

Tidings of Joy "Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"



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Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Staff

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor Steven K. Weiss – Organist Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time (During the Sermon)

Saturday July 25th

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

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NOTE: All services, meetings, events, & activities are still suspended as of this newsletter, until further notice, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch for updates from Pr. Bryant.



With God's help we will get through this pandemic and worship together soon again.

"Office Hours: Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays except for last week of month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

As I said in last month's "pastor's point," again I say, "thank you for your continual modeling of generosity, humility, patience, and sacrifice. These past months during sheltering in place have been tough. There is no other way to say it. We've had so much change happening to us in such a short time and we've been processing it all as best as we can."

Spikes in coronavirus still delay our returning to a regular pattern of gathering for "in-person" worship. Recommendations and guidelines have come to us from the ELCA, from our bishop, from the state of FL, from the CDC, and from our own insurance company. It's a lot of information to read and a lot of information to process. Some congregations are starting to gather again for "in-person" worship, others are waiting until later in the Summer, i.e. August.

Whatever the case, we are each trying to offer faithful worship while maximizing both hygiene and safety. As we "bide our time in patience," our Re-opening JOY Task Force is weekly laboring to create a way forward for our congregation. Feel free to contact Erik Maenpaa, chair of that team, to discuss concerns or to offer ideas. Know that it is totally fine for you to join their meetings, just reach out to Erik in advance so that he is able to send you the meeting's digital link.

As I write this, I am hesitant to say much about what future date will find us meeting "in-person." We've already gone longer without "in-person" worship/gathering than anticipated. You are not alone in feeling frustration. What would be so helpful would be the discovery of a vaccine. What would also be helpful is for people to take CDC guidelines seriously. We need to wash hands, wear masks, and socially distance. We need to take away from this "bug" every chance that it has to reproduce. This is how we will lower coronavirus cases and get our world back to some semblance of normalcy.

When Council met by Zoom, I proposed that we begin "drive-thru communion" effective Sunday, 6.28.2020. Watch the worship service on Sunday morning, then come/drive/ride to JOY at 11AM. Enter the car pull-thru from the East side, the Memorial Garden side, then stay in your car. When you are under the car pull-thru, you will receive a communion wafer and a brief blessing. Once you have been communed and blessed, go home or go to wherever it is that you are headed next, just don't hang around.

In the interim, please do not compare JOY to other congregations and to what other congregations are doing. Resist that temptation. Congregations have lots of differences and lots of conditions unique to each ones specific and unique situation.

Instead of making comparisons, let's take St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians to heart, "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant." (1 Cor. 13:4) Things will eventually get back to some sense of normal. I wish I could use pastor power to miraculously conjure a vaccine, but alas, that is not my gift to offer. What I can offer is this, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Let's "keep on keeping on"--JDB+

Who Is This Guy?



Some months ago, a gentleman showed up at our door. He asked a JOY member if he could take some time to pray. And, after doing so on that occasion, he has been with us ever since. Generally, he prays for 3 hours or so, often at night under the car pull-thru or over in the memorial garden.

His name is Steve Henry. Steve, the son of a Pentecostal pastor from the United Kingdom, comes our way when he visits his stepmother who lives down the street from us on Eldron. He is affable and playful, has strong opinions on Christian living, on maintaining a disciplined prayer life, and on how he believes that God is inviting JOY Lutheran into a new age of growth and change.

Coronavirus has given Steve a chance to talk with Pastor Bryant on numerous occasions, often at some length. Feel free to get to know him. From time to time, as we've been socially distanced and as our in-person gatherings have been suspended, Steve has kept an eye on our property, has held us in prayer, and has cleaned up messes created when wind has blown trash our way.

Will he become a JOY member? Or, will he simply remain a friendly prayer partner to us? Only God knows. Whatever direction our relationship with Steve takes, it will unfold as it ought in the fullness of God's time.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on Tuesday, June 16th, 11:30 a.m., Study from GATHER magazine JULY: JUST LOVE

Theologian and public intellectual Dr. Cornel West once said, "Justice is what love looks like in public." Christians often imagine that if we had enough love, we would be able to solve the world's problems. But love by itself has been insufficient in eradicating the manifold forms of injustice that continue to plague our world.

