



Tidings of Joy



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

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The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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Day of Pentecost
June 5th



Trinity Sunday
June 12th



"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

Friends---

Easter Sunday was such a blessing! Our sanctuary was full. The music was lovely. It was so very good to be together. It was so very good, in fact, that we too easily forget how Covid is still with us, how cases from the new variant trend upward. Nevertheless, since most members are vaccinated, things at JOY have mostly returned to pre-pandemic patterns. Bear in mind though, that some remain mostly at home, remaining cautious, and only going out for necessary things.

For two years, we have lived a prayer that first appeared in the Lutheran Book of Worship:

“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Because of the pandemic and world events, our future feels uncertain, and uncertainty makes people anxious. Yet we are resurrection people, Easter people. We know our God is making all things new. We know our God is creating new life, new hope, and new possibilities. We trust our God to bear us safely into the future---whatever it brings.

Prophet Isaiah speaks to Israel, saying, “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.” (Isaiah 43:18)

Prophet Isaiah compels us to view the past from its proper perspective. JOY's past is the story of a people faithfully following God in Palm Bay. JOY is central in our life and to the life of Palm Bay. We view our past and we celebrate it for what it has been.

Prophet Isaiah continues, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)

With a pull far stronger than we often realize, the past lays hold of us. Because it is familiar, it feels safe and comfortable. This is rather different from the future, which is uncertain, causing us to feel anxious. When we focus on the past, former things blind us to present things, and keep us from preparing for new things. That is how come this new thing that springs forth begins with a promise. “Do not be afraid. I have called you by name. You are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

Whatever the past held, whatever the present holds, whatever the future might hold, we are God's people. God calls us by name, and we belong to God.

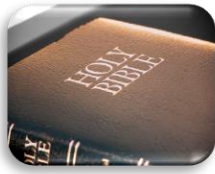
The past is behind us. The future opens before us. And today, we live in the promise of God's healing, life-giving presence. The new day springs forth so that former things might be fade in the growing light of resurrection.

God is up to very good things at JOY Lutheran Church. These spring forth in our midst. Our eyes need to be fixed on the present to see them.

Peace---
JDB+

P.S.
Thanks so much for the cards and tokens of affection given on my birthday (3/31) and on our anniversary (4/9). Your kindness means much.

P.S.S.
Keep in mind that Harriet and I will be in Germany 6/13-6/22. Then, when July rolls around, I will be on sabbatical. During both of those times, JOY will be in faithful, capable care.



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for June 2022

June 5.....John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 12.....John 15:12-15

June 19.....Luke 8:26-39

June 26.....Luke 9:51-62



Next meeting is June 15th, 7:00pm

DAY CAMP 2022

JUNE 20-24

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

Registration forms and Information
are available on our
Church Web Site

www.joylutheranelca.com



ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

Summer 2022: Crafted in Christ

A summer of rest and renewal

Tentative date of June 28th @ 11:30 a.m.

For summer 2022, participants will enjoy a three-session Bible study that uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal, and Christian community.

We'll discuss Old and New Testament readings as we consider the patterns we follow and how the pieces of our lives and communities are bound together in Christ. No actual sewing experience is required.



June 2022, Session 1: "A summer of rest and renewal," focuses on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. We find life-giving patterns in worship, sabbath and service. How can creative processes guide the patterns of our lives?

Joy Lutheran Church Invites you to WELCA's



EAT, QUILT, PRAY

An Old-Fashioned Quilting Bee

When: Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10:00 – 2:00

Where: Joy Lutheran Church, 3174 Jupiter Blvd. Palm Bay, Florida

RSVP by email: Connie Steinhorst at CSteinhorst@cfl.rr.com

Linda Kratzer at WWLindaK@aol.com

Or call Linda Kratzer at (321)727-1025 and leave a message

You don't need to be able to sew or cut fabric, but it an interesting process and fun to try. Learn how the women of Joy Lutheran's Dorcas Circle make those beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Join in the conversation and Bible Study; tie some knots or cut some fabric and east some lunch.

Bring a favorite topping for a salad or a favorite desert to share, and Joy will provide the Grilled Chicken, Dressing and Greens.

If you have a family quilt you would like to share your story about, we would love to see it!

All quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief in February, 2023



May we all have safe travels and enjoy our summer vacations.

Please remember to find a church in which to worship while away from home.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

June 19, 2022

"As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him." Psalm 103:13 (NRSV)

Council President's Temple Talk

As you know Joy has lost a lot of members over the past year. These losses occur for a variety of reasons, among those reasons are member deaths, permanent relocations to other parts of the country, and member transfers to other congregations closer to home.

When we lose members, we not only lose friends and family, but we also lose their tithes. What was once tithed to Joy is now being tithed to their new church. What does this mean to Joy? It means our monthly income decreases. Our expenses stay the same or even increase, but our monthly income decreases.

Our income has decreased to the limit where Council, on recommendations from the Executive Committee, and after talking with the Finance Committee, have agreed to move the \$20,000.00 in our Money Market account to our General Fund checking account. This transfer of funds will help us for approximately 3 months.

