



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
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "**The one who showed him mercy.**" Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

"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,

St. Paul opens his epistle to the Christians at Philippi, saying, *"I thank my God every time I remember you."* In that single sentence, St. Paul captures my sentiments about our congregation. I thank God for you, and thank God that God allows me the joy-filled privilege to be your pastor.

Summer is upon us, and it is again the time of the year when faithful giving drops dramatically. This is a common pattern in many Florida-Bahamas Synod congregations. JOY experiences this pattern, too. A challenge of this pattern is that it inhibits our ability to support essential ministries and brightly shine the light of Jesus.

Many wonderful things happen through JOY because of God's blessings and the faithfulness of our church family. Please continue to give faithfully during these summer months, and, if the chance presents itself, to increase your gift as God empowers.

Here is the rest of St. Paul's opening thanksgiving and prayer to the Christians at Philippi:

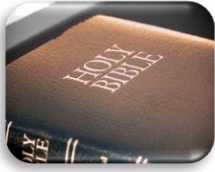
"Constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

May St. Paul's prayer prove as true for our congregation as it was for the congregation at Philippi.

I look forward to seeing you all upon my return from sabbatical.

Peace---

JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for June 2022

July 3.....Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10.....Luke 10:25-37

July 17.....Luke 10:38-42

July 24.....Luke 11:1-13

July 31.....Luke 12:13-21



Next meeting is July 20th, 7:00pm

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.



ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

Summer 2022: Crafted in Christ
A summer of rest and renewal

Eve Circle (Bible Study) –3rd Tuesday,
@11:30am, July 19th

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 will 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.

While no actual sewing experience is required to complete the study, participants can opt to create a quilting project as a lasting reminder of their time together.



July 2022, Session 2: "Quilt cutting and piecing," explores how our lives and Christian communities come together into a cohesive whole, including people of all shapes and sizes, abilities, and talents.

PASTOR BRYANT ON SABBATICAL

While Pr. Bryant is on sabbatical from July 1-July 31, Pr. Pam McMillan will be serving in his stead. Pr. Pam serves on staff at Hospice of St. Francis. She is rostered in the United Methodist Church and serves within the United Methodist Church's Florida Conference.



Gifted in grief management and pastoral care, Pr. Pam brings a wealth of knowledge and compassion to JOY. And she will see that pastoral care needs are faithfully met while Pr. Bryant is away.

Because Pr. Pam works full-time with Hospice of St. Francis, at times she may ask others to assist her with hospital visits and home communion provision. Among those clergy she may ask are Chaplain Derly Foerste and Fr. Brian Turner.

Reach out to Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 to contact Pr. Pam with pastoral care needs. However, if you cannot locate Marjorie, Pr. Pam may be reached at:

Rev. Pamela McMillan, C/O St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care, 6905 N Wickham Rd Suite 403, Melbourne, FL 32940, (866) 269-4240.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart on "Summer Break" next meeting will be on **August 18th 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

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.

Daily Bread

Daily Bread (DB) held a Volunteer Dinner on June 25th, which Rene Harper, Marilyn Brindle, and me, represented our JOY volunteers.

After dinner we watched a video and then Jeff Njus, the Executive Director of Daily Bread, spoke to us about Daily Breads mission and future.

Daily Bread has eight employees and 100's of volunteers. It takes twenty-five volunteers a day to keep Daily Bread operating. Daily Bread began on January 1st, 1988, when some kind people knew there was a need. They began as a soup kitchen and the first day served thirteen people. Before the pandemic they were serving 200-225 people per day, 365 days a year. During the pandemic, the numbers dropped to 100-125. They are not totally sure of why that was. The numbers are now just beginning to raise again.

Besides feeding their guests here are some of the additional services that are provided. There is a gentlemen named Ray who is one of Daily Breads success stories. He was homeless about 3 years ago and with the help of DB has found shelter. He now heads their Peer Support Specialist. He works with the clients to help them get cell phones through a government sponsored program. Everyone needs a phone in today's world.

DB has an Outreach Specialist as well as a Critical Transition Team that helps in finding housing once they are ready. DB helps them navigate the pathway to finding a home. In 2019 DB was able to place one hundred clients in homes. 2020 - 123 Clients and in 2021 – 147 clients found housing. Currently with the housing crisis in the area, this has become more difficult.

Daily Bread has volunteers that work as Employment Councilor. They help with Resume's, how to interview and has been known to drive clients to interviews when needed.

They offer showers and clean clothes daily to those that want them. On Wednesday's, The Brevard Health Alliance mobile van comes and offers Medical, Psychiatric, and pharmacy services. These are just a few of the services that are offered at Daily Bread.

Through grants and financial donations from the Cities of Melbourne and Palm Bay, DB is working on building a new facility to be opened in 2024. This will be able to offer permanent housing, and temporary housing to those that are in transition to move into another housing location.

