



# 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 June 26th

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

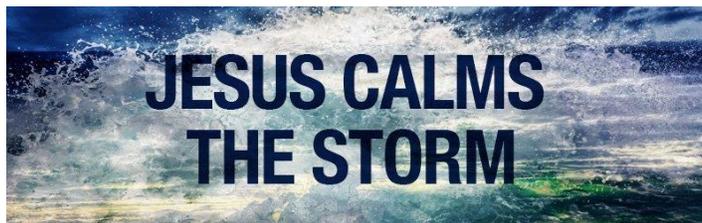
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www.joylutheranelca.com

**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.**



Mark 4:35-41

Confirmation “Faith Statement” from a granddaughter of members of our congregation, who was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, 2021:

*“Difficult times I’ve faced, whether it be hurricanes, personal struggles, or COVID-19, my faith in Christ has helped me. I know that no matter what happens, he will always be there for me and will share any burdens I carry. I know that even in my darkest times, or when I’m at my lowest lows, I am not alone, for Christ is at my side, always loving me and building me up again. I feel blessed to be able to ask myself in hard situations, “what would Jesus do?” And be able to know that answer because he is always there to guide me.”*

*Audrey*

**"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 Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

Here we are in Pentecost. Some call this season the “season of the Spirit.” The nature of the Spirit is change, change that moves everything from season to season along its way to fulfillment. The Spirit is the agent who makes it so that “everything old has passed away and everything new has begun.” (2 Cor. 5:17)

In light of the reality that everything new begins as everything old passes away, some believe that once we are beyond the pandemic, “We will not go back to normal.”

Perhaps there is merit in that view. Perhaps we have never really had a normal, just something that was in process by the Spirit’s doing that seemed to us to be unchanging and unchanged.

Perhaps something old is passing away as something new is beginning. Maybe this is how come we should not rush to return to the-way-things-were. Perhaps we should pause, take some time to ask ourselves if the Spirit is making everything new. And, if this proves to be so, then how might we get onboard with what the Spirit is doing?

In light of this question, I find myself wondering if a meme that is making its way around the social media circuit is noteworthy. It has the DC Comics character Harley Quinn waving her bat in the air as she says, “Normal is just a setting on a clothes dryer.”

What is changed about us as the Covid crisis has come our way? What is different about us now? What has changed not for the worse, but for the better? These are Holy Spirit questions. How come? Because they speak of the old passing away as the new comes into being.

Have you reprioritized your life or your time management since the pandemic? Do you now have a clearer sense of what is now precious to you? Did you do some serious cleaning of closets or garages? Did you do something similar with your relationships? Did you take time to really consider your connection to family, church, friends, and acquaintances?

Have you found that we are truly better together rather than apart? Along the way, have you come to believe that the world’s health is better when we simply follow Jesus’ commands to, “Love God and love neighbor as you love your very self?”

Before our world’s post-pandemic helter-skelter breaks in upon us, shouldn’t we allow time for the Holy Spirit to show us how not to lapse back into unproductive patterns, worn-out ways, and all-too-familiar dysfunctions? Post-pandemic life quickly comes our way. It’s new to us. We’ve never been here before. It’s a new space, a new place. What will we do with this precious new life in this precious fresh space? How will we celebrate what passes away while simultaneously celebrating what new reality takes its shape around and within us? In this “season of the Spirit,” how might we keep ourselves from squandering what is being made new by clinging to everything that is passing away?

It’s food for thought. Happy Pentecost! JDB+

Changes are coming our way. As a result of new CDC guidelines and guidance from our bishop, expect to see changes in our Covid-19 practices and restrictions in coming weeks and months. Please read our bishop's letter.

## **A Message on Easing COVID Guidelines from Bishop Pedro Suárez**

Greetings, beloved in Christ!

As I am sure you have seen, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recently announced an easing of mask mandates in the United States for individuals who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, except in establishments that still require them. The CDC has also said that fully vaccinated people no longer need to practice social distancing when in public spaces. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

So, how does this impact our congregations?

Moving forward, according to CDC, it is now safe for fully vaccinated people to gather in worship without masks or distancing. Those who have not yet received the vaccine will need to continue practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Those with compromised immune systems should talk to their doctor and use caution before resuming normal activities.

Resuming activities such as passing the peace and offering communion is at the discretion of congregational leadership. We ask that hand sanitizer is kept readily available for attendees, and that strict cleaning protocols are still maintained between services. It would also be wise, if possible, to continue to offer a section of your sanctuary for those individuals who wish to continue social distancing.

