



# Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"  
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

### **Saturday April 24th**

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

### **Church Office Phone:**

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### **Church Web Site:**

[www.joylutheranelca.com](http://www.joylutheranelca.com)

**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.**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

Easter Sunday April 4th  
Service at 10 am



## **Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday Service:	7:00pm
Good Friday Service:	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Service:	10:00am

"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---

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! And, because Christ is risen, hope lives!

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”. ---1 Peter 1:3*

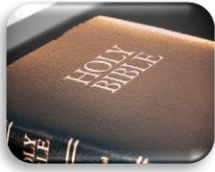
Our living hope is a present reality, not some promised future reality, for it is a resurrected person. Our “Living Hope” is seated at the right hand of the Father, still marred by crucifixion, yet glorified and living. On the first Easter evening, Living Hope visits frightened disciples. Living Hope stands before Peter, the one who had denied him. Living Hope speaks words of peace to Peter, the same words Living Hope speaks to the others gathered with him. “Peace be with you!” When Jesus shows his hands and side to them, in his great mercy, Jesus leads the disciples out of their personal pity pits, prisons of fear, and confines of shame, giving them a new birth into a living hope, a hope that had previously seemed dead.

We are familiar with our personal pity pits, prisons of fear, confines of shame, and are all too aware of what haunts us in these spaces: bad choices, secret sins, broken relationships, resentments, grudges, agendas, and manipulations. We see these haunting figures and we are afraid. Yet, thanks be to God, Living Hope always casts down haunting figures. Living Hope always births us out of shame. Living Hope always releases us from fear. We know Living Hope for Living Hope is Jesus. When Peter, the three-time Jesus-denier, writes the epistle that we now call 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, he chooses his words with great intent, for Peter knows what it is to stand face-to-face with Living Hope, to experience first-hand how Living Hope is a risen, breathing, reigning, loving Savior. Peter knows that despite all of our betrayals, Living Hope doesn't come to us seeking to enact vengeance, but rather, seeking to offer us peace.

No matter where the risen Lord finds us as we live and move within life's challenges, made even more challenging by the pandemic, we experience God-given moments to celebrate anew our risen Lord, and to discern anew what Jesus' resurrection means for us.

Each moment is pregnant with living hope—a tomb waiting to be a womb—new birth is a reality, hope abounds, and mercy is not in short supply, for our Savior is with us to lead us, and since our Savior has a glorious future, so do we! Rejoice in the Living Hope, Jesus our Christ, Jesus our risen Lord.

Peace,  
JDB+



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "B" for April 2021

April 4	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
April 11	John 20:19-31
April 18	Luke 24:36b-48
April 25	John 10:11-18

## Service times for Holy Week & Easter

**Maundy Thursday** April 1st - 7:00pm

**Good Friday** April 2nd - 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** April 4th - 10:00am

**I'm on vacation!!!**



Pastor Bryant will be on vacation "afternoon 4/5 through the morning 4/20". Pr. Joyce Gulliford will be handling pastoral care and emergency on-calls.

In the event of an emergency, please call Council President, Marjorie Maenpaa (321.327.8400), and she will connect you with Pr. Joyce.

The most wonderful things  
That Easter time brings  
Is knowing that our Lord  
Was crucified for all  
The giving of His life  
The most holy sacrifice  
And He did it just for us  
Out of His undying love  
Then on the third day  
He rose from the grave  
And lives forever more  
As our Savior and Lord.

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Did you miss church on Sunday or are unable to attend? Check out our website.



Audios of Sunday sermons or "Live Stream" of the service are available on our Joy website at:  
[www.joylutheranelca.com](http://www.joylutheranelca.com)

## **Daily Bread of Melbourne Florida**

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



There are many in Brevard County who are unemployed, in poverty, homeless from addiction and unexpected traumatic loss. Melbourne's DAILY BREAD serves the poor and homeless by providing a daily meal, hot showers, clean clothes and other essential services. In accordance with CDC recommendations, in response to the Coronavirus: Meals are being served "to-go" from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm daily, until further notice. JOY Lutheran Church Team serves hot meals the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Property Committee**

2021 is ushering in a new era with the Council moving to combine the old Memorial Garden Committee with the Property Committee. The overall feeling was that the Memorial Garden was not cared and maintained as it should be, so it was time to make the change.

With the Property Committee, our strength lies in all things dealing with construction and maintenance, but short on the gardening side. It was decided to look for assistance from someone outside the group. As it turns out, we have an avid gardener among us with a good knowledge of all things to do with plants, gardens and landscapes. Jackie Baudek to our rescue. Jackie has graciously agreed to head up the garden portion of the Property Committee with Jackie doing the design and planning side with the men of the Property Committee providing the labor.

