



Tidings of Joy



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

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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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EPIPHANY January 6, 2022



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Pastor's Point
Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends---

Christ is born! Alleluia!

As we enjoy the 12-day season that is Christmas, what is naggingly on mind is the notion of "room." I suppose this is because of the Gospel readings that speak of not enough "room" at the inn for the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph, and soon-to-be-born Jesus.

As we ended Ordinary Time, then entered Advent, I became increasingly aware of the room at our inn---the inn that is the JOY sanctuary. Several times it became a challenge for us to manage the room in our inn so that we could faithfully and effectively do the ministry and mission of Jesus. Pained voices were raised. Some said, "This thing shouldn't be here." Some said, "Why can't that thing be back in the shed." Some asked, "Why can't this thing be here all year?" No matter what the "thing" in question happened to be, the challenge always seemed to point to not enough room in the inn for God's holy family to be about the business of God's Holy Family. What may sound like complaints to some, your pastor believes to be growing pains. Not all growth is a matter of numbers, sometimes it's a matter of ministry needs. We must make room for ministry needs to be met just as we make room for others to have seats.

In 1991, a JOY pastor mentioned this challenge in a newsletter article. In 2018, a JOY pastor stood to mention this challenge from the sanctuary's center aisle. In 2022, this JOY pastor is raising it again. In 2018, Pr. Ludder stood in the center aisle and said, "Build a building." What if Pr. Ludder is right, or at least partially right? What if the pains we experience as complaints are signs that God invites us to address our not enough room at the inn challenge?

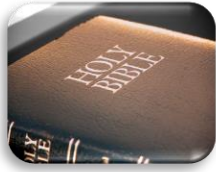
When we have pains, we complain, don't we? And, if we are wise, we don't address our complaints, do we? Instead, we address the root cause, right? It's time for us to move into JOY's next chapter by addressing our not enough room at the inn challenge. We have the pains already. We have the complaints already. Doesn't that mean that what we now need is to address the root cause and to be cured?

Speaking of which, your pastor is in pain. I have tried to complain very little because I wanted attention focused elsewhere, not on me. Still, I am in pain, a sesamoid sprain in my left foot that first happened back in August. I have tried to heal by staying off my feet, by wearing orthotic sneakers, and by keeping my left foot elevated when seated. Of course, I do not do this during worship, then, I crunch ibuprofen, balance on my right foot, and quickly head into my office to get off my feet. This sprain has not healed. It gets better, then I re-injure by being on my feet.

This is how come I am taking 3 weeks off after Christmas. This is also how come our council president has been lovingly, emphatically urging people not to reach out to me while I am away. She knows that this sprain untreated, can quickly move to surgery if matters are not addressed faithfully. The same is true of our not enough room at the inn challenge. It can move from pesky to acute.

When I return, hopefully with two good feet, let's make a 2022 priority seeing that our holy family has sufficient room at the inn for the Holy Family, and for all the Child empowers this holy family to be and to do.

JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for January 2022

January 2..... Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

or

Luke 2:41-52

or

Matthew 2:1-12

January 9..... Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16.... John 2:1-11

January 23.... Luke 4:14-21

January 30.... Luke 4:21-30



PRELUDE



Thank You. Steve and Judy, for the wonderful music that you provide for the prelude.

Preludes and postludes over time have become an integral offering and part of our worship, a time of centering ourselves in God and God's goodness.

The prelude, the first act of worship, sets the tone for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to gather, to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other. It should be understood that the prelude is not just pretty (or loud!) background music, but music that is selected with the specific intent of inviting people into worship.

A musical prelude provides a way of entering into a more meditative, receptive mood to examine our hearts as we prepare for worship.

Worship and Music

JOY always looks so beautiful for our Christmas Eve Service. Whether you were able to attend in person or enjoyed it from home through our streaming service, I hope it brought you a smile and brought happiness to you as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

It took a lot of hands to get it all together. I thank each and every one of you!

It will be interesting to see what 2022 will bring. I pray that COVID numbers continue to decline, and we start to see more members back at JOY. We miss those we haven't seen in 1 ½ years!

Because we have had a limited number attending services, we have had the same small group of people covering all the service opportunities that we have. Let me know if you are interested in helping with any of the following.....Lector, Communion Assistant, Worship Leader, Counters, Screen Operator, Fellowship, or Altar Guild. We could all use the help. It would be greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone a Blessed New Year and pray that we move closer to the time we can all worship together again.

Chris Allebaugh



**WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
Tuesday, January 18 @ 11:30 a.m.
Bible Study "The Kingdom of God"**

The kingdom of God: What does it mean for God to be in charge?
by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell

New Testament scholar Mark Allan Powell looks at a widely used biblical image and invites us into a discussion of what it might mean for Lutheran women today. The phrase "kingdom of God" and similar expressions turn up repeatedly in sayings of Jesus, so understanding what that expression means helps us to make sense of numerous parables and popular Bible passages (including the Lord's Prayer). There may be some surprises: the phrase refers to an activity, not a location—and it has nothing to do with God being a "king," at least so far as that image suggests a (usually male) tyrant who gives orders and dominates the lives of his subjects. Powell is author of the world's best-selling New Testament textbook and editor of the *Harper-Collins Bible Dictionary*.

Session #1: Beautiful feet: Announcing the reign of God – The prophet Isaiah said, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who announces, "Your God reigns!" No one has ever fit the description better than Jesus, who talked more about the reign of God than he did about anything else. We will ask, what would it mean for God to be in charge of our lives? And why would that be good news?



