



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 October 26th

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

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The Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

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Friends,

May God's grace richly abound among you.

Something has been creeping upon us, quite literally. It is so routine and common place, that we barely see it coming our way. Since June 22nd, the Summer solstice, we've been losing approximately 2 minutes and 8 seconds of daylight per day. Before we know it, the earth's shift on its axis will have us firmly in longer hours of darkness, shorter hours of daylight. Likewise, grief runs a similar course. We each have a solstice of sorts, a tender place where our daylight hours seem to shorten, until one day we look up to say, "Good grief! It sure is dark these days."

You will know that we've hit our solstice when you see us laying out of social circles, dodging worship services, crying during a hymn, suddenly talking loudly when we're usually the quietest of conversation partners. You will know that we've hit our solstice when you see us diving into social circles, attending every worship service, grinning during a hymn, suddenly getting quiet when we're usually the loudest of conversation partners. And, juxtaposed as those two preceding sentences might seem, we can be in both of those spaces at the same time, and even in other spaces, too. This is the nature of grief. And, in this season of lengthening nights, when our house seems too dark, too quiet, and too still, grief seems to creep in like a fog, sometimes to seemingly cradle us, other times to seemingly stifle us. To this end--let's ponder grief.

Right from the start, let's acknowledge that grief is not some sort of *one-size-fits-all* garment. Just as in clothing, there are different patterns, styles, and sizes to grief. We all experience it differently and we all wear it differently. No two people grieve alike. Sometimes we find that we grieve the loss of a friend or pet more acutely than the death of a relative. Some will weep uncontrollably. Some will not cry at all. Some never mention the loss; others talk of nothing else. And, in truth, this is all totally okay. Our grief is our grief. Another's grief is another's grief. They do not have to be alike to be both deep and valid. And, we must confess, that we find ourselves having to make peace with well-meaning people who cannot manage to say the right things. Occasionally, we are those well-meaning people whose words simply get in the way.

During a grief, especially right after the loss, no one truly wishes to hear either, "So-and-so is in a better place," or, "Be grateful that he/she is no longer suffering." Still, should someone say such a thing to us, it's perfectly okay to respond with something like, "I get what you're saying. Thank you for caring, but I can't hear that right now." People who know a grief will be able to hear you and to embrace what you are saying. Try not to take the speaker's remark personally. Don't we all say the wrong thing from time to time? Grief has a way of making us all so very uncomfortable. And, discomfort causes us to say something nutty that we'd truly intended to be helpful.

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Grief brings a whole series of "first-lasts" and "last-firsts." The first year after a loss is a doozy. A song may play in a restaurant, grocery store, or other public place. It may catch us by surprise. The song has us suddenly feeling the entire pain and weight of the loss, all over again. Our response, which might shock us, could be to abandon the shopping cart, dash out, to land at our car in only enough time to collapse over the hood to cry. There is no shame in such a thing.

A grief deeply felt speaks directly to the depth of love present in that relationship. Also, realize that you might find that you suddenly feel guilty when you have the first good laugh at a cherished memory, or realize that, for the very first time, the loss isn't the first thing to pop into your mind when the alarm clock sounds. Life does go forward. We also go forward. This is part of the healing process.

The healing process looks differently for each of us. We grieve so differently from others, so it follows that our healing process looks differently from that of another. Our pain is not the other's pain. (and vice versa) At times, our process may include physical pain.

It is common for people to experience a sense of fatigue, stomach aches, headaches, loss of appetite, and loss of interest. Some people experience what seems like a rough cold or the flu. Our bodies process loss, it's more than just a function of heart and mind. Grief can land us in the doctor's office more often in the year following our loss, than in the sum of a few years prior. This may make us feel odd should this happens to us, yet it's just a part of our healing process.

And, just as we talk of symptoms with medical professionals, we also find healing in talking of our grief with others. While it's true that no one knows or feels our exact loss, it is also true that others know and feel loss. Often, healing happens in the hearing and sharing our stories. And, realistically, are we the only one who has ever experienced loss? Of course, not. In the fullness of God's time, we may find that a support group, social media group, or Stephen Ministry relationship moves us forward as we are able to take another step, half-step, quarter-step, or shuffle. These steps come as we find ways to tell our stories in our own words.

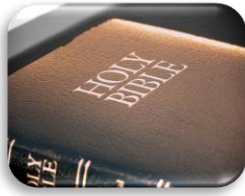
Grief is a process. It is never 100% gone. Much like days following the Summer solstice, grief come upon us a little at a time, maybe it catches us off-guard, prompting us to say, "Good grief! It sure is dark these days." That is a challenge of grief, but there is another side to it. Grief does have a Winter solstice of sorts, where in increments our days brighten little by little until one day, we are surprised to hear our own voice saying, "Good grief! It sure is bright these days." If your bright day is not today, know that it will come your way. It comes our way as we take time to grieve and to heal. The bright day comes our way in the fullness of God's time. No one can either rush it or force it upon us.

