



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
Steven K. Weiss – Organist

Worship Time(s):

Sunday

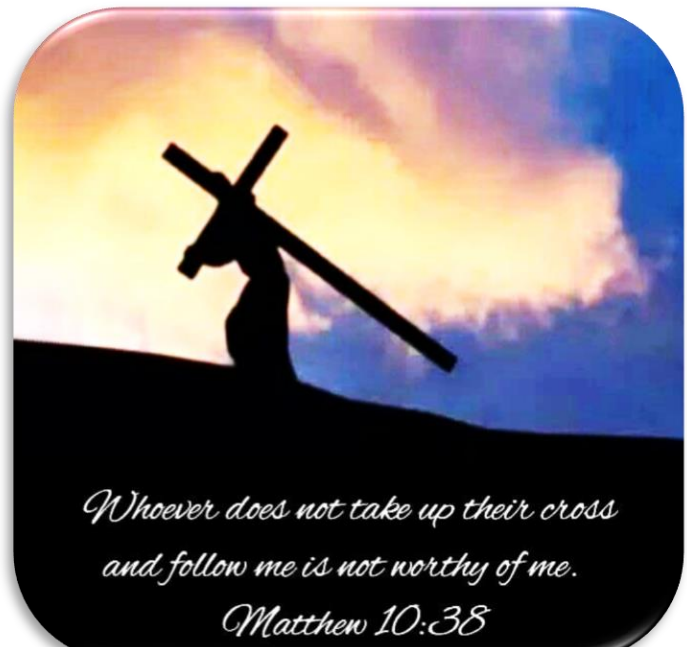
Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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"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---

If you are of a certain age, you sang songs in school, so you might recognize these lyrics:

“Put your right arm in, take your right arm out. Put your right arm in, and you shake it all about. Do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, that’s what it’s all about!”

As I pondered what to offer in this article, these lyrics seemed fitting for June.

In Sundays and Seasons, our denomination’s digital worship resource, the weekly liturgical “buffet” that provides a selection of Scriptures to be considered each week seems to be dancing the hokey pokey. It goes into something, then out of it, only to do it all again.

With Holy Week and the Resurrection moving behind us, logically we’d move deeper into the New Testament readings. We could imagine how we’d motor into the early days of the church—before it was a church, but rather a benign movement within Judaism. Instead, we’ll motor into a series of readings from earlier in John’s Gospel before we veer into the Matthew’s Gospel. As we make our way through these readings, like so many billboards along the roadside, we’ll see a series of teachable moments in which Jesus “school” disciples.

Why is that? Well...as I said in the announcements on May 14th, we are in a waiting space, a pregnant time that exists between Ascension and Pentecost. When we wait, often we reflect. We consider what came before, and what might be yet to come. Given that the Church calendar, and the Revised Common Lectionary have given us this waiting place in which to pause, let’s take a breath, and soak in what it means to follow the risen Christ. Let’s look at two things Jesus said to the first Jesus followers:

“Believe in God, believe also in me...I will come and take you to myself.”

“If you love me, keep my commandments...Because I live, you will live also.”

Notice how, like the Hokey Pokey, there is movement. Jesus moves to issue a command, then moves to attach a promise to it. These movements serve to remind us how beliefs—like actions—have consequences. We believe in a risen Savior, and a God who loved us so much that God was willing to do the unimaginable to save us. More than that--God was willing to do the unimaginable just for the chance to save us. Faced with such love...What is our response? What’s our move?

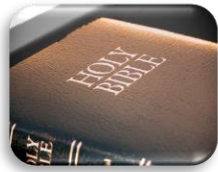
What does being the recipient of such wondrous love mean for how we should love others?

And, maybe just as important a question, what does God’s wondrous love for you mean for how you should love and respect yourself? After all, God’s love and grace falls like rain, soaking any under its cloud boundary.

