



Tidings of Joy



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

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March 2021

Staff

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

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

Saturday March 27th

4:00pm Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)

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NOTE: In-Person worship, 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.



MARCH 28, 2021



"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 pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

As we navigate Lent, allow me to remind us that, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." (Psalm 46:1-2)

The continuing situation with coronavirus and its resulting perpetual flow of negative news saturates us, causes anxiety and worry for our future, our well-being, and our mental health. During this intensely challenging time, we must remember God's promise to be with us. God made us. God gave God's Son to save us. God will not abandon us to the pandemic.

God is with us. God inhabits the praises of God's people. God meets us in our prayers. We are not a people who, in trying times, despairingly saying to one another, "Well, I guess all we can do is pray." Prayer is not our last resort!

Prayer is living into the lovingly faithful promise from our Lord that we are heard by God. We pray for all suffering from coronavirus, for front-liners, for caregivers, for vaccine seekers, for the hopeful and the frustrated, for the worried and the anxious, and for all people everywhere each according to their needs. The James Epistle says, "You don't have because you do not ask, and if you do ask, then you ask with wrong motives." (Pastor Bryant paraphrase of James 4:2b-3) Prayer is powerful and effective, especially when God's people make it a regular practice. (Maybe a regular daily Lenten practice?)

We JOY Lutheran folks know how, in response to God's love shone so liberally in Jesus, God calls us to serve our neighbor. God works through us to meet needs. To this end, amidst abounding needs, pray that God will show and empower us to be blessings to others, to "put a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

God calls us to put rainbows in the clouds of congregation members, particularly isolated members, to put rainbows in the clouds of congregational leaders and church staff. One incredibly faithful way to do this is to continue to make sound decisions to support the health of one another through sanitizing spaces, washing hands, wearing masks, and following guidelines.

This is a reasonable way to keep our missional community healthy so that we are better enabled to serve others, and be rainbow makers.

We do not exist in a vacuum. Actions taken and decisions made in one place often rapidly impact others in other places. JOY's continued caring response to this pandemic must intentionally look to the impact had on others. We serve our neighbors by seeking ways to minimize the impact of coronavirus.

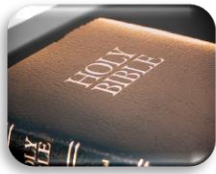
As it becomes both easy and desirable to slip back into comfortable patterns, we must ask ourselves two questions: "How is God calling me to serve?" and, "What is the potential impact on others?" These are core questions that inform our mission.

Needs abound. Prior to this outbreak, loneliness and isolation were already problems. Social distancing has compounded these problems. How might God invite us to remind neighbors inside and outside of the congregation that they are not alone?

Is God calling you to listen to others? To speak a soothing word? To help provide for those who lack? To share your blessings in such a way that an unmistakable rainbow becomes visible in another's cloud? A phone call is a rainbow in an isolated person's cloud. A written letter in your neighbor's mailbox is a rainbow in your neighbor's cloud. In times of social distancing, we can safely reach out in love and grace to hang rainbows in cloud after cloud. God calls God's people to be a blessing and, most importantly, to provide hope to those in fear. And, if it stretches us, moves us out of comfort zones to do so, then we've truly started to understand Lent.

Inconveniences, challenges, and frustrations are hallmarks of Lent, and are realities of the pandemic. May God empower us to see that these are opportunities for rainbow making rather than opportunities to grouse. We are in a time when clouds are many and rainbows are few. Every one of us is a rainbow maker, for God is at work in each of us. God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear---we will put a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Peace---
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for March 2021

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| March 7 | John 2:13-22 |
| March 14 | John 3:14-21 |
| March 21 | John 12:20-33 |
| March 28 | Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 |



Service times for Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Mid-Week Lenten Service - 6:30pm

Palm Sunday March 28th - 8:30am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday April 1st - 7:00pm

Good Friday April 2nd - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday April 4th - 8:30am and 10:00am

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS MARCH 14TH**



Congregational Meeting
March 14, 2021



Church Council has set a congregational meeting date, for the second Sunday in March, **3/14/21**, to present and offer for adoption the 2019 revision of our Church Constitution. Meeting to begin soon after worship service.



