



# Tidings of Joy

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



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**3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909**

**February 2022**

## Staff

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor  
Steven K. Weiss – Organist  
Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

## Worship Time(s):

### **Sunday**

Traditional Worship Service  
10:00a.m.

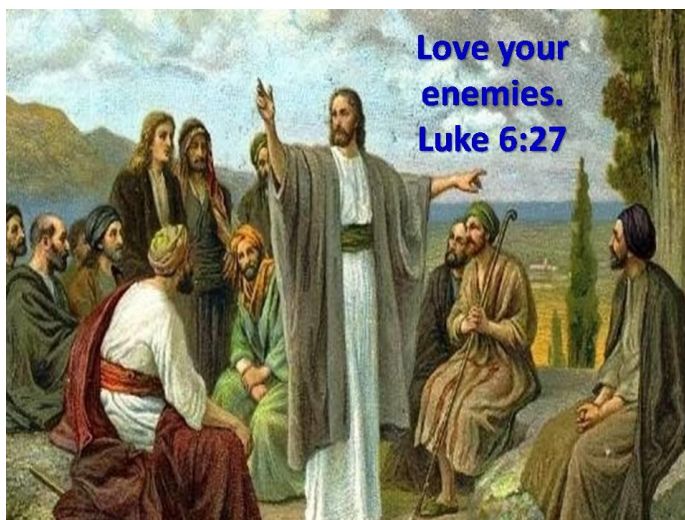
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## **Luke 6:20-26**



"**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](mailto:pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

**Pastor's Point**  
Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already entering the second month of 2022. Time seems to move so quickly by, sweeping us up into a whirlwind of busyness that causes us to miss much that is happening around and within us.

Would you believe it goes this way with pastors, too? It's quite easy to get sucked into busyness to the point that we miss what good is going on around and within us. Last week, I slowed myself down enough to take a moment for spending time on the phone with Assistant to the Bishop Connie Schmucker. It was wonderful to catch up and to reconnect. While we were on the phone together, Connie and I spoke of what good things God is doing at JOY Lutheran Church.

As we spoke of what Connie saw, it helped me to see more and more how God is doing wonderful things through this faithful community because this congregation has a heart turned towards Jesus.

Because JOY has a heart turned towards Jesus:

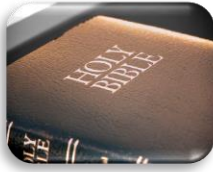
- We already have Day Camp 2022 in the works, scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We are meeting Mission Support and are proposing an increase of \$1,000.
- We are hosting blood drives every 60 days+/-.
- We are giving through JOY to Daily Bread, God's Pantry, and Bread of Life.
- We have helped people to put food on their tables and to keep a roof over their heads.
- We have seen that seminarians have books in the U.S. and in India.
- We have put prayer shawls around shoulders and quilts on laps.
- Through us, Jesus is doing... fill in this blank with what you see.

Because JOY has a heart turned towards Jesus, if we slow ourselves down a bit, we will see how our love of Jesus comes first, resulting in loving acts of service being given for others, and how God is actively doing this through you. It's a beautiful thing to see, yet we must slow down to see it.

God is up to good things through JOY Lutheran Church. I see it. Others see it. You see it. God sees it. Isn't it beautiful to see? One group who has seen this beauty is Novus Way ministries, our Lutheran camp system. JOY will feature in their camp promotions in 2022, so don't be surprised if you see JOY photos and JOY write ups in their promos.

Contemporary Christian vocalist, Twila Paris, sings, "How beautiful the feet that bring, the sound of good news and the love of the King!" It is all too true. Yours are those feet. Thanks for being the feet of Jesus. Twila continues to sing, "How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ!" How beautiful are each of you!

Peace---  
JDB+



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "C" for February 2022

February 6..... Luke 5:1-11  
February 13..... Luke 6:17-26  
February 20..... Luke 6:27-38  
February 27..... Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

## Worship and Music

I just about got all my Christmas decorations down and we are now planning for the Easter Season.

Here is what we have planned so far. You will be updated as we get closer.

**Ash Wednesday** – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – we will have an abbreviated service at Noon and a full service at 6:00pm.

**Lenten Services** will be held at 6:00pm. Once again, this year we will **NOT** be having meals prior to the services.

**Palm Sunday** – we will once again be selling Palm Trees to decorate the Altar. So please consider this. I'll have more information closer to that time.

**Maundy Thursday** – Pastor Bryant will go back to the "Washing of The Feet" this year. This has always been optional and will continue to be that way.

