



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
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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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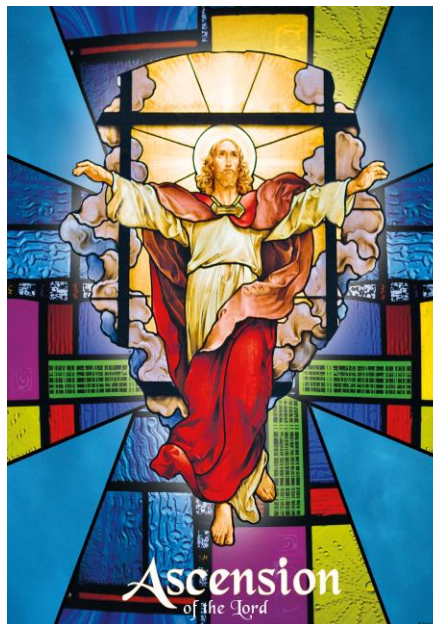
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Ascension Day

May 19th



Day of Pentecost

May 28th



"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."

Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends---

Here we are in the center of Easter and at the front of a Florida Spring. Some of us are probably noting how flower buds and greening yards are like resurrection. In fact, we're probably creating a theology of Spring. Speaking of which, does Spring have a theology?

It must. Somewhere amid afternoon thunderstorms and high pollen counts, Spring must have a theology. Somewhere along the Indian River Lagoon, as water hyacinths exert control, and vacationers from afar begin to dream of trips to Florida beaches and the Land of the Mouse, Spring's theology is born.

Maybe you equate Spring's theology with Easter – the newly greened grass is the same as the newly risen Jesus. That is not true, not by a country mile. The rising of Jesus is grander, more magnificent, and more mysterious than Dollar weed attacking your yard. The resurrection of Jesus cannot be confined to Spring.

It moves in Summer's storms. It dances on Fall's leaves. It happens in Winter, when I-95 teams with southbound travelers whose license plates read Ontario, Quebec, Vermont, and so many more.

No, Easter is present in every season. Spring's theology points to Easter, but it is not Easter. Spring is different. Spring's theology is about cycles and life rhythms. Where Easter resurrects once, for all, Spring plays the circle of birth, death, rebirth. Where Easter marks the call of unconditional love, everlasting and unshakable, Spring plays at romantic love . . . its roller coaster of joy, let-downs, and unrequited passions.

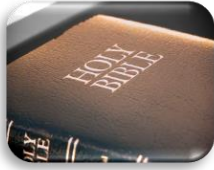
As Easter speaks of life everlasting, Spring plays at sending rain at 9am, sun at 10am, breezes at 11am, then rain again by high noon! It is Spring's Florida way. Easter is joy, complete and entire. Spring is rain and shine, joy and let-down, plans and interruptions all swirled together.

Easter is a sure bet . . . Spring, not so much.

Because Easter is a sure bet, we can open the door to Spring and head outside to play, knowing that at the heart of Spring, pounds Easter, our sure foundation. And any up or down, sun or rain, even life or death, is held within the resurrection of Jesus and is, therefore, beautiful. And a theology of Spring, for all its predictable unpredictability, is just that . . . *beauty*.

Enjoy it.

Peace---
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary “A” for April

May 7 John 14:1-14
 May 14 John 14:15-21
 May 21 John 17:1-11
 May 29 John 20:19-23
 or
 John 7:37-39

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28th

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Be sure to read the entire account of the first Pentecost in Acts 2, according to Luke.



Next meeting:
May 17th at 7:00pm



**Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday
May 16 @ 11:30**

**May 2023 devotional: Love in Action “The art of intergenerational hospitality”
by Sarah Carson**

In writing to the Romans, Paul advised this early Christian community: “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” Yet when it comes to sharing hospitality in the church, some gifts can seem more naturally useful than others. In this one-session devotional, Sarah Carson, explores what creativity can teach us about hospitality. While studying passages from Romans, 1 Kings, Matthew and Luke, participants will see how we all have the capacity to help others feel welcome and to accept this welcome for ourselves.

Worship and Music

On behalf of the Social Ministry and Worship and Music committees, I would like to thank everyone for their donations to our Maundy Thursday Sock Drive.

Once again you all came through! We will be donating 177 pairs of socks to Daily Bread and 1 pair of women’s shoes. I know how much they appreciate all our donations and time that JOY contributes.

Once again, thanks to everyone! You can certainly see all of God’s work being done at JOY!

Chris Allebaugh



On Sunday, April 23rd at 10am we had the distinct pleasure of Pastor Lori Fuller, founding pastor of Palms Deaf Church (PDC) in Palm Coast, Florida, officiate at our Worship Service assisted by her two interpreters.

