



Tidings of Joy

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



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October 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 October 30th

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

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321-951-0166

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www.joylutheranelca.com



"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 prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Point
Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

We are together as pastor and people for almost four years now, which is to say, “Pr. Bryant is due for a sabbatical.” The ELCA and the Florida-Bahamas Synod encourage sabbaticals for rostered leaders every three to four ministry years. Pr. Bryant’s sabbatical is one month long. It was penciled in for October 2022 yet will likely occur in July 2022.

A sabbatical, from the Hebrew for to rest/to cease, is no vacation; it’s time to reconnect with life’s most important parts, such as sense of call. It is stepping away from professional religious life to spend time focusing on a pastor’s personal religious life. A sabbatical is time that God consecrates in which Pr. Bryant rests, disengages, studies, explores, reconnects with family, reflects, and prays.

This sabbatical’s intent is that Pr. Bryant returns to JOY refreshed and renewed, ready to move into the next portion of our life together. Sabbatical activities for Pr. Bryant keep changing due to the pandemic. The hope is that some portion is spent in a silent retreat.

During the sabbatical, together with a supply pastor, the church council will see that JOY runs smoothly. A supply pastor will handle 100% of the responsibilities that Pr. Bryant handles, including emergency on-calls, funerals, weddings, etc.

A sabbatical invests in the common future of pastor and congregation. Pastors stay vital, both spiritually and professionally. Healthy pastors enhance the life and ministry of their congregations.

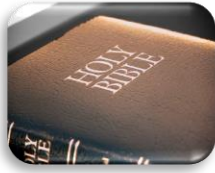
During the sabbatical, congregations often experience change or refreshment. People gain confidence in their leadership abilities. Lay leadership can be expanded in new and creative ways. The congregation has opportunity to experience new voices and see ministry from different, expansive perspectives.

Full compensation and benefits, excluding travel reimbursement, for Pr. Bryant will continue through the sabbatical. Pr. Bryant applied for a grant, but the grant was not funded due to the volume of applications. Pr. Bryant will use continuing education funds to address sabbatical expenses. All remaining expenses are covered by Pr. Bryant. Pulpit supply and mileage are covered by the budget’s supply line item.

During the sabbatical neither Pr. Bryant nor the congregation are to be in contact. How come? Because sabbaticals are time away from congregational and pastoral ministry. The supply pastor will reach out to Pr. Bryant in the unexpected nature of an event that this becomes necessary.

God is up to good things in sabbaticals.

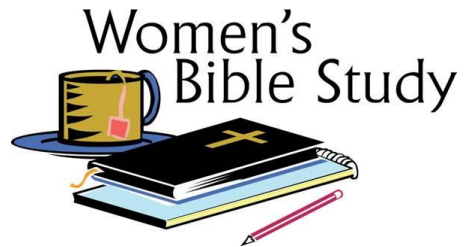
Peace, JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for October 2021

October 3.....Mark 2:1-16
October 10.....Mark 10:17-31
October 17.....Mark 10:35-45
October 24.....Mark 10:46-52
October 31.....Mark 12:28-34



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on **Tuesday, October 19th @ 11:45 a.m.**

Study "The Gift of the Spirit". Session 2
"Breath of God".

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 and events. 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)

Highlights of the September 15, 2021 Church Council Meeting

Upon recommendations from the Worship and Music Committee it was decided to keep the church service as it is for now. The Council will review the situation again next month.

The Property Committee presented two action items for approval. One was to replace the hot water heater in the kitchen and the other was to allow Life Care Screening to use our building in January 2022. Both items were approved

Over the past several months the Executive Committee have been meeting with various Financial Investment firms to decide the best way to invest our "Gift". They met with our representative from Thrivent, Pastor Ana Lugo from the ELCA Foundation and Rosita Cotton from Financial Cornerstone Group.

Upon recommendations from the Executive Committee, the Church Council has decided to invest our "Gift" with Rosita Cotton of the Financial Cornerstone Group. The reason the Executive Committee made that recommendation was because they made the best presentation. They explained all our options, answered all our questions and gave us the best advice.

