 14	(67 yrs)
Jim & Sharon Hess	June 17	(64 yrs)
John & Barbara Keller	June 17	(58 yrs)
Dick & Laurel Gunderson	June 19	(60 yrs)
David & Penny Lewis	June 25	(7 yrs)
Bruce & Kathi Mielke	June 24	(20 yrs)
Stan & Annie Hatesohl	June 25	(21 yrs)
Les & Sheila Baldwin	June 30	(62 yrs)

WHAT IS A TRUNK SALE AND WHY SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

Here is an opportunity to sell the treasures that have been taking up space in your home. Place these treasures in the trunk of your car, SUV or truck and rent a parking space at Joy in Christ parking lot. People will flow to the sale and buy your treasures and take them home.

When is this happening? **Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Where is this happening? Joy in Christ Parking Lot

What will this cost me? \$25.00 for regular parking space. Larger spaces range from \$30.00-\$50.00.

WHAT DO I DO TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN? Starting in August you can complete the form and pay for your spot. On August 18th rental of the spots will open to HSV residents that are not members. Joy in Christ members get the first opportunity to sign up. On the day of the event, the sellers will need to be at the event all day tending your vehicle.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT I NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW?

Yes, this is a church event to make money to support our church and allow us to carry out our mission. Many hands are needed to make this work. On the day of the event, we will need many workers to help. Please put this date on your calendar whether you are going to sell your treasures or help for about four hours on that day.

IN ADDITION: The Fellowship Committee will be selling hot dogs, water, and chips. Women of Joy will be having a bake sale.

If you have any questions, please contact: Lynda Grasse, Joan Plautz, Susan Jamison, Karen Sterzik.



Treasurers Report

	April	April	YTD	YTD
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	12,685	22,625	91,228	90,500
Expenses	<u>27,234</u>	<u>22,585</u>	<u>85,751</u>	<u>90,341</u>
Surplus	(14,549)	40	5,477	159
Cash on hand	542,125			
Liabilities	3,784			
Dedicated Funds	<u>402,988</u>			
Operating Capital	135,353			



The month of April ended with a deficit of \$14,549. Income for the year-to-date was slightly over budget. Year-to-date expenses were under budget. The operating capital, cash less liabilities and dedicated funds, is \$135,353.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

John Keller, Treasurer

June Love Lunches

Joy in Christ will again have the opportunity to serve Love Lunches on June 15th. In preparation for that service day, Christine Lagerquist and her team of crochet workers are creating soap holders for us to distribute at that time. We are looking for regular sized bars of soap to put in the holders when we distribute them. If you are willing to donate some regular sized bars of soap for this project, please place them in the offering basket or the Love Lunches drawer in the narthex.

To complete our sack lunches on June 15th, we are in need of 4 cookie bakers, willing to make 4 dozen cookies each. If you would like to bake cookies for Love Lunches this time, please contact Karen Sterzik.

If you are interested in how Love Lunches works, please talk to Karen Sterzik or any one who has been a volunteer with us over the years. New volunteers are always welcome. Thank you in advance for your generous donations for the Love Lunches project. Please know your gifts are greatly appreciated.



Greetings, Women of Joy!

What a delightful time we had at our May Royal Tea Party! We had the pleasure of sampling a variety of teas, each served in its own unique teapot. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed delicious sandwiches and desserts—your treats were a hit! After savoring the food, Dianne led us through a couple of fun games, and everyone had a blast. A special thank you to Susan for sharing the captivating Lord Byron story and her beautiful collection with us.

Our May meeting was also a momentous occasion as we installed our officers for the 2025/2026 term:

President: Melanie Pederson

Co-Vice Presidents: Char Maeda and Dianne Degner

Secretary: Christine Lagerquist

Treasurer: Sue Fisher

We also approved our participation in the Joy in Christ Trunk Sale on October 4th, where we'll be preparing bake sale items. It promises to be an exciting year ahead, and we hope you'll join us on **Tuesday, September 16th at 9:00 AM** for Char Maeda's **Quilt Trunk Show!**

Let's continue nurturing our connections, strengthening our faith, and cherishing the wonderful bond we share as Women of Joy.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer!

In Joy,
Melanie



Have you been missing out? One group toured the stables of the Oak-lawn racetrack and found a whole new world, including a chapel with two serving ministers! Many groups have met, shared stories and a meal. What have you learned about the members of your group?

If you have not been contacted about being in a group and you want to be, let Char Maeda know: 626 824-5444 or Charlvsdisney@aol.com. She will get you connected.

You may be on your way to visit the Esse Purse Museum, or on a walking tour of the murals in Hot Springs. Have you visited Garvan Gardens lately?

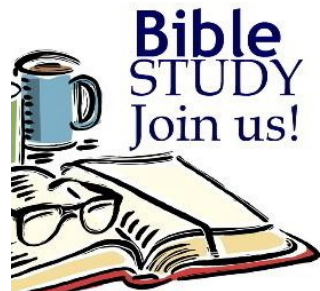
All adventures await
YOU!



Special thanks to **Business Services** who are providing refreshments before worship during the month of June.

In July the **Endowment Committee** will be providing the goodies.





