



Tidings of Joy



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

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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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Christ the King Sunday
November 20th



First Sunday of Advent
November 27th



"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,

Two questions have been on my mind as Christ the King Sunday draws near. Ponder them with me:

1. Who gave you the talents you have?
2. How many times do you give God the credit for blessing you with your talents?

Often, we credit ourselves with our own talents because we like exaltation. We like to think we're a "cut above." We like being "looked up to" which, unfortunately, means we are prone to "look down on."

Norman Cousins, Editor of the "Saturday Review," relates an experience he had in a large municipal auditorium. He says it reminds him of the last being first and the first being last. The auditorium was one of those massive, arenas designed for all kinds of sporting events, conventions, meetings, etc.-often simultaneously. Mr. Cousins was scheduled to deliver a lecture, so he arrived under the mistaken notion that he was late. He hurriedly checked his coat and, instead of looking for the stage door, he went down the middle aisle of the auditorium directly toward the podium. When he reached the stage, he discovered that it was too high to mount and there were no steps. He spotted a door to one side and, thinking it led to the stairs, he went through. It locked behind him. It was dark and he found no steps, but he stumbled into another door. He went through the second door and barged onto the stage of an adjoining auditorium crowded with delegates to a poultry convention listening attentively to a speech being delivered by H.V. Kaltenborn. The intrusion interrupted the speech momentarily, but Mr. Cousins quickly mumbled his apologies and he headed for the nearest door. When it closed and locked behind him, he found that he now was outside the arena. It was pouring rain and he had checked his coat and, after a two-block jog back to the main entrance, he discovered that the head usher wouldn't admit him because he didn't have a ticket.

"But I am the principal speaker," Norman Cousins protested. "Sure, I've heard that one before, many times," replied the head usher. Consequently, Principal Speaker Norman Cousins went to the end of the line to buy a ticket to his own lecture. (Mr. Cousins likes to say, that if more people had to pay to hear their own lectures, we'd have better lectures.) In any case, he had to pay \$1.75 to hear a lecture he'd already heard several times before.

St. Paul says, "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1 Cor. 4:7)

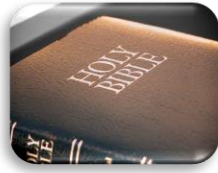
People like to be celebrated. Why shouldn't we? It feels good to have someone say, "Way to go! Well done!" It feels good when someone compliments us and celebrates our talents. It feels good to hear our name mentioned in front of a crowd. The problem is, we truly don't do anything to deserve it.

Paul tells the Christians in Corinth that they didn't have anything they didn't receive. That means they didn't have anything that God did not give them. Because of our culture, it is easy for us to forget this.

How many times do athletes score points by making amazing plays and then celebrate in ways that draw attention to themselves? Whether it is dancing in the endzone after a touchdown or watching a homerun soar out of the park, it's a chance to grab attention through talent. All this draws attention to people who don't deserve the glory. God provides everything we have. God gave us birth. God gave us talents. Since God gave us the talent to score a touchdown, a home run, to do whatever amazing thing it is that we do, why not give God the credit?

Peace,
JDB+

P.S. Portions of this "Pastor's Point" are based on a *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* devotion used by Pr. Bryant a long time ago.



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" November 6th - 20th

November 6.....Luke 20:27-38

November 13.....Luke 21: 5-19

(Christ the King Sunday)

November 20.....Luke 23: 33-43

Lectionary "A" for November 27th

(First Sunday in Advent)

November 27.....Matthew 24:36-44

A New Church Year Begins



The new year of the church begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th.



Next meeting:
November 16th at 7:00pm

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 6th.**



**Women's Bible Study
November 15th @ 11:30**



**Fall 2022: Jesus and Nature:
Teachers of Faith**

November 2022, Session 3
"Creatures," offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs, and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.



**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**



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 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

As Christians, we are to feed the poor and help people who are in need. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another, and as we serve others we are serving Christ.

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

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 needed for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse – help needed 7 days a week.

Property Committee

The fall has brought welcomed relief to our weekly lawn mowing as we are now able to cut back on the mowing job. This has permitted us to concentrate on other projects around the church. We are getting to the end of clearing the branches and brush that Gary Krause, Ken Laumer and Gary Sherman cut and cleared earlier in the summer. Harold Lengel has taken care of spraying for weeds around the property as well as for fire ants.

Some of the sprinkler heads have developed leaks due to being broken or sheared by our mowing crew. Gary Sherman and Ken Laumer surveyed the system and replaced all the broken heads. The timer was also reset to correct issues arising from recent power interruptions.

The original kitchen cabinets have needed some repairs and James Collins has addressed the issues and taken care of them.

Following Hurricane Ian, we toured the property and assessed the damage from the storm. We are pleased to note that we had minor damage from the storm. The only major damage from the storm was to the church steeple on the miniature church housing the irrigation pump and pump controls. We are consulting with the engineering and construction team of Norm Barmen and Harold Lengel for the repairs and installation of a new steeple.



Fortunately, this job should not require us to place a claim with our insurance company.

Ken Laumer is recovering from his recent knee surgery, and we wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Erik Mäenpää



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17, 2022: YOUNG AT HEART @ 12:00pm

November 11-13, 2022: FL-BAHAMAS Synodical Women's Organization FALL GATHERING @ LAKE YALE (near Leesburg, FL)

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) –3rd Tuesday, @ 11:30, November 15 – Bible Study

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00, you don't have to be a sewer, come out, cut, pin, tie quilts

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00, join us for coffee

Ruth Circle (crafts) – Meets on 1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:00 – all crafters welcome

DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. Rachel Circle will be packing up health/hygiene kits for Daily Bread. Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) from Calvary Chapel is donating items for the health kits – a BIG THANK YOU to him and Calvary Chapel. All 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, soap & wash cloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer. Motel size toiletries work Great.



NOVEMBER 5th 9:00am to 2:00pm

WELCA HOLIDAY FESTIVAL and SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 3, 2022, at 12:00pm

Olive Garden restaurant on U.S.192

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be November 9, 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

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **November 17th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those fifty-five 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 fellowship. 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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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 **December 2022 Tidings no later than November 21st**.

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



November Birthday Blessings

- 11/01 Ed Baltzersen
- 11/02 Nicholas Peters
- 11/05 Linden Strandberg
- 11/08 Dorothy Kirsch
- 11/13 Dudley Bowling
- 11/14 Caitlin Getter
- 11/14 Trent Thorman
- 11/18 Thelma Tucker
- 11/22 Connie Lampel
- 11/26 Joyce Ireland
- 11/27 Joy Christensen

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 - August	September	January thru September
Income	\$101,914.38	\$7,418.68	\$109,333.06
Expenses	\$129,680.47	\$12,487.71	\$142,168.18
Overage/Shortage	(\$27,766.09)	(\$5,069.02)	(\$32,835.12)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - August	September	January thru September
Income	\$7,253.76	\$383.00	\$7,636.76
Expenses	\$1,122.69	\$0.00	\$1,122.36
Overage/Shortage	\$6,031.07	\$383.00	\$6,414.07

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

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		All Saints Day 1	2	3	4	5
		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	9:00am -2pm Holiday Craft Show
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00am Worship Daylight Saving Time Ends	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Workday	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Workday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Christ the King Sunday 10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	Thanksgiving Day	8:30am Property Workday Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
First Sunday in Advent 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.