



# Tidings of Joy



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

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October 2020

## 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)

(PENDING)

### Saturday October 31st

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

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321-951-0166

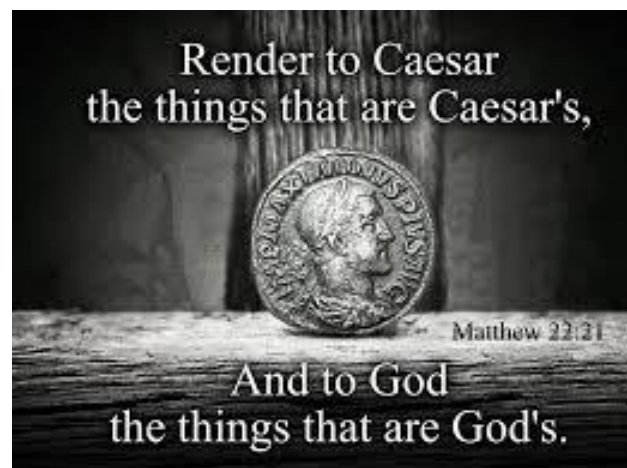
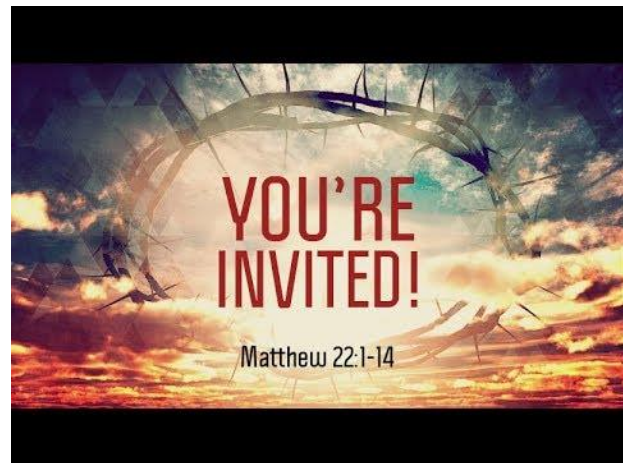
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**NOTE: In-Person worship began September 13th, with call ahead seating. In-person church meetings, events, & activities may be resumed in limited fashion, subject to social distancing guidelines and after obtaining church council approval.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or [prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

## Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends---

Fall is upon us, bringing holidays that highlight thanksgiving and generosity. Is there ever a better time to ponder our *Stewardship*? Is there ever a better time to take stock of the treasure that God entrusts to us?

*“Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.” 2 Timothy 1:14*

While Halloween invites us to freely give treats to others, Thanksgiving invites us to freely give thanks for our God, our neighbors, our families, and ourselves. We give thanks for these blessings. And, we give thanks for how God allows us to use all that is entrusted to us for God's purpose.

Truly, we are blessed both to give and receive. JOY's faithfully tithing members enable us to feed the hungry, assist the grieving, and assist others in times of critical need.

Years ago, CBS Commentator, Charles Osgood, reported how, Mrs. Bertha Adams, 71 years old, died alone in West Palm Beach on Easter Sunday. The coroner's report read: "Cause of death... malnutrition." She had wasted away to fifty pounds.

When authorities made their preliminary investigation of Mrs. Adams' home, they found a "pigpen... the biggest mess you can imagine." The woman had begged neighbors for food and had gotten clothing she had from the Salvation Army. She appeared penniless. But this wasn't so.

In the "pigpen," officials found two safety deposit box keys. In the first box was over 700 AT&T stock certificates, plus other valuable certificates, and cash amounting nearly \$200,000. In the second was \$600,000. Bertha's net worth was over a million dollars.

Osgood reported how the estate would pass to a distant niece and nephew, neither of whom knew their aunt had one red cent.

Astonishing? Absolutely. Why would anyone deprive themselves of food or the chance to help others? Only God knows for certain, but I suspect that Bertha was worshipping stuff rather than saving stuff. Sure, it is wise to save, but being God's Stewards means that we'll never be called to take what is entrusted to us and to use it to become God's Misers. We are not to live as Bertha lived.

And, thankfully enough, it doesn't appear that we are doing so. Thank you so much for faithfully tithing during fiscal year 2020, especially given this terribly rough year. Thank you for having grateful hearts; generous, visionary, faithful hearts.

Through your tremendous faithfulness, God is "Transforming Lives."

Peace---JDB+

# “Transforming Lives”

October is generally Stewardship Month at our church. This year we have found ourselves fighting a virus and trying to keep our budget in line, while still serving our congregation and others.

What could be a better time to talk about “Transforming Lives?” How much thought have you given as to how stewardship has changed your life? And, even better yet, how it has changed other people’s lives. Giving of your time and resources to help buy groceries for a friend or neighbor, for example, is not just being a good friend. It transforms your life and the recipient’s life. Or, how about giving a gift card to someone in need. God wants us to share our abundance.

Stewardship Sunday, this year, is October 18<sup>th</sup>. We realize that not everyone will be able to or feel that they can attend church, due to COVID-19. Therefore, a letter and pledge card will be mailed out to you. I pray that you will continue to be generous in your offerings/pledge for this coming year.

