



Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday May 25th

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)

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JOY CORE VALUES

Worship: Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament and prayer

Property: Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

Outreach: Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

Fellowship: Enjoying each other's company

Welcoming: There is a place at Joy for everyone

Education: Getting to know the Word

Relationships: Everyone is worthy of care and respect

2019 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant

President – Karen Runk

Vice President – Melody Shaffer

Secretary - Kelly Arner

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Financial Secretary - Linda Kratzer

Council Members at Large:

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Wahneeta Ryckman

Ray Shaffer

Barbara Sparks

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"**Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off on Mondays except for last week of month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."



Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

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Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Note that the phrase above, the Easter Acclamation," does not say "has risen," nor "did rise," neither does it say, "was risen." Christ is risen; tells that resurrection is a present tense reality. Sure, there is a future tense hope for the utmost fulfillment of that resurrection reality, but resurrection is very much present in the here and now.

Easter Sunday's sermon ended with something along the lines of, "Christ is risen. And, so are you. And, so am I. So, let's get outside of these four walls into the world that God loves, and live it. Amen."

I ended the sermon in that fashion because...

How we live resurrection makes a tremendous difference in our approach to daily life, to mission, to ministry, to attitude, and to faith application. It's a matter of faithful service, hope, and new life. It comes down to how we understand resurrection. It's how all the resurrection talk about faithful service, hope, and new life is embodied through Easter Sunday worship. And, by being embodied through Easter Sunday worship, how that resurrection talk about faithful service, hope, and new life gets embodied through Easter Sunday worshipers living that reality "now, henceforth, and forevermore." Resurrection talk that somehow doesn't become embodied by worshipers seems thin and useless. It comes down to this: "is resurrection a future event or is it a present reality?" Or, "what if it is both!"

What direction does faithful service, hope, and new life take if resurrection is seen as a right-here-right-now present reality? What direction does faithful service, hope, and new life take if resurrection is seen as a someday-further-down-the-road event? Seems that one of those "takes on resurrection" is more meaningful and hope-filled than the other, right? Seems that one also leaves us hollow, as empty as the tomb, rife with profoundly devaluing disposability? For if value comes at some future date, rather than in the present, then why value the present at all? Or, why not treat it as the empty take-out box that it seems? Devoid of present purpose and empty of nourishing contents for this present day. Seems that resurrection is somehow sweeter in the right-here-right-now realities of life, than in some future hoped for time when reality of future resurrection will lift open the metaphoric lid of our sacred take-out box so that we might dine on pie in the sky in the sweet by and by. No pie for you! Not now! You wait!

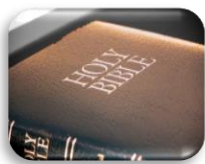
Spend some time this Easter season wrestling with what resurrection means right-here-right-now. And, to continue that pondering of grace, let's pray:

*"God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."**

Peace---
JDB+

*ELW, Prayer of the Day (alternate), Easter Sunday Yr C

Lectionary "C" for May 2019



Gospel Readings

May 5th..... John 21:1-19

May 12th..... John 10:22-30

May 19th..... John 13:31-35

May 26th..... John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
on Tuesday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.,
May *GATHER* magazine.

*Bible Study: "From Generation to Generation: Two-way blessings",
Learn about intergenerational
relationships from Miriam, Anna
and Simeon, and a boy with a
basket of bread and fish.*

As this school year ends in May,
please remember this important outreach program.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. The cost is approximately \$175 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

Women of the ELCA

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Circle Meetings:

Ruth Circle (Craft circle) – 1st Monday each month @ 10:00

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday each month @11:30, Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00

MAY 4, AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5th: Pancake Breakfasts, 8:00 – 9:45

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MAY 6th: Rachel's Day – everyone wear blue!

MAY 12th: Mother's Day fellowship - WELCA to provide cakes for fellowship

JUNE 16th: Father's Day fellowship - WELCA to provide cakes for fellowship

JULY 13 & JULY 22: School supplies campaign for Turner Elementary and LWR school packs.

SEPTEMBER 15th: Thankoffering Service

FL-BAHAMAS SWO FALL GATHERING @ LAKE YALE: Nov. 8-10, 2019

NOVEMBER 2rd: Craft Sale/Bake Sale

DECEMBER 7: Christmas luncheon

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOCKS FOR HOMELESS - A big “**Thank You**” to our congregation for your support. We collected enough socks to fill one-half of a large black yard-size plastic bag. There were a lot of socks. The socks have been delivered to Daily Bread for the homeless who come into the Daily Bread Hygiene Unit for showers and clean clothes. The staff at Daily Bread were very appreciative.

Also, a “**Thank You**” for the generosity of our congregation for the Young Adults in Global Mission Fund Raiser (YMGA). Amount collected \$1,400.00.

