



# *Tidings of Joy*

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



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**January 2023**

## **Staff**

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor  
Steven K. Weiss – Organist

## **Worship Time(s):**

### **Sunday**

Traditional Worship Service  
10:00a.m.

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**And when eight days  
were accomplished for the  
circumcising of the child,  
his name was called  
JESUS...**

**—Luke 2:21**



Matthew 3:13-17  
Baptism of Jesus

**"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 [prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

## Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

Whereas Advent starts the Christian new year, January starts the solar new year. And although there is little difference in December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, many people will act as if there is tremendous magic evoked when the clock strikes 12 and 2022 gives way to 2023. People will act as if magic comes from this moment, empowering them to make and live into resolutions.

New Year's resolutions have their origin in Ancient Babylon. Many are made each year, and few are ever fully accomplished. Researchers say the most common resolution made is to lose weight. For Christians, common resolutions are to: read the Bible in one year, to pray more, to volunteer more, and to give more time, money, or stuff.

Mostly, even for Christians, we fail to live into our resolutions. Two questions help us understand why this may be the case:

1. Who is the goal of our resolution?
2. What is our motivation?

Let us tackle the question of the goal. 1 Timothy 4:8 says, "for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." Since we are Christians, shouldn't our goal be some aspect of godliness? Take the common resolution about losing weight, is it a matter of being physically fit to further God's Kingdom work, or is it so others see us, then remark about our physique, our dedication, or our ability so squeeze into the slacks we wore back in 10<sup>th</sup> grade? Is our goal about God and God's purpose or is it about us and our purpose?

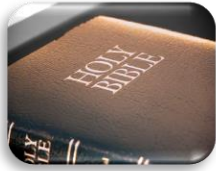
Now, let us tackle the question of motivation? Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Since Jesus is the Vine, our Source, then we are dependent branches. Our motivation then, must be consistent with what our Source seeks to offer through us. Whatever fruit comes through us must be because the Vine intends for it to be so. Otherwise, here will come the pruning shears.

If God is the Source, Center, and Motivation for our resolutions, we stand a greater chance of success because God will empower us to accomplish them. As for the business of doing it for ourselves, under our own power and from our own motivations to that Jesus says, "apart from me you can do nothing."

It is good for us to consider these things as we enter 2023. What might God prefer JOY Lutheran's New Year's resolutions be? More kindness, more flexibility, more community engagement, less anxiety, less gossip, etc.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas season and the very best in the New Year! Your pastor resolves to see you in 2023 after Christmas vacation. I will be in Georgia 12/26/2022-1/10/2023. Pr. Pam McMillan will supply 1/1/2023 and Chaplain Derly Foerste will supply 1/8/2023. Fr. Brian Turner of Blessed Redeemer Episcopal will be available for emergency calls.

Peace,  
JDB+



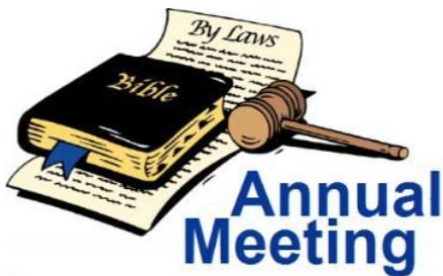
### Gospel Readings

#### Lectionary "A" for January

January 1	Matthew 2:13-23
January 8	Matthew 3:13-17
January 15	John 1:29-42
January 22	Matthew 4:12-23
January 29	Matthew 5:1-12



Next meeting:  
January 18th at 7:00pm



**January 29, 2023**  
**~11:30 a.m.**  
(Following the Service)

**Winter/Spring 2023 Bible study,**  
**"The Ten Commandments"**  
Eve Circle (Bible Study)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, January 17 @ 11:30



Join *Gather* magazine and revive your soul in 2023 with a four-session study of the ten commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. For example, Martin Luther taught that the commandment, "Do not kill," means not only refraining from murder, but actively promoting the health and life of others. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

#### **(January 2023) Session one: Dancing the Decalogue (Commandments 1 & 2)**

Psalm 19 claims, "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." Joy and romance may not be the first images that come to mind when we think of the Ten Commandments. However, a close reading of the first several commandments open us to a fresh encounter with the God of fierce, freeing love.

## Welcome Linda Carol Poppe



The Church Council has hired Linda Carol Poppe as the new substitute organist, replacing Bruce Bateman. She will be playing two Sundays in January.

## “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.

The Banana Nut Bread Bake Off between Dot Kirsch and Tom Hennessey. The contest finally took place with Tom Hennessey being the winner.



## 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

Daily Bread provides a nutritious and delicious meal to an average of 150 hungry neighbors daily! This dedicated staff, with the help of volunteers, create a clean and respectable environment for everyone to enjoy and produce each meal to include all the major food groups!