Wherever you are in your grief journey, dark days or bright days, know that you are NOT ALONE. And, know that friendship, support, prayer, or a silent friend to sit with you are only a phone call away. Call a friend, pastor, grief counselor, or Stephen leader. Community divides sorrows and multiplies celebrations.

And, take heart, for just as the Summer solstice has yet to snuff out the sun's light, no dark grief has yet to snuff out the Son's light. Occasionally, this reality is very hard for us to receive and embrace, but, nevertheless, it is true. Therein lies tremendous hope for us.

God bless---
JDB+

Lectionary "C" for October 2019



Gospel Readings

- October 6th**..... Luke 17:5-10
- October 13th**..... Luke 17:11-19
- October 20th**..... Luke 18:1-8
- October 27th**..... Luke 18:9-14

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service October 26th @ 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 your own beverage.

WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on Tuesday, October 14, 11:30 a.m.
October *GATHER* magazine.

Poetry of the Old Testament from *GATHER* magazine Bible Study "We are Called"

Session 2: this session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, on Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow. As Christians, how do we see ourselves in these stories today? How do we respond to the call of Jesus?



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 3rd.**
(Early Reminder)



Sunday School

Elementary age children will be dismissed, on Sunday, for class following Holy Communion.

We can always use additional teachers. If you want to be part of this rewarding experience, please let Chris Allebaugh know! We'd love to have you!



"PREPARE TO SHARE"

Joy Lutheran Church Annual Stewardship Program
Sundays, September 29th thru October 20th

Joy will conduct its annual stewardship program for 2019 from September 29th thru October 20th. As the Apostle Paul appealed to Christians of his day for generous giving for the church in Jerusalem, so we appeal for generous giving for our church here. Please note these dates below, and do your best to be present each Sunday for this important campaign.

Sunday, Sep. 29th - Temple Talk: **"PREPARE TO SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT"**

Sunday, Oct. 6TH - Temple Talk: **"PREPARE TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE"**

Sunday, Oct. 13TH - Sean and Stephen Bryant will be doing a shared presentation
"AFRICA MISSION AS STEWARDSHIP"

They will be offering African foods during fellowship, for people to try.

Sunday, October 20 - Stewardship Sunday: **"PREPARE TO SHARE GOD'S BLESSINGS"**

Stewardship Sunday - Commitment cards returned during worship



Hurricane Irma took down one Palm Bay AT&T cell tower in 2017. The tower has not been replaced, resulting in poor cell reception. Per some, the City of Palm Bay is compelling AT&T to replace the tower. This inconvenience creates a situation where Pr. Bryant's cell reception in JOY's building is poor. It also means that he steps out of the building to either the playground or the memorial garden to clearly take/return your call. Also, if you have an appointment with Pr. Bryant, and you do not see him in the building, please take a moment before leaving to check either the playground or memorial garden to see if he has stepped before your appointment to take/return another's call. Thanks for understanding that we do not always have control of AT&T cell matters. We work with such challenges as best we can.

God bless---
JDB+

The Hymns We Sing

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Text: **Horatio Spafford**, 1828-1888
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

Horatio Spafford had experienced much tragedy and loss. His young son died, and the infamous Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed much of his property. In the recession of 1873, he lost more property. While coping with his financial losses, he sent his wife and four daughters ahead of him on a trip to Europe. The ship, his family sailed on, sank in the Atlantic Ocean; only his wife survived.

As Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, his vessel passed the area where his daughters had died. He was inspired to write the words to the hymn we sing today:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

There are six verses to this hymn; Spafford wrote the first four, another daughter wrote the last two. Spafford and his family moved to Jerusalem, where he died several years later.

*Contributed by,
Pastor Lynn Ash*

Strategic Safety and Security Response - Educational Meeting.

Please mark your calendar for **October 4th at 10am**, at Joy Lutheran to hear from Officer J. Martinez, a representative of the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. This is an open session, feel free to invite neighbors, friends, and members from other houses of worship.

In the news we hear of tragic stories of violence taking place in the U.S., and sadly even worship facilities are not immune. That's why it's vital that churches be prepared for keeping their congregations safe in the event of an active incident.

Unfortunately, churches are attractive, soft' targets because of their open design, relative lack of physical security (especially during services) and the very nature of being open and welcoming to everyone.

"We are grateful to Peg Marion for pointing us in the direction of the Brevard County Sherriff's Office as a resource in this *Crime Prevention Preparedness Course*. We will explore preventative measures to protect ourselves when threatened by violence. [Crime Prevention](#) is important."



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY to register for this year's Synod Women's Fall Gathering (Nov. 8-10): Come to the Table

Workshops, worship, Bible studies

Online registration & downloadable forms are available at www.flwelca.com. The registration deadline is October 15 (October 1 for voting members).

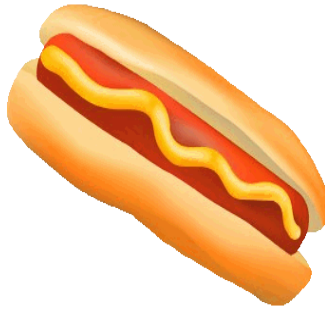
Our invitation is extended to **ALL women** throughout the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Scholarships are available to help defray costs and are administered discreetly. Learn more about Share the Spirit at www.flwelca.com.

