



Tidings of Joy

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



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April 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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321-951-0166

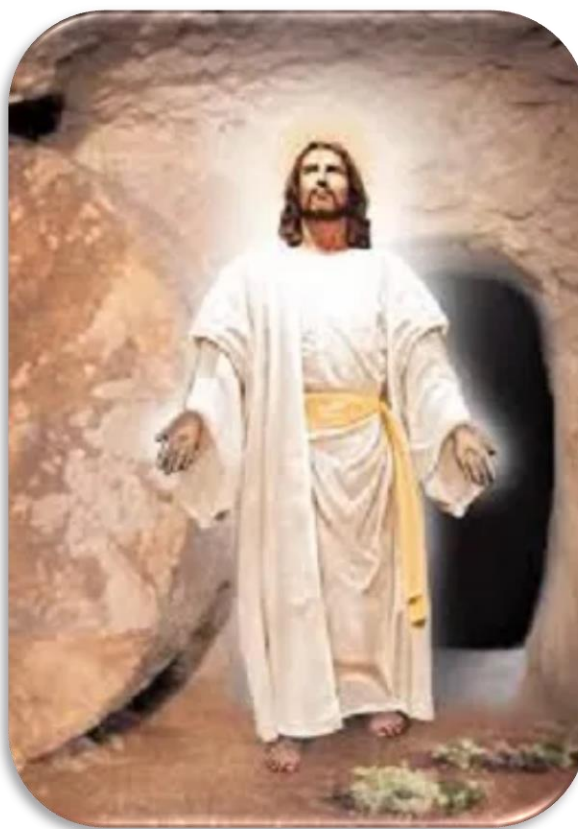
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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday Service
April 9th at 10 am



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service:	6:00pm
Good Friday Service:	6:00pm
Easter Sunday Service:	10:00am

"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---

Consider these words, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins (1 Corinthians 15:17)."

Sobering words, aren't they?

As I write this "Pastor's Point," we are in Lent, still sifting through our lives, looking for what might require renewal, repentance, and rebirth. Soon, though, we will enter Holy Week, where we will prepare for three days that culminate in the resurrection of Jesus. Consider how different that first Easter morning was, when there were no crowds, no lilies, no hot cross buns, no hallelujahs, no trumpets, and no joy. There was a burial detail of women, nothing more. How many women depends on which gospel you read. These women were on a mission to anoint Jesus' body, because it had not been done before his burial.

A loud tremor disturbs their mission as an angel comes and rolls back the stone, then sits on it. This angel, clothed in brilliant white, looks like lightning. The guards quaked in their sandals. But the angel says to the women, "do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. But he is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay." The angel then encourages the women to go and tell Jesus' disciples that Jesus has gone ahead to Galilee and will meet them there. But note that even had the story ended there, the fact is proclaimed that Jesus is raised. The tomb is empty. Despite the women's awe, death has no last word on Jesus; this is why the story goes on and on.

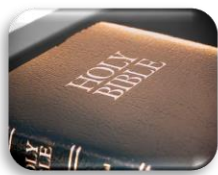
Good stories have the power to change lives and change history. We all have stories to tell. We have stories to tell about how God redeems us, claims us, forgives us, changes us, uses us, and blesses us as we follow, worship, serve, obey, and love God. When we tell our stories, others hear how God is not a character in our story but rather we are characters in God's story. God sends us to tell God's story, which others experience as "the Gospel according to You." Others have heard the Holy Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John...now, others hunger to hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to You. This is not the end, in the garden, at the tomb, or even in the New Testament; that is only the beginning. The story goes on and on through folks like me and folks like you. Go and tell the good news that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace---

JDB+

P.S.

I appreciate the 5 yr. anniversary celebration, acknowledgement, gifts, and cake. I look forward to seeing "all y'all" after Easter when I return from Georgia after checking on Mom. (4.10-4.24)



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "A" for April

April 2	Matthew 27:11-54
April 9	Matthew 28:1-10
April 16	John 20:19-31
April 23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30	John 10:1-10



Service Times Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday (April 2nd).....10:00am

Maundy Thursday (April 6th).....6:00pm

Good Friday (April 7th).....6:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 9th).....10:00am



Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday
April 18 @ 11:30

Winter/Spring 2023 Bible study,
"The Ten Commandments"

Session four: Guardrails for love of
God and neighbor (Commandments 7,
8, 9 & 10)

In this fourth and final session, we will consider sayings from Proverbs and other biblical wisdom related to minding our tongues, integrity in the marketplace, and practical ways to serve our neighbors.

Worship and Music

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Chris Allebaugh



Next meeting:
April 19th at 7:00pm

"Digging Deeper"

For those who are looking to do a 'deep dive' into what it means to be **'Walking Wet.'** A short course of 10 1-hr sessions facilitated by Linda Collins. Sessions will begin Thursday, April 20th, 10am. These sessions are especially useful if you are new to JOY. These will help you connect and build friendships. There are six slots available. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex on April 1st. See Linda Collins or Pr. Bryant if you have questions.