PDC was established in 2021 by Pastor Lori Fuller who has been deaf since birth. Lori received a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in June of 2021 and was ordained on February 27th, 2022. She is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Florida Bahamas Synod, and St. Mark by the Sea Lutheran Church in Palm Coast, Florida. PDC works to change the statistics of where 95-98% of Deaf people are unchurched, and there are almost one million Deaf people in Florida. PDC will help meet this need by offering a hybrid ministry.

Thank you Pastor Lori for leading us in worship and thank you for your ministry of reaching out to the deaf.



Daily Bread Inc

815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

Hunger, homelessness, and poverty know no color, race, gender, or age. At Daily Bread, we ensure that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. Everyone is welcome at Daily Bread.

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.

Daily Bread provided 49,757 free meals and 12,748 showers to 1,091 people last year. The nonprofit helped 147 people find housing in 2021 — but Daily Bread Executive Director Jeff Njus said that sum tumbled to 51 last year because of higher housing costs in Brevard County.

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

The Spring Gathering was held a Joy, with 43 in attendance. This was a special day with Pr. Lori Fuller of Palm Deaf Church leading us in worship, as well as our guest speaker for the afternoon session. Thank you Pr. Lori for being an inspiration to all of us.



National Day of Prayer

May 4, 2023

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States.

President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.



"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
(2 Corinthians 3:17 NRSV)

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church (WELCA)
Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 6, 2023

8:00am – 9:30am

Sign-up sheet available @ church



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice,
and Coffee. \$6.00

REMEMBER

WELCA Meeting @ 10:00

Please come to the meeting

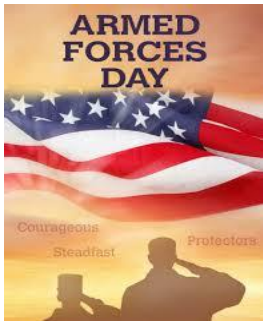
"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM



The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. As the School Year ends in May, please be generous in your monetary donations. We are now providing food for **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 program.



Armed Forces Day "**May 20, 2023**" is an opportunity for us to recognize all of our veterans who have faithfully served our country.

A special thank you goes out to our very own "WWII Veteran," Luther Radway.



Luther Radway left his home in Jamaica in 1944 to live with relatives in New York City. Six (6) weeks after his arrival, he was conscripted for military service in World War II. He trained at Fort Lewis, Washington for fifteen weeks, and then at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for an additional six weeks. He was then sent to join the forces in the European Theatre of Operations (ETO). Luther was assigned to the Third Army, as a Combat Engineer, located in Bremen, Germany. His outfit was sent to the combat zone in Elman, Germany to build an airstrip. Fortunately, the war was over within three months following his assignment.

His "high point" was having been honorably discharged with a letter of appreciation and thanks from President Truman, and the recipient of the Ruptured Duck (Honorable Discharge Lapel Pin) awarded to honorably discharged WWII veterans.

His "low point" was having served in a segregated army.

Black Americans have been the victims of racial oppression, but have always supported the nation, especially during wartime. When World War II erupted, over 2.5 million black men registered for the draft and one million served as draftees or volunteers in all of the branches of the Armed Forces during conflict. Most black men who served were in the Army and were relegated to segregated combat support groups.

Thank you Luther, for your patriotic service.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May 14, 2023



We are the family of God, and Jesus tells us:
"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and **mother**."
Matthew 12: 50 (NRSV)

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."
Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)

May 29, 2023



Memorial Day is a time to remember America's service men and women who died defending our country. As we prepare for this solemn and revered day of remembrance, take a moment to thank the many men and women who serve at home and abroad, as well as remember those who have given their lives to ensure our nation's safety.

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 quite 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 with camp, let Rene or Chris know and we can find something that fits you!

Rene Harper and Chris Allebaugh

Did You Know?

Did you know...

Easter lilies, a church symbol which usually causes a lot of stress in congregations, on account of heady scents, high prices, and hard-to-get-out yellow pollen, were not always associated with Feast of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)? Did you know the popular plants are not even remotely native to any place around Jerusalem? Easter lilies are native to Japan and came to the U.S. along with ornamental cherry trees and odious, noxious kudzu.

Per CNN correspondent, Jill Brooke, "Following World War I, a soldier named Louis Houghton brought a suitcase of lily bulbs from Japan back to the U.S., specifically to his home state of Oregon. Houghton gave the lily bulbs to his horticultural friends, and soon enough, the area along the California-Oregon border, which happened to have prime growing conditions for the flowers, became known as the 'Easter Lily Capital of the World.'

After Pearl Harbor, Japanese shipments were no longer welcome which created more demand for Easter lilies from Oregon and especially California growers. And just like Detroit became known for cars, soon Smith River, California, home to less than 900 residents, produced 95% of the world's Easter lily bulbs."