It is an understatement to say that Jackie hit the ground running. Since she agreed to help us, she has steered us to clean out all the brush and some palms from the walled garden by the cross. This led the men to discover that the wall was not quite complete and the remaining section of the wall was completed. As the garden starts to take shape in its new form, we will be looking for input from the members of the congregation. Jackie has guidelines as to the type of plants and flowers, keeping in mind that we are looking mostly at Florida native plants requiring limited care, watering, and maintenance.

We would also like to ask members wishing to have an item planted in the garden, to see Jackie about the appropriateness of the plants and flowers to be used before planting the item.

Keeping in line with the new change, the Property Committee is working on the watering system to keep it operating at its peak performance.

Respectfully Submitted, Erik U. Mäenpää



## Memorial Garden

Take some time to see our beautiful "Memorial Garden". A big thankyou goes out to all that have made this a wonderful and peaceful place on our church property.



A congregational meeting was held on Sunday March, 3/14/21 to present and offer for adoption the 2019 revision of our Church Constitution. The Joy Lutheran Constitution was unanimously approved, with only a few minor corrections.

## 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 **May 2021 Tidings no later than April 25th.**

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



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

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

### Events planned for 2021

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

# CANCELLED

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Joint WELCA and Men's Group

### White Elephant Sale

April 17, 2021 9:00am – 2:00p.m.



Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa @ 327-8400 or email [marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com)

# CANCELLED

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

**SHARE YOUR POWER**  
— on the —  
**BIG RED BUS!**



## March Council Meeting Highlights

Message from The Church Council President

The church Council met on Monday March 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

1. The Property Committee will start painting the interior of the Church beginning April 2021.
2. The Property Committee, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, will place all the chairs back in the Sanctuary. Some chairs will be marked "Do Not Sit", so as to continue social distancing.
3. The council recommended to have a professional appraisal of the Church completed. This will aide us in insuring that the Church building is insured for the correct amount and not under or over insured.
4. The Council approved to re-instate the Finance Committee. Members of the Committee will be; Kim Tolley Treasurer, Rene Harper Financial Secretary, two members of the Audit Committee Jim Collins, Erik Maenpaa and David Steinhorst from the Stewardship Committee.
5. The Council placed on hold repairs to the parking lot until we will receive additional bids for the work.
6. The Council approved the replacement of the window film above the Altar and on the two side windows in the back of the Sanctuary.
7. JOY will once again be hosting a Day Camp for twenty-four children the week of July 5th-9th 2021.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on April 19th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully,  
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.



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUIDE

Total Yearly Income	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$10,000	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
\$20,000	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
\$30,000	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
\$40,000	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.00
\$50,000	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
\$60,000	\$60.00	\$72.00	\$84.00	\$96.00	\$108.00	\$120.00

**Please Remember Us In Your Will!**

### Named Endowment Funds: Leave a Legacy of Love



Ensure that the support you provide to your congregation and ministries can continue into perpetuity with a named endowment fund. Named endowments are a flexible tool allowing individuals, families and groups to provide annual support to the ministries and organizations they care about most.

You can name up to 10 charitable beneficiaries, which can include your congregation, your favorite ELCA ministries, and other nonprofit organizations. These funds continue in your name, provide a great way to grow your legacy and allow others to join you in supporting the cause.

Contact our synod's Regional Gift Planner, Rev. Ana Lugo, at [ana.lugo@elca.org](mailto:ana.lugo@elca.org) or (904) 219-2769.

**Article reprinted & shared from:**  
**"E-Spirit for March 16 - The Official E-Newsletter of the Florida-Bahamas Synod"**

### 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.





## **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	Gary Barmen
Debbie Burdet	Tina Breeden
Steve Christensen	Chuck Dean
Jason & Matthew Dretzka	Rachel Featherstone
Nancy Feightner	Brenda Godson & Family
Dan Giardiello	Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim	Dean & Jan Jahnke
Craig & Megan Lattig	Judy Marciano
Valerie Mariano	Peg Marion
Julio Melendez	Jackie Mertens
Pat Muth	Carol Nichols
Ron Pagelsdorf	Elizabeth Planding
Nadge Robert	Karen Runk
Lindsay Rutledge	Gene Sorensen
Patricia Sperber	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



### April Birthday Blessings

04/07	Kim Tolley
04/08	Linda Corbin
04/08	Wahneeta Ryckman
04/09	Peggy Lindner
04/10	Nancy Feightner
04/11	Judy Baltzersen
04/12	Rene Harper
04/12	Orpha Lengel
04/14	Sandra Kenyon
04/23	Marjorie Maenpaa
04/26	Heidi Kuehnhold
04/28	Jan Jahnke

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 - February 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$14,602	Needed YTD	\$29,204
Received in February	\$13,194	Received YTD	\$22,784
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted YTD	\$2,836
Received in February	\$1,446	Received YTD	\$2,429

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

## APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				MAUNDAY THURSDAY 1	GOOD FRIDAY 2	3
					8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg
<b>EASTER 4</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11:00am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	4:00pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
10:00am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						<b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b>