



Tidings of Joy

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



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September 2022

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

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

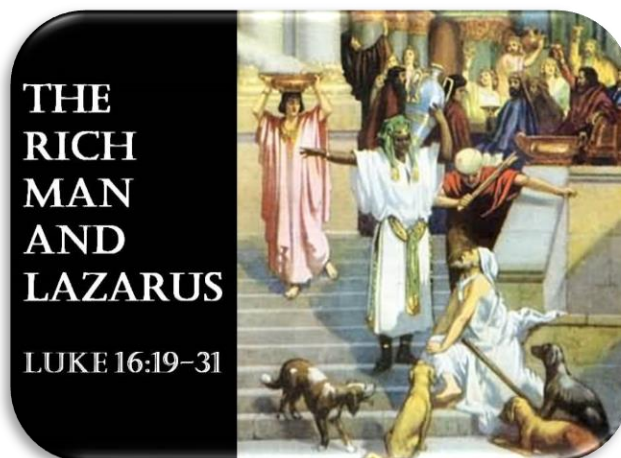
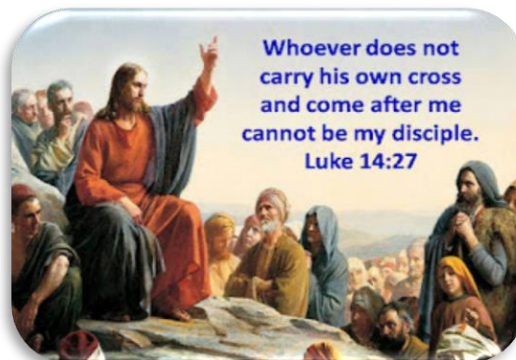
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SEPTEMBER GOSPEL READINGS



"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,

As is customary, when a pastor returns from sabbatical, the pastor should share with the congregation how the sabbatical time was managed. Please allow me to share this report which was submitted to the church council.

Peace---
JDB+

Sabbatical Report Summer 2022

Between the 4th and 5th years of our shared ministry at JOY, and as was part of the call agreement that JOY extended to me, I was generously, faithfully, and graciously granted a month-long sabbatical. My time away began on July 1st, and I returned to JOY on August 1st. During this time, I rested, read, reflected, and prayed.

Almost daily, I read, prayed about, and reflected upon the call letter that JOY extended to me, and JOY's ministry site profile (MSP) that came my way in October 2017. What I most reflected upon was the mutual expectations section on page 10 of JOY's MSP. Let me place those mutual expectations here:

"A. Leadership/Administration - In conjunction with the congregational leadership, we would like our new pastor to help build membership and promote leadership within the church.

B. Outreach to the Community - Alongside our current outreach efforts, we would like our new pastor to help develop additional outreach programs for those in need in our community, with particular focus on our partnership with Turner Elementary.

C. Increase youth and family ministries -We would like our new pastor to assist our congregation in building programs that will attract and appeal to young families.

D. Build the music ministry - We would like our new pastor to help us rebuild our choir, with a goal of adding a youth choir when appropriate age members become available.

E. Improve/Expand JOY's partnership and relationship with ELCA and the SYNOD. - Alongside our congregational leadership, our new pastor should help us strengthen and expand our participation in the Florida/Bahamas Synod and the larger ELCA."

I participated in two college courses to help me better understand people in our congregation and people in general: 1) *Theories of Personality* and 2) *Systems Theory in Psychology*. Alongside pastors and therapists from a broad range of clinical and ministerial settings, we pondered *why-we-are-as-we-are* and *why-we-do-as-we-do*.

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Since, alongside preaching and studying the Word, relationship and leadership development is a major part of what this pastor does, I used these courses to ponder our mutual expectations.

Let me share the questions I have pondered with you:

With regard to Leadership/Administration, Outreach to the Community, Increase youth and family ministries, Build the music ministry, Improve/Expand JOYs partnership and relationship with ELCA and the SYNOD, together, how are we living into these? Before the pandemic, how were we living into these? Now, as we seem to be on the back end of the pandemic, how might we more effectively live into these?

I have no clear answers to these questions, yet I wonder if the Covid pandemic has slowed our positive momentum. And I wonder if our time is now to recapture it. I suspect our momentum needs to be recaptured because the pandemic has slowed us, landing us in a space between *what was* and *what's next*.

The space between *what was* and *what's next* is an odd space. St. Paul knew it well, which is why St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" (NRSV)

Consider two questions:

- 1) What is something old that has passed away since the pandemic that has made a positive difference in our congregation's life?
- 2) What is something new that has come into being since the pandemic that is making a positive difference in our congregation's life?