Books	<p>Highlights of the Old Testament Wisdom & Prophecy</p> <p>This study briefly looks at the 5 books of <u>wisdom</u> (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs) and the 17 books of <u>prophecy</u> (Isaiah through Malachi). ... Its overall message: how they relate to the other books of the Bible, and what it reveals about God and His great plan.</p>
Texts	<p>Your choice of Bible (both Old & New Testaments). The NIV Study Bible is suggested.</p> <p>Joy of Living Bible Study Guide*</p>
When	<p><u>15 Weekly</u> classes starting <u>September 9, 2025</u>. Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.</p> <p><u>Daily</u> study questions at home (about 2 hours/week).</p>
Where	<p>Joy in Christ Lutheran Church, Conference Room. 110 Balboa Road, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas</p>
Cost	<p>Daily Study Questions & Weekly Commentary* \$25 payable to Jerry Fager by August 15, 2025.</p>
Questions?	<p>Jerry Fager 210-885-2725 jdfager@yahoo.com Erwin Hoeft 501-915-0495 hoeft@suddenlink.net</p>



The Singles group is having a lot of fun, and we know that there are more singles in the church who are lonely and need a good laugh and some pleasant

conversation. We would love to have you join us.

On Wednesday May 14, we went to the Balboa Club and there were 16 of us. We even had a visitor who needed a good laugh, so he joined us. After much discussion, it was decided that on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, WE WILL MEET AT HOME PLATE AT 5 P.M.**

We want all of you singles there so get ready for some fun. For questions call Sally Johnson. Oh yes, Jerry talked to Mike Anderson and Mike is doing well and is happy because his daughter is coming from Washington state to visit him.



GETTING TO KNOW ZACHARY WESLEY.....Musically!

We see Zachary each week at church and once in a while, he treats us to his music ability. He is an extremely talented musician not to mention - - - he's just a nice guy!!!!!!

Zach was born April 2, 2007 - (he just missed being a "joke"!!!) which makes him 18 years old. His life is in music and just recently has accomplished attaining a few awards.

Zach started playing music in 2019, 6th grade. Pastor Julie says that she first noticed a special talent during the spring of 2020. Zachary was in 6th grade and still a beginner. I heard him play "arhydynos", a common hymn tune. I was amazed I could recognize something he was playing - - it wasn't just noise!

The first day he held his clarinet, Julie and Zach went to see his grandmother, who was an accomplished clarinetist. She taught him how to place the mouthpiece in his mouth to make a sound. Needless to say, it was amusing to watch.

This was only the beginning. Zachary plays clarinet, bass guitar and does vocals. He is in the choral group at school.

Recently, Zachary won \$1000 by winning the competition of Arts Across Arkansas. This organization is to celebrate high school artists of several different mediums, from film, to visual art, to composition. The piece that was played by the quartet at Pastor Julie's ordination was Zachary's first composition and it was this composition that won him \$1,000 from Arts Across Arkansas.....at the age of 17.

Now he will be attending the Sewanee Summer Music Festival for a five week program in Sewanee, Tennessee. It is open from high-schoolers through and including graduate students. Zach was accepted into the Composition Intensive portion of this five week seminar where he will be attending master classes, seminars, studio classes, and recitals. By the end of this program, Zach will have completed at least three original compositions. Zach was one of only four people selected for the Composition Intensive portion of the festival Nationally. This festival runs approximately \$5,000 if you are selected. Zach was fortunate that at Jerry Nolte's passing, donations were made to Kiwanis Cub of Hot Springs Village and it was from this fund, with Kiwanis matching the donations, a scholarship was awarded to Zach for this Festival.

Zachary attends the Arkansas School for Math, Science, and the Arts in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is only a beginning for Zach - and with the accomplishments already made, he indeed will become a true Professional Musician.

We are so very fortunate to be witnessing the growth of a young musician. He is our Cantor, he plays clarinet with the hymns, wrote a special composition for his mom's ordination, works the sound system of the church and helps wherever he is asked. A very special person - - - wouldn't you say????????!!!!!!

Congratulations, Zachary, on your recent accomplishments and we wish you the very best in all your future accomplishments.



Submitted by Kathleen Kinney

Fellowship

One of our baptismal promises is "to live among God's faithful people." This is accomplished in a variety of ways: Worshipping together, learning together, serving together, etc.

This week, we travelled together and enjoyed one another's company. We talked together, laughed together, shared a theater experience together, and did some shopping together. It was holy recreation!

Our fellowship team is busy making plans for more fun together in the upcoming summer months. Be watching for some announcements soon!





Office Hours
Tues, Wed, Thurs,
Friday
10:00 - 2:00
501-915-9569

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 1pm Lake Forest	4 10am Prayers	5 10am BibleProject	6	7 4:30 pm Hospitality 5 pm Worship
8 8:30 am Hospitality 9 am Worship PENTECOST 1pm Golf	9 9am Finance 12:30 Mahjong	10	11 10am Prayers 5 pm Singles at Home Plate	12 10am BibleProject	13 3pm Property Meeting 6:30 pm Small Group Meeting	14 4:30 pm Hospitality 5 pm Worship
15 Love Lunches 8:30 am Hospitality 9 am Worship TRINITY SUNDAY	16 10am Focus 12:30 Mahjong	17 9 Council 11am Trunk Sale Meeting 1pm Fellowship	18 9am ERT Training (Outside) 10am Prayers	19 10am BibleProject	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 4:30 pm Hospitality 5 pm Worship
22 8:30 am Hospitality 9 am Worship	23 12:30 Mahjong	24 8am Breakfast at Debra's 10am Committee Chairs Meet	25 10am Prayers 1pm Stephen Ministry	26 8am ERT Training (Narthex) 10am BibleProject 1pm E-Team	27	28 4:30 pm Hospitality 5 pm Worship
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