



Tidings of Joy



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

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May 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 May 29th

Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)
5:00p.m.

Church Office Phone:

321-951-0166

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prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

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joylutheranpb@gmail.com

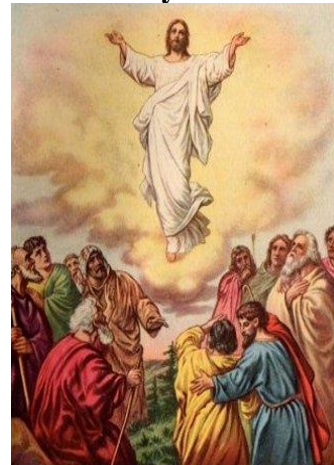
Church Web Site:

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.

ASCENSION DAY

May 13th



PENTECOST

May 23rd



TRINITY SUNDAY

May 30th



"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

Friends---

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

On Easter Sunday, together we shared a milestone in our pandemic journey, the placement of all regular chairs back in the sanctuary. This brought us a new hope and a feeling of resurrected optimism.

Gradually, as 2021 progresses, life at JOY will look more and more as it had previously been. However, we should neither rush, nor hurry the process of getting things back to the-way-things-were. How come? Because not everyone is of the same mind with regard to vaccinations. Some JOY folks see Covid vaccines as a Godsend, some are uncertain about Covid vaccines, and some believe Covid vaccines to be either a false hope or a vain prophylactic against a virus that has been hyped to be worse and more virulent than it is. People who hold these views (and other views than these) are faithful JOY family members. They are part of God's JOY family.

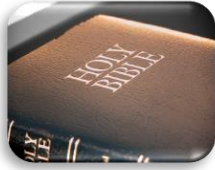
As God leads God's JOY family (with all of these varied views) through the pandemic, know up front that it will take us time and much (MUCH) patience to arrive at the place where God is taking us. Where we are now is not our final destination. Our current situation is not our permanent condition.

As the Teacher in Ecclesiastes assures us, “for everything there is a season.” We cannot rush the coming of Summer, the end of Spring, nor the first snowfall of Winter. We shouldn't even try. The same is true of how God's JOY family is moving through the pandemic. How come? Because, in the words of author Sarah Bessey, “Hurry wounds a questioning soul.”

God's JOY family is filled with questioning souls. To hurry aspects of the getting-us-back-to-where-we-were process risks wounding questioning souls who God has gathered into God's JOY family as our brothers and sisters. To risk wounding others so that we get what is pleasing, appropriate, and comfortable to suit ourselves and our notions is unfaithful and does not mirror the love of Jesus. To bear with one another in patience, as St. Paul asserts, is God's faithful path for us.

How we follow God's leading of God's JOY family looks like maintaining safe practices and to continue wise precautions. We do these things not for ourselves alone, but for others. As Martin Luther reminds us, “God does not need your good works, your neighbor does.”

Peace,
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for May 2021

- May 2.....John 15:1-8
- May 9.....John 15:9-17
- May 16.....John 17:6-19
- May 23.....John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
(Pentecost Sunday)
- May 30.....John 3:1-17
(Trinity Sunday)

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



Sermons

on
Joy Website

Audios of Sunday sermons or "Live Stream" of the service are available on our Joy website at:
www.joylutheranelca.com

Shepherd's Center Update

Good News! Shepherd's Center of South Brevard plans to resume classes October 7, 2021 at Peace Lutheran Church on Port Malabar Blvd, Palm Bay.

We are working to bring you a schedule of new and old favorite classes and we are so looking forward to seeing everyone again. Schedules will be emailed in late August and will be available on the website, shepherdcenterofsb.org, where you will find all the latest information.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, call 321-209-1619 leave your name, phone number, and spell out your email address. If you do not have a computer, leave your name, phone number, and mailing address.

Joy is a Shepherd's Center sponsoring congregation, and we are grateful for the continuing support, especially in these difficult times. If you would like to know more about the Shepherd's Center, contact Elaine Heine who represents Joy on the Board. You may also email questions or suggestions to shepctrosb@gmail.com.

See you in October!

Daily Bread of Melbourne Florida

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



We thank God for the opportunity we have to serve our neighbor through the Daily Bread ministry. The need for what we often take for granted, food and basic necessities, is evident in the ministry of Daily Bread.

- Daily Bread: serves meals to people in need. They also help connect people to resources they need, addressing long term needs and overcoming hunger and poverty and homelessness. Hot showers in the hygiene building. Clean clothes.

JOY Lutheran Church Team serves the 4th Friday of each month. 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. 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

After twenty years of faithful service, the old window film on the two windows above the altar and the two side windows were removed and replaced with new improved protective film. The cracks and poor visibility of the old film is gone and the new film is clear and offers improved visibility.

The interior painting of the church was started on April 9th. and the Property committee is painting one wall a day on Fridays as they meet. The new color is an off white.