A Message from the President of JOY WELCA

I periodically hear "Turner, Turner, Turner, why do we always have to give to Turner. Why can't we give to another cause?"

During our last campaign for the Needy Student Fund at Turner, raised \$1,000.00. Several weeks before Easter, I took 25 - \$20.00 Walmart Gift Cards over to Turner. The lady I gave the gift cards to started to tear up. The receptionist got chills; both were so touched by our generosity. They said "JOY Lutheran is so good to the school". I was told two little girls asked the guidance counselor if the Easter Bunny would bring them a dress for Easter. She told me that she could now make that happen and that a little boy would also be able to get a new Easter outfit.

I was so moved by this that I came back to the church and told this story to Pastor Bryant and few of the ladies from the knitting group who were still at the church. As I am telling the story, I started to cry. The thought of children not being able to have new clothes was heartbreaking.

On Maundy Thursday, Erik and I took the backpacks to the school. The same guidance counselor was at the front of the school and proceeded to tell me that with the 25 Walmart Gift Cards, they were able buy clothes for the three students, shoes for a few more students and make five Easter food baskets for five needy families. She continued by telling me that without the generous help from JOY, none of this would have been possible.

It is simply hard to fathom the overall need at Turner Elementary School for assistance. Yes, maybe we do a lot for Turner, but truly the need is great and every bit of assistance we can provide the students and their families is greatly appreciated.

Turner is our neighbor and weren't we taught "to love our neighbors as our ourselves". Well, we need to love Turner.

I hope this helps all of us to understand the enormous need at Turner and why we have these campaigns several times a year.

Marjorie Maenpaa
President WELCA

Christian Education

It was fun to see all the children Easter morning running around the grounds picking up the Easter Eggs. The Easter Egg hunt has been a tradition at Joy since the first Easter celebration they had at Lockmar School. I'm happy that we continue to let your "Joy Kids" enjoy this!

Sunday School will run through May 19th. We will then take the summer off and will resume in August when the kids go back to school.

Chris Allebaugh



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday May 4th, 2019 at 8:00am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will meet on **May 16th at noon.** "PICNIC THEME" Hot Dogs and condiments will be provided. Bring a dish which you would like to share at a picnic.

All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. We have a great time getting to know each other. Please come out and join us.

Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

This notice can now be found in all French churches:

En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu.

Par contre, il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone.

Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone.

Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parle

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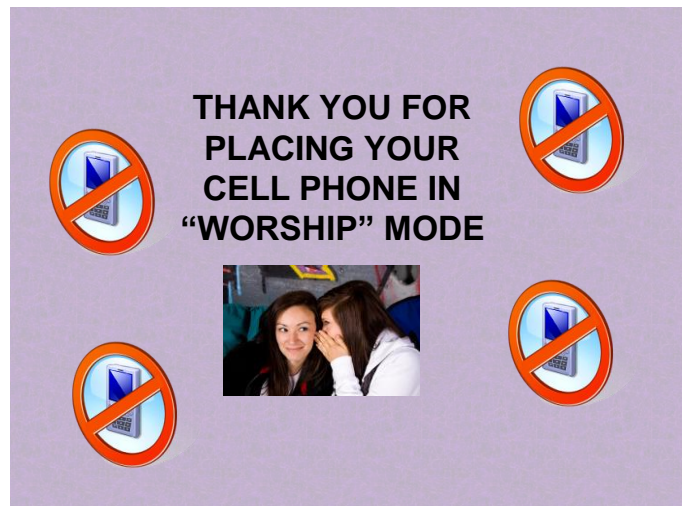
It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God.

On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone.

Thank you for turning off your phone.

If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him.

If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.



*Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.
(1 Peter 5:7 nrsv)*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 2019



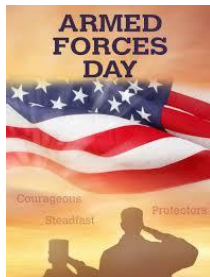
We are the family of God, and Jesus tells us: *"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and **mother**."* Matthew 12: 50 (NRSV)

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)

MAY 27th 2019



Memorial Day is a time to remember America's service men and women who died defending our country. As we prepare for this solemn and revered day of remembrance, take a moment to thank the many men and women who serve at home and abroad, as well as remember those who have given their lives to ensure our nation's safety



Armed Forces Day is a federal holiday observed annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Day **"May 18, 2019"** is an opportunity for us to recognize all of our veterans who have faithfully served our country.

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service May 25th @ 5:30pm

The Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format is a more informal worship service of prayer and praise. It will also be followed by a PIZZA FELLOWSHIP.

