



The Abounding Joy Herald

Thursday, October 9, 2025



Gathering in Joy - Reaching Out with God's Love

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Education Hour is at 9:00 am with Worship at 10:00 am

October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE live stream can be found on the Abounding Joy website (aboundingjoy.org) and click on Videos. Prepare your hearts for worship on Sunday, October 12 and read Job 1:6-22, 1 Peter 5:6-10, and John 10:1-5, 10.

THIS SUNDAY following the worship service, there will be prayer partners available at the front of the sanctuary for anyone who wishes to have prayer for someone and/or for their own prayer needs.

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES AND ADULT EDUCATION STUDY This October, we taking a look at the unseen realm. As Christians, we believe there is a supernatural world around us and it has impacts on our daily lives. "Your Story Has A Villian" by Jonathan "JP" Pokluda helps us understand a little more about the warfare that goes on and our call as Christians to fight against the work of our enemy. Over the course of these weeks, we'll learn in services about the "Unseen Battles" and in Adult Education, we'll understand how God has equipped us for these times. Join us in this study.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Madge Rowe, Penny Peterson, Joyce Cass, Kathy Erickson, Marlys Hopke, Jeffrey Karbedeh, Ken Lucy, Arne Moe, Steve Sarff, Ginny Shimota, Darlene (Glen Rey's sister), Jim (Jeanie Frolander's, Joanie Peterson's, & Joyce Cass's brother), Kim (Karen Greenwaldt's brother), Karen (Deb Peterson's sister), Cody (Carole Martin's son-in-law), Joe (Holly Olson's uncle), Judy (Pr. Tom Stover's aunt), Mary (Dave & Karen Greenwaldt's sister-in-law), Sue (Anna Bleess-Lahr's sister-in-law), Mitch (Tammy Holland's nephew), Jenni (Mary Windels' cousin), Doug (Mary Windels' cousin's husband), Justin and Megan (Cori Schrantz's friends), Blake (Max Olson's school friend), Doug (Tim Carlson's friend), John (Scot & Holly Olson's friend), and Sean (Al Kutz's friend).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Deb Peterson, Saturday, Oct. 11

Betty Batdorf, Sunday, Oct. 12



DISCOVERY HOUR If you have interest in joining our congregation or just wish to learn more about us and our mission, please attend the Discovery Hour Sunday, October 12th, at 4:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Info Table or contact Pastor to get further info.

CALLING ALL WILLING AND ABLE VOLUNTEERS

The parking lot rock areas are sporting some unattractive and undesirable growth. If you would be available to help clean up these areas, please let it be known on the sign-up sheet on the Info Table. Greg Voller will organize a time to work together to get our grounds in tip-top shape!

LADIES' NOON LUNCHEON will be Friday, October 24th, at noon at Blue Line Sport Bar & Grill (1101 2nd St. S, Sartell). There is a sign-up sheet on the info table. All Abounding Joy ladies and friends are welcome.

VETERANS LUNCH Our annual Veterans and First Responders lunch will be held on Friday, November 7, from 11:00am-1:00pm. Our guest speaker this year is Cory Vaske, Stearns County Veterans Service Officer. All veterans, first responders, and a guest, plus widows and other special guests, are invited to attend free of charge. I hope to see double what we had last year to celebrate and hear a great speaker. *Jim Tuorila*



PRAYER REQUESTS may be made to our volunteer Prayer Team Coordinator Pr. Deb Peterson: debp.prayerchain@outlook.com and/or 320-250-0647 or by using a purple request sheets found either on the info table or in the black attendance folder. She contacts the prayer team for prayer. Daily prayer will be offered for one month. If you wish to have continued prayer, please submit a new request.

REMINDER The deadline to turn in announcements to Pastor Brandon for the upcoming weekend is Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

God's Word is Powerful and Sufficient

TOOK A BREAK ...

LCMC Annual Gathering —

Back next week

Pastor Brandon

OUR YOUTH GROUP (geared for high school students) continues with our schedule of meeting every other week at the church. In October, we are working through the "Redeem the Screen" series which challenges the ways phones and screens have control over our lives. The next two meetings will be October 15 and 29 from 6-8 pm.

To join us and receive the text message updates about upcoming events, please contact Tim Knorek.

ABOUNDING JOY CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND Help us build up our Abounding Joy Capital Expense Fund (formerly Building Fund) so that we can prepare for Abounding Joy's Future. Our goal is to reach \$250,000! *NOTE: You do not have to write this lengthy name on your contribution envelopes. Just use the "Building Fund" line already on there and it'll get deposited to the correct account.*

WOW WHATA GIFT is the area of gift items by the fireplace. These items are created or purchased and donated. The buyer will decide on the donation they would like to make. When purchasing an item, place your \$-donation in the secure black box attached to the table. Consider that all proceeds will be donated to a charity and please give generously. You are invited and encouraged to take an active role in 'WOW Whata Gift' by making a material donation and/or by buying and making a \$-donation. Check it out and get a gift for yourself or something to bring joy to someone special. Contact Margaret Rey (320-469-1843) if you have specific questions.

