



Tidings of Joy

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



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The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
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Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

Saturday August 28th

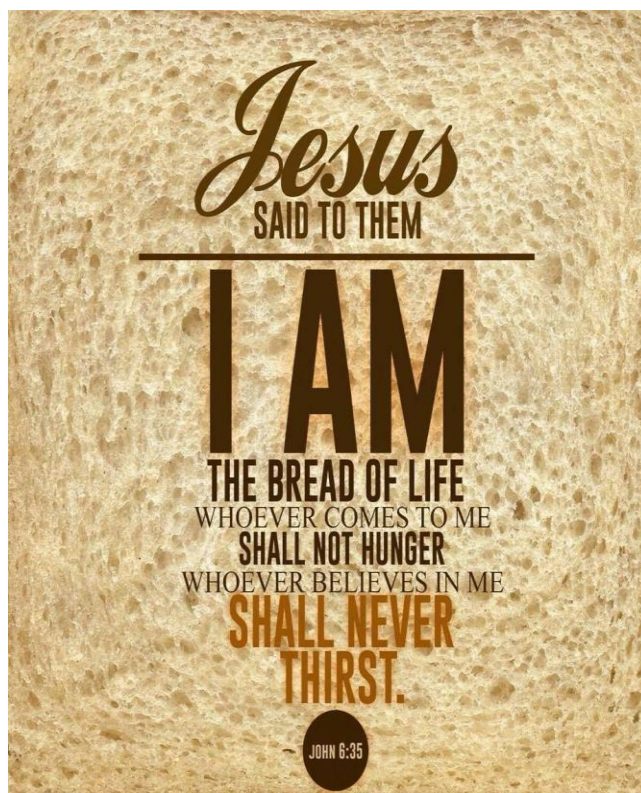
Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)
5:00p.m.

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"How God helps
the
discouraged"

Elijah: A man
just like us

"Don't let the troubles and problems of this world keep you from looking for ways to have God in your life." D.S.

"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 Point
Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

As the 2021-2022 school year opens, we hold in prayer all connected to schools and schooling. Whatever last year's routine and rhythm looked like for them, this year's rhythm and routine will look differently. This is our pandemic pattern, letting go of routines and rhythms. This letting go has caused a range of emotions within us and produced a range of emotions from us. We've had to find new ways of seeing God in our midst.

Where do you now look for God in ways that we didn't look for God pre-pandemic?

Throughout the Scriptures we see how, in various and uncertain times, God's people have had to come to terms with new ways of seeing God, present and active, in our midst. In 1 Kings 19: 11b-13, we find Elijah having a conversation. Elijah is at a low point. Israel's evil king—Ahab—and his queen, Jezebel, have placed a bounty on his head so high that every bounty hunter in the galaxy will be looking for him. Elijah flees, journeying to the holy mountain of God. When Elijah arrives at the mountain, he's already shouldered deep in the valley of defeat, fear, depression, and isolation. Feeling that his life has been one huge waste, Elijah slinks into the cave and looks for God.

Elijah, now exiled, now away from his familiar rhythm and routine, has to look for God in new ways. The word of the Lord comes to Elijah, commanding him to, *"Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."* Exhausted, haggard Elijah, obeys; he looks towards this cave's entrance, where:

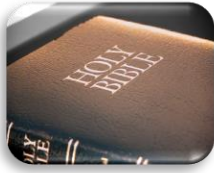
"...there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence."

When Elijah hears that silence, Elijah steps out of this cave to stand before the Lord. God has come to Elijah in a new way—in *sheer silence* (RSV: "still small voice"). In the next verse it says, *"When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave"*

"Where do you now look for God in ways that we didn't look for God pre-pandemic?"

I do not have our answers. But this much I know, to discover our answers, we must be open to looking for God in ways that we didn't pre-pandemic. The dead giveaway for where we'd ought to look for God is in the *sheer silence*, the province of God's "still small voice?"

God bless.
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for August 2021

August 1.....John 6:24-35
August 8.....John 6:35, 41-51
August 15.....John 6:51-58
August 22.....John 6:56-69
August 29...Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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.

Worship and Music

July brought singing and full communion back to Joy and it sure has been nice. I want to thank everyone for their patience in this process. W&M, The Task Force, and Council have prayerfully made decisions to keep us all safe. I know everyone is ready to get back to "Normal"!

As we move forward our committees are meeting again, and additional worship assistance will be needed.

If you have an interest in joining any of our many committees this would be the time to reach out. We have something for everyone! W&M, Altar Guild, WELCA, Men's Group, Property, Finance, Fellowship, Quilting, Knitting and I am sure I have left someone out. They can all need additional help. Find what interests you.