The repairs to the parking lot are scheduled to start in May subject to the weather. This work will repair the major sunken areas in the center of the parking lot. The work will be done during the week to reduce any disruption to services or activities. We will keep members informed as to the actual start of the project before it is started.

The replacement of the church front door project was placed on hold since we were unable to obtain sufficient number of bids to make reasonable selection for the work to be done. Instead of the door being replaced, we will have the panic bars replaced. This work will be done in the beginning of May.

The work in the Memorial garden continues with more plants being purchased and planted and the clearing of weeds and pine needles continues. As the number of members in the Property Committee has dwindled, we realized we needed some extra help in picking up the pine cones around the property. Shaun Arner with Kyle Goodwin and the Cub Scouts have stepped in and offered the help of the Pack to remove the pine cones.

Respectfully Submitted, Erik U. Mäenpää

UPKEEP OF CHURCH PROPERTY CONTINUES

We give thanks for the painting project being underway and having the window film replaced.



Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will start the 2021 JOY Audit on April 29th. 2021. The Committee will be following the new revised audit guidelines as recommended and approved by the Church Council.

Erik Mäenpää

Reopening Task Force

In our continuing effort to maintain the safety of the members and visitors to JOY during the Covid-pandemic, the Task Force continues to monitor and revise its recommendations to the Council in order that we may return to more normal services and programs.

At their meeting on April 19th. 2021, the task made the following recommendations to the Church Council:

1. Discontinue taking temperatures.
2. The cloth portions of the chair should not be disinfected (only the arm portions of the chairs). Continue the rest of the disinfecting of door knobs, rest rooms, tables and other hard surfaces.
3. Continue wearing masks as we have non-members at our services, as well as, members who may or may not have received their vaccinations.
4. We will need to continue to maintain social distancing.
5. We no longer need assigned seating and members could be allowed to choose their own seats following our social distancing guidelines of open chairs to be used.
6. Calling for reservations should be continued, as we need to know the number of members and visitors attending.
7. Taking and keeping attendance record, should continue, as we need to keep contact tracing available.
8. Special occasions and events. It is recommended that all weddings, Christenings and Funerals be allow to commence following recommended safety Covid-19 protocols are adhered to.

Any changes to the actual worship services will be reviewed and implemented by the pastor and the worship and Music Committee.

Erik Mäenpää

WELCA Meeting
Sat., May 1st @ 10:00

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED

We will be discussing the Holiday Festival and other WELCA activities and any additional business. Please come and join us.

**We look forward to seeing all of you.
Marjorie, Harriet, Linda K. & Connie**



DAY CAMP 2021

Theme: "THIS IS OUR PRAYER"

JULY 5-9: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-12pm
Cost: \$5 per child

For registration forms or more information,
contact Pr. Bryant.

Email: prbryant4tide@gmail.com

Phone: (321) 951-0166

Registration opens May 1st.
More information will follow.

Young at Heart ❤️
WE'RE BACK

YOUNG AT HEART is back on a Trial Basis!!

On Thursday May 20, 2021 @ 12:00 noon,
Young at Heart will start again!!

Bring a brown bag lunch and a lawn chair
(bottled water will be provided) and join us
under the Portico for fun and fellowship. Stay
afterwards for a game or two of Bingo.

IMPORTANT: Since space is limited, due to
social distancing, call Marjorie Maenpaa at
321-327-8400 for a reservation. Hope to see
you all back!!!

Cell Phones and Worship

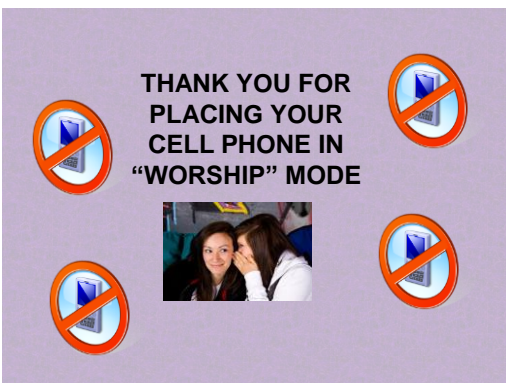
It is possible that on entering church, you may
hear the Call of God.

On the other hand, it is not likely that he will
contact you by phone.

Thank you for turning off your phone.

If you would like to talk to God, come in,
choose a quiet place, and talk to him.

If you would like to see him, send him a text
while driving.



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 **Jun
2021 Tidings no later than May 26th.**

Email David Steinhorst
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

Worship and Music

On behalf of the Social Ministry and Worship & Music Committees, I would like to thank the congregation for all the donations to our "Maundy Thursday Sock Drive". We collected **128** pairs of socks!

Along with the socks, **14** Hygiene Kits were delivered to "Daily Bread". A big thank you goes out to Joy's Rachel Circle for putting the Hygiene Kits together.

Thanks to everyone for your donations! They were much appreciated!