**JOY Lutheran Church Team** serves meals the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 needed 7 days a week.

## Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **January 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Turner School Angel Tree Gifts



In the Angel Tree wish list, three students had wished for bicycles. One of the students who requested a bicycle lives 1.9 miles from Turner. This is beyond the school bus transportation zone. When his mother is unable to drive the student to school, the student must walk to school. The bicycle will be his alternate transportation to school.





Thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas Eve “Special Music”



Thank you Men of Joy for erecting the “Joy” sign.



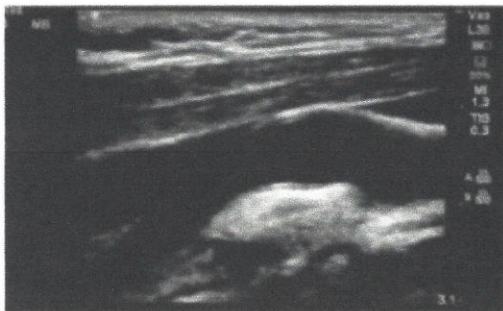


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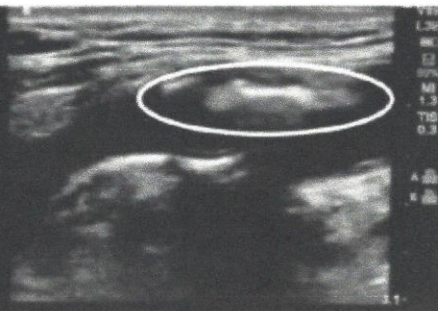
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### Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.<sup>1</sup>

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

<sup>1</sup>Key Risk Factors include: \*High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

**We are coming to your neighborhood.**

**When: January 23, 2023**

**Where: Joy Lutheran Church**

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## Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide.

Life Line Screening has partnered with over **100 hospitals** across the country and has conducted over **10 million screenings** since 1993.



### ***Carotid Artery Disease***

an ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.



### ***Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)***

a 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>



### ***Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)***

an ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.



### ***Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)***

an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>3</sup>

**4 Screenings for Only \$149**  
**Special Package Pricing**

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.





## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January 21st: WELCA Annual Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

January 19th: Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, January 17 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Dorcas Circle** (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Rachel Circle** (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Ruth Circle** (crafts) – will resume meetings – watch for updates

**DAILY BREAD hygiene kits.** Rachel Circle packed up twenty health kit/hygiene kits for Daily Bread in December. 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, finger nail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer



**Angel Tree:** 91 Christmas gifts to students at Turner Elementary. Thank all of you for helping make this happen.

### **Men of JOY**

We continue to meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. Come and join us. A specific announcement will be made on the prior Sunday morning. We also send out an email about the breakfasts and other meetings. If you have not received it over the past several months, please see Jim Collins to give him your email address. If you do not have email, let Jim know you are interested, and he will call you.

### **Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be January 11, 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



Thank you for the many phone calls, cards, emails, and messages of condolences on the death of my mother, Flora Belle Ackerman. It was very thoughtful, and I appreciated hearing from each of you.

She was a wonderful woman, loving and caring, always helping and looking out for others, her family, and her friends. An Angel in disguise. A wonderful Christian role model and I strive to be just like her.

*Connie Steinhorst*

### **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.



### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

On the recommendation from W&M, the Council has approved a Change to the Flowers and Eternal Candle monthly cost.

The new fees are as follows:

**Flowers** \$25.00 per week.

**Eternal Candle** \$30.00 per month, no longer a weekly fee.

### **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 **February 2023 Tidings no later than January 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





## January Birthday Blessings

01/07 Violet Chin  
 01/17 Peggy Kemmerer  
 01/19 Ruth Holm  
 01/19 Jackie Mertens  
 01/22 Chad Arner  
 01/30 Haylee Tolley

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 **\$25.00** 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 **\$30.00 for the month.**

## Joy Financials

(See Sunday Bulletin for latest information.)

GENERAL FUND	January - September	October	January thru October
Income	\$109,333.09	\$11,270.05	\$120,603.11
Expenses	\$129,680.47	\$12,487.71	\$156,357.79
Overage/Shortage	(\$32,835.11)	(\$2,919.57)	(\$35,754.68)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - September	October	January thru October
Income	\$7,636.76	\$671.00	\$8,307.76
Expenses	\$1,222.69	\$0.00	\$1,222.69
Overage/Shortage	\$6,414.07	\$671.00	\$7,085.07

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

# JANUARY 2023

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 Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	Men of Joy Breakfast (Contact Jim Collins)
<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	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Workday	
<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 7pm Council Mtg	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Workday	10:00am Annual WELCA Meeting
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday 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>
10:00am Worship Annual Meeting Following Worship Service		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting				
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
						<b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b>