



Tidings of Joy



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

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April 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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www.joylutheranelca.com

CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday April 17th
Service at 10 am



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service: 6:00pm
Good Friday Service: 6:00pm
Easter Sunday Service: 10:00am

"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

Dear Friends---

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Back in June of '21, then again in October of '21, I quoted the cantankerous *Teacher* in Ecclesiastes who says, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit." (7:8)

At the risk of making a presumption, it appears that we are nearing the pandemic's end. Several news sources indicate that we are now in an endemic rather than a pandemic. What that means is this, Covid is moving in the direction of being like the Flu. Some even believe that it will soon be handled as we already handle the Flu. The good news in this is that we already know what to do with the Flu, and within the past 3 years, we have had a crash course in learning what to do with Covid.

Given how for the past 7 days, the Covid positivity rate in Brevard County has hovered around 2.09% and daily cases average 5.2 per 100,000. Such numbers as these, taken from the Florida Department of Health, have motivated JOY's church council to move us quickly towards pre-pandemic practices. Details of these changes will be in the council president's April newsletter article.

Perhaps this news will raise comfort levels for those who have been away from regular in-person worship for so long. Perhaps this will also help us get back to business as usual. As a church family, we certainly have done admirably given what we have had to manage over the past 2-3 years. The people are weary. The pastor is weary. And, although I might be wrong to think this, I do believe that as we feel comfortable enough to do so, we should create our own individual plans to get ourselves back into in-person worship, to get back to being a family visibly together, and to actively engage in the faithful ministry of processing our pandemic journey together.

I cannot underscore how grateful I am for each of you, especially in those times when the pandemic had seemed to have gotten the best of us. Your faithful tithing, faithful patience, faithful presence, and faithful love have made all the difference in how we have handled what the pandemic has brought our way. Thank you so very much for being---FAITHFUL!

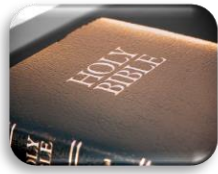
Because you have been faithful, and because God is ever-faithful, JOY Lutheran did not go the way of St. James Lutheran, Hanford, CA, or the way of North Park Lutheran, Buffalo, NY. The pandemic closed those churches permanently. This was the story with so many congregations. Thanks be to God and thanks be to you, that is not the story of JOY. A recent article noted how, [in] "August 2020, Dave Kinnaman of the Barna Group told NPR...that as many as one in five American churches – or 20 percent – may close within 18 months." Because of faithful people and faithful God, that is not us.

In days to come, let's continue to make wise choices, to use hand sanitizer, to not impose our idea of what is best on others, to let one another do what each must to for the sake of comfort and peace. In short, let's continue to take care to look to the needs of our neighbor above our own personal preferences and individual practices. Yet, while caring for neighbor and self, as best as we are able, let's carry on, going onward and upward, getting back to being the JOY church family visibly together, as visibly gathered and as visibly active as possible.

When it comes to this pandemic that seemingly moves in the direction of an endemic, again we say, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning!"

Stay well. Thanks for being so very faithful.

God bless and keep you,
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for April 2022

April 3.....John 12:1-8

April 10

Liturgy of the Palms..... Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Word..... Luke 22:14-23:56

or

Luke 23:1-49

April 17.....John 20:1-18

or

Luke 24:1-12

April 24.....John 20:19-31



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Palm Sunday (April 10th).....10:00am

Maundy Thursday (April 14th).....6:00pm

Good Friday (April 15th).....6:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 17th).....10:00am



Church council meets the third
Wednesday of each month.

Next meeting is April 20th, 7:00pm

Worship and Music

Lenten Services will be held at 6:00pm. Soup and Sandwich meals will begin at 5:15pm, 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. Cost \$10.

Chris Allebaugh

DAY CAMP 2022

JUNE 20-24

M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-12pm

Registration forms and more information
will be available soon.

Check Church Web Site
www.joylutheranelca.com
for updates.



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
Tuesday, April 19 @ 11:30 a.m.
Bible Study “The Kingdom of God”
All ladies are invited – meeting at church

Looking to the future: Life forever with God –
Most of the time that Jesus talks about the kingdom of God or eternal life, he is referring to something we experience here and now—not later in heaven. But sometimes, he *does* talk about that future life and in this final session we will learn as much as we can about “the glory that awaits us.” What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?