On some level, we always exist between *what was* and *what's next*, between the old that has passed away and the new that is coming into being. It can be an uncomfortable space for us, which is why our response is to get caught up in the business of distraction, or more often to run back to the past, to the way we used to do it, back to the days when things were comfortable for us.

We run back to the past because the new space where God invites us to go is unfamiliar---and the unfamiliar, the unknown, can be scary. The unknown and the unfamiliar exposes how little we are in control and how vulnerable we are. This is tough for us because we know where we've been, but we do not know where we are going. Between now and then, here and there, *what was* and *what's next*, we rediscover our need for God.

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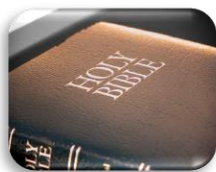
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St. Paul knew that God fills in between spaces and uses them as God's creation spaces. God alone makes sense of our in between spaces, meeting us there, creating purpose, meaning, and being. Instead of our in between spaces being spaces of isolation and confusion, God uses them to do a new thing, to work a new wonder, to surprise us with promise. Still—even with God filling the space, it is easy to get lost in the in between.

Sometimes the in between can overwhelm us and leave us floundering, stumbling in the dark. Yet, even as we stumble, God uses everything to transform us, to create the new even as the old passes away. It's okay to stumble about in our in between spaces because God is at work. We need not fret. We need not busy ourselves with distractions. We need to be still and look for the Lord at work in our midst. And when we see Jesus, we need to point Jesus out to one another, and together, we need to go to Jesus and to join Jesus there...in wherever that ministry space might be, and in whatever fashion that ministry might take.

Let's pray---Lord Jesus, help us to embrace and live fully into our in between spaces. Help us see that as the old goes and the new comes, you invite us to spend our time with you, using our time to rest in your presence rather than waste it in distraction. Reveal yourself to us in every in between space and especially in our space of what was and what's next. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for September 2022

September 4.....Luke 14:25-33

September 11.....Luke 15:1-10

September 18.....Luke 16:1-13

September 25.....Luke 16:19-31



Next meeting:
September 21st at 7:00pm



Community Fellowship Service & Free Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 2, 2022, JOY will be hosting a "Community Service" followed by a free pancake breakfast. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please pick up some door hangers at the church and distribute them in your community. Help us get the word out that all are welcome. Service will begin at 10:00 am with the pancake breakfast to follow service.



JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2022 JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH



3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E. PALM BAY FL, 32909

9AM – 2PM

Craft Show

Silent Auction

Bake Sale

Fall and Christmas Items

Vendor Spaces Available

Hot Dogs, Soda, Chips, and Coffee

All proceeds to benefit

JOY WELCA

(Joy Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

**Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa
(321-327-8400)**

Email: marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com



Fall 2022

Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning.

Session 1: “Trees,” will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.

September 20, 2022 @ 11:30



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 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 Inc.

815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

FREE hot meals are served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 7 days a week

For thirty years, Daily Bread has served as a place of love to ensure no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. At Daily Bread, daily hot meals are provided, as well as transitional support including case management, healthcare service and employment support. In addition to feeding the growing homeless population, Daily Bread & other partners provided housing access to 147 people, as well as healthcare and related services to 974 individuals in 2021.

JOY Lutheran Church Team serves meals the 4th Friday of each month. Please contact Chris Allebaugh (321-388-2555) if you can help. Thanks to each of you for your support of this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers. Volunteers are also needed for dining hall, outreach center, and warehouse. Help is needed 7 days a week.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 15:.....**Young at Heart** meets at 12pm.

October 21 & 22:....**Fresh Grounded Faith Event-** held at Calvary Chapel, W. Melbourne
All Ladies Invited,

November 11-13:...FL-BAHAMAS Synodical Women's Organization Fall Gathering
@ LAKE YALE (near Leesburg, FL)

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Third Tuesday, @11:30am, September 20th

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

“Needed ladies to help make quilts, no sewing experience needed,
easy on-the-job-training provided – all ladies are welcome.”

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

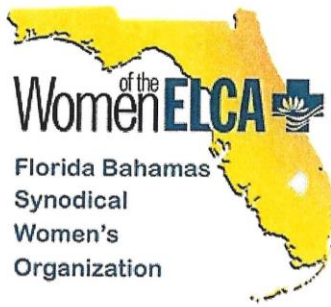
Ruth Circle (crafts) – Meets on 2nd & 4th Monday in September @ 10:00am – all crafters
welcome – come, share your crafting ideas.



WELCA HOLIDAY FESTIVAL and SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON!
NOVEMBER 5th

A BIG THANKYOU to all coming out for the August Pancake Breakfast.

DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. Rachel Circle will be packing up HealthKit/hygiene kits for Daily Bread in Sept. Any contributions are Very Welcome. Health Kits are made up of deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, wash cloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, and small (individual) hand sanitizer



You are invited to

FL-BAHAMAS SWO Fall Gathering
November 11, 12, 13, 2022
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
Leesburg, Florida



A packet of registration materials is included in this invitation to join your sisters in Christ at this year's Fall Gathering. All of these materials are also available for download on our website www.flwelca.com. Please make copies for any woman who is interested in attending and does not have Internet access. **The deadline for registration is September 15, 2022.** Registration forms, scholarship and grant forms should be sent to the Registrar whose name (Diane Cummings) and address are listed on the forms.

Online registration is again available on our website. Just visit the website and follow the directions for registration and workshop signup. We encourage you to use this option to quickly complete your registration forms and sign up for workshops.

A list of available workshops is also included in this packet. Please select up to six (6) workshops in order of preference and return your request form with your registration. There will be three workshop sessions. Please note that some of the workshops have a materials fee.

See you in November!
 Blessings,

Loraine Van Haecke and Lisa Klima, 2022 Gathering Co-chairs

Registration Fee.....	\$ 45.00
Room/Meals.....	\$187.00
(Motel style room per person/double or triple occupancy)	
Spouse (Room & Meals, no registration fee).....	\$187.00

Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391), if you have any questions.

AN AREA-WIDE WOMEN'S EVENT. FOR EVERY WOMAN

FEATURING
JENNIFER
ROTHSCHILD
*best-selling
Bible study
teacher*



**FRESH
GROUNDED
FAITH**

MELBOURNE 2022

**OCTOBER
21 & 22** FRI 7:00PM-9:30PM
SAT 9:00AM-12:30PM

LOCATION
Calvary Chapel Fellowship

AND SPECIAL GUESTS

**KELLY
MINTER**
*best-selling
author*



**MICHAEL
O'BRIEN**
*recording
artist/
worship leader*



Dates: October 21 & 22

Times: Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm – General Entrance & Product Tables open at 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – General Entrance & Product Tables open at 8:00 am

Where: Calvary Chapel, 2955 Minton Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904

For more information or to register, visit

<https://www.calvaryccm.com/connect/news-and-events?eventId=43162>

Special Pricing: First 900 tickets purchased *can use the code 'CHAPEL' and get a reduced price of \$35.*

Individual Tickets – All tickets are General Admission unless an Upgrade is also purchased.

\$54 Early Bird Individual | \$59 After Early Bird Individual

Early Bird Deadline: September 26, 2022

\$69 At Door *Plus per ticket processing fee.

This event is for information only and an invite on behalf of Calvary Church.

Property Committee

The Property Committee continues to mow the grass around the property and weeding the Memorial Garden as well as the flower beds around the church. As we took over the lawn care from our long-time member Ken Wolf who had for years provided us with the lawn care at no cost, we now also have the added responsibility of maintaining the equipment which seems to have required more work and various parts to continue in operational condition.

Gary Krause has completed the painting of the pergolas in the Memorial Garden as well as installing new low wattage flood lights in the pergola. Gary has also installed new outside lights to the church building with low wattage led lights with new fixtures that match the lights on the light poles which he installed earlier. Gary also cleared some of the brush and tree limbs at the back of the church by the back fence. He not only cut and stacked the wood, but also hauled some of the material away as the new Palm Bay trash company has not taken from the back of the property.

The new kitchen cabinets and countertop have been finished and the ladies are making effective use of the new space.

In September, we will resume the interior painting and complete the painting of the remaining rooms.

Erik Mäenpää

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jim Collins for all his hard work on the kitchen upgrade.



Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **September 15th 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 afterwards for a Lima bean auction. 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.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be September 14, 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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," consider 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 **October 2022 Tidings no later than September 26th**.

Email David Steinhorst dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com or provide a printed copy.

Online giving is an option for us, and 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." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for us but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Do not participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



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



September Birthday Blessings

09/05 Haley Herndon
 09/10 Barbara Sparks
 09/13 Erik Maenpaa
 09/22 Dennis Baudek
 09/23 Arno Kuehnhold
 09/27 Donna Burdick

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 - June	July	January thru July
Income	\$95,021.19	\$15,094.03	\$110,115.22
Expenses	\$102,772.25	\$11,751.94	\$114,524.19
Overage/Shortage	(\$7,751.06)	\$3,342.09	(\$4,408.97)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - June	July	January thru July
Income	\$5,537.83	\$865.93	\$6,403.76
Expenses	\$1,122.36	\$0.00	\$1,122.36
Overage/Shortage	\$4,415.47	\$865.93	\$5,281.40

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					8:30am Property Workday	
4	Labor Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.