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK-or-TREAT On Sunday, October 26, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, we are planning to serve our local community at our annual Trunk or Treat Event. A Trunk-or-Treat event is an opportunity for families to enjoy trick-or-treating in the safety of the Abounding Joy parking lot. We are planning to decorate trunks, tables inside, dress up, and provide treats for anyone who comes, as well as provide hot chocolate for any cold trick-or-treaters. This is a great opportunity to love and serve our neighbors near Abounding Joy; especially young families. We have a lot of fun!

Ways to get involved:

- 1) *signing up* to dress up, decorate a trunk (or a table inside), and join in the fun;
- 2) *make* a donation of candy to be given out (you may drop those off in Tim's office);
- 3) help by spreading the word about the event (flyers are available to give out); and, of course
- 4) *come* to enjoy some trick-or-treating!

Sign-up sheet is at the info table, for more information, talk to Tim Knorek.

WOW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY groups start meeting next week (Gospel Gals Monday 6:30 pm, Selah Tuesday 10 am, and Joyful Sisters Wednesday 1:15 pm). If you ordered a book, please pick it up before your group is scheduled to meet.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA We have partnered with Right Now Media to offer you (FREE) over 20,000 resources of great Christian content to help you grow your faith in Christ. Scan the QR code or go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/joinaboundingjoy>. *NOTE: You'll find the "Your Story Has A Villian" series on RightNow media.*

OUR e-GIVING PLATFORM If you choose to give your offering electronically, you can give at this secure link <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN68/> or use the QR code. Whether you choose to give online or in person, we are grateful for your generosity and commitment.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

ATTENDANCE: 125

OFFERING: Gen: \$3,248
AJ Capital Expense Fund: \$155

Financial Briefing January-September 2025

Annual 2025 Budget: \$380,167.03

Income to date: \$240,647.00

Expenses to date: \$279,911.00

YOUR DOLLARS SENT ON THEIR MISSIONS:

Abounding Joy Quarterly Tithing Report (July-Sept. 2025)

Aslan Health (Local) 1/2 of 35%	\$1,514.00
Pregnancy Resource Center	1,514.00
The Navigators – Luke & Sarah DeBoer (National) 15%	1,298.00
Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child (International) 10%	865.00
Institute for Lutheran Theology (10% fixed)	865.00
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) (10% fixed)	865.00
NALC (10%)	865.00
Emergency Fund (10%)	<u>865.00</u>
Total Tithe	\$8,651.00

Each month Abounding Joy gives away at least 10% of all undesignated offerings. The Mission Team seeks recommendations for ministries to support locally, nationally, and internationally. Please contact or one of the team members.

This Week at Abounding Joy

Thursday, October 9

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—Off Site (Ginny's house)

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am Education Hour/Confirmation Class

10:00 am Worship Service with Choir

11:00 am Prayer Partners

11:00 am Fellowship and Refreshments

4:00 pm Discovery Hour

2:30-5:00 pm Every Tribe & Tongue Worship

Monday, October 13

6:30 pm Gospel Gals Small Group Bible Study

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am Selah Small Group Bible Study

6:30 pm Men's Ensemble

Wednesday, October 15

9:00 am Men's Faith Talk

Noon Bible Study

1:15 pm Joyful Sisters Small Group Bible Study

1:15 pm Joyful Stitchers Quilt-tying and Binding

6:00 pm Acoustic Joy Rehearsal

6:00 pm Kensington Association Meeting

Thursday, October 16

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer

Augustana District High School Retreat

Sunday, October 19

9:00 am Adult Education Hour, No Sunday School/Confirmation Class

10:00 am Worship Service with Acoustic Joy

11:00 am Prayer Partners

11:00 am Fellowship and Birthday Refreshments

2:30-5:00 pm Every Tribe & Tongue Worship

The Abounding Joy Foundation

Brad Lundquist, President

Carl Batdorf, Vice President

Greg Norman, Secretary

Bruce Peterson, Treasurer

Dennis Holland, Council Representative

Dale Hellickson, Member at Large

Deb Hendrickson, Member at Large

Pastor Brandon Foster, Ex Officio member

Abounding Joy Lutheran Church

LCMC - Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (www.lcmc.net)

NALC - North American Lutheran Church (www.theNALC.org)

Ministers: All the people of *Abounding Joy*

Pastor Brandon Foster

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Church Secretary: Marilyn Schultz

Custodian: Holly Olson

Ministers of Music: Ginny Shimota, Mary Schumann, Michelle Tomsche

Acoustic Joy Directors: Roger DeBoer and Cindi Rhoe

The Church Council welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

Bill Latare, Pres. Amy Krystosek, V-Pres. Gary Braaten, Sec. Lisa Meyer, Treas.

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