RUTH CIRCLE



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

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



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

VISION: *a community facing hunger and homelessness together*

MISSION: *to ensure no one faces hunger or homelessness alone; to have a community that comes together to share a meal and other resources with our neighbors in need, helping each person move forward and find a home.*

For an opportunity to be the heart and hands of God:
Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391).
JOY members volunteer the 4th Friday each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m.
All are welcome at Daily Bread.

Property Committee

Calvary Church has once again offered to help with our property maintenance and repair needs. As you may remember, on two previous occasions they have given us assistance in repairs. The exterior painting of the church and in opening and paving the Portico cut away. This time they will provide us with help painting the interior rooms of the church, and in weeding and cleaning the grounds. This project is coordinated for us by Pastor Norman Holm of Calvary Church, Ruth Holm's son.

The renovations to the kitchen have started, with Gary Krause completing electrical work in the kitchen to allow for the cabinets to be installed. James Collins will be fabricating and assembling the cabinets which will be installed in the kitchen.

The current office computers are starting to show their age and new computers will be installed in the next two weeks.

As the Summer months are getting under-way, the grass cutting season is upon us. This job will be consuming a good deal of the time available by the Property Group.

The Life Screening Program will once again be available at JOY on Friday May 27, 2022.

Erik Mäenpää

Worship and Music

The Worship and Music Committee felt it was time to move forward with some additional changes to the Covid restrictions that are currently in place.

We sent our recommendations to the Task Force for approval. They were then sent to the Church Council. The following changes were approved:

- Uncover the water fountain
- No longer use Masks and Gloves during communion
- Once again commune at the rail
- Continue to offer Individual Cups and add back in The Common Cup.
- Begin standing during Sharing of the Peace. Share with those around you and not travel around the church.

These changes were implemented on March 20th.

Easter Lilies will be offered again this year. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The price is \$10.00 per plant. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a Palm Tree, let me know. These will be able to take home after the Palm Sunday Service.

Worship and Music along with Social Ministry will be collecting Socks and Underwear which will be given to Daily Bread. The collection basket will be out on April 3rd and will be out through Maundy Thursday, April 14th.

Chris Allebaugh



PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS



Thank you, Rachel Circle for putting together and delivering
“**AN ADDITIONAL 30**” personal hygiene kits to DAILY BREAD in MARCH

Items needed for DAILY BREAD Health/Hygiene Kits

Small, sample, or motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, 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 for laundry services & for clients.

Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm’s son) of Calvary Chapel has AGAIN donated many items for kits. Thank you, Pr. Holm, and thank you JOY members who have contributed items for these kits.



DAILY BREAD “SUMMER PROTECTION KITS” FOR HOMELESS

With the summer weather (sun & rain) upon us, Daily Bread will be providing “Summer Protection Kits” to the homeless.

Items needed for DAILY BREAD Summer Protection Kits

Rain Ponchos, Sunglasses, Bug spray (travel size, preferably), Sunscreen spray (travel size, preferably), Ball cap (new or gently used with no inappropriate logos or symbols), Drawstring bags (new or gently used). These items can be new or used (in good condition). Dollar Tree has many of these items.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

April Clothing Drive for God's Pantry – donations wanted – used clothing - watch for details.

June 11, 2022, tentative day for a Women's Retreat to include a Quilting Bee and Bible Study. 10:00am to 2:00pm with lunch, everyone bring a salad ingredient and we will combine them. There will be more information.

Eve Circle

(Bible Study)

Meets the 3rd
Tuesday, @ 11:30,
April 17 – Bible Study:
The Kingdom of God

Dorcas Circle

(Quilting circle)

Meets every Tuesday
@ 10:00

Rachel Circle

(knitting/crocheting)
(health/hygiene kits)

Meets every
Wednesday @ 10:00

Ruth Circle

(crafts)

Meets on 1st Monday
@ 10:00 led by Ruth
Ann Ciecierski– all
crafters welcome.
Come, share your
crafting ideas

Highlights of the March Church Council Meeting

Worship and Music along with the Task Force made the following recommendations to our Church Services.