Chris Allebaugh

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 9, 2021



We are the family of God, and Jesus tells us:
"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and **mother**."
Matthew 12: 50 (NRSV)

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."
Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)



Armed Forces Day is a federal holiday observed annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Day "**May 15, 2021**" is an opportunity for us to recognize all of our veterans who have faithfully served our country.

May 31, 2021



Memorial Day is a time to remember America's service men and women who died defending our country. As we prepare for this solemn and revered day of remembrance, take a moment to thank the many men and women who serve at home and abroad, as well as remember those who have given their lives to ensure our nation's safety

National Day of Prayer

May 6, 2021

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States.

President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.



"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
(2 Corinthians 3:17 NRSV)

March Council Meeting Highlights

Message from The Church Council President

Church Council met on Monday April 19, 2021 via Zoom.

Here is a summary of the meeting;

1. Council approved having the parking lot repaired. The work will be done by Stillwater Concrete Company. They will be removing and replacing 800 sq ft. of concrete, with 6" of concrete.
2. Council approved the replacement of the panic bars and locks on the front door. The work will be done by a locksmith. This will be done instead of replacing the doors and the front windows at this time.
3. The newly re-established Finance Committee will meet on May 2, 2021 following the Sunday Church Service.
4. WELCA will hold a meeting on Saturday May 1st. at 10:00 AM at the Church. All women of JOY are invited to attend.
5. The Council approved the following recommendations from the Reopening task Force:
 - a. No longer taking temperature
 - b. Disinfecting only hard surfaces (no disinfecting of cloth on seats)
 - c. Continue wearing masks
 - d. Continue social distancing
 - e. Continue calling for reservations
 - f. No longer assigned seats
 - g. Continue to keep attendance record for contact tracing
 - h. Special occasions and events can start
 - i. Outside activities can be held

Scout Birthday Basket for Homeless Neighbors:

The Cub scouts will be making "Birthday Cake packages" to be taken to homeless children in shelters. They are collecting cake mixes, containers of icing and candles. Beginning May 1st, there will be a basket in the narthex for your donations.. We'll collect for the month of May. Again, items sought are; boxes of cake mix, containers of icing, and boxes of cake candles.

Sabbatical:

Every 3 to 4 years, the ELCA suggests that all full-time clergy and their congregations take a sabbatical for restoration and education. The ELCA recommends that the sabbatical be 30-60 consecutive days. In the call package extended to Pastor in 2018, JOY committed to a 30-day sabbatical to be observed with Pr. Bryant every four years. 2022 will be when the sabbatical is taken. This is a good thing for Pastor and people. It is a major positive for all that provides no hardship to either Pastor or people. For planning purposes and for the raising of awareness, mention of it begins to appear a year in advance. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Respectfully,
Marjorie Mäenpää



Emmanouill & Kathleen Manoussakis

1991-2021
May 22nd

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthian 16:14 (NRSV)

**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.



HELP WANTED



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. Since our entire service is projected on our screen, this is obviously an important job.

If you are interested, contact Barbara Herndon or David Steinhorst.



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.

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
Ron Barnett	Debbie Burdet
Tina Breeden	Steve Christensen
Chuck Dean	Jason & Matthew Dretzka
Rachel Featherstone	Nancy Feightner
Brenda Godson & Family	Dan Giardiello
Pr. John Green	Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim	April Hutchinson
Dean & Jan Jahnke	Kemmerer Family
Sandi Kenyon	Craig & Megan Lattig
John & Lois Manasari	Judy Marciano
Valerie Mariano	Peg Marion
Julio Melendez	Jackie Mertens
Pat Muth	Carol Nichols
Ron Pagelsdorf	Elizabeth Planding
Nadge Robert	Karen Runk
Gene Sorensen	Patricia Sperber
Judy Turner	

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



May Birthday Blessings

- 05/01 Betty Nielsen
- 05/03 Harold Lengel
- 05/03 Michael Carmichael
- 05/03 Alex Lindner
- 05/03 Ron Pagelsdorf
- 05/05 Doris Bunker
- 05/08 Elaine Christensen
- 05/09 Christopher Adams
- 05/16 Shaun Arner
- 05/19 Lynn Ash
- 05/22 Philip Kratzer Sr.
- 05/23 Connie Steinhorst
- 05/24 Brita Tallau
- 05/26 Jackie Baudek
- 05/27 Tina Breeden
- 05/28 Susan Parker
- 05/29 Vita Gardella
- 05/31 Harriet Bryant
- 05/31 Debbie Johns
- 05/31 Mary Sherman

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 - March 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$14,602	Needed YTD	\$43,806
Received in March	\$13,973	Received YTD	\$36,757
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted YTD	\$4,254
Received in March	\$827	Received YTD	\$3,256

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg 10:00am WELCA meeting
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
Mother's Day 9	10	11	12	Ascension Day 13	14	15
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm "Young at Heart" Reservations Required	8:30am Property Work Day	
Pentecost 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	5:00pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
Trinity Sunday 30	Memorial Day 31	1	2	3	4	5
10:00am Worship						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.