The February blood drive garnered 8 whole blood units. Way to go, Team! Twenty-four people will receive liquid grace because of your faithfulness and generosity.

Mark your calendar for **June 27, 2021** as your next opportunity to donate this gift of life.

Worship and Music

First, I want to mention again that we will be having 2 services on Palm Sunday and Easter. They will be at 8:30am and 10:00pm. I will be taking reservations for those services. Please contact me at 321-388-2555 with a phone call or text. Or email me at chrisallebaugh@gmail.com.

We will continue to have our Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:30pm. No reservations are required for these services.

There will be a collection of socks once again for Maundy Thursday.

Palms for Palm Sunday; we will once again be purchasing Palms to decorate the Altar. The Palms are available to purchase by the members. You can then take it home and plant in your yard. If you need assistance getting it to your house, I will be happy to help with that. **If you are interested in purchasing a palm, please let me know.**

We will have Easter Lilies to purchase this year. The florist does not have a final price at this time. I should know more by the first of March, and will pass it on.

Parament update; we are in the final stages of the process. If you are interested in donating to the purchase of paraments, you can drop your donation in the offering plate. Please mark it so Kim will know where to put the donation. Or, you can contact me with any questions you have.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the above information.

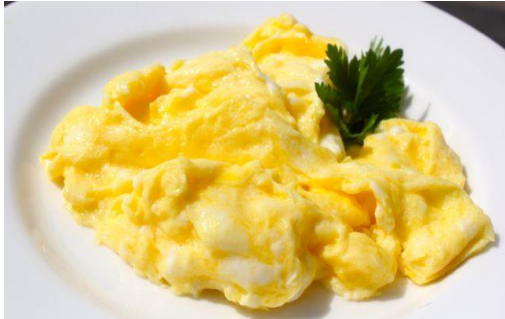
Blessing,
Chris Allebaugh



**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELCA)
DRIVE-THRU PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 6, 2021
8:00 – 9:30**

Please sign up @ church or call
Marjorie Maenpaa @ 327-8400 or email marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com
Connie Steinhorst @725-6391 or email csteinhorst@cfl.rr.com

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage \$6.00



NOTE: If you prefer, park your car and bring your lawn chair and eat your breakfast outside. There will be a few tables socially distanced with two chairs, where you can sit to enjoy your breakfast.

**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Joint WELCA and Men's Group**

White Elephant Sale

April 17, 2021 9:00am – 2:00p.m.



All donations for White Elephant sale are welcomed (no clothing items).
Yard Sale Tables for rent \$10.00
Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa @ 327-8400 or email marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

National Quilting Day is Saturday, March 20



National Quilting Day is observed annually on the third Saturday in March. We recognize our quilters and appreciate their long labor, love and skill that goes into the making of each quilt. For nearly 70 years quilt makers have put their faith into action, making quilts for people around the world.

Daily Bread of Melbourne Florida

815 East Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL - 32901
Phone: (321) 723-1060



DAILY BREAD, INC.

Free hot meal served daily from 11AM to 1PM. Services for homeless also include showers, laundry, job and other counseling by appointment. Their vision is to assure that no one goes hungry, no food is wasted in our community, and no one is denied the opportunity or assistance to become self-sufficient.

They also provide showers, hygiene products, a mail stop and clothing to those who are homeless. Other agencies partner with Daily Bread, to provide assistance with health care, food stamps, HIV/AIDS testing, Veteran's issues, alcoholics anonymous meetings, etc.

You can be a part of this ministry. JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday each month @ 10:45 – 1:30 p.m. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391).

February Council Meeting Highlights

JOY Lutheran's Church Council met on Monday February 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting. Ten Council members were in attendance.

Some of the items discussed were:

1. Replacing the film on the windows above the altar.
2. The Property Committee will begin painting the interior of the Church after the Lenten Season. They will continue to patch and sand the walls. The estimated cost of the paint is approximately \$650.00
3. The Property Committee is still waiting for bids for replacing the front doors.
4. The Council discussed reinstating the Financial Committee. The discussion will be continued at the next Council meeting.
5. A discussion was held about having JOY's property appraised for the purpose of making sure the building is fairly appraised to cover replacement cost and not over appraised causing us to over pay our insurance premiums. One company gave us a quote of \$1,100.00. This item will be readdressed at our next meeting.
6. Kim Tolley will join the Memorial Fund Committee and Chair the Committee.