This three-session Bible study invites readers to consider how justice and love intersect. What does "just love" look like? How is this kind of love more than a sentimental or sanitized emotion, but is instead a love-in-action that seeks to dismantle the various systems of sin that damage God's creation and harm God's people?

<u>Session 2</u>: "Just Love" in the Community: From Tree to We. Luke 19:1-10. With repentance comes restoration and healing. The story of Zacchaeus. What does it mean to make amends? How does Jesus invite us into healing relationships and connecting us to communities from which we have been alienated?

ALL MEETINGS ARE PENDING
UNTIL THE CORONVIRUS STAY AT HOME RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED

Shepherd Center Update

There will be NO Shepherd Center of South Brevard summer session. The board will decide in August about the six week Fall Session from Oct 8 to Nov 23. Currently the board is looking at classes with social distancing and participants wearing masks. Class size may be limited or popular classes may have two class sessions. The scheduled place is Peace Lutheran where there are several large spaces. Those who have given their email to Shepherd Center will receive registration and schedule of classes by email. Everyone on the only mail list should have received a letter during May. We will have some registration forms at Joy in September. Check the website as time approaches for information www.shepherdcenterofsb.org, or contact Elaine Heine.

JOY Reopening Task Force

After a number of weekly meetings during the past two months, the Task Force is in the final stage of editing the Reopening Plan. The plan, which has been prepared following the guidelines of; our insurance company, the CDC, State of Florida, Florida Department of Health, FEMA, Florida-Bahamas Synod as well as input and suggestions of our Congregation members.

As we prepare to start the services once more in our Sanctuary, here are some of the highlights of the plan;

- 1. Health screening will take place at the front entrance portico as members enter the church. Temperature check will be taken, a waiver form will be presented for members to review and sign. Masks will be available for members who do not have a mask. (we have 160 free masks available from the Florida Department of Health and we are anticipating receiving an additional 5,000 more free masks in the near future) Hand sanitizer will be provided as well and following the health screening, members will be directed to their seats in the Sanctuary.
- 2. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. The chairs in the Sanctuary have been arranged to allow for 6 feet of distance from each other. There are areas where there are two chairs side by side for couples, as well as three chairs for families. (The side rooms have been closed off). Hymnals and attendance books have been removed. No bulletins will be used during the Service.
- 3. Pastor Bryant will conduct the entire service from the Altar. No singing will take place and sharing of the peace will be reduced to a nod or a wave.
- 4. The ushers will direct members to the Communion rail and the carpet will be marked with tape to adhere to social distancing. Communion will be by wafer only and following Communion, the ushers will direct members to leave the church.
- 5. Offering will be collected in a plastic container at the rear of the Narthex. Members are encouraged to place their offerings in the container as they enter the church.
- 6. There will be no social hour with coffee.
- 7. Three services will be conducted on Sunday, with members calling in during the week making reservations.

Since the Church has not been in use by members in the past three months, the initial cleaning will simply consist of cleaning the carpeting and wiping down all hard surfaces. Once the services resume, the church will be cleaned and disinfected between services. The members of the Task Force will meet with the cleaning service prior to starting the program up to review new cleaning/disinfecting guidelines.

The Task Force will reevaluate the plan as we start to reopen and resume services and activities at JOY and continue to adjust and modify the plan as we go forward.

We urge the members of the Congregation to continue forward with your recommendations and suggestions in order that we can adjust the plan as we move forward.

The opening date for services to resume in person in Church has been set for the 2nd. Of August subject to Council approval.

Erik Maenpaa

Message from Council President

It is hard to believe that 2020 is more than halfway over, yet we have not met or seen one another for most of it. The reopening committee has been meeting via Zoom weekly trying to come up with a plan to reopen. We(council) are calling a special meeting within the next week to hear what they have come up with. The council did approve for Pastor to do a Drive Thru communion for Sunday June 28th.