Prayer - Praise - Pizza

When you arrive for the service at 5:30 pm there will be a sign up for pizza. There is no charge, but we ask that you think about a donation of just \$1 a slice. There will be a choice of toppings. Just let us know how many slices you want and what kind, and we will place the order and it will be ready after the service.

Tea and lemonade will be provided, else bring you own beverage.

HELP WANTED



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. Since our entire service is projected on our screen, this is obviously an important job.



Lend a Hand
Joy Men's Group

It takes a lot of work to keep our grounds looking nice. They are to be commended for a great job.

The men are always looking for an extra hand to help out. So, come out on Friday mornings and they will put you to work. What a great way to Stewardship your Time. The men are always looking for some more people, that don't mind getting their hands a little dirty.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."



Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?

Receive your copy of "Tidings of Joy" along with other church news, by email.

Call the church office at (321-951-0166) or email us at joylutheranpb@gmail.com, with your current email address. Your email address will not be distributed.



Melbourne's DAILY BREAD serves the poor and homeless by providing a daily meal, hot showers, clean clothes and other essential services. JOY Lutheran Church Team serves hot meals the 4th Friday of each month from 10:45 to 1:30 p.m. Thank you for supporting Daily Bread and helping us ensure no one in our community faces hunger or homelessness alone.

Volunteers are needed to help our church team, please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391) if you can help.



The "Altar Guild" is looking for a few people that are willing to help. See Jackie Baudek or Mary Ann Jones. They will be happy to explain all that would be required of you.

A Note of Thanks



I would like to thank all of the Joy members who called, visited, and mailed cards. The many prayers were especially helpful.

God Bless you all!
Winnie Hall



A reminder to turn the lights off when you are the last one to leave the church.



Check thermostats. When individuals are not present, the temperature should be set at 78°F. Thanks for keeping our electric costs reasonable.



Ushers and Greeters are needed to serve on Sundays. If you are able and willing, please sign up in the narthex. Or, talk to Barbara Herndon and she will see to it that you are scheduled.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink served after worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship", consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex or on the refreshment table.

Church Cleaning



Your help is needed. Can you offer some of your Time, as part of your Stewardship, to assist with the church cleaning??

Please show up on Friday mornings. We will put you to work.

"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."
Isaiah 58:10 NLT



A basket is provided in the Narthex for collection of 'can-in-hand' or some other non-perishable food item each Sunday. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
Psalm 34:18-19(NRSV)

We especially pray for:

Norm Barmen
Tina Breeden
William Bryant
Jim Canaday
Larry Ciecierski
Emilio Cruz
Chuck Dean
Bob Harriman
Gunner Heim
Jason Herndon
Jan Jahnke
Bill Kemmerer
John Kirsch
Ron Pagelsdorf
Mark Russell
Toni Riley
Joy Sorensen
Barbara Sparks
Danielle Stickner
Thelma Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine
Morgan Westlake
Family of Dolores Williams

Note: See Sunday Bulletins for additional and most current prayer concerns.

We care about you!



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



There are confidential listeners in Stephen Ministry who will listen to your concerns. Ask Pastor Bryant. "We will soon have more trained Stephen Ministers installed." Remember Senior One Place can offer alternatives and Health First can also.

Stephen Ministers also hold Services at nursing homes on the following schedule. Volunteers to help are always welcomed.

Life Care - 2nd Sunday 10am
Sarah Care - 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm



May Birthday Blessings

05/01	Betty Nielsen
05/03	Harold Lengel
05/03	Alex Lindner
05/03	Ron Pagelsdorf
05/05	Doris Bunker
05/06	Jean Bockelman
05/08	Elaine Christensen
05/11	Greg Parker
05/16	Shaun Arner
05/19	Lynn Ash
05/20	Jasmine Smith
05/22	Philip Kratzer Sr.
05/23	Connie Steinhorst
05/24	Brita Tallau
05/26	Jackie Baudek
05/27	Tina Breeden
05/28	Susan Parker
05/29	Vita Gardella
05/31	Mary Sherman

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for \$20.00 in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by “**Emma’s Flowers.**”



Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is \$5.00 weekly.

January thru March 2019 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,822	Needed YTD	\$41,466
Received in March	\$16,445	Received YTD	\$40,955
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,962	Budgeted YTD	\$5,886
Received in March	\$1,956	Received YTD	\$5,866

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.			10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Rachel's Day	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle 9am Stephen Ministry 11:00am Fellowship Mtg 12:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
Mothers' Day 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 9am Stephen Ministry	10am Rachel Circle	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 12pm Women's Appreciation Lunch	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle 9am Stephen Ministry 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group 10am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
26	Memorial Day 27	28	29	30	31	
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 9am Stephen Ministry	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting	