



# Tidings of Joy

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



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## 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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## ASCENSION DAY MAY 26TH



"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

Dear Friends---

"Christos voskres! Voistyno voskres! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" With those words, Ukrainian Christians enter Easter. The plight of war in Ukraine has overshadowed Lent and is still quite visible as we enter Easter. As we see the war's devastation, via the daily and nightly news, we wonder to ourselves, "what do we do?" Of course, in the list of what-we-do is pray and give, and offer care to those who emigrate to the U.S. All of these are faithful responses to, "what do we do?"

This Easter, as with each Easter that has gone before it, the question, "what do we do," comes our way. After all, we've been with Jesus from Transfiguration's pinnacle, and plummeted down with Jesus into the grave, there to find ourselves raised to new life with Jesus. After such a journey, "what do we do?"

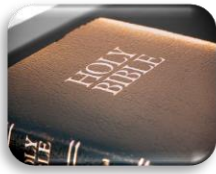
For starters, we remind ourselves how Easter is not a single day celebration, and not just a church season, either. Easter is a lifestyle pattern of a celebration people. Every Sunday is a "little Easter" that serves to remind us how God's people follow the pattern of their Lord: 1) GO, 2) SUFFER, 3) BE KILLED, and 4) RISE. This is our pattern for it is our Lord's pattern. We could call it, the "Easter Pattern." Every Sunday, we gather to practice this pattern and to celebrate its fruits---forgiveness of sins and certainty of life-everlasting in Jesus. Easter is not a pattern that is just for Sundays; it's our everyday pattern because Jesus is not just "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25) for us on Sundays.

So, bearing this in mind, "*what* do we do?" We don't hang out at the tomb, that's for sure. We get about the business that Jesus has already been doing all long. When the women leave Jesus' tomb, St. Luke says, "they remembered the words, and *returning from the tomb they told all these things* to the eleven and to all the rest" (Lk 24:8-9). They left the tomb changed, and told this news to whoever would listen, which is why, for 2000 years since, every tomb has been rife with hope for God's power over sin, death, hell, and evil has been revealed.

What do we do? We do what the first witnesses to the resurrection do. We tell! We tell what we have seen and what we have come to know of the resurrection---right where we are. That's what the first witnesses do. They go back to their lives telling others what they have seen and heard. They tell the news as they live in the hope of resurrection. It's what they do. It's what we do.

The second verse of *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!* we sang together on Easter. It truly is the answer to our what-do-we-do question; we "Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen." That's what we do, knowing that such news will naturally spread, we tell that good news right where we are.

Peace---  
JDB+



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "C" for May 2022

May 1.....John 21:1-19

May 8.....John 10:22-30

May 15.....John 13:31-35

May 22.....John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 29.....John 17:20-26



Next meeting is May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

## DAY CAMP 2022

JUNE 20-24

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

Registration forms and Information are available on our

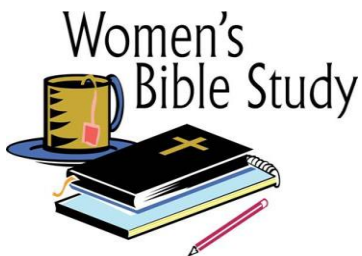
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## **WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study** (Third Tuesday of the month)

Meeting at church  
Tuesday, May 17 @ 11:30 a.m.

All ladies are invited.



Across the Generations: One act of welcome can beget another.

## Worship and Music

Time fly's by as we all know all too well. It seems like we were just gathering for Ash Wednesday. Now Lent, Holy Week and Easter are all behind us. The Lenten Services were very meaningful and Easter morning was Beautiful and Joyful. He Has Risen!!

I want to thank everyone that was able to contribute to our Maundy Thursday Sock drive. I will be bringing them over to Daily Bread. We collected 78 total pieces of Socks/underwear and tee shirts. I know how much "Daily Bread" appreciates the donation.

*Chris Allebaugh*

## WELCA Space Coast Conference Spring Gathering at Our Savior in Vero, FL.



Linda, RuthAnn, Elaine, Jackie, MaryAnn, Alice, and Connie

Six Women from JOY attended the spring gather, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A total of 48 ladies attended from 6 Lutheran churches.

Worship service was led by Pr. Nicole Eastwood of Our Savior Church.

## *Shepherd Center of South Brevard*

Shepherd Center of South Brevard is offering classes on Thursdays May 2, 9, 16, & 23 at Peace Lutheran Church from 9am-12noon. Peace Lutheran Church is located at 1801 Port Malabar Blvd. Palm Bay. More information can be found at [shepherdcenterofsb.org](http://shepherdcenterofsb.org).

9:00am

201 **Helping Our Local Environment** with Kevin Smith, recycling coordinator for Brevard County, Caitlin Bagnall, environmental educator Marine Resources Council, and Brandon Smith, Save Our Lagoon Program.

10:00am

202 **Astronomy Beyond Your Back Yard** with Jim Collins.

203 **Florida Shells** with Elaine Heine.

204 **Genealogy** with Joyce Henderson.

11:00am

205 **Musical History** Tour with Rick Rakauskas.

106 **The Holy Bible** with Rev. David Trexler.

107 **German** with Helga Bromm.

## Highlights of the April Church Council Meeting

The computers in the secretary's and Pastor's Office have been updated and rebuilt. The systems now have more memory and a faster drive. This will speed up the workflow in the office. Both offices also have new larger monitors making the work on spread sheets and data bases easier as well as when working on multiple files simultaneously.

Once again, we have rented a house for our Day Camp Counselors. This was done as the result of the Day Camp Counselors coming in contact with all the people as they go from one camp to another and Covid-19 is still with us. We thought it would be better to rent a house rather than asking members of the Congregation to house the counselors.

Pastor Bryant receives 4 weeks paid vacation each year. This year he is required to take his 4 weeks of sabbatical leave. In addition to his 4 weeks of vacation and his 4 weeks of sabbatical leave, our Bishop and the Synod Compensation Team has recommended that given the stress and strain of the past two years, dealing with Covid-19, all rostered clergy be given a gift of Grace in the form of a paid extra week of vacation for health & wellness. This is a recommendation as a one-time gift of appreciation for all the Pastor had to deal with during the pandemic. This would mean Pastor Bryant would have 9 weeks of paid leave this year. After much discussion, the Council approved the additional week recommended by the Synod.

The Memorial Bricks for our memorial garden have finally arrived and the Property Committee will install the bricks.

The finance chart that appeared in the March Issue of Tidings of JOY, was approved by the Council. The chart will now appear quarterly in the Sunday bulletin.

The next meeting of the Church Council Meeting will be held on May 25th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Marjorie Mäenpää  
Council President

## Property Committee

The Property Committee continues to maintain the grounds during the Spring and Summer, the grass mowing and gathering of pine cones and tree branches continues.

During the end of March beginning of April, the lady's restroom received much needed replacement of the bathroom sink faucet and shut off valve thanks to David Steinhorst stepping to the plate and performing the job.

The office computers were rebuilt with a new up-to-date motherboard and processors, as well as additional memory and new solid-state drives. These updates will allow us to continue to use the current computers for the next few years before we need to address the issue once more.

We continue to address the cost of our electrical usage and some tweaks may need to be made to the duct work allowing us to benefit from more efficient use of the air-conditioning system. This may necessitate the installation of dampers in the smaller office and kitchen system duct work.

Susan Getter has been able to assist us in the weeding and mulching the flower beds in front of the church as well as weeding the back of the church by the entrance to the church office. Once all of the weeds are removed, we will be looking at a permanent solution to the back garden.

The new cabinets and countertops for the kitchen are in the process of being installed in the next few weeks. This will help make the kitchen more efficient and provide the ladies with more counter and storage space.

*Erik Mäenpää*



## SUMMER PROTECTION KITS FOR HOMELESS



In MAY, with the summer weather (sun & rain) upon us, Rachel Circle will be putting together "Summer Protection Kits" for Daily Bread during the month of May.

### 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. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

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## PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS



Thank you, Rachel Circle for putting together and delivering **"Twenty Five"** personal hygiene kits to DAILY BREAD in APRIL.

### 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.

Summer Protection Kits will be assembled during May, Therefore Health/Hygiene Kits will not be put together during May.



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 7, 2022:** WELCA Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am-9:30am, \$6.00

**May 7, 2022:** WELCA Meeting @ 10:00am

**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.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, @ 11:30am, May 7 – Bible Study

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

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

**Ruth Circle** (crafts) – Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 10:00am – all crafters welcome – come, share your crafting ideas

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, Orange Juice,  
and Coffee. \$6.00

**REMEMBER**

**WELCA Meeting @ 10:00**

Please come to the meeting

### Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

JOY members volunteer the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month @ 10:45am to 1:15 p.m. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391).

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

## 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.**

## "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.

## 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, thank-you's, updates, etc. for the **June 2022 Tidings no later than May 25th.**

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 if 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



### May Birthday Blessings

05/01	Betty Nielsen
05/03	Harold Lengel
05/03	Michael Carmichael
05/03	Alex Lindner
05/03	Ron Pagelsdorf
05/05	Doris Bunker
05/08	Elaine Christensen
05/09	Christopher Adams
05/16	Shaun Arner
05/19	Lynn Ash
05/22	Philip Kratzer Sr.
05/23	Connie Steinhorst
05/24	Brita Tallau
05/26	Jackie Baudek
05/27	Tina Breeden
05/28	Susan Parker
05/29	Vita Gardella
05/31	Harriet Bryant
05/31	Debbie Johns
05/31	Mary Sherman

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

(See Sunday Bulletin for latest information.)

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

## MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	8:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am WELCA Meeting
<b>Mother's Day</b> <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 10:00am Social Ministry Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Work Day	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b> <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg		8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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						<b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b>