The Church financially has been doing well even without meeting. Vanco our online giving has been bringing in money from all over. The council would like to remind the members of the congregation that we did install a mail slot to the office door. Please do not put checks without envelopes into the regular mailbox.

Council voted to make a \$10,000 payment to the loan for the A/C, we did something similar last year as well. The council is looking to create an IT committee to explore options to continue with video recorded services even after we reopen. If you are interested in being on this committee, please reach out to myself or Kelly Arner- Shaun Arner will serve as the committee chair for this committee.

Be safe and God Bless, Melody Shaffer JOY Council President

Online giving is now an option for us, and also for others visiting our website.

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. Here is the link to that portal: https://www.joylutheranelca.com Scroll down to the purple box that says "online giving." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for ourselves but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Don't participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



Lectionary "A" for July 2020



Gospel Readings

July 5th Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12th Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

July 19th Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 26th Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.

PENDING

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service July 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, or elsebring your own beverage.



Daily Bread

Volunteering at the Daily Bread can be a great opportunity. It allows you to help those less fortunate in our community. Daily Bread is located at 815 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne. It is a local soup kitchen that serves a hot meal every day to our homeless and people in need. JOY members are a part of making this happen. Please consider volunteering with our team.

4th Friday in July (July 24) @10:45 – 1:30 p.m. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391)

PENDING UNTIL THE CORONVIRUS STAY AT HOME RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED

May/June 2020 Property Committee

May continues to be quiet with only basic repairs and service taking place. The concentration has been in the area of clearing the brush from the back of the property. The remaining trees were trimmed and some of the small trees that were in and around the larger pines were cut and removed. This work should continue throughout the month of June.

The light at the top of the new flagpole has broken and need to be replaced. New light will be installed on the ground at the base of the flag pole.

The interior lighting will once again be addressed with able guidance from Gary Krause. This should continue to help us reduce our electricity costs.

The sanctuary carpet will be cleaned. This will be made much easier as the number of seats in the Sanctuary has been reduced to 35 chairs as we get ready address our plan to reopen and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

A new shelf for the new phone in the kitchen was installed and a shelf bracket for the sound mixer in the kitchen was also installed thanks to James Collins.

The refrigerator in the kitchen was repaired. Thank you, Chris Peters and Nick Peters.

Respectfully Submitted, *Erik Maenpaa*

Audit Committee Update



The Audit Committee experienced some technical issues with moving forward with online web-based meetings. The issues have been resolved and the regular meetings of the committee have resumed.

We are working on the Cub Scouts, Men's Group, Memorial Fund and WELCA audits and they will be completed by July 16th.

The General Fund and the balance of the audit will be completed by July 30th.

Respectfully Submitted, *Erik Maenpaa*

Has your Home Address, Phone Number, or Email Address changed?



Please let the church office know of any changes. This is the only way that we can be sure to keep in touch.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Here are a few ideas of how we can stay connected.

- 1. What about a Zoom lunch?? Make your favorite sandwich and invite a few friends to join you for lunch.
- 2. If you have a <u>secret pal</u>, make sure you are sending them a card or a note or a little gift at least once a month. If you don't have a Secret Pal, pick someone in the Congregation and send them a card or something once a month. Remember sign the card "From your Secret Pal". Remember not to put your return address on the envelope. The sender is Secret!!

July 5th is the starting date for WELCA to begin our school supply campaign for Turner Elementary School and Lutheran World Relief. This year, more so than before, we will need to purchase more supplies. Many families are in greater need than before with the impact of this virus. Families are in need of help. Many are still out of work. Last year WELCA collected \$1,106.00. This year's goal is \$1,500.00 because we feel the need is much greater. When making your donation please put it in an envelope and mark it "school supplies."

SILENT AUCTION: It's not too early to start thinking of making a basket for our Silent Auction, November 7th.

Thank all of you for participating in "Good Gifts/Farm Animals" project.