Beginning Thursday, April 20th at 10am, here at JOY, we have a chance to "Dig Deeper" into what it means to be **"Walking Wet."** Co-facilitators, Linda Collins and Rene' Harper will guide us on a journey of 10-hour long sessions that explore what it means to be a Jesus Follower: from the moment we are splashed in the font, and then move from the font into living our life in grace.

This is not a lecture-styled study. The format for these sessions is small group discussion centered on the Gospels. There is space for six people. We are capped at 6 people because too many people in the study makes it hard to stay within the hour-long period and inhibits the formation of intimacy required for sharing to occur. A sign-up sheet will appear in the narthex very soon. If you have questions, reach out to Linda Collins: lcollins7@cfl.rr.com

This is a great chance for those who are new to JOY, to Lutheranism, or to the Christian faith, to connect with people, to learn, to make new friends, and to explore being a Jesus Follower in the 21st Century. It's also great for any who simply enjoy studying the Bible.



Pastor Bryant will be on vacation "4/10 through 4/24". Pr. Pam McMillan will be handling pastoral care and emergency on-calls.

In the event of an emergency, please call Council President, Barbara Herndon
Cell: (321-408-1515), and she will connect you with Pr. Pam.

Did You Know?

Most Lutherans in the U.S., prior to WWI, attended worship services held in the languages of their European homelands. English speaking services were rare. This proved to be a major evangelism challenge in a nation that primarily spoke English. English speakers were not inclined to attend services in languages they did not know. For this reason, the Common Service Book (CSB) was developed in 1917. It took the first Lutheran liturgy in English, the 1888 Common Service, and married it to the other worship elements fully translated into English.

Because the developers are smart, they borrow heavily from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and the King James Version of the Bible. In fact, they borrow so heavily from these resources that British, rather than American, English spellings are used, e.g., Saviour, honour, etc. British capitalization styles are employed. The Lord's Prayer gets directly copied from the Book of Common Prayer. And, in fact, Anglican tunes for liturgical service elements are employed and retained for the next 60-ish years. This was the reality in Lutheran worship resources until the 1978 arrival of the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW).

Men of JOY

Our Men of JOY held their yard/garage sale on Saturday, March 11, and it was well attended by members of the community. We received a lot of donated items from our congregation and from some non-members as well. We started setting up about 6:00 am, and by 7:30 am the first shoppers showed up. Fortunately for all of us, we had plenty of hands helping. We would like to offer a special thanks to members of our organization who came out but also to several members of WELCA who proved invaluable. They helped with the sorting/pricing beforehand and with the refreshments and cashiering on the day of the sale. All in all, it was a great day, we helped empty several garages/sheds/attics, and we made over \$700 for the Men of JOY. Thanks to all whose hard work helped make this a successful event.

We also donated a nearly new bicycle to Southwest Middle School for one of their students. This was a gift to the Men of JOY from one of our members. Many thanks for that.

We continue to hold monthly breakfast social outings (usually at Sunshine Café on Malabar) at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of the month. Come join us and meet your fellow men outside the confines of Sunday morning.

Jim Collins, Recording Secretary

Day Camp 2023 June 26-30th

We have started to prepare for our JOY 2023 Day Camp. We have sixteen slots that will be available this year. We are asking for support from our congregation if you have a few hours to spare during that week.

Here are a few of the things we will need support on:

Housing – we will need 1 or 2 homes depending on who our counselors are. This would be Sunday – Thursday; Evening – dinner and activity- (this can be very simple)

Check in and check out – This only involves about 1 hour either in the morning or afternoon.

Crafts – someone that would like to head this up.

Nursing – we need someone with a nursing background to administer medication to a child that needs medication throughout the day.

Floater – someone that can jump in, run to the store, or just handle things that need assistance.

If you are interested in helping out with camp, let Rene or Chris know and we can find something that fits you!

Rene Harper and Chris Allebaugh

Consider Giving Online This Easter

1. Visit
www.joylutheranelca.com
2. Locate the Give button.
3. Donate!

*It only takes a minute to set up an account
or give as a guest. **We appreciate your
generosity this Easter!***



GIVE NOW

***Use this
QR code for your
contribution***



GIVE NOW

**SPACE COAST CONFERENCE
Women of the ELCA
2023 SPRING GATHERING**

at
Joy Lutheran Church
3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE
Palm Bay, FL

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$15.00



All women are invited to share in this gathering of Christian women which includes Welcome Refreshments, Bible Study, Worship with Communion, Lunch, Greetings from the Synod Representative, and a Guest Speaker.

Directions to Joy Lutheran Church:
US 1 or Rt. 95 West on Malabar Road
Left on Eldron
Church is on the corner of Eldron & Jupiter

RSVP
csteinhorst@cfl.rr.com
or call Connie at
(321) 725-6391
BY April 17, 2023



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 20 - Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00, every 3rd Thursday of the month.

April 22 - Joy Lutheran Church's WELCA is hosting the Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering on April 22, 2023. Registration begins at 9:00, \$15.00 includes lunch.