For the purpose of insurance, for cost replacement of Joy Lutheran Church, the church council decided to have the church property appraised.

Vice President Don Heine contacted Bonnie Sue Bedell of Worthy & Company Real Estate Appraisals and Consulting Services to do the appraisal. The appraisal for replacement cost Code Compliant came in at \$838,874.00 and is subject to Special Limiting Conditions. We are checking with Joy's insurance company and several other insurance companies to see if we need to increase our coverage.

In a sad note, Don Heine, church council Vice President has resigned. Don was a great asset to the council during our sessions with the Financial Advisors. He knew the questions to ask and helped us with our decision. Don was very supportive of the work the Executive Committee and the Church Council did.

On behalf of the Church Congregation and the Church Council I would like to thank Don for serving as the Vice President of Joy's Church Council.

The next Council meeting is October 20, 2021 @ 7:00pm at Joy Lutheran Church

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Maenpaa
Church Council President

How About Those New Front Entry Doors?

Thank you to Erik Mäenpää and the property committee for following through with this project.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Breeden and company for the construction of the doors. Also, had it not been for Jim's **generous stewardship**, the cost would have been **significantly more!**



“A RESPONSE OF FAITH”

(Stewardship - An Act of Faith)



When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life. Stewardship is a grateful response in faith to the Lord's invitation, *“Go, sell what you have; give to the poor ... and come, follow me”* (Mark 10:21).

October has traditionally been Stewardship Month at our church. Our theme is **“A Response of Faith”**. This year again, we find ourselves fighting a virus and trying to keep our budget in line, while still serving others. What could be a better time to talk about our faith?” Christian Stewards of faith do what they ought to do. They follow Jesus and trust the Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit to guide their heart, mind, hands, lips, and feet into humble service in Christ's name.

It's not the amount of faith that matters; it's in whom we place our faith, and what we then do in response to that. Think of what the Lord requires in Micah 6:8, to *“do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”* What is your Response of Faith?

Leave a Legacy of Love



It was Connie Thorman's faith that encouraged her to leave a legacy of love.

“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.” (2 Timothy 1:14)

Jesus calls us to take hold of our tiny faith and trust that God is still at work in the world doing new things all the time, even as we witness congregations in decline, shrinking budgets, and more and more competition for our time, resources, and attention. Our job is to keep on doing this thing we call faithful discipleship. After all, it's not about us; it's all about what God has done and continues to do in our lives. When we steward the gifts, the abundance, and even the tiny bit of faith to which we cling, it is enough—and then some. This good news, we must preach it, teach it, and model it for those that serve. Just do it. Do it in Jesus' name.

God wants us to share our abundance. Stewardship Sunday, this year, is October 10th. Unfortunately, not everyone will be able to or feel that they can attend, due to COVID-19. Therefore, a letter and pledge card will be mailed out to you. I pray that you will continue to be generous in your offerings/pledge for this coming year.

David Steinhorst

WELCA Dorcas Circle quilts that will be bid on for future funding of LWR quilts & Turner school.



This quilt measures 80" by 90" and can be placed on top of either a double bed or a queen mattress. Barbara Christian designed the quilt top, Ruth Holm, MaryAnn Jones, and Winnie Hall completed it by placing the white backing on it and the special filler that will make it extra warm & cozy.



This quilt measures 60" by 90" and is beautifully decorated with Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. It has a black backing and a red border. This is considered a "twin" size

Both these quilts will have minimum bids that will be accepted unless someone bids higher! The winning final It is worth a lot more than the minimum bid, that will cover the cost of materials bought by Dorcas Circle.



This quilt is a "snuggle quilt" which is 56" by 56", just perfect for a school age child. The quilt was designed by Mary Ruth Rodel and the basket art supplies were gathered & donated by Thea Toussant. Around the border, there are machine stitched butterflies! It will be placed in a special Artists Basket along with new purchased children's art supplies. The backing is a solid gray.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) –3rd Tuesday, @11:45, Oct. 19th - Bible Study “The gift of the Holy Spirit”

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

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: No pancake breakfast in October.