Anyone who has Banks (God's Global Barnyard coloring coin box), to return, can bring them to Marjorie's house, 2078 Jupiter Blvd SW or call Marjorie @ 321-327-8400 and she will meet them at the church. Or, place it in the gray mailbox at the back of the church and call Marjorie 321-327-8400 so she can pick it up.

ALL WELCA ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

(Watch for WELCA Activities to resume)



June 18, 2020

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Board <u>has approved canceling this year's Fall Gathering at Lake Yale</u>. Please know that this has been a tough decision and that it came after many emails, phone calls, online meetings, and recommendations from Churchwide.

While we have canceled this year's in-person Fall Gathering, we are talking about ways we can have a virtually so watch for more information about this on our website at www.flwelca.com and in the next issue of Tapestry.

We are working with Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center on plans for the **2021 Fall Gathering**, which will be November 12-14, 2021. Our Fall Gathering co-chairs, Ann English and Loraine Van Haecke, will continue to serve as co-chairs, and we will keep the theme, "Faith Can Move Mountains." Please mark your calendars so you can join your sisters from around the Synod to celebrate the blessing of coming together in person next year.

WELCA would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the ELCA GOOD GIFTS PROGRAM







GOATS

CHICKS

HONEYBEES

The animals of God's Global Barnyard (ELCA Good Gifts Program) support the ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the communities care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products.

Thank You!

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Even though the school year has ended, please remember this important outreach 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.

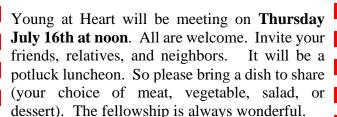
Newsletter

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **August Tidings no later than July 27th**.

Email David Steinhorst dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com or provide a printed copy.

PENDING

Young at Heart♥



For additional information contact: Majorie Mäenpää (321) 327-8400

Always check Sunday's bulletin for changes.

To My Friends at Joy

I am sorry to be late getting my thank you out for all the beautiful birthday cards and lovely phone calls for my May birthday.

I am so appreciative to all my friends at Joy.

Thank you & Blessings, Betty Lou Nielsen

THANK YOU!



Thank you for all the Birthday Cards that I received. It meant so much to be remembered on my birthday.

Kathleene Hagen

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.



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 Breeden Donald Christensen
Steve Christensen Emilio Cruz
Brenda Godsen & Family Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim Ruth Holm
Family of Bob Lengel Novella Lengel
Judy Marciano Julio Melendez
Jackie Mertens Pat Muth

Elizabeth Planding Rebecca Reynolds
Joy Sorensen Patsy Steger
Thelma Tucker Sherry Weldon

Damon Williams

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

<u>Outreach</u>: 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

<u>Relationships</u>: Everyone is worthy of care and

respect

2020 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant **President** – Melody Shaffer

Vice President – Majorie Mäenpää

Secretary - Kelly Arner **Treasurer** - Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary - Renee Harper

Council Members at Large:

Dudley Bowling Bob Getter Gary Krause Peggy Marion Mary Sherman Barbara Sparks



July Birthday Blessings

07/02	Patsy Steger
07/05	Al Kongsjord
07/05	Matthew Peters
07/07	Ethan Arner
07/11	Patricia Muth
07/12	David Steinhorst
07/13	Mary Ann Jones
07/13	Bob Lindner
07/20	Barbara Herndon
07/21	Novella Lengel
07/22	Cathy Fisher
07/24	Chris Peters
07/25	Kelly Arner
07/27	Constance Church
07/27	Jerrilyn Krause
07/28	Chris Allebaugh

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 May 2020 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)					
Needed each Month	\$13,863	\$13,863 Needed YTD				
Received in May	\$17,605	\$67,074				
Capital Improvement Fund						
Budgeted each Month	\$1,662	Budgeted YTD	\$8,310			
Received in May	\$1,900	Received YTD	\$7,490			

Remember the church with your regular offerings. Though we have been worshiping in a different way the last several months, the work of the church goes on and needs your support. Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity!

JULY 2020 All Services, Meetings, & Activities Pending

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.			10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30pm Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day 11am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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