



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 September 25th

Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)
5:30p.m.

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Take Up Your Cross

Mark 8:27-38

& Come Follow Me

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus foretells His death and Resurrection and teaches about who will be the greatest in God's kingdom



And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"
Mark 4:9 (NRSV)

"Office Hours: Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Point
Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends in Christ---

The Lord be with you.

As was announced August 22nd by Church Council President, Marjorie Mäenpää, JOY is the recipient of a substantial windfall from the late Connie Thorman. Church Council is faithfully working to see that the gift is stewarded in such a way that it continues to do the work of ministry for years to come. After all, that was the intent of the giver.

Permit me to share the backstory of the gift. Three-ish years ago, I encouraged presenters to come to JOY for the purpose of discussing legacy gifts. The first presenter was Erin Long, a Thrivent representative. The second was Pr. Ana Lugo, a gift planner from the ELCA Foundation. Connie attended both sessions. At the session led by Pr. Ana, I mentioned how my wife's uncle Hugh had donated a tract of land (that he'd won in a poker game) to his home congregation. The gift was Uncle Hugh's legacy that empowered the congregation to move to another level of faithful ministry and mission because it no longer expended so much energy managing anxieties about finance.

Although she really liked the story of how land won in a Texas poker game had found its way into financing Florida ministry, Connie thought that these sessions were a poor use of time. In fact, she told me outright, "Pastor, these would have been great thirty years back, but now most of us at JOY have our estates and wills all figured out." Perhaps she was right, yet I ask you, "are such things truly fixed in stone?" That was my question back to Connie.

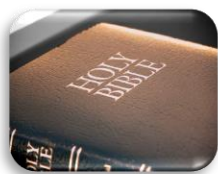
I bring this up to you for the purpose of raising awareness. Many of us know what it is like to live on a fixed income, to live paycheck to paycheck. Isn't that often stressful? Doesn't that cause us to feel insecure? What if I were to tell you that this is how it goes with congregations, too?

That last line in the paragraph immediately above was a topic that Connie Thorman and I pondered a great deal. Ultimately, we talked about how, if people in congregations were to purchase inexpensive life insurance policies (and other such products), making their congregation the beneficiary of those policies, they leave a gift that continues to do the ministry that they loved during life. This smart stewardship technique moves congregations from paycheck to paycheck living into the more nourishing space of dreaming about God's preferred future for the congregation and its ministries.

Such thinking is what inspired Connie to be generous and faithful, in life to be sure, yet also in death. Her example is one many can follow, not everyone, of course, yet many. Faithful stewardship is what we're talking about here.

Thanks for your time and attention. God bless you. Stay well. And, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story."

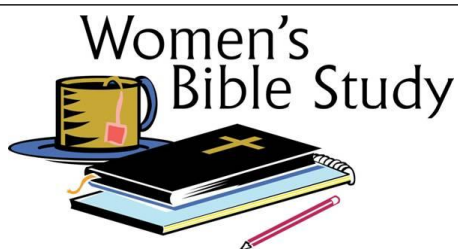
Peace---
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for September 2021

September 5.....Mark 7:24-37
September 12.....Mark 8:27-38
September 19.....Mark 9:30-37
September 21.....Matthew 9:9-13
(St. Matthew Evangelist)
September 26.....Mark 9:38-50



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 21 @ 11:30-11:45 a.m.**

Study "The Gift of the Spirit". Track the Holy Spirit's actions in the Bible.

Dorcas Circle Quilters, please stay for Bible Study after quilting

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+



Effective as of now, face masks **are required** for all those gathering for indoor services. Exceptions are made for medical reasons.

Every thirty days, church council will reevaluate our situation.

St. Paul says to the Christians in Rome, *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."* (Romans 12:12-13)

Church Council Highlights August 18, 2021

Message from The Church Council President

The Church Council meet On August 18th at 7:00pm IN PERSON at the church. The purpose of this meeting was to decide how to handle the church service during the increase of COVID-19. It was decided that masks will be REQUIRED, singing will continue but WITH masks being worn and communion will be wafer and the individual cups. This procedure will continue for 30 days. After 30 days the Council will decide if we stay the course or make additional changes.

Also, I announced that Joy Lutheran Church received a Gift from Connie Thorman's estate. Connie had taken out an insurance policy naming Joy Lutheran Church as the sole beneficiary. The amount of this wonderful gift is \$270,434.05.

The Executive Committee of the Church Council have been working since February, talking and meeting with different financial planners to give us advice on the best way to invest this gift. Once we have a plan that we think will be the best for Joy, we will present the plan to the Congregation for approval or disapproval. I will keep the congregation updated as we continue to find the best plan for Joy.

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Mäenpää
Council President

Reopening Task Force

The Task Force met on August 12th. to review the latest recommendations by the CDC and the recommendations from the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

Based on this information the Task Force made the following recommendations to the Church Council.

- Return to wearing masks indoors
- Singing only the Liturgy
- Return to wafer only Communion
- Returning to serving only coffee at fellowship following service

These are only recommendations from the Committee, subject to approval by the Church Council.

Erik Mäenpää

Property Committee

The property Committee has been working on repairs to correct the deficiencies found during the recent fire inspection of JOY Main building and the large shed. All the repairs required to bring the property in compliance with the Palm Bay Fire Code have been completed and following a subsequent inspection, the corrections were approved by the Fire Inspector.