WELCA Meeting: October 2, 2021 @ 10:00, all women of congregation are invited.

YOUNG AT HEART: Will not meet in October.

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

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER EVENTS

October 2: Displaying quilts for Sunday worship service

October 2: Setting up baskets for silent auction

October 3: Silent auction begins

October 3: Blessing of the Quilts at worship service



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL /CRAFT SALE & SILENT AUCTION- Sat., Nov. 6, 2021, outside under canopies and joint Men’s Group & WELCA White Elephant Sale



36 personal hygiene kits to DAILY BREAD in September - 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, chapstick or lip balm, bug spray and sunscreen



Ensuring no one faces hunger or homelessness alone.

Vision: to assure that no one goes hungry, no food is wasted in our community, and no one is denied the opportunity or assistance to become self-sufficient.

Daily Bread is more than a “soup kitchen.” Daily Bread, Inc. ensures that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. More than 30 years – empowering, supporting and assisting those confronting financial challenges to become self-sufficient. Rather than a “hand-out”, a “hand -up” is offered. Feeding the hungry and the homeless is an important part of what is done at Daily Bread, but is *not all* that is done. Individuals – through a comprehensive array of programs and services – navigate their way to self-sufficiency.

All are welcome at Daily Bread. You can be a part of this ministry. JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m. to help serve a hot meal. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391). Daily Bread is located at: 815 E Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901.



A “Big Thank You” goes out to Pastor Norm Holm (Ruth Holm’s son) and Calvary Chapel congregants, for their generous donation of supplies in support of the hygiene kits that our ladies put together for Daily Bread. The clients at Daily Bread will be very appreciative of this donation.

The donation consisted of approximately 50+ each of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, etc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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).

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast has been
cancelled for October.

Young at Heart ❤️

"Young at Heart" **will not** be
meeting in October.



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)



Just a Reminder

Every week our Organists, Steve and Judy spend their time putting together the music and practicing that music for The Prelude.

The Prelude is actually the beginning of the Service. It is the time for the congregation to prepare for the Worship Service.

Let's be respectful during this time and keep our fellowship time to before and after the service.

Chris Allebaugh

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 13, 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



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)

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 **November 2021 Tidings no later than October 25th.**

Email David Steinhorst
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.

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.



*Thank You
So Much!*

I want to thank everyone for the cards, emails, thoughts and prayers during my June Birthday.

Also, thank you for the cards, emails, calls and prayers for the illness I have been and still am dealing with.

Blessings,
Kathleene Hagen

all our Joy Family:

It was appreciated
more than you know.

The Kemmure Family
Bill, Peggy, Matthew,
Beverly & Maxwell

Thank You All for helping to
organize our daughter Heather's funeral
service. Your gracious spirit &
kindness throughout the days brought
our family comfort. We will always
remember the expressions of love &
support you all shared.

Pastor Joyce Gulliford ~

Thank you for leading Heather's
service with such grace, kindness,
and compassion. We were truly
touched by your service. You are
a reflection of God's love & our family
appreciates you ♥

Pastor J.D. Bryant ~

Thank you for sending Pastor Joyce
in your absence & lifting our family up
in prayer. Your video & messages helped
to give us hope & strength at this most
difficult time.

Denny & Jackie ~

We couldn't have made it without
you both. You continue to be a source
of strength for us. You are both a
wonderful example of God's love. To put
it simply - we love you both & your
continued friendship. In Peace Peggy & Bill

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



October Birthday Blessings

10/02	Norman Barmen
10/10	Steve Pooran
10/14	William Stremel
10/14	Mark Walton
10/16	Lori Embrey
10/18	Elizabeth Planding
10/23	Gary Sherman
10/28	Helga Courtney
10/30	Joy Sorensen

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 - August 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted thru August	\$118,480
Received in August	\$11,785	Received thru August	\$94,786
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted thru August	\$11,344
Received in August	\$1,292	Received thru August	\$9,925

OCTOBER 2021

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