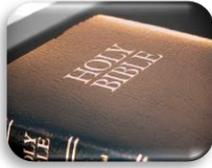
I trust your judgement in making the best decision for your congregation. If you would like additional input on safety, please contact the Director for Evangelical Mission for your region. I also encourage you to check local and federal health updates daily. We will share updated resources in the E-Spirit newsletter and on our [fbsynod.com](https://fbsynod.com) website as they become available.

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate your leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for staying informed and making wise decisions during this tremendously difficult time. Remember that your synod office is here for you and your congregations. If you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests, please do not hesitate to call.

For now, may the Lord bless you, keep you, and guide you in this time.

+ Bp. Pedro

The Rev. Pedro M. Suarez, Bishop  
Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "B" for June 2021

June 6.....Mark 3:20-35  
 June 13.....Mark 4:26-34  
 June 20.....Mark 4:35-41  
 June 27.....Mark 5:21-43



**Effective as of now, those who are vaccinated for coronavirus have the option of not wearing masks at either indoor or outdoor JOY activities. This is your option.**

This is on the honor system. Given how faithfully JOY members and visitors are following current guidelines, we continue to trust members and visitors to follow this new one.

## 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](mailto:prbryant4tide@gmail.com)

Phone: (321) 951-0166

Registration forms are also available to print from Joy website: [www.joylutheranelca.com](http://www.joylutheranelca.com)

### **Donations of the following are most welcome.**

- 60 sheets of card stock
- 30 Ziploc bags
- 10 packs of markers (10 or more in each packet)
- 12 pairs of scissors
- 2 packs of 100 popsicle sticks
- 15 skeins of yarn - differing colors
- 6 containers of modge podge
- 30 paint brushes
- 8 containers of liquid glue
- 6 packets of beads (large)
- 60 smooth rocks
- 10 containers of acrylic paint - Differing in color
- 4 packs of sharpies (various colors)
- 200 sheets of construction paper
- 30 ballpoint pens

Did you miss church on Sunday or were 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

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.

### How DB Helps:

Services are carefully designed to allow DB to be a friend and a partner to the hundreds of individuals, children, and families in Brevard County who are experiencing hunger or homelessness. DB's partnership is aimed at helping these vulnerable individuals break away from food-insufficiency and move forward out of homelessness.

### DAILY BREAD:

- **provides** more than 200 warm, nutritious, and professionally prepared meals each day to hungry and/or homeless people
- **helps** 100 people experiencing homelessness find a pathway home each year
- assists 3 individuals with job searches and job placement each month
- **distributes** 1,600,000 pounds of food across Brevard County each year
- **ensures** that more than 1,000 people get access to on-site healthcare each year.
- **provides** showers and clean clothes to nearly 70 individuals without a home or hot water each day
- **helps** dozens of our homeless neighbors restore their identification and establish residency each week.

Beyond the numbers, DB changes lives. DB empowers – not enables – individuals to overcome obstacles preventing them from moving forward ultimately into stable housing and integration in our community. Most of all, DB ensures NO ONE faces hunger or homelessness alone.

**JOY Lutheran Church Team** serves meals the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. 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. Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center or warehouse

**Hygiene Kits:** Eighteen (18) hygiene kits were taken to Daily Bread in May. Miscellaneous items are needed, i.e., sample/motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors, sanitary pads, wash cloths. Thank you everyone, for your support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
PASTOR LYNN



## **Audit Committee**

The audit Committee will start the 2021 Audit Process May 27th. 2021. The start date was pushed back from the April date due to last minute scheduling conflicts.

Erik Mäenpää

## **Reopening Task Force**

As the CDC has started to relax some of the Covid-19 safety pre-cautions, the Reopening Task Force is continuing to meet more frequently to keep pace with changes.

Following the new facemask recommendations, the Task Force has recommended to the Church Council to proceed to make the wearing of Facemasks optional.

Once again, the Task Force is meeting this week to determine if additional changes to relax some of the earlier guidelines might be put in-place bringing us even closer to a more normal service experience at JOY.

As these new and changing guidelines become available and we are able to obtain the approval of the Council, and we will provide the information in timely fashion to the congregation.

Erik Mäenpää

## **Property Committee**

The painting of the Sanctuary should be completed this Friday as the only remaining walls to be painted are the two end walls (the wall behind the altar and the entrance to the church). Once the Sanctuary is completed, the painting will continue in the offices as well as, in the quilting/knitting and crocheting room.

The Memorial garden committee continues the faithful work of planting flowers and plants in the garden, as well as, completing the pavers around the pines and flower beds.

We had hoped to get the parking lot repairs underway by May, but we have not received the permit from the Palm Bay Building Code office. Once the permit is obtained, the work will be able to start.

The Church Council approved and accepted the bid from Jim Breeden to have his company replace the old wooden doors with new aluminum and glass doors. Jim was contacted following the Council Meeting and he has started process of manufacturing the doors.