Consider these questions your homework for Pentecost—wrestle with them as the Spirit empowers--and since we Lutherans are big on grace, let’s make it an open book test.

Peace---

JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "A" for June

June 4	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
June 25	Matthew 10:24-39



Next meeting:
June 21st at 7:00pm

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be on break until September. Have a great summer.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be June 13, 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.

Summer 2023 Women's Bible study June 20, 2023 @ 11:30

"Salvation Now"
by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen



Session One: Promised Salvation Now— Jesus Brings Wellness

Of all the gospel writers, John is uniquely concerned about the effectiveness of Jesus' immediate presence. One clue is his regular use of the word "now," a tiny but powerful word which appears more here than the other gospels combined. Together, we'll note a few instances of the "Now," and delve into John's observations about the way John focuses not so much on the "hereafter," but more on sharing the difference that Jesus makes in people's lives, straight away.

Did You Know?

Did you know...

As the Living Lutheran mentioned in April 2013, “Composer Johann Sebastian Bach, a devout Lutheran, is credited with 1,126 musical works listed in the complete Bach catalog (Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis, or BWV). He wrote about 200 cantatas, including at least two for each Sunday and holy day in the Lutheran church year.” A member of Bach’s family has served as the musician in residence at St. George’s Church in Bach’s hometown of Eisenach for six solid generations. Imagine Bach playing organ not too far from the crucifix at the altar. People who want to become gifted musicians, rub the left foot of Bach’s statue in the narthex of the church. Did you notice Bach’s shiny left foot?



Day Camp 2023 June 26-30th

Things are moving along with Day Camp2023. This year we will need some assistance with the snacks. Kelly Arner has taken care of this since we started with Luther Springs Day Camp. This year she will be out of town. Congratulations to Chad for being selected for a special band program in Orlando!!! Their family will be with him enjoying time together in Orlando.

Kelly has a list of everything that will be needed. If you think you may be able to help supply any of those items, please contact Kelly.

We are also looking for a few members to help with the distribution of the snacks and lunch for the councilors. If you can help a day here or there, let either Chris or René know.

For those that have volunteered to help in other areas, we will be having a short meeting closer to the Camp Week.

Many years we also ask for help with craft supplies. We are working on having Thrivent funds for the crafts. If anything changes, we will reach out.

René Harper and Chris Allebaugh

NOTE: Registration & Health forms are available for download from Joy website.

www.joylutheranelca.com



Daily Bread Inc
815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

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

DAILY BREAD is our local soup kitchen serving hot meal daily to those in need – homeless, men, women, children, and Veterans.

Soon school will end, summer vacations begin, and the heat will again become our daily companion. But the work at DAILY BREAD will continue. Thank God for that!

Please share your love in Christ and volunteer. Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse. Help is needed 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. Share your smiles.



Every child deserves cake on their birthday and
Cub Scout Pack 484 wants to make that happen!

Help us fill the local **FOOD BANKS** with
Birthday Cake Kits!

Supplies Needed:

Cake Mix (White, Yellow, Funfetti, or Chocolate)