The Council, also on the recommendation from the Executive Committee has agreed to close our Asset Mark account where we have invested \$100,000.00. Due to the economic downturn, we have lost some principal. Our balance is now around \$94,000.00. These funds will be deposited into our Money Market Account, so as our General Fund needs a cash infusion, we can draw on the Money Market Account. This is only a temporary fix!

The Council finds it necessary to look for ways to cut costs. Some of the cuts could be substantial. Unfortunately, it is time for Joy to tighten our belt. The Council thanks you for your continuing support and understanding in these matters. As more decisions are made, I will keep you informed. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with me.

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Mäenpää
Council President

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **June 16th 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.

Even though the school year has ended, please remember this outreach program.



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 \$190 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.

Property Committee

Once again, in April, through the help of Ruth Holm having contacted her son Pastor Norman Holm, JOY was able to receive assistance in the overall maintenance of our property. On Saturday April 31st., 2022 a group of volunteers from Calvary Church came over to JOY and proceeded to weed and remove yard material from the garden and lawn areas of JOY property. The group also painted both the knitting and crocheting room as well as the social hall. The group also power washed and stained the wood bridge from the parking area to the garden area. In addition, the group power washed the picnic table, the pergolas, and the front of the portico.

Gary Krause rewired outlets and light switches allowing for the new kitchen cabinets to be installed on the wall. Gary also worked on rewiring the lights on the pergola in the Memorial Garden. Ken Laumer completed additional power washing of the picnic table and pergola. Following the power washing, Gary Krause painted the pergola and the picnic table.

The upper cabinets of the kitchen remodeling are now installed on the wall waiting to be finished with hardware, doors, and shelves. The lower cabinets will be completed in the next two weeks and will be ready for installation.

Erik Mäenpää





WOMEN

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 11, 2022, 10:00am - 2:00pm. EAT, QUILT, PRAY
JUNE 16, 2022, 12:00pm Young at Heart Potluck Luncheon
AUGUST 5, 2022, 8:00am - 9:30am Pancake Breakfast, \$6.00
AUGUST 5, 2022, 10:00am WELCA Meeting

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) –JUNE Bible Study date to be announced at a later date due to Day Camp at JOY during the 3rd week – watch for news, we are looking at the 4th Tuesday which is June 28th

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 – not during Day Camp week

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle/health hygiene kits) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 – not during Day Camp week

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



RACHEL CIRCLE PROVIDED 20 Summer Protection Kits for DAILY BREAD

With the summer rains coming up, Daily Bread is providing “Summer Protection Kits: to the homeless. Kits consist of Rain Poncho, Sunglasses, Bug spray (travel size, preferably), Sunscreen spray (travel size, preferably), Ball cap (new or gently used), Drawstring bags (new or gently used). Thank you, Rachel Circle & congregation members who helped, fill 20 kits.

Thank all of you who supported the May pancake breakfast



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for remembering me on my 95th Birthday, with such beautiful cards and gifts. Also, thank you for all the get-well cards, visits, and phone calls during my time in rehab.

Love & Blessings,

Betty Lou Nielsen



“Thank you to all our friends at Joy for their cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy for the passing of my father, Walter R. (Walt) Foreman III. He died on Good Friday at his home in Indianapolis after several years of declining health. Along with my brother and sisters and our mother, Phyllis, and many other friends and relatives, we gathered in Indianapolis for his funeral and to celebrate his life of nearly 92 years. My father started life on a farm outside Fort Wayne, Indiana and moved to Indianapolis as a young man where he met his future wife, Phyllis Cochran. They were married for over 75 years and raised four daughters and one son. Until recently, he still regularly helped mow the extensive lawn at their home church, Trinity Lutheran. When we asked why he still mowed the grass at 90 years of age, he told us that he was the “FBI” (Farm Boy from Indiana). We miss him more than words can say, but we know that he rests in the arms of our Lord.”

Linda Sue Collins



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

JOY volunteers for DAILY BREAD are exceptionally generous with their time and a loving/giving group. They serve a hot meal and also share their smiling spirit and bring joy to those less fortunate.

Proverbs 22:9: “Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor.”

If you are available to share your time and love in Christ, please consider volunteering we need YOU!!

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 each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391).



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 **July 2022 Tidings no later than June 22nd.**

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 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



June Birthday Blessings

- 06/06 Kathi Manoussakis
- 06/09 Barbara Hall
- 06/14 Millie Spiers
- 06/15 Kathleene Hagen
- 06/18 Chuck Dean
- 06/25 Merrieanne Young
- 06/30 Debra Bowling

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 - March	April	Year to Date
Income	\$45,688.72	\$9,722.66	\$55,411.37
Expenses	\$50,326.47	\$16,497.56	\$66,824.03
Overage/Shortage	(\$4,637.75)	(\$6,774.91)	(\$11,412.66)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - March	April	Year to Date
Income	\$3,142.34.	\$1,108.63	\$4,250.97
Expenses	\$402.50	\$247.83	\$654.33
Overage/Shortage	\$2,735.84	\$860.80	\$3,596.64

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
Pentecost Sunday 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Work Day	
Trinity Sunday 12	13	Flag Day 14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Day	
Father's Day 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-12:00pm 8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study (Tentative Date)	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.