*David Steinhorst*

## Our Harvest of Blessings

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. --1 Corinthians 3:6-7*

Doesn’t fall give your spirit a boost when you see the colorful fruits and vegetables in the farm stands and supermarkets? Orange pumpkins, red apples, green squash, yellow corn and purple eggplants are all tasty reminders of God’s abundance.

We bear in mind that although the farmers grow the harvest by carefully preparing the soil and planting in spring, then watering and nourishing all summer, it’s God that produces the life in the seeds that sprout into fruitful plants. Farmers *manage* God’s order of life by providing the ideal conditions for plants to grow abundantly. Yes, the plants would grow and produce fruit and vegetables if left wild, but their yield would not be as plentiful. The attentive, skillful work of farmers in cooperation with God’s design for life ensures a harvest of plenty for all.

Fall harvest provides a wonderful metaphor for how we are stewards of all the blessings that God gives us. We know that God has given us wonderful, amazing gifts, such as family, community, church, health, intelligence, time, and relationships. And, we also know that we are responsible for caring for them and working hard to provide the ideal conditions under which they will benefit ourselves, our families and our communities.

Excerpt from “Our Harvest of Blessings”

*--Rob Blezard*

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## JOY WELCA UPDATE

JOY WELCA will be holding a meeting on Saturday October 3, 2020 at 10:00am in the SANCTUARY. We will be deciding what farm animals to purchase and to finalize plans for the Holiday Festival. All women of Joy are invited to attend. Anyone who would like to donate a gift basket, a gift card or an item for the Silent Auction, contact Harriet Bryant or Marjorie Maenpaa.

Several women met to make Thank You Appreciation gifts for the staff at Turner Elementary School. The ladies bagged popcorn for 120 staff members.



Marjorie Mäenpää  
JOY WELCA President

The **BIG RED BUS** "Donate Blood" stopped by at Joy on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Thanks" to all the blood donors. We had around a dozen donations. That is very good. It means 36+/- ppl receive a chance at life due to a gift of "liquid grace."

JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW  
Joy Lutheran Church 3174 Jupiter Blvd. S.E.  
Crafts/Bake Sale/Silent Auction  
Saturday November 7, 2020  
9am to 2pm



Everyone is encouraged to make a basket to donate: i.e., committees, circles, members of the congregation, Boy Scouts, businesses etc. Gift cards from local businesses will be appreciated. Do you know a business that would contribute gift cards? Deadline for baskets is October 3rd.



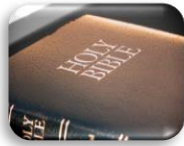
Fall and Christmas Items – Home Decorations – Gifts – Homemade Baked Goods  
Hotdogs, Barbecue Chips, Donuts, Soda and Coffee for sale.

All proceeds to benefit Joy WELCA's charity giving.

Contact for info: Marjorie Mäenpää 321-327-8400 or email: [Marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com](mailto:Marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com)

Marjorie Mäenpää, President, Joy WELCA

## Lectionary "A" for October 2020



### Gospel Readings

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** Matthew 21:33-46

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** Matthew 22:1-14

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** Matthew 22:15-22

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** Matthew 22:34-46

"The Bryants thank you for your prayers for Rebecca Reynolds. She was one of our sons' first babysitters. Over the past two years, she has battled a rare auto-immune disease which ultimately took her life during the second week of August. Rebecca was an only child. And, in a bizarre twist of grace, her mother (Gail) followed her in death during the third week of August. It means so very much to us that our congregation so frequently and so faithfully prays for those who we do not always know."

Blessings---  
JDB+

### 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. The secure link to that portal is:

<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.



FL-Bahamas WELCA Lake Yale Retreat has been cancelled





### **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 **November Tidings no later than October 23rd.**

Email David Steinhorst  
[dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com) or provide a printed copy.

## **PENDING**

### **Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey** **Service October 31st** **@ 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.

## **PENDING**

### **Young at Heart** ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **Thursday October 15th 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

## 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 Breedon
Donald Christensen	Steve Christensen
Emilio Cruz	Nancy Feightner
Brenda Godsen & Family	Dan Giardiello
Winnie Hall	Gunner Heim
MaryAnn Jones	Family of Bill Kelly
Judy Marciano	Julio Melendez
Jackie Mertens	Pat Muth
Carol Nichols	Ron Pagelsdorf
Elizabeth Planding	Joy Sorensen
Jackie Tolley	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

**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





**October Birthday Blessings**

- 10/02 Norman Barmen
- 10/10 Steve Pooran
- 10/14 William Stremel
- 10/14 Mark Walton
- 10/16 Lori Embrey
- 10/18 Elizabeth Planding
- 10/23 Gary Sherman
- 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 2020 Stewardship**

<b>General Fund</b>	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,863	Needed YTD	\$110,904
Received in August	\$7,730	Received YTD	\$99,930
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,662	Budgeted YTD	\$13,296
Received in August	\$1,125	Received YTD	\$11,445

*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!*

# OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg  10:00am WELCA Mtg
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship  <i style="color: red;">Stewardship Sunday</i>	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11:30pm Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Day  11am-1:30pm Daily Bread	
25	26	27	28	29	30	<i style="color: red;">Reformation 31</i>
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	<i style="color: red;">(Pending)</i> 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
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