Icing

Candles

9x13 Foil Pans

2.5 Gallon (Jumbo) Slider Storage Bags

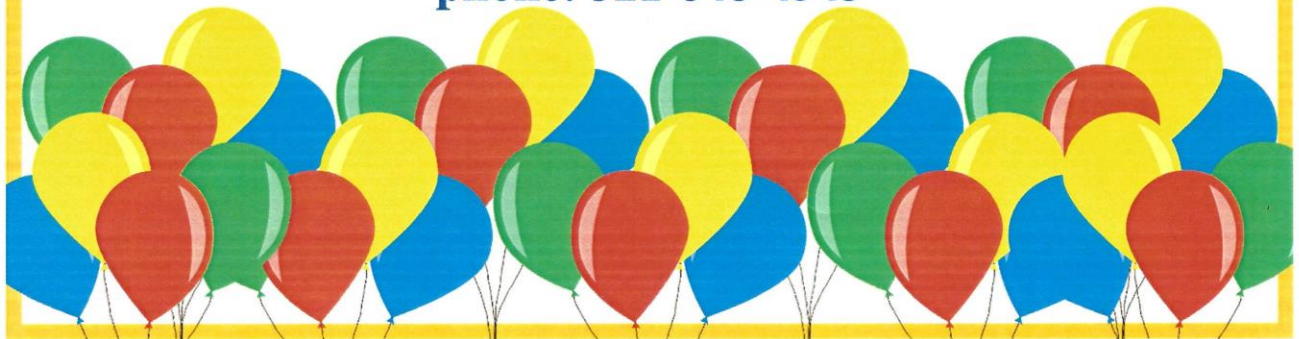
Cans of Lemon Lime Soda

**Items will be packaged & distributed in August in
honor of our Pack's Anniversary!**

**For more information please contact
Jenn Goodwin**

email: jenngoodwinscouting@gmail.com

phone: 321-848-4543



Property Committee

The lawn maintenance of the property is once again starting to get busy. This past month we welcomed Bob Getter as he provided us with much needed help in mowing the grass around the church.

The remodeling of the countertops in the men's and lady's restrooms was placed on a short hold as we tackled some more pressing safety projects.

James Collins installed a doorbell on the front door with chimes inside the church. This will allow us to leave the front door locked and when people or committee members need to enter the church, they can ring the doorbell and people in the church will be able to come and open the door. This will be very helpful for the ladies of the quilters, crafters, and knitters as they meet during the day.

Jackie and Linda Collins have continued their work of cleaning the tile floors in the restrooms. They have worked hard, and the floors look amazing. The men of the property group will seal the floors.

James Collins installed a handrail for the entrance to the ladies/scout's side of the large shed. This will make it safer and easier for the ladies to enter and exit the shed. In addition to the handrail, the property group installed a dehumidifier in the shed, which was purchased by the ladies of WELCA.

The two shut off valves to the main water line of the church have not worked for several years and it was decided to have one of the valves replaced so that we could have a working shut off valve in or right outside the church. Since this project entailed more than the property group was willing to tackle, we called Paul's Plumbing to see about doing the work. After Paul had the opportunity to look at the valve, he discovered a leak at the bottom of the pipe coming into the church. It was decided to place the new valve outside the church wall on the right side of the front entrance and eliminate the old water line coming into the church and replace it with new section of water line coming through the wall. Paul came and installed the new line and a new shut off valve.

Kim Tolley was able to obtain a multifunction laser printer/copier/scanner. from her employer as a donation. This printer is much faster than our old printer and, it is capable of doing much more than our old machine. This will help make our office much more efficient.

Our move to the new Microsoft Office 365 has been delayed as we needed to assure Microsoft that we had 85% usage of the system. This is a requirement of Microsoft in order that we will be able to continue using the non-profit program for free. We will start making the move to the new system beginning in June.

Erik U. Mäenpää

NEW SHUTOFF VALVE: Thanks to the property committee and especially Erik for overseeing the installation of the new water line and shutoff valve. This was a much-needed project, which required attention.





JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 18: Father's Day – cake for fellowship

NOTE:

Young At Heart will not be meeting again, until September. Have a great summer.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, June 20 @ 11:30 a.m.

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. **(no meeting the week of June 26-30, due to Day Camp)**

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. **(no meeting the week of June 26-30, due to Day Camp)**

Ruth Circle (crafts) – 1st Monday, June 5 @ 10:00 a.m. or check with RuthAnn



DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. ONCE AGAIN, the ladies of Rachel Circle packed & delivered 20 hygiene kits to Daily Bread in May. 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, wash cloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer.

MEN of JOY

Come join us for our June breakfast outing Saturday June 3rd (see Jim Collins for time and location). All the men of JOY are welcome to join in; you do not have to be active in our MoJ group. Join us if you can and watch for next month if you cannot come this time.