The next meeting of the Council will be March 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully,
Marjorie Mäenpää



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

**ALL MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL THE CORONAVIRUS STAY AT HOME
RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED**

Events planned for 2021

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| March 6th | 8:00am – 9:30am Drive-thru Pancake Breakfast. 10:00am WELCA meeting. |
| April 17th | White Elephant Sale |
| May | RACHEL'S DAY (tentative) |
| June/July | Start of school supplies campaign for Turner Elementary and LWR school packs |
| November 6th | Holiday Festival Craft Sale and Silent Auction |
| November 12-14 (tentative) | FL-Bahamas SWO Fall Gathering @ Lake Yale |

Property Committee

It is a new year and the Property Committee has started the ground running. The first few weeks of 2021 has seen the men tackle the grounds more with clearing brush, removing tree stumps and cutting down a tree or two.

The annual party of picking up pine cones has also started, which seems like a never-ending job. This job is made more of a challenge as the squirrels insist on eating some of the pine cones and moving them about extending distance of the pine cones from the pine trees.

The painting of the interior of the church including the Sanctuary is on track and we will start the project on April 9th, 2021. We are looking to paint the Sanctuary in an egg shell or some off white color.

We have received a bid to have the parking lot professionally repaired and we will present the bid to the Church Council for approval.

We are still waiting for bids to come for the replacement of the front door.

As the members of the current group of in property start to show their age, some of the members start a project on Friday morning go to the shed to pick up a tool return to the parking lot and start to wonder what was it I was going to do with the tool. Once the answer comes to the member, the next question to be answered where is the location of the job.

Some of us older members are grateful for the younger members who keep us grounded and on track. We would like to see members who are able and willing to climb ladders to join our group as some of the older crew have lost their privileges to climb ladders.

Erik Mäenpää

Audit Committee

As we start 2021, we take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to Don Heine for his hard work on the Audit Committee during the past three years.

We in the audit Committee, will miss Don as he steps down to assume his new role as the Vice-President/President elect for the 2021/2022 Church Council years.

As most committees and groups, the audit Committee faced obstacles as worked on the audit for 2020. Our work did not lend itself well to meeting on line. We were able to make it work and completed our audit.

The audit for 2020 was also somewhat less involved as good part of the activities of the Church members, committees and groups were not doing as much as in the past years.

Now in 2021 we will be able to meet safely in a social distanced setting at the Church with all the necessary precautions in place. This will make our meetings easier to manage and we will be able to review material together in person. This will make the 2021 audit process much smoother.

Erik Mäenpää
Chair Audit Committee



Thank you for directing Choice Dollar® to Joy Lutheran Church.

Remember, 2020 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2021. Please direct your dollars before they expire. Joy Lutheran Church can be a designated place to distribute your "Choice Dollars".

Annual Congregational Meeting Highlights

Joy Lutheran Church 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting was held on February 7, 2021 with 38 members in attendance.

- + Last year's minutes and all committee minutes were approved.
- + The Capital Improvement Fund Budget was approved.
- + The General Fund Budget was approved following a motion and approval to give Pastor Bryant a \$2,500.00 bonus.
- + Chris and Joy Peters were selected as Delegates to the Synod General Assembly 09/17-19/2021.

The 2021 Church Council is:

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| President | Marjorie Maenpaa |
| Vice President | Don Heine |
| Secretary | Kelly Arner |
| Treasurer | Kim Tolley |
| Financial Secretary | Renee Harper |

Members at Large:

Peggyann Marion
Gary Krause
Dudley Bowling
Joy Peters
Sue Getter
Barbara Herndon

A special thank you was given to the outgoing Council Members:
Mary Sherman, Barbara Sparks, and Bob Getter

Respectfully Submitted
Marjorie Mäenpää

Please remember this important outreach program.



