



Tidings of Joy

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



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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 September 26th

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

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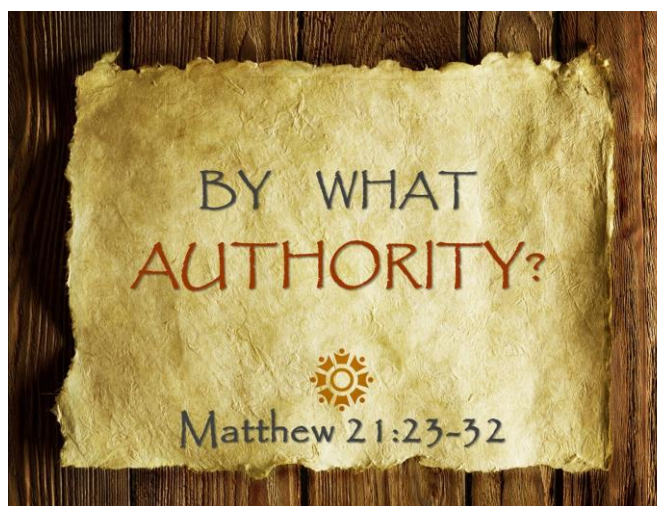
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NOTE: All services, meetings, events, & activities are still suspended as of this newsletter, until further notice, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch for updates from Pr. Bryant.



"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 3rd Monday of the 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

August 24, 2020

Friends in Christ---

I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. (2 Tim. 1:6-7)

Although still very tentative, we have a rather firm date for us to return to in-person gathering---September 13th. Our target date was September 6th, it has shifted to September 13th to allow for a deep cleaning of the building.

Keep in mind, that our bishop strongly advises that we not resume in-person gathering for worship, etc., until Florida enters Phase 3 of reopening. We are still in Phase 2. Our reopening for in-person worship might feel as a blessing to some, yet not for others. Our members have strong feelings and opinions regarding our resumption of in-person gatherings. We are not of one mind on the matter; not in the same emotional or ideological space. To this end---as we resume in-person gathering, let our rubric be, "All are invited, none are compelled." Let us also adopt this rubric, "Just because I am doing this thing, others are not required to do this thing."

Our Reopening JOY Task Force has been working to resolve several challenges that come our way for in-person gathering. For example, "how to welcome visitors?" For another example, "Should masks be mandatory?" And, as a last example, "To what degree is JOY liable if people ignore wisdom and start hugging, touching, etc.?" These questions are key. And, these questions, among so very many others, have taken the Task Force tremendous time and care to manage.

As we resume in-person gathering, and as groups and organizations of the congregation begin to gather in-person again, these must be responsible to sanitize and clean their areas before and after use. We must exercise self-discipline. We must endure the suffering of social distancing, of not touching, hugging, etc. We must endure the suffering of doing extra prep beforehand and taking extra care to clean and sanitize afterwards. This reality applies to 100% of us. As we discipline ourselves to do these things, barring a coronavirus outbreak in the congregation, we will continue in-person gathering. If we fail to do such things, again we will have to suspend in-person gathering until such a time as we discipline ourselves to sanitize and clean before and after our particular functions.

In 2nd Timothy chapter 4, we are strongly advised, "...always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." That Greek word for *sober* is about being clear-headed. We are in a time when being "clear-headed" is a must.

Empowered by a spirit of love, let's be clear-headed, work as a team, follow guidelines, and observe sound advisory opinions. This is how we will resume in-person gathering to "carry out our ministry fully." Or, as a popular saying now has it, "This is how we have nice things."

God bless and keep you,

JDB+

Pr. J. David Bryant+

Turner School Supplies

back to school



This year's goal was \$1,500. So, how did we do?

The Turner Elementary School and Lutheran World Relief School Supply Campaign was a HUGE success due to the generosity of our congregation.

Amount Collected:

\$1,030.00....Donations from the congregation

\$ 700.00....Unused monies from Backpack Program

\$ 250.00...Thrivent Action Team (Thank you Harriet, for being a team leader.)