The most important thing that Daily Bread gives is LOVE. It is a No Judgement Zone when they walk into Daily Bread. Jeff shared a few success stories. He shared that he received a Thank You note from a young woman. She thanked them for having open Arms and being compassionate in her darkest hours. She had been abused as a child and later in relationships. Daily Bread helped her break that cycle.

I want to thank all the members of JOY that continually support Daily Bread. You are all doing God's work and changing lives.

Before dinner Pastor Norm Holm (Our Ruth's son) opened with a beautiful prayer. We prayed for God's Special Children.

Thanks for all the members of JOY that have volunteered and supported this program.

Chris Allebaugh

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2022





JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 10-18: School supplies campaign for Turner Elementary and LWR school packs

AUGUST 6: Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30 A.M., \$6.00

AUGUST 6: WELCA meeting – 10:00

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Third Tuesday, @11:30am, July 19th

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

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

Ruth Circle (crafts) – Meets on 1st Monday @ 10:00 – all crafters welcome – come, share your crafting ideas. July's meeting will be July 11th, due to the 1st Monday being July 4th.

Young at Heart on summer break. Next meeting August 18.

Men of Joy

Just a note that we have been enjoying breakfast outings for our members and friends on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. It is a good opportunity to meet other men of our congregation in a setting outside of Sunday mornings. At present, we are trying out different local restaurants and diners to see which we prefer, but watch for an announcement and an email reminder for each one. Our criteria for each have been a comfortable setting with enough seating, good breakfast fare and menu choices at a range of prices.

If you have any questions about our men's group, please see Gary Krause or me. See you at our next breakfast outing.

Jim Collins, Recording Secretary

Finance Committee

Our Finance Committee is mainly intended to support the Council, the Treasurer and the church's leadership in financial reporting and procedural matters; but I wanted to share a few thoughts about the role of each of us as members of JOY. The main point I would like to make here is that our church is a gift given to us by God and passed along by all those who have come before us. Perhaps fortunately for JOY, none of us can support the entire ministry of our church by him/herself. Rather, each of us through our offerings takes responsibility for a part of the ministries. Summer is often the hardest time for the finances of the church; weekly giving tends to be down due to vacations and the like. Please remember that our church's needs do not go on vacation; so, our continued giving weekly, monthly or even annually is very important. Here are a few Q&As about church finances and giving:

Q: There are 365+ envelopes in my box! Do I need to give every week?

A: No ... they are there for your use to help you keep track of your regular offerings.

Q: If I give monthly, what should I do with the other envelopes?

A: You only need to use the ones that you need. You can recycle or discard the rest.

Q: I do not have any offering envelopes.

A: Just ask the President or me, and we will get a box for you.

Q: What if I cannot find or did not pick up my box of envelopes?

A: Any blank envelope will do. Just print your name and envelope number (if you know it) on the envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Q: What if I am going to be gone on Sunday?

A: There is a secure drop slot on the office door at the back of the church.

Q: What if I am going to be gone for the Summer or for several weeks?

A: See the answer above. You can also send a check to the church's address 3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE, Palm Bay, FL.

Q: Can I pay via an electronic transfer from my bank or credit union?

A: Yes ... there is a link on the church's website (www.joylutheranelca.com) for credit cards, or your bank or credit union's online banking website may provide a way to request an electronic transfer.

I hope this helps answer any questions you may have. God bless.

Jim Collins, Chairman



Dear Friends,

I would like to give a special thanks to Holly and Connie for helping me get moved to my new residence at "Brookdale West Melbourne". I do not know what I would have done without them.

Also, thank you everyone for all your prayers and visits.

Love & Blessings,

Betty Lou Nielsen
7300 Greenboro Drive, Apt#123
West Melbourne, FL 32904



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).

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," considering signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

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 **August 2022 Tidings no later than July 25th.**

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



July Birthday Blessings

07/02	Patsy Steger
07/05	Al Kongsjord
07/05	Matthew Peters
07/07	Ethan Arner
07/11	Patricia Muth
07/12	David Steinhorst
07/13	Mary Ann Jones
07/13	Bob Lindner
07/20	Barbara Herndon
07/22	Cathy Fisher
07/24	Chris Peters
07/25	Kelly Arner
07/27	Constance Church
07/27	Jerrilyn Krause
07/28	Chris Allebaugh

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 - April	*May	Year to Date
Income	\$55,411.37	\$28,689.00	\$84,100.37
Expenses	\$66,824.03	\$22,420.45	\$89,244.48
Overage/Shortage	(\$11,412.66)	\$6,268.55	(\$5,144.11)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - April	May	Year to Date
Income	\$4,250.97	\$914.93	\$5,165.90
Expenses	\$654.33	\$468.03	\$1,122.36
Overage/Shortage	\$3,596.64	\$446.90	\$4,043.54

*May income includes the transfer of \$20k of funds, by CT, from MIF acct. back to the General Fund.

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					8:30am Property Work Day	
3	Independence Day 4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Work Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
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	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:00am Worship						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.