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

**January 30, 2022
~11:30 a.m.
(Following the Service)**



Effective as of now, face masks are **OPTIONAL** for all those gathering for indoor services and events.

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 December Church Council Meeting

The Church Council met on Monday December 20, 2021 at the church to discuss the proposed 2022 Annual Budget. After thoughtful review and consideration, the Council approved the Proposed Budget. The Budget will now go before the Congregation at the annual Congregational Meeting for final approval.

The Church Council approved the recommendation that the Church Secretary, Brenda Godson, take on the responsibility of Financial Secretary. Brenda will officially take on this position, as well as the Church Secretary, beginning January 2022.

Discussion was held if it is necessary to make any changes to our worship service due to the new Virus. It was decided to continue as is, unless the CDC, Synod, State of Florida or our insurance company make any new recommendations. This will be reviewed again in 30 days or before if necessary.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 30th following the Church Service. ALL Committee reports are due NO later than January 10th. If not received by January 10th, the reports will not be included in the annual report.

The Council also discussed the Council vacancies for the 2022 year. Positions needed to be filled are: 3 - (2 year) terms and 2- (1 year) terms. Anyone with questions about these positions or interest in running for one of these positions, please contact Council President Marjorie Maenpaa.

As a reminder Pastor Bryant will be on vacation for three weeks starting December 26th. Pastor Karen Leedal will be preaching the 3 Sunday's that Pastor Bryant will be away. Coverage for any other needs is also covered. The Council asks that NO PHONE CALLS, TEXTS, or EMAILS be sent to Pastor while he is on vacation to allow him time with family, and to rest and relax. If anyone has any questions or needs or concerns contact Council President, Marjorie Maenpaa

The Church Council wishes everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Mäenpää
Council President

MEMORIAL BRICKS



SAMPLE BRICK

If you are interested in having a memorial brick included in the Memorial Garden located on the east side of our property, order forms are available in the Narthex.

Note: The cost of each brick has increased to \$25.



WELCA and Social Ministry would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Present Campaign for the Needy Students at Turner Elementary School, Our Angel Tree. It was a big success. The gifts were delivered and well received by the school administration.



Once Again JOY is Hosting Life Line Screening at JOY
January 24th, 2022 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Five Preventive Health Screenings for the following Diseases:

Carotid Artery Disease:

an ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.²

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

an ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation (AFIB):

an electrocardiogram (ECG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for irregular heartbeat. AFIB can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.³

Osteoporosis Risk:

an ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

NOTE: The cost is \$139.00 for the five screenings. The priority code to use when calling to set up the appointment is; HSOC001. All testing is done by appointment only.

TO REGISTER CALL (877)792-8480



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

JANUARY 8, 2022 – ANNUAL WELCA MEETING: 10:00am please come, all ladies of JOY are welcome. Election of new officers and setting agenda for 2022.

APRIL 23, 2020 – Space Coast Conference Spring Gathering at Our Saviors', Vero Beach, Florida. There will be more information to come.

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Eve Circle (Bible Study) -3rd Tuesday, 11:30am, Jan. 18 - NEW Bible Study: The Kingdom of God

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

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



We provided 30 personal hygiene kits to DAILY BREAD in December.

Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) of Calvary Chapel has very generously contributed multiple items for kits. Thank you, Pr. Holm, and thank you JOY members who have contributed items & helped make up kits.

This month we also provided 32 knitted/crocheted hats & 6 knitted/crocheted scarves, as well as laundry pods needed for laundry services & for clients of Daily Bread.

Needs for DAILY BREAD Health/Hygiene 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. Also, laundry pods are needed for laundry services & for clients.

Property Committee

Since the Property Committee started to handle the lawn maintenance, the bulk of the current projects have been placed on hold.

The new cabinets for the paraments were installed in the sacristy and are ready for use by the Altar Guild. James Collins completed the fabrication and installation with help from his grandson and members of the committee.

The annual Christmas decorations were placed in the sanctuary and the large JOY sign was installed on the South East lawn.

The broken rings of the Jungle Gym were replaced and the equipment is again complete.

The slow mechanical hard drive in the Hewlett Packard laptop, in the Sanctuary, was replaced with a new solid-state drive improving the efficiency of the computer.

Erik Mäenpää

“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 \$190 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and delivery of the backpacks.

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be January 12, 2022 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

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 **February 2022 Tidings no later than January 26th.**

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"

Participate if you feel so led. Don't participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



NOTE: Your information needs to be updated annually. Scheduling for "auto-pay" & "auto-draft" is only good for 12 months.

Daily Bread, Inc.

815 E. Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL



More than a soup kitchen
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 each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m.

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

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:

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary: Linda Kratzer (temp.)

Council Members at Large:

Sue Getter

Barbara Herndon

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Joy Peters



January Birthday Blessings

- 01/04 Raymond Shaffer
- 01/07 Violet Chin
- 01/15 Winnie Hall
- 01/17 Tina Boichot
- 01/17 Peggy Kemmerer
- 01/19 Ruth Holm
- 01/19 Jackie Mertens
- 01/22 Chad Arner
- 01/30 Haylee Tolley

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 - October 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted thru October	\$148,100
Received in October	\$12,461	Received thru October	\$115,395
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted thru October	\$14,180
Received in October	\$1,629	Received thru October	\$13,117

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						New Year Day 1
2	3	4	5	Epiphany 6	7	8
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	10am WELCA Annual Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Work Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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	
30	31	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Worship Annual Meeting Following Worship						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.