As our worship gets back to "Normal" we will once again need, Ushers, Lectors, Worship Assistance and Projection Operators. Please let Barbara Herndon know if you would like to be added to the rotating list.

Thanks again to everyone for your patience!

Chris Allebaugh

Sunday Morning Announcements

1- Announcements to be printed in Sunday bulletins must be provided to the office on the Wednesday prior to the specific Sunday by 10am. It is very helpful if this comes to the office as an emailed item.

2- Announcements to be verbally given on Sundays must be provided to Pr. Bryant in legible writing prior to the worship service. Memories are imperfect and legibly written announcements provided before the service begins are a huge help.

Thank You,
JDB+

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The first meeting will be August 11, 2021 at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about the committee, please join us on Wednesday.

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions



Experience, Encouragement, Empowerment

Women's Spiritual Retreat - Fall '21
September 17-19, 2021
Theme: Surviving Trauma

Location: Luther Springs Retreat Center, Hawthorne, FL

Pr. Vicki Hamilton will be hosting a "Come to the Well Retreat" in September.
For registration and more information go to the following website:

<http://cometothewelljax.weebly.com/>

DAY CAMP 2021

THEME: "THIS IS OUR PRAYER"

Day Camp 2021 was a big success with approximately 34 children attending.



WATER DAY



EXERCISING



DAY CAMP 2021

IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



END OF DAY PRAYER



FINAL DAY "CIRCLE OF FRIENDS"



Thank you to everyone that volunteered and supported this successful program.

"Daily Bread of Melbourne July 4th Drive"



Our congregation's response to the needs of Daily Bread Melbourne along with a \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent, and \$100 donation from Joy WELCA has made this a great success. Clients of Daily Bread are overjoyed with our efforts to provide needed items for them.

Below is a list & photos of just a few of the items that were either purchased or collected for Daily Bread. They were so happy to receive our gifts. There is much need and we feel warmly blessed by the support of this congregation.

Thank you, Connie S., Millie S., and Rachel Circle for heading up this effort.

DAILY BREAD PURCHASES & DONATIONS

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| Men's underwear (134pr assorted sizes) | Men's jogging pants (1) |
| Men's shorts (9pr) | Men's jeans (1) |
| Men's T-shirts (33) | Man's shirt (1) |
| Men's white socks 12pk (2) | Women's underwear (16pr) |
| Men's dark socks (7pr) | Women's socks |
| Men's boxer shorts (12pr) | Women's shorts (2) |
| Bug spray (10 cans) | Bath towels & washcloths |
| Sunscreen (10 tubes) | Sleeping bags (4) |
| Men's long pants (1) | |



HELPING THE HOMELESS

Thank you, ladies of Joy's WELCA, for the \$100 donation for local outreach. The money was used to purchase four sleeping bags, which were given to Daily Bread of Melbourne.



Daily Bread, Inc.

815 E. Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

Love God. Love Others.



Daily Bread ensures that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. All are welcome at Daily Bread.

You can be a part of this ministry. JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday of each month from 10:45am to 1:00 pm.

Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391), if you would like to help serve.

HYGIENE KITS:

Twelve (12) personal hygiene kits were delivered to DAILY BREAD in **June**

Eighteen (18) personal hygiene kits were delivered to DAILY BREAD in **July**.

The hygiene kits are made up of: shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions, deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors, sanitary pads, wash cloths, lip balm, bug spray and sunscreen

All items that make up these kits have been donated by members of our congregation and assembled by Rachel Circle. Donations are always needed, as this is an ongoing project.

Thank you for your support.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday August 7th, 2017, 8:00am - 9:30am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

NOTE: WELCA and “Men of Joy” both have meetings on Saturday following the Pancake Breakfast. So, come for the breakfast and then go to your meeting.

TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

The school supply campaign ran from June 27th through July 25th, and was a success. Thank you so much for your generosity.

\$824.00 from congregation donations

\$482.00 from the Turner Needy School Fund (30pr of socks & underwear were purchased with this.)

\$250.00 from Thrivent

Total \$1,456.00

Plus, a few members of the congregation also gave actual school supply items.

The 2021-2022 School Year begins August 10th.
Please remember this outreach 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.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday, August 17th @ 11:15, Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine.

Note the change from 4th Tuesday to 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: August 7, 2021 – 8:00 am - 9:30 am, \$6.00, please sign up in narthex.

MEN of JOY: Meeting after Pancake Breakfast.

WELCA Meeting: August 7, 2021 @ 10:00, all women of congregation are invited.

YOUNG at HEART: Young at Heart will not be meeting in August, but will return in September.

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

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, outside under canopies.