Pastor Lori Fuller will conduct the worship service. Pr. Lori is the founding Pastor of Palms Deaf Church in Palm Coast, Florida. She was ordained on February 27, 2023. She was born deaf. She will talk about the fact that 90% of deaf Americans are unchurched and 800,000 Floridians are deaf or hard of hearing. Palms Deaf Church is helping to meet the needs as they offer a hybrid ministry. All ladies of Joy are welcome and encouraged to attend the Spring Gathering to learn more about the Deaf Ministry.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, April 18 @ 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) – 1st Monday, April 3 @ 10:00 a.m.

DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. The ladies of Rachel Circle packed & delivered 20 hygiene kits to Daily Bread in March. Pr. Norm Holm of Calvary Chapel and several members of our congregation contributed items for the kits. 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, washcloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail files, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer.

On March 25th, Advent Lutheran Church hosted a Women's Retreat for the women of the Space Coast Conference.

Approximately forty women attended the event, including five ladies from Joy. They all enjoyed the fellowship with others in the conference.



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.

In 2022, Daily Bread was able to serve 49,575 meals and facilitate 12,748 hot showers to 1,091 individuals. While these numbers are impressive and worthy of celebration, they do not tell the complete story of the clients that Daily Bread seeks to help, and the daily challenges and indignities the clients face living on the streets and in the woods.

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 is needed 7 days a week.

“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.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 11, 2023, at 11:30am.

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.

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Chris Allebaugh

A "Big Thank You" to the Property Committee
for all their hard work in reorganizing the storage sheds.



Property Committee

The "Property Committee" continues to stay busy. The men's restroom painting was completed and the work for remodeling the counters in both the women's and men's restrooms has started. The work will involve the removal of the old counter tops and replacement of new counter tops. The plan is to have the work completed by the latter part of May.

On Saturday March 25th, a group of members of the Property Committee, the worship and Music Committee, and a member of the Boys Scouts reorganized the storage space in the large shed. The work consisted of removing most of the materials on the center shelves, re-positioning the center shelves thus allowing for space to move around the shelves and replacing items on the newly configured shelves. This will allow members to walk around the shed placing and removing items from the shelves with ease and allowing for more efficient use of the existing shelf space. The plan to place the center sections of shelving lengthwise was developed by Harold Lengel, which was quickly adopted and approved by the Committee as the best solution for the shed. All Committees, Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts will be instructed to keep the isles open and free of obstructions.

Following the reorganization of the large shed, we will be moving into the Sanctuary and start the work of cleaning out and reorganizing the two closets on either side of the entrance.

On Saturday April 1st., the members of the Calvary Church will be working at JOY to replace sand, add stones around the church, and remove some of the old plants.

Starting May 1st. 2023 all Committee Chairman/Secretaries will be asked to file all Committee meeting minutes on the JOY Office 365 online system. Starting April 17th. - April 28th. Committee chairs will be instructed in the use of the new system.

A hearty thanks and appreciation go out to Jackie Baudek and Linda Collins for the great job in cleaning and buffing the floor in the Wollom-Jackson room. Thankyou Ken Laumer, for taking the opportunity to cut and remove the tree that toppled during the last hurricane of the 2022 season.

Erik U. Mäenpää

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **April 20th 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.

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 **May 2023 Tidings no later than April 24th**.

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

2023 Church Council

Pastor: Rev. John David Bryant

President: Barbara Herndon

Vice President: Mary Sherman

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary:

Council Members at Large:

Chris Allebaugh

Sue Getter

Renee Harper

Tom Hennessy

Linda Kratzer

Erik Mäenpää



April Birthday Blessings

04/07	Kim Tolley
04/08	Linda Corbin
04/08	Wahneeta Ryckman
04/09	Peggy Lindner
04/11	Judy Baltzersen
04/12	Rene Harper
04/12	Orpha Lengel
04/14	Sandra Kenyon
04/23	Marjorie Maenpaa
04/26	Heidi Kuehnhold

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

GENERAL FUND	January	February	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$10,458.74	\$6,230.95	\$16,689.69
Income (unpledged)	\$6,346.10	\$3,606.25	\$9,952.35
Income - Total	\$16,804.84	\$9,837.20	\$26,642.04
Expenses	\$10,982.47	\$13,012.33	\$23,994.80
Overage/(Shortage)	\$5,822.37	(\$3,175.13)	\$2,647.24
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - April	May	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$279.00	\$640.54	\$919.54
Income (unpledged)	\$250.00	\$45.00	\$295.00
Income - Total	\$529.00	\$685.54	\$1,214.54
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overage/(Shortage)	\$529.00	\$685.54	\$1,214.54

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>						Men of Joy Breakfast (Contact Jim Collins)
PALM SUNDAY 2	3	4	5	Maundy Thursday 6	Good Friday 7	8
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	6:00pm Worship	6:00pm Worship 8:30am Property Workday	
EASTER 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	1	2	3	4	5	6
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