1. Unwrap the water fountain in the Narthex
2. Pastor, Pastor's assistants and Communion assistants would not be required to wear gloves and masks.
3. Communion would return to the rail with a limit of eight each time at the rail.
4. Communion distribution will be with the individual cup and with the common cup.
5. Sharing of the Peace. Stand and greet those around you. Avoid moving throughout the Sanctuary at these times.
6. The Offering Plate will remain at the back of the Sanctuary.
7. Water will be placed back in the Baptismal Font.
8. The Lenten Wednesday night soup and sandwich meal will begin on Wednesday evening March 23, 2022, at 5:15 PM.

The Church Council approved these recommendations.

The Worship and Music Committee also recommended that we hire Mr. Bruce Bateman as our supply organist. The Council approved the recommendations to hire Mr. Bruce Bateman.

The Church Council voted to approve \$1,450 for new computer equipment for the secretary's and pastor's offices.

The Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 3 through June 5, 2022, to be held in person at Carib Royal Resort in Orlando. Deadline for reservation is May 11, 2022. We need 2 members to represent JOY at the Assembly. Anyone interested in being our representative, please see pastor Bryant or Marjorie Maenpaa.

Council approved \$1,000.00 donation to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to the Ukraine Disaster.

The Finance Committee reported that they are working on the means and frequency for providing the members of the Congregation with financial status. This will be done quarterly and will be in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Newsletter. Once the format is developed it will be forwarded to the Council for approval.

The Council discussed the upcoming Sabbatical of Pastor Bryant. After four years of continuous service in a call, the pastor is eligible for four weeks of Sabbatical leave. Pastor Bryant will be taking his Sabbatical leave during the month of July 2022. Pastor Pamela McMillian who is the Grief Counselor at Hospice of St. Francis, will be our supply Pastor.

Next Council meeting will be on April 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM, with all committee reports due by April 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Mäenpää
Council President

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church (WELCA)
Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 7, 2022
8:00am – 9:30am

Sign-up sheet available @ church

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage
\$6.00



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **May 12th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring your favorite casserole or dessert to share.

Be sure to stay for Bingo. We always have a wonderful time getting to know each other. So, please come out and join us. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

ALL IN "THE JOY" FAMILY

Congratulations to Kristina and Mark
on their recent marriage.



Happy "95th" Birthday
Luther Radway



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

"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 especially important 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 for others visiting our website.

A link to our online giving portal can be 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 **May 2022 Tidings no later than April 26th.**

Email David Steinhorst 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

2022 Church Council

Pastor: Rev. John David Bryant

President: Marjorie Mäenpää

Vice President: Barbara Herndon

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary: Church Secretary

Council Members at Large:

Chris Allebaugh

Kristina Deyette

Sue Getter

Linda Kratzer

Gary Krause

Mary Sherman



April Birthday Blessings

- 04/07 Kim Tolley
- 04/08 Linda Corbin
- 04/08 Wahneeta Ryckman
- 04/09 Peggy Lindner
- 04/10 Nancy Feightner
- 04/11 Judy Baltzersen
- 04/12 Rene Harper
- 04/12 Orpha Lengel
- 04/14 Sandra Kenyon
- 04/23 Marjorie Maenpaa
- 04/26 Heidi Kuehnhold
- 04/28 Jan Jahnke

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.

Joy Financials

GENERAL FUND	January - February	Year to Date
Income	\$28,887.10	\$28,887.10
Expenses	\$ (28,431.28)	\$ (28,431.28)
Overage/Shortage	\$455.82	\$455.82
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January	Year to Date
Income	\$1,988.91	\$1,988.91
Expenses	\$ (386.50)	\$ (386.50)
Overage/Shortage	\$1,602.41	\$1,602.41

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					8:30am Property Work Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 5:15pm Soup & Sandwiches 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	10:00am Social Ministry Meeting	8:30am Property Work Day	
Palm Sunday 10	11	12	13	Maundy Thursday 14	Good Friday 15	16
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting	6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	8:30am Property Work Day 6:00pm Good Friday Service	
Easter Sunday 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	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.