**Good Friday** service will be held at 6:00pm  
**Easter** – we will be selling Lilies as we normally do.

Once again, more information will be given in the next couple of months.

*Chris Allebaugh*



## Service Times Lent, Holy Week and Easter

**Ash Wednesday** (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)...Noon\* & 6:00pm

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**.....6:00pm

**Palm Sunday** (April 10<sup>th</sup>).....10:00am

**Maundy Thursday** (April 14<sup>th</sup>).....6:00pm

**Good Friday** (April 15<sup>th</sup>).....6:00pm

**Easter Sunday** (April 17<sup>th</sup>).....10:00am

\* Ash Wednesday "Noon" is abbreviated service.

# Thank You!

Thanks so much for your generous gifts given to us at Christmas. Your gifts blessed us to the point that we were able to share those blessings with others. Still, the biggest gift of all, and the one for which we are most grateful, is the gift of each of you.

God bless,  
JDB+ & Harriet



**WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, February 15 @ 11:30am**  
**Bible Study "The Kingdom of God"**

The kingdom of God: Mysteries of the  
Kingdom

by

The Rev. Mark Allan Powell

Session #2: Parables, Banquets and Children.

How is the kingdom of God like a net or a treasure or a pearl or a banquet? Who are we to regard as the greatest in the kingdom?

## **JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Women of the Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church (WELCA)**  
**Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

**8:00am – 9:30am**

**Sign-up sheet available @ church**

**Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage**  
**\$6.00**



## **RUTH CIRCLE**



**WELCA Crafts meeting**  
**February 7, 2022 (Monday)**  
**@10:00a.m.**

**All ladies of JOY are welcome.**  
**Led by Ruth Ann Ciecierski**

**BOLD**  
**WOMEN'S**  
**DAY 2022**

**Celebrate Bold Women**

**Sunday, February 27**





***Congratulations*** to Chaplain Derly Foerste in your new position, as you continue to offer spiritual guidance and pastoral care to patients and their families.



*Chaplain Derly Foerste and Father Bob showcasing their “superpower” strength during a past Hearts & Heroes Associate Appreciation Week. (Health First image)*

Chaplain Derly Foerste, has been selected to take over the spiritual reigns as the new ***Director of Pastoral Care for Health First***, following Father Bob Bruckart’s retirement.

Father Bob Bruckart, affectionately known as “Father Bob,” has retired after 26 years as Director of Pastoral Care for Health First.



**Daily Bread, Inc.**  
815 E. Fee Avenue  
Melbourne, FL

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matt. 25:35*

A new year is a good time to do something new. Think about this year’s resolution to help those less fortunate.

Volunteering at Daily Bread is a gift that affects lives for the better.  
We are the hearts and hands of God. Share his love with others.

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

JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday of each month @ 10:45am-1:00pm.

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

## Highlights of the January Church Council Meeting

Most of the meeting was spent on getting everything in order for the Congressional Meeting and reviewing the Proposed Budget.

We also set dates for some upcoming events:

1. February 20, Scout Sunday
2. June 3-5 Synod Assembly
3. June 27-July 1. Day Camp
4. Oct. 14-15. Diakonia Graduation

Property Committee reported that they will continue painting the interior of the church and will make some repairs on the parking lot.

The Audit Committee reported that having examined the Financial Statements and reports of Joy, in their opinion, they represent fairly and accurately the financial position of Joy Lutheran Church as of December 31, 2021.

Don't forget the Annual Congregational Meeting is January 30th following the church service.

Next Council Meeting will be February 16th at 7:00pm at the church. Committee reports are due February 9th.

As always if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted  
Marjorie Mäenpää  
Council President

## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be February 9, 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

## 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.

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee completed the JOY 2021 Fiscal Year Audit.

In the opinion of the Audit Committee, the financial statements of JOY Lutheran Church as provided to us by the financial officers of the various committees, represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of JOY Lutheran at Church December 31, 2021.

James Collins, Erik Mäenpää



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **JOY WELCA OFFICERS – 2022**

Pres. - Marjorie Maenpaa  
VPres. - Ruth Ann Ciecierski  
Sec.- Connie Steinhorst  
Tres. - Linda Kratzer

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

FEBRUARY 27: Bold Women

MARCH 5: WELCA Pancake Breakfast

MARCH 5: WELCA Meeting

APRIL 23, 2022 – Space Coast Conference Spring Gathering at Our Saviors', Vero Beach, Florida. There will be more information to come.