We could use a 65" TV for the Conference Room to support our ongoing effort to provide monitors in the classrooms and conference rooms. Note that this must be an LCD (not plasma or CRT) TV in good working order, but it can be just regular HDTV rather than 4K or UHD. The monitors that we have installed so far are there to be used for classes, meetings, video conferences, scouts, crafters, etc. If you know someone who needs to use one, point him/her to me for a quick tutorial. These can also be used to display websites and the like with an appropriately set up laptop and the church's WiFi.

Jim Collins for Men of JOY

Mission Partners 100

What is MP100?

MP100 is a synod campaign that invites donors to support specific projects for congregations designated by the Office of the Bishop. MP100 recipients are often congregations that have a specific construction or facility need related to their ministry priorities and vision for mission. The vision of MP100 is that if a large group of donors contribute \$100 each, the funding available for specific projects increases. MP100 is an example of how we can be ‘church together for the sake of the world’ as the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

MP100 Spring Appeal: Messiah Lutheran, Panama City

From Pastor Nicole Martin:

In 2018, Messiah Lutheran stepped relevantly into a more perfect story. A Perfect Storm. You might call it Michael, Hurricane Michael, but we call it Hope. It is hard to imagine a perfect storm as a period of transition, but it is our truth, and we have learned to embrace who we are because of it.

Our playground, as necessary evangelism tool, was damaged by Michael. Therefore, an important part of our congregation’s infrastructure of hospitality to young people and families was wounded. We are hoping that, with your help, the MP100 Grant can help us heal it, not just to replace what was there, but to make what seems to be “just a playground” become an even more significant space for community hospitality and spiritual renewal. What do we envision? “Play and Pray Adventures.”



Matching gift appeal toward “Play and Pray Adventures” playground, where children and parents will have an opportunity to connect play to God through meditation stations and a prayer walking path.

Go to <https://fbsynod.com/> and click “Give Now!”. Designate your gift to one of the 3 MP100 categories:

1. MP100 Current Appeal (provides support for specific project identified)
2. MP100 Multicultural Development (provides support for any multicultural development ministry)
3. MP100 Mission Development (provides support for any mission development ministry)

Thank You



What a surprise to find all you lovely people at Shell's when Holly brought me in for my 96th Birthday luncheon. Thank you so very much.

*Love and Blessings,
Betty Lou Nielsen*

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 **July 2023 Tidings no later than June 26th.**

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

WELCOME to JOY!

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



- † Visitor Information
- † Digital Giving
- † Prayer Requests
- † JOY website

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



June Birthday Blessings

06/06 Kathi Manoussakis
 06/09 Barbara Hall
 06/14 Millie Spiers
 06/15 Kathleene Hagen
 06/25 Merrieanne Young
 06/30 Debra Bowling

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	1st QTR	April	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$32,929.02	\$9,136.27	\$42,065.29
Income (unpledged)	\$7,675.26	\$3,541.69	\$11,216.95
Income - Total	\$40,604.28	\$12,677.96	\$53,282.24
Expenses	\$34,691.36	\$13,521.41	\$48,212.77
Overage/(Shortage)	\$5,912.92	(\$843.45)	\$5,069.47
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1st QTR	April	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$1,306.20	\$570.59	\$1,876.79
Income (unpledged)	\$445.00	\$60.00	\$505.00
Income - Total	\$1,751.20	\$630.59	\$2,381.79
Expenses	\$967.00	\$0.00	\$967.00
Overage/(Shortage)	\$784.20	\$630.59	\$1,414.79

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>					8:30am Property Workday	Men of Joy Breakfast See Jim Collins for time and location.
Trinity Sunday 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting Flag Day		8:30am Property Workday	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship Father's Day		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg		8:30am Property Workday 10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
10:00am Worship	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-4:00pm	DAY CAMP 9:00am-12:00pm 8:30am Property Workday	
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