Get ready for some Fellowship Fun October 19th - October Fest

The meal will be catered by Sonny's Barbecue. The cost will be \$10.00 per person (children 10 and under will be free). A sign-up sheet will be available on September 22nd.



If you find life challenging at this time and would like a confidential listener while you talk your way through, you might ask Pastor Bryant to have a Stephen Minister visit you.



COMING SOON
JOY Lutheran Church Women
FESTIVAL

November 2, 2019 9:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting & more
Bake sale

White elephant table

Men's group: hotdog sale

Silent Auction – many beautiful baskets and quilts (the perfect Christmas gift) – on display throughout October – let the bidding begin

Bouncy House

Car Show

Many vendors – gifts for Christmas

Tables for rent anyone with crafts or items to sell - not garage sale

Talk with Marjorie for details @ 321-327-8400





Adventures in Learning Fall 2019 Session

Shepherd's Center

The Fall Shepherd's session will be at Riviera United Church of Christ, 416 Riviera Drive, Palm Bay. The Basic Computer class will meet 10:00 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays October 1 – November 19. Thursday Classes will meet between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. October 3 – November 21.

On Thursdays you will be able to select from the following 50-minute classes: American Mahjongg (a two-period class), Aerial World Tour, Supreme Court, Writing Your Life, Musical History Tour, U.S. Constitution, TV Nostalgia, Stretching with Val, German, Book Group, and Revelations. Tuition is \$15.00 per person and you may take as many classes as you want on both days. Pre-registration by mail is required for the Computer and American Mahjongg classes. For all other classes, you may pre-register by mail or at Riviera UCC on the first day of class.

Brochures with class descriptions and registration form are available in the Narthex and on the Shepherd's Center website:

www.shepherdcenterofsb.org. For additional information or questions, speak with Elaine Heine.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **October 17th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert).

Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM

The "2019-2020 School Year" has begun. 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 five families each weekend. The cost is about \$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 program.



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. Please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391) if you can help. Thanks to each of you for your support of this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink served after worship.

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



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."

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.



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

Women of the ELCA

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

WELCA Calendar 2019

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

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

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

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

Nov. 8-10, 2019 - FL-BAHAMAS SWO FALL GATHERING @ LAKE YALE: The cost is \$214.00 for the weekend, includes registration, meals and room. The deadline for registration is Oct. 15th.

NOVEMBER 2rd: Festival & Craft Sale/Bake Sale/White Elephant Sale/hot dogs/Bouncy House & Classic Car Show



DECEMBER 7: Christmas luncheon – 12:00 Olive Garden

Craft Sale/Bakesale & Silent Auction Festival: November 2nd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tables for rent for vendors and anyone who has crafts/items to sell:

Outside space (with your own tables) \$15.00; Inside space (with your own tables) \$10.00

Inside space (tables provided) \$15.00; Registration for tables now thru Oct. 19th

Payment is non-refundable, payable in full at time of registration

Make checks or money orders payable to: JOY Lutheran Church – memo line: Craft Show

Contact people for tables will be Marjorie Maenpaa & Connie Steinhorst



Silent Auction baskets on display throughout October.



Starting Sunday, October 6, there will be a tub in the Wollman Jackson Room for donations to our White Elephant Sale.

*****Any and all donated contributions to craft sale are welcome. If you have (1) crafts to donate for WELCA craft table, (2) baked items for bake sale, (3) donations for White Elephant – all donations are welcomed (no clothing items). **All helpers are welcome as well,** it takes a lot of members to set up, work the sale, take down and restore our church to worship on Sunday morning. *****



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:

Tina Breedem
Bobbie Burns
Larry Ciecierski
Emilio Cruz
Jim Elkins
Gunner Heim
Jason Herndon
Dean Jahnke
Jan Jahnke
Dot Kirsch
Julio Melendez
Judy Marciano
Joyce Powell
Rebecca Reynolds
Joy Sorensen
Tina Stella
Thelma Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine

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

Prayer: "The world's best wireless connection."

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.



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.



October Birthday Blessings

- 10/02 Norman Barmen
- 10/10 Steve Pooran
- 10/14 William Stremel
- 10/14 Mark Walton
- 10/15 Briana Heine
- 10/16 Lori Embrey
- 10/18 Elizabeth Planding
- 10/23 Bobbie Byrnes
- 10/23 Gary Sherman
- 10/24 Cassie Allebaugh
- 10/28 Helga Courtney
- 10/30 Joy Sorensen

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 August 2019 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,822	Needed YTD	\$110,576
Received in August	\$11,066	Received YTD	\$98,780
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,962	Budgeted YTD	\$15,696
Received in August	\$1,399	Received YTD	\$12,073

OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Group	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle Crafts	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11am Fellowship Mtg	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Group	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Group	October Fest Fellowship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
27	28	29	30	31		
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship REFORMATION SUNDAY	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.