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, @ 11:30am, Feb. 15 – NEW Bible Study: The Kingdom of God

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

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

**Ruth Circle** (crafts) – Resumes meetings on Monday, February 7 @ 10:00am. Led by Ruth Ann Ciecierski – all crafters welcome – come, share your crafting ideas.



### **30 personal hygiene kits to DAILY BREAD in JANUARY**

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

Needs for DAILY BREAD Health/Hygiene Kits: miscellaneous items needed, i.e., sample/motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, toothpaste & 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 needed, are laundry pods for laundry services & for clients.

## Property Committee

The Property Committee met to prepare and plan for the projects to be tackled in 2022.

The following projects were identified and decided to be some of the planned items for 2022;

- The Property Committee prepared plans to have hot water heaters installed in the Pastor's office restroom and the lady's restroom.
- Continue with the interior painting.
- Prepare an inventory of JOY equipment and property.
- Patch additional broken areas of the parking lot.
- Plan for additional cabinets and counter tops for the kitchen.
- Continue with the upkeep of the Memorial Garden.
- Reorganize the shelving and storage in the garage and the lady's side of the garage, making more efficient use of the available space.
- Continue to maintain the grounds including mowing the grass.

The list and schedules are always subject to revision and updates as other projects and plans come to our attention.

*Erik Mäenpää*

## Men of Joy

In spite of the pandemic, the Men of JOY have been meeting regularly and planning activities. We helped the Property Team with the WELCA Holiday Sale back in November and ran the "White Elephant" table. Our thanks to WELCA for the opportunity to help and to raise some money for the men's ministries. Shortly after that, we donated \$100 to God's Pantry food bank and have voted to donate \$50 to the Turner backpack program. At our most recent meeting, we discussed restarting the popular men's breakfasts that our members have enjoyed prior to the pandemic. We're waiting to see if the Omicron surge drops off to start, but we'd like to hold the first sometime this spring. All of the men of JOY are welcome to attend. We'll get a notice in the bulletin when this starts.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at church and you're welcome to join us. Our President is Gary Krause, Norm Barman is our Chaplain, and they or I can answer any questions you may have. We'd enjoy seeing you at our next meeting or activity.

*James Collins, Recording Secretary*



A very Happy Birthday goes out for two wonderful “Young” Ladies of Joy.



Thanks to all of the wonderful people of Joy for the lovely Christmas cards, prayers, and phone calls.

Thank you all.

*Betty Lou Nielsen*



Good people of Joy, thank you for your prayers, notes, calls, and generosity these past three years. I was especially thankful for the Covid paychecks and then the bonus too. It has been my pleasure to play for you.

*Judy Turner*

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](https://www.joylutheranelca.com)

### "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.

### 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.**

### 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 **March 2022 Tidings no later than February 22nd.**

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

## **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



## February Birthday Blessings

2/03 Brian Getter  
 2/05 George Christensen  
 2/07 Pr. John Green  
 2/17 Don Heine  
 2/20 Roy Chin  
 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey  
 2/22 Pat Moerke  
 2/24 Luther Radway  
 2/26 Joy Peters

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 - December 2021 Stewardship

| General Fund             | (Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.) |                        |           |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
| Budgeted each Month      | \$14,810  | Budgeted thru December | \$177,720 |
| Received in December     | \$15,421  | Received thru December | \$138,909 |
| Capital Improvement Fund |   |                        |           |
| Budgeted each Month      | \$1,418   | Budgeted thru December | \$17,016  |
| Received in December     | \$1,801   | Received thru December | \$16,366  |

## FEBRUARY 2022

| Sun             | Mon                        | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri   | Sat   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--|-----|---|---|
|                 |                            | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5   |
|                 |                            |  |  |     | 8:30am Property Work Day                                    |   |
| 6               | 7                          | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 10:00am Worship | 10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting                                   | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting<br>11:00am Fellowship Meeting |     | 8:30am Property Work Day                                    |   |
| 13              | 14                         | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 10:00am Worship |                            | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting<br>11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting<br>7pm Council Mtg            |     | 8:30am Property Work Day                                    |   |
| 20              | 21                         | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 10:00am Worship |                            | 10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting                                   | 10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting                               |     | 8:30am Property Work Day<br>Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm |   |
| 27              | 28                         | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 10:00am Worship |                            |  |  |     |   |   |
| 6               | 7                          | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  |
|                 |                            |  |  |     |   | <b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b> |