



Tidings of Joy



"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"
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Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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*He that receives you
receives me,
and he that receives me
receives him that sent me.*

Matthew 10:40



**Come to me, all you
who are weary and
burdened, and I will
give you rest.**

MATTHEW 11:28



"**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

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of the United States, I often think of how many times, especially during its infancy, the fledgling nation could've been consumed by a foreign power or could've died at its own hand. Yet, by the grace of God, it did not. Somehow, when faced with its early challenges, the young nation refocused itself, resolved to go forward, and rekindled its zeal.

Synod Assembly 2023 was themed, "Renewed." The keynote speaker, Bp. Patricia Davenport of the SE Pennsylvania Synod, was with us. Bp. Davenport asked us to consider which "re" (Latin prefix for doing a thing again and again), we needed on a congregational level and on a personal level. Marjorie, Erik, and I discussed these questions and concluded that JOY might need to "rekindle" and "refocus."

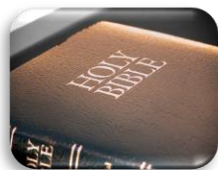
Marjorie and Erik felt our need was more to rekindle than to refocus, and I felt it was the other way around. Either way, we all felt that JOY might need to "rekindle" the fire that burned within us before the pandemic. Our momentum was lost to the pandemic, and although it has increased to some degree, we've still not regained our enthusiastic esprit de corps. This is where "refocus" comes into play. Isn't it time to focus on who has returned to regular worship, rather than on who has not? Isn't it time to focus on celebrating what we have, rather than lamenting what we used to have? Isn't it time to focus on what we can change, rather than on what we can't? Either we focus ourselves on the pain, and continue to hurt, or we focus ourselves on the learning it brings, and continue to grow. (Yes, I just paraphrased Buddha)

If we desire to rekindle, we must refocus. Can it really be so simple? Yes. Yes, it can. Either we have a rose garden with a few thorns, or we have a thorn garden with a few roses. Our focus on thorns will yield one result, our focus on roses will yield another. The focus we take is ours to choose, and our focus will determine what form our rekindling will take. This line of thought is what rolled through my mind as Marjorie, Erik, and I worked together to answer Bp. Davenport's questions.

As Synod Assembly plenary session #3 closed, I quickly jotted down six areas of focus that were lost to the pandemic: 1) regularly shopping JOY's property insurance for lower rates, 2) exploration of going solar, 3) focus on members leaving bequests to JOY; legacy giving, 4) Bishop's visit to reconnect and renew relationship, 5) increase support in all areas, most especially our under-populated ministry committees, 6) move us to a year round Stewardship model. These six areas of focus were blighted or lost during the pandemic. These are not our only areas for focus, but they are great places for us to start.

Everyone experiences a time when we have setbacks, when we lose focus, and when our lost momentum causes us to require rekindling. For the young U.S. nation, one of those times came on April 25, 1814; the morning after the British Army, using torches and gunpowder paste, burned the Capitol, the president's house, and other government buildings. The U.S. nation could've ended there: could've gone back to being a subject of the Crown or could've simply died. Yet, by the grace of God, it refocused and rekindled. The same will prove true for us if we choose wisely, meaning if we choose to refocus ourselves, resolve to go forward, and rekindle our zeal.

Peace---JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "A" for July

July 2	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 23	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 30	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52



Next meeting:
July 19th 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 Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be July 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 Bible study
Salvation Now

by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

JULY Eve Circle (Bible Study)
3rd Tuesday, July 18 @ 11:30 a.m.
Session Two: Tangible Salvation Now—
Christians Bringing Wellness

Following Jesus means expressing our solidarity with Jesus and his mission, in all we do. Because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, in his name, so, too, are we. Where there are wounds and brokenness, we are called to bring Jesus and the salvation he embodied. Together we'll examine the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting for it to all come out in the wash later, but for us to become faithful ambassadors of Jesus' salvation now.

Did You Know?

Did you know...

Martin Luther was intent on keeping his teachings and expositions deeply rooted in the Great Tradition of historic Christianity. Luther did not seek a "Catholic" family break-up, so to speak. As a result, Luther reached out to the Orthodox Churches for affirmation and support.

In 1534, "Michael the Deacon" of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church headed to Wittenberg to confer with Luther; both agreed that the Lutheran Church and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church shared many doctrines and practices. Michael affirmed Luther's *Articles of the Christian Faith* as a "good creed." Because Luther saw that the Ethiopian Orthodox Church practiced elements of faith including "communion in both kinds, Scriptures in the language of the people, and married clergy," these became common practice in the Lutheran Church. Per Dr. David Daniel III, in [*Honor the Reformation's African Roots*](#), "the Ethiopian Church conferred legitimacy on Luther's emerging Protestant vision of a church outside the authority of the Roman Catholic papacy" as it was "an ancient church with direct ties to the apostles."



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 more than a "soup kitchen." Daily Bread, Inc. ensures that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. More than 30 years – empowering, supporting and assisting those confronting financial challenges to become self-sufficient. Rather than a "hand-out", a "hand -up" is offered. Feeding the hungry and the homeless is an important part of what is done at Daily Bread but is not all that is done. Individuals – through a comprehensive array of programs and services – navigate their way to self-sufficiency.

Please share your love in Christ and volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse – help 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. Share your smiles. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

Brief Report of the 2023 Synod Assembly

Erik and I, along with Pastor Bryant were pleased to represent Joy Lutheran Church at the 2023 Synod Assembly. The theme this year was “Renew in Christ.”

The most important event of the Assembly was to elect a Bishop. We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Bishop Pedro Suarez was re-elected Bishop of the ELCA Florida Bahamas Synod for another six-year term on the first ballot!!