The only item not approved was the opening behind the large air handling units at the back of the Wollom-Jackson room. This could not be repaired as the issue was being reviewed by both the Palm Bay Building Code and Fire Code staff. Once the issue of the code violation was resolved it was turned over to Next Air people, who performed the work on the new units. According to the staff at Next Air, the work was done according to code and inspected and passed by both the Fire department and Building Code Inspector. We are now waiting for the decision by the Palm Bay Code Office to determine what if anything else needs to be done.

We were anticipating the installation of the new front doors, however due to some issues with incorrect materials and wrong measurements, the doors could not be installed. We are now hoping that the doors will be installed by the first week of December.

After some desperate search for needed building plans by the insurance appraisal person, we decided to have a complete set of all plans for JOY digitized and stored on cloud server for future reference and safe keeping.

The Council approved the plans proposed by the Worship and Music Committee to build a cabinet to store the church paraments in a wide cabinet allowing the items to be stored flat. Work has begun on the cabinets and will be installed in the sacristy as they are completed.

Erik Maenpaa



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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday October 2nd, 2021
(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.

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH Joint WELCA and Men's Group

White Elephant Sale

November 6, 2021
(9:00am - 2:00pm)



All donations for White Elephant sale are welcomed (no clothing items).



JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH. 2021

JOY Lutheran Church
3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E.
PALM BAY FL 32909

Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa (321)327-8400
Email: marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

9 AM- 2 PM

CRAFT SHOW

SILENT AUCTION

AND

BAKE SALE

FALL AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS

HOME DECORATIONS

HOME MADE BAKED GOODS

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE

HOT DOGS, SODA, CHIPS,
DONUTS, and COFFEE
FOR SALE

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WELCA
(WOMEN OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF AMERICA)

Daily Bread, Inc.

815 E. Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL

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. Remember, JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391) if you would like to volunteer with this ministry.

Daily Bread is located at: 815 E Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901

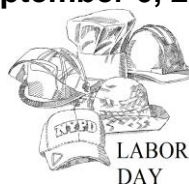
August Update



Sixteen (16) personal hygiene kits were put together and taken to **DAILY BREAD** in August. 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.

Donations this month to DB also consisted of socks, men's shorts, blanket, women's underwear, women's hygiene products and a box of MANY T-shirts. Thank You ☺

September 6, 2021



Labor Day is a special day. Even though it is not a religious celebration, we give thanks to all those that; provide care for the sick, produce food for our tables, and manufacture goods for our use.

Especially in these days, we pray for all workers, that they will always have a worthy job, and for those that are seeking work, that they might find suitable employment.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday, September 21 @ 11:40-11:45, New Bible Study “The Gift of the Spirit”

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

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

WELCA Meeting: October 2, 2021 @ 10:00

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: October 2, 2021 @ 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

YOUNG AT HEART: on hold due to Covid

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., Nov. 6, 2021, outside under canopies



September 26 deadline for all gift baskets for Silent auction to be displayed in the church beginning the first Sunday in Oct. Baskets will be outside under the portico for the festival. Gift cards and artwork for Silent Auction and/or baskets would be appreciated.

Vendors wanted –Fall& Christmas items - crafts – contact Marjorie @321-327-8400

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be September 8, 2021 at 11:00am.

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

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions

Congratulations to Alexis Woods who received her Eagle Scout Rank July 10th, 2021.

Alexis' Eagle Project- The Eagles Wing



Alexis' Eagle Service Project was done at Baby Girl Horse Rescue and Veteran Therapy Ranch in Fellsmere, FL. Alexis led her project over 3 weekends to build a shelter, the rescue will use this shelter as an Intake shelter for new patient arrivals. Baby Girl Horse Rescue and Veteran Therapy Ranch- does just what its name says it does. They rescue large animals and these animals help Veterans and those with anxiety disorders in so many ways. This is a place where the People and the Animals rescue each other.



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.

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.



Registration is now open for the

2021 Fall Gathering Faith Can Move Mountains

November 12-14, 2021 in Lake Yale
Registration deadline is August 31

Two ways to register:

- Online OR
- Download PDF registration forms to share with friends and/or mail (with payment) to the conference registrar

Visit www.flwelca.com for more information on workshops and to learn more about how we are working to ensure participants' health and welfare will be protected.

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
Leesburg, FL

Registration fee - \$45.00

Room/Meals (double occupancy) - \$179.00

For registration Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391)

Young at Heart♥

"Young at Heart" will tentatively be meeting on Thursday **September 16th, 2021 at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert).

IMPORTANT: Plans may change due to COVID-19 restrictions. So, please contact Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 for additional information. Hope to see you there!!!

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 **October 2021 Tidings no later than September 27th**.

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

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

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.

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



September Birthday Blessings

09/05 Haley Herndon
 09/10 Barbara Sparks
 09/13 Erik Maenpaa
 09/22 Dennis Baudek
 09/23 Arno Kuehnhold
 09/27 Donna Burdick

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 - July 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted thru July	\$103,670
Received in July	\$8,739	Received thru July	\$83,001
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted thru July	\$9,926
Received in July	\$1,015	Received thru July	\$8,633

SEPTEMBER 2021

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