Giving us a grand total of **\$1,980.00!!!!**

With these monies, it was possible for us to buy supplies for 40 students at Turner Elementary School, and 50 students for Lutheran World Relief.

WELCA would like to thank all those involved, for their generous support of this campaign.

DONATE BLOOD

(See Flyer on Following Page)

Donors will be receiving a pair of OneBlood Cancer Awareness Socks, and we are still testing for COVID-19 Antibodies.

(I have heard there may be an additional item to go with the socks, but nothing has been confirmed...)



Wendy Przedwiecki

Account Representative

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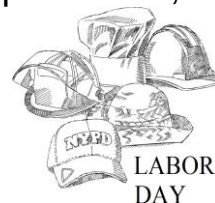
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Give the Gift of Life... The Need is Constant

September 7, 2020



Labor Day is a special day. Even though it is not a religious celebration, we give thanks to all those that; provide care for the sick, produce food for our tables, and manufacture goods for our use.

Especially in these days, we pray for all workers, that they will always have a worthy job, and for those that are seeking work, that they might find suitable employment.



BE SOMEONE'S HERO.
UNITE IN THE FIGHT.

#Donate4Life



DONATE BLOOD

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Joy Lutheran Church

All donors will receive two pairs of OneBlood Cancer Awareness Socks! Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

*Appointments are encouraged, please visit
www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #59227*

Do not present to donate if you have a fever. You must wait at least 14 days before donating if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19.

ID required. Donor must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. If you have recently donated than by you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again. Donor must have successful donation to obtain results. If donor does not have account created in donor portal already they must provide email address to phibk@mbt at the time of registration so account can be created. Donor will receive email post donation with instructions. The same email provided at registration is used to activate donor portal account.

oneblood.org 1-888-9-DONATE

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Joy Lutheran Church of Palm Bay Florida 2019 Audit Committee Final Report

The Audit Committee has completed the Audit for JOY Lutheran Church of Palm Bay Florida for fiscal year 2019.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Synod Audit Guidelines. The financial statements and reports are the responsibility of the officers and members of the Council. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and reports based on our audit.

In our opinion, the financial statements and reports referred to above appear to be materially accurate in all respects.

Sincerely Submitted by,

Erik Maenpaa
Chairman Audit Committee

JOY Reopening Task Force Report August 20th, 2020 Meeting

The task Force held a meeting on Thursday August 20th, to review the plans to open JOY for in-person services and to start the process of allowing committees, programs and events to resume meeting in JOY facility.

It was decided that a survey with a poll be taken of the members to gauge the willingness of members to start in-person activities. A number of groups and committees had expressed interest in seeing if this could be accomplished around the time of the latest proposed opening.

The survey was conducted through the One Call System used to deliver JOY Church related news items and announcements. The survey asked if members were willing to attend and support in-person services and meetings in the facility. The survey was conducted on Friday with phone message sent out starting at 3:00 PM. The message included a yes/no polling question to be answered by the phone touch pad.

The following results were obtained from the survey:

Total calls delivered	96	
Total households responding	40	
Total households not responding *	52	
Total households responding Yes	28	representing 70%
Total households responding No	11	representing 27.5%
Total incorrect responses	1	representing 2.5%

*The total not responding represents households who did not vote yes or no and households who did not answer the call and the call went to voice mail (there was an 800 number in the message for additional opportunity to respond to the poll)

Respectfully,

Erik Maenpaa

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Dorcas and Rachel Circles have been busy. The ladies have been meeting in member's homes, so they can continue their good work. The ladies have donated **6 Prayer Shawls** to Holmes Regional Hospital and **19 Lap Robes** to St. Francis Hospices!



Plans are moving forward for the annual Holiday Festival to be held on November 7th. It's time to be thinking about donating a basket for the Silent Auction!!!! The deadline for baskets is October 3rd.

Marjorie Maenpaa, President, WELCA

ALL WELCA ACTIVITIES ARE PENDING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
(Watch for WELCA Activities to resume soon.)