So, why are 20th century Japanese flowers associated with one particular, 1st century Jew who is raised from the dead? Because 7th century theologian, the Venerable Bede, associated the lily with the Virgin Mary, giving rise to even more lily legends. Per Allan Swenson, in *Flowers of the Bible and How to Grow Them*, (Citadel Press, 2002), "According to a pious legend, after the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, some of these beautiful flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before His Crucifixion. Legend has it that these flowers sprung up where drops of Christ's blood fell as he prayed. Thus, they are called the 'white robed apostles of hope.'"

"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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

I. A regular meeting of the Property Committee was called to order at 9:10 AM

II. The following members were present, Gary Sherman, Harold Lengel, James Collins, Jackie Baudek, and Erik Mäenpää. Also present, Linda Collins

III. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

IV. Old Business.

- a) GFI outlets to be installed on the outside of the building. Gary Krause is working on taking care of this.
- b) Repair the outside outlet on the east side of the building, at the base of the parking lot light pole by the small wood foot bridge, Gary Krause is working on this.
- c) Rest room countertops, James Collins has ordered the material he will start the project in two to three weeks as current schedule permits.

V. New Business.

- a) Install a handrail by the entrance door of the entrance to the large shed. James Collins suggested some ideas for the handrail and after a brief discussion it was decided to ask James to come back with some pricing and further information.
- b) Paint the exterior doors of the church and the sheds. Short discussion followed on the condition of the doors and concern that some of the doors may need to be replaced. It was decided to look at each door to see if we need to replace the door or simply paint the doors.
- c) Playground equipment. We have had to repair the playground equipment in the past few weeks several times. A brief discussion followed with recommendation to have age/height limits posted in the playground. Harold Lengel is taking the rock-climbing board home to replace the broken wood.
- d) Hot water heater in the pastor's office and the ladies' restroom. It was decided to recommend to the Church Council to have small water heater units installed in both areas.
- e) Dehumidifier in the ladies' side of the large shed. The ladies had requested that we install a dehumidifier in the ladies' side of the large shed. The committee will determine the size of the unit needed and the best location for the installation. The Committee will report back to the ladies as to the cost before installation. (Funding provided by the WELCA)
- f) Cleaning out and reorganizing the two property garages. The Committee will start to work on the garages as regular maintenance and grounds keeping will permit.
- g) Storage closet Wollom-Jackson room. There is a need to have a closet for the storage of items currently in the Sanctuary and other rooms to be stored in the Wollom-Jackson room. The Committee will determine the size and configuration of the closet to be built based on items to be stored.
- h) Harold Lengel recommended to have the Calvary crew power wash the new metal shed on Saturday April 1, 2023. Jackie asked to have the bed between the large shed opening to be cleaned and the old plants removed also at the same time.
- i) James Collins recommended to have the round light fixtures under the portico replaced as they are getting dull and dim. The cost would be about \$100.00.
- j) James Collins also recommended to have GFI outlets installed in the kitchen. We will ask Gary Krause to install the outlets.
- k) Jackie Baudek and Linda Collins requested to have a doorbell installed by the front door of the main entrance. This led to further discussion on the need to install basic security cameras both inside and outside the building. It was decided to look into this and see if the Committee could take care of the purchase and installation.
- l) Harold Lengel indicated that the chain link fence at the East side and South side of the property needed some replacement poles to be installed. We will determine the number of poles to be installed and recommend the repairs be made.
- m) James Collins indicated that the air duct covers would need to be cleaned and painted. He would be taking care of this.

VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

Erik Mäenpää



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 6: WELCA Pancake Breakfast & WELCA meeting

MAY 7: Rachel's Day - WEAR BLUE

MAY 14: Mother's Day – cake for fellowship

MAY 18 - Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00, every 3rd Thursday of the month

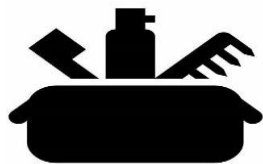
CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, May 16th @ 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, May 1st @ 10:00 a.m.



DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. The ladies of Rachel Circle packed & delivered 20 hygiene kits to **Daily Bread** in April. 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, tooth paste, tooth brushes, 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



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WELCOME to JOY!

Scan the QR code for important links.
 JOY Lutheran Guest wifi:
 password –welcome2joy




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Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **May 18th 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 **June 2023 Tidings no later than May 24th**.

email David Steinhorst
dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com


Fellowship Committee

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



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.

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



May Birthday Blessings

- 05/01 Betty Nielsen
- 05/03 Harold Lengel
- 05/03 Ron Pagelsdorf
- 05/05 Doris Bunker
- 05/08 Elaine Christensen
- 05/16 Shaun Arner
- 05/19 Lynn Ash
- 05/23 Connie Steinhorst
- 05/26 Jackie Baudek
- 05/27 Tina Breeden
- 05/28 Susan Parker
- 05/29 Vita Gardella
- 05/31 Harriet Bryant
- 05/31 Mary Sherman

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	February	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

MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	National Day of Prayer	8:30am Property Workday	8:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am WELCA Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
14	15	16	17	Ascension 18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Pentecost 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10:00am Worship	Memorial Day	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10