Eighteen (18) personal hygiene kits were delivered to **Daily Bread of Melbourne** in July. Thank you for your support in this monthly project. Daily Bread Health Kits: miscellaneous items 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, bug spray and sunscreen



TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

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Bible Study: Summer 2021: Just love, Part 3–Just L.I.F.E. Session 3 (August) explores “Just Hope,” looks at our role as the body of Christ. How are we called to be co-creators with God in transforming our communities into a more just society? Filled with resurrection hope, we’ll look to the prophet Ezekiel and his miraculous encounter in the valley of dry bones, and we’ll share how God’s amazing activity continues to unfold in our own lives.

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

"I may have all the faith needed to move mountains

but if I have no love, I am nothing."

Corinthians 13:2b GNT

Women of the ELCA 2021 Fall Gathering (All Women are Invited)

Hosted by the Florida-Bahamas Women
of the ELCA
November 12-14, 2021 • Leesburg, FL

Registration forms (writable PDF) are now available online at www.flwelca.com, for you to copy and share, or to submit via mail or email to our conference registrar, Diane Cummings, at sworegistrar1@gmail.com.

Online registration will be available soon.

Visit the website for workshop titles, descriptions, and presenters.

Did you know that we have a scholarship program for the Fall Gathering?

We know it's not always easy being you. We don't want you to choose between paying for prescriptions, groceries, or daycare and being in fellowship and worship with your sisters in Christ. Learn more about SHARE THE SPIRIT at www.flwelca.com.



Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
Leesburg, FL

Registration fee - \$45.00
Room/Meals (double occupancy) - \$179.00

Registration deadline August 31, 2021

Monthly Church Council Report

July 26, 2021 Church Council Meeting Highlights

The Church Council meeting was held on Monday July 26, 2021 at 7:00pm IN PERSON at Joy Lutheran Church

The Property Committee presented their report on our Annual Fire Inspection. The following are the Actions REQUIRED for Joy to comply to Fire Regulations.

1. And approved "R" symbol sign to be placed outside of the main entrance and on the newest shed.
2. Fire extinguishers are to be mounted to a wall.
3. Purchase and install a Knox Box and be keyed to Palm Bay Florida Fire Department.
4. Install a lockout of the fire alarm circuit breakers.
5. Restore emergency lights back to working conditions throughout the building

On Friday July 23rd the Property Committee started the process of addressing the issues.

1. The "R" signs were posted.
2. The Sanctuary emergency lights were repaired and tested. (new batteries).
3. The wall receptacle in the Secretary's office was covered.
4. The holes in the air conditioner room were covered and sealed.

The Council approved to end the Drive thru communion as of Sunday August 1st

Due to Al Kongsjord having COVID-19, the Council voted to cancel Pilgrim Journey on Saturday July 31st.

Council approved moving the Church Council meetings from Monday nights to Wednesday nights beginning with the August 18th meeting at 7:00pm IN PERSON

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Maenpaa, Church Council President

Property Committee

The interior painting of the church has taken a back seat to some urgent projects, and some much-needed breaks by members of the committee.

The repairs to the parking lot also made us miss two weeks of work as we wanted to make sure that no one would accidentally drive in the open areas or in the fresh poured concrete.

As we were getting ready to resume our project, the fire department came and inspected the building. This inspection has now pushed our projects back two more weeks, as we will need to address the issues to be corrected as the result of the inspection.

Once we have completed the needed repairs and corrective actions, we will resume the painting of the interior rooms of the church, and get back to keeping the grounds in good order in an effort to prevent the weeds and brush from overtaking the property once again.

The blooming flowers around the Memorial Garden are truly a great testament to the tireless efforts of the Garden Committee and their hard work. We can all be grateful for their continued hard work and effort.

Erik U. Mäenpää

Young at Heart❤

Young at Heart" will be NOT be meeting in August. But, will resume meeting in September.

Contact Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 for additional information. Hope to see you in September!!!

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 **September 2021 Tidings no later than August 26th.**

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.



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

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.

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, or 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



August Birthday Blessings

08/14	Charlotte Abrahams
08/18	Marion Bauman
08/21	John Burdick
08/22	Peggy Marion
08/22	Jim Parker
08/22	Robert Runk
08/23	Terry Embrey
08/23	Gary Krause
08/23	Elaine Heine
08/23	Emily Walton
08/29	Ruth Laumer

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 - June 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted YTD	\$88,860
Received in June	\$13,280	Received YTD	\$74,262
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted YTD	\$8,508
Received in June	\$1,226	Received YTD	\$7,618

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	8:00am – 9:30am Pancake Brkfst WELCA & "Men of Joy" have mtgs following.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Work Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:15am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg		8:30am Property Work Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	5:00pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.