Message from Council President

Good day JOY members and friends, I am going to keep this update short and sweet. The Church still has a few things that are being worked on. One of which is the re-keying of the Church, it is still a work in progress. The IT Committee will begin install and training on the items we voted on last month. The council did discuss the electric bill, it is still on the rise. No one should be in the Church, yet we are using more electricity than we did last year. Please remember that no one should be in the Church and if you do go into the Church do not touch the A/C, our electric bill is over \$400 for the month of July. Although still very tentative, we have a rather firm date for us to return to in-person gathering--September 13th. Our target date was September 6th, it has shifted to September 13th to allow for a deep cleaning of the building. Pastor Bryant will continue to hold the drive thru communion on Sundays from 11:00 am till 11:45am. We hope you are enjoying those.

Be safe and God Bless,
Melody Shaffer

A Stewardship Moment

With fewer of us going out to dine, it offers us an excellent opportunity to use that money for the work of the church. I think this virus has made us realize even more, what is really important in our lives and how blessed we are. All we have comes from God.

These words in the book *Passion and Purity* by Elisabeth Elliot take on new meaning: "If we hold tightly to anything given to us, unwilling to let it go when the time comes to let it go or unwilling to allow it to be used as the Giver means it to be used, we stunt the growth of the soul. It is easy to make a mistake here, 'If God gave it to me,' we say, 'it's mine. I can do what I want with it.' No. The truth is that it is ours to thank Him for and ours to offer back to Him, . . . ours to let go of."

How might God want us to apply David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:14, "Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us"? (NLT).

David Steinhorst

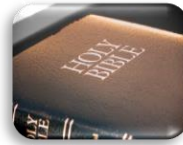
Online giving is an option for us, and also for others visiting our website.

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. Here is the secure 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 September 2020



Gospel Readings

September 6th	Matthew 18:15-20
September 13th	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20th	Matthew 20:1-16
September 27th	Matthew 21:23-32

PENDING

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **Thursday September 17th at noon**. All are welcome. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. It will be a potluck luncheon. So please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert). The fellowship is always wonderful.

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

The 2020-2021 School Year has begun. 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.

Contact 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 **October Tidings no later than September 24th.**

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

PENDING

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey
Service September 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, or else bring your own beverage.

Thank you

My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has; called me, prayed for me, and sent me cards.

I am well on-the-mend, and I am even driving my car. Again, thank you for all your concerns.

I am so grateful to have such a loving church family and friends.

Blessings,
Patsy Steger

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.



We especially pray for:

Norm Barmen	Tina Breeden
Donald Christensen	Steve Christensen
Emilio Cruz	Nancy Feightner
Brenda Godsen & Family	Dan Giardiello
Winnie Hall	Gunner Heim
MaryAnn Jones	Family of Bob Lengel
Family of Novella Lengel	Judy Marciano
Julio Melendez	Jackie Mertens
Pat Muth	Carol Nichols
Ron Pagelsdorf	Elizabeth Planding
Family of Joyce Powell	Joy Sorensen
Jackie Tolley	Thelma Tucker
Sherry Weldon	Damon Williams

From Pr. Bryant---I thank you all for joining us in lifting Richard during the "Prayers of Intercession" from a couple of weeks back. You do not know him. And, still, you were all so faithful to pray. Pr. Richard Poutenis is a seminary friend of the Bryants. And, as a result of coronavirus, he died at the end of July, leaving behind a dearly beloved wife named Joan. He served as a Lutheran chaplain in the St. Pete, FL area.

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

2020 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant
President – Melody Shaffer
Vice President – Marjorie 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



September Birthday Blessings

09/02 Connie Thorman
 09/05 Haley Herndon
 09/10 Barbara Sparks
 09/13 Erik Maenpaa
 09/14 Chloe Adams
 09/22 Dennis Baudek
 09/23 Arno Kuehnhold
 09/27 Donna Burdick

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 July 2020 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,863	Needed YTD	\$97,041
Received in July	\$15,770	Received YTD	\$92,200
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,662	Budgeted YTD	\$11,634
Received in July	\$1,380	Received YTD	\$10,320

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

SEPTEMBER 2020

All Services, Meetings, & Activities Pending

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
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
6	Labor Day 7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30pm Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Day 11am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10