Once the major painting of the Sanctuary is completed, part of the Property Group will start the property inventory process.

Erik U. Mäenpää

## **Support our ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grant fundraiser!**

I've good news to share----we have qualified for a matching grant that will provide an additional \$500 to support the various food provision programs that are supported through JOY.

Here are general details:

### ELCA DAILY BREAD MATCHING GRANT

JOY has qualified or an ELCA matching grant that supports food provision programs that are either fully funded or sponsored through JOY, e.g., Bread of Life Backpack program, etc. The amount of the match is \$500. From June 5th-June 20th online gifts given through an ELCA WORLD HUNGER link will count towards the \$500 match. Whatever funds we raise, we receive the \$500.

**We are only able to receive donations towards this grant via the online link provided.**

[https://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1069364&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1422](https://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1069364&pg=personal&fr_id=1422)

This is due to how ELCA World Hunger tracks individual donations.

Even though the school year has ended, please remember this 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.

## Young at Heart WE'RE BACK

Young at Heart will meet on Thursday June 17, 2021 @ 12:00 noon.

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:** Contact Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 for additional information. Hope to see you there!!!



May we all have safe travels and enjoy our summer vacations.

Please remember to find a church in which to worship while away from home.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 20, 2021

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. - Charles Wadsworth

*"As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."* Psalm 103:13 (NRSV)

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A  
PERSON WHO IS HAPPY  
ON MONDAY?**

**RETIRED.**

Happy Retirement  
to Terry & Lori Embrey who  
retire on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
respectively.

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

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





## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

***Eve Circle*** (Bible Study) – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, June 22 @11:30, Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

***Dorcas Circle*** (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00

***Rachel Circle*** (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00

WELCA Meeting: August 7, 2021 @ 10:00

YOUNG AT HEART: June 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy some fellowship.

TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) school supply campaign runs June 27 thru July 25

LAKE YALE Fall Gathering - Florida-Bahamas women of the ELCA meet November 12-14 at Lake Yale, Leesburg, FL.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL /CRAFT SALE and SILENT AUCTION- Sat., November 6, 2021, outside under canopies

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Eighteen (18) hygiene kits were taken to Daily Bread in May. Thank you everyone, for your support.

**WANTED** flat sheets for Lutheran World Relief (LWR Quilts). Twin or larger flat sheets, new or gently used. No white please. You can give them to Linda Kratzer or Mary Ann Jones. Our quilters faithfully make quilts every week. If you would like to help or contribute, they are at church every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30.

## May 2021 Council Meeting Highlights

Message from The Church Council President

The council met on Monday May 17th. 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

The council voted to replace the original wooden front doors with new commercial grade storefront doors. The doors will be medium stile doors with concealed vertical rod touch bar panic exit devices. They will be dark bronze anodized finish that is very close to the existing color with clear ¼” tempered glass. The manufacturing of the doors is being handled by Jim Breeden and his company and the glass and installation is provided by professional installers who work with Jim Breeden. The cost of the project from the materials to the installation is \$3,500.00

Plans are moving forward for the Day Camp being held at JOY, from July 4th. – 9th. 2021. Volunteers are needed for check-in/check-out, snack provision and cleanup.

Pastor has applied for an ELCA Daily Bread Grant. The money would bolster all food provision programs supported through JOY.

The newly re-established Finance Committee met on May 2nd. 2021 for an organizational meeting. The plan is to have the Committee meet on a quarterly basis. Jim Collins was elected to Chair the Committee, with David Steinhorst being elected as the secretary.

The next council meeting will be June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marjorie Mäenpää  
Council President

## 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](http://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](mailto:shepctrosb@gmail.com).

See you in October!

# 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 **July 2021 Tidings no later than June 24th.**

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

## 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.

## 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.



Dear Friends,

Thank you, "People of Joy", for remembering me on my 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday, with such beautiful cards.

Love & Blessings,

*Betty Lou Nielsen*



Joy Family,

Thank you for being there for me at the loss of my sister, Marie Hardy. I am forever grateful for your phone calls, cards, and prayers.

God Bless,

*Dorothy Kirsch*

## 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 Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

### WHO ARE:

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## 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



### June Birthday Blessings

- 06/06 Kathi Manoussakis
- 06/09 Barbara Hall
- 06/15 Kathleene Hagen
- 06/18 Chuck Dean
- 06/25 Merrieanne Young
- 06/30 Debra Bowling

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 - April 2021 Stewardship

<b>General Fund</b>	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$14,602	Needed YTD	\$58,408
Received in April	\$10,453	Received YTD	\$47,210
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted YTD	\$5,672
Received in April	\$1,060	Received YTD	\$4,316

## JUNE 2021

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