BACKPACK PROGRAM **"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM**

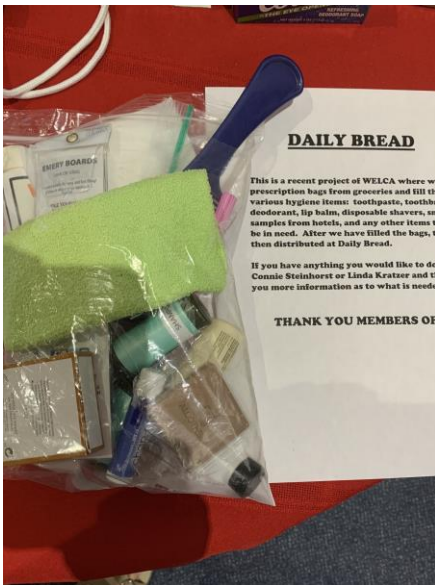
The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. This program is so very important, especially at this time with families barely making ends meet. 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.

HYGIENE KITS

Ladies of Joy (mostly out of their own pocket) put together hygiene kits which are given to Daily Bread on a monthly basis. Approximately 25 kits were delivered to Daily Bread in February. The office there, could not say enough how appreciative the clients are of these items. Please see Connie Steinhorst or Linda Kratzer if you have any "hotel samples" or other hygiene items like toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, combs, shampoo, soap, and sanitary napkins, etc. that you would like to donate to this project. How about making a quick trip to Dollar Tree?



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, thank you's, updates, etc. for the **April 2021 Tidings no later than March 25th.**

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

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.



Thank you,

Thank you to all you wonderful people for the prayers, beautiful cards, and phone calls that I received in Joliet, Illinois. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks, and God Bless,

Betty Lou Neilsen

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:

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| Norm Barmen | Gary Barmen |
| Debbie Burdet | Tina Breeden |
| Donald Christensen | Steve Christensen |
| Chuck Dean | Rachel Featherstone |
| Nancy Feightner | Brenda Godson & Family |
| Dan Giardiello | Winnie Hall |
| Gunner Heim | Dean & Jan Jahnke |
| Craig & Megan Lattig | Judy Marciano |
| Valerie Mariano | Julio Melendez |
| Jackie Mertens | Pat Muth |
| Carol Nichols | Robert & Holly Nickos |
| Ron Pagelsdorf | Elizabeth Planding |
| Nadge Robert | Karen Runk |
| Lindsay Rutledge | Gene Sorensen |
| Judy Turner | Jackie Tolley |
| Thelma Tucker | Betty Walton |
| Sherry Weldon | Justin Whelpley |
| 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

2021 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant

President – Marjorie Mäenpää

Vice President – Don Heine

Secretary - Kelly Arner

Treasurer - Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary - Renee Harper

Council Members at Large:

Dudley Bowling

Sue Getter

Barbara Herndon

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Joy Peters



March Birthday Blessings

- 3/02 Gene Sorensen
- 3/05 Tamara Embrey
- 3/08 Mark Motluck
- 3/13 Emmanouill Manoussakis
- 3/13 Robert Nickos
- 3/15 Ken Laumer
- 3/20 Zechariah Bush
- 3/21 Lois Manaseri
- 3/22 Jane Antonsen
- 3/22 Alex Tolley
- 3/26 Alexis Woods
- 3/27 Sharon Russell
- 3/29 Bonnie Getter
- 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul
- 3/31 John David Bryant

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 2021 Stewardship

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| General Fund | (Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.) | | |
| Needed each Month | \$14,602 | Needed YTD | \$14,602 |
| Received in January | \$9,589 | Received YTD | \$9,589 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | | | |
| Budgeted each Month | \$1,418 | Budgeted YTD | \$1,418 |
| Received in January | \$983 | Received YTD | \$983 |

*Remember the church with your regular offerings.
The church needs your support.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

MARCH 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service | | 8:30am Property Work Day | 9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am WELCA Meeting |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 10:00am Worship | | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service | | 8:30am Property Work Day | |
| Daylight Saving Time Begins 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Meeting to approve constitution | | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service | | 8:30am Property Work Day | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 10:00am Worship | 7pm Council Mtg | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service | | 8:30am Property Work Day | 4:00pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey |
| Palm Sunday 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8:30am Worship 10:00am Worship | | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | | | Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule. |