Bishop Suarez expressed his deep gratitude to the Synod for their trust and support. Bishop Suarez said it was an honor to continue serving as Bishop of this vibrant and diverse Synod.

The Keynote Speaker was Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. Her main emphasis was that we need to: Rebuild, Restart, Reset, Refocus, Renew, Reform Rekindle, Revive.

The 2023 “Vision to Action” Grant season has begun. The Grants range from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The following are eligible to apply for a grant: 1. Individual Congregations, 2. Groups, 3. Office of the Bishop, 4. Luther Springs, 5. ELCA Parish of the Nurses Association, 6. Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7. Other recognized Ministries of the Synod, approved by the Synod Council. The deadline for these Grants is August 15th.

The Treasurer’s report was given stating there were 438 voting members and the result of the Audit was it was a Clean Audit.

In addition to the re-election of Bishop Suarez, there were several other Church business that were discussed, presented and voted upon including: Annual Bishop’s Report, Florida Bahamas Synod Council Report, ELCA Mission Support Overview Report, ELCA Mission Ministries, Presentations included: Adult Lutheran Organization for action for 55+ Adults, Lutheran Camo Ministries, Navy Chaplaincy Ministry, Election of the FB Synod Council Members to fill open seats and the 2024 Spending and Expense Report.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Erik and Marjorie Maenpaa

Property Committee

Now that the summer months are here and the heat is increasing, we are looking for more inside projects. Our plan is to complete the interior painting of the last remaining rooms (Wollam-Jackson room and the kitchen).

Florida Power and Light conducted an energy study of JOY and we will review and implement the recommendations, allowing us to use our electricity more efficiently reducing our monthly electric bills.

We are still in need of additional members to help us continue to maintain and upkeep the property and the facilities.

Erik U. Mäenpää



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 5, 2023 8:00 to 9:30 Pancake Breakfast
Aug 5, 2023 10:00 WELCA meeting

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, July 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 @ 10:00 a.m. or check with RuthAnn



July school supplies campaign for Turner Elementary and LWR school packs



DAILY BREAD hygiene kits: The ladies of Rachel Circle packed & delivered 20 hygiene kits to Daily Bread in June. 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

MEN of JOY

Brothers,

Come join us for our July breakfast outing Saturday (1 July, 9:00 am) at **Sunshine Café** on Malabar Rd. across from Chik-fil-A. All the men of JOY are welcome to join in; you don't have to be active in our MoJ group. Join us this Saturday if you can, and watch for next month if you can't come this time. Along with our usual socializing, we should discuss some group business and other ministry activities for this year.

Info:

We donated some money toward one of the scouts our congregation hosts to help with his Eagle project which will benefit our congregation.

A quick "Thank You" to Linda Kratzer and her sister-in-law Diana who donated quite a collection of tools and housewares for our next MoJ Yard Sale. Since we are running out of space for sale items, we should discuss having a sale this fall instead of waiting for next March.

We could use a 65" TV for the Conference Room to support our ongoing project 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 existing monitor has become quite dim. The monitors that we have installed so far are there to be used for classes, meetings, video conferences, scouts, crafters, etc. This was an MoJ project we started several years ago. 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 with a laptop and the church's WiFi. Our newest monitor (in the corner room where refreshments are served after services) is a smart TV that can access websites directly without a laptop. All the monitors are equipped with an HDMI cable and a shelf for a user laptop.

Current officers of MoJ: Gary Krauss, Pres.; Jim Collins, Recording Secty; Norm Barman, Chaplain.

Jim Collins for Men of JOY

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?
JULY 15TH at 5:30pm



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The Fellowship Committee is hosting a barbecue (hamburgers/hot dogs) on July 15th starting at 5:30pm. Members attending are asked to provide the side dishes. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

We will be playing BUNCO after dinner. If you are interested in staying for BUNCO, please indicate that next to your name. We are looking forward to an evening of fellowship and fun.

DAY CAMP 2023 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR





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

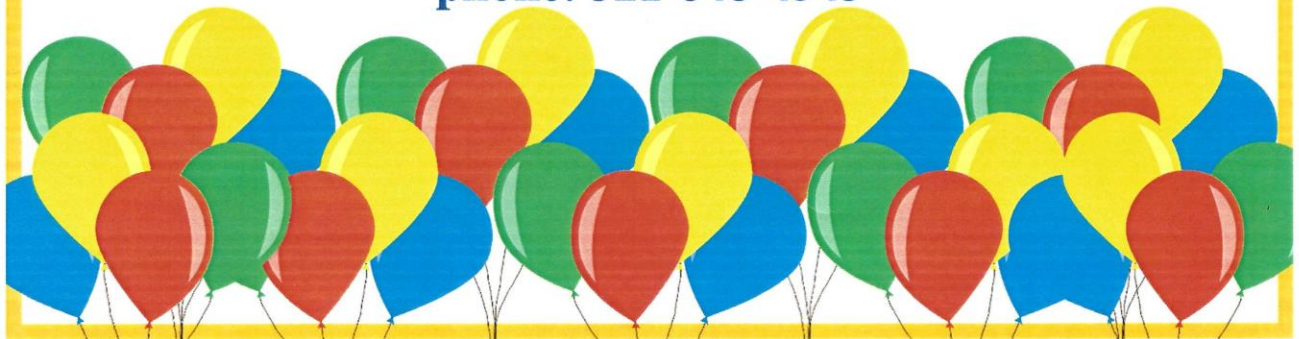
Cans of Lemon Lime Soda

**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



Thank you



What a pleasant surprise to have my family and my friends from Joy help me celebrate my 90th birthday. I am especially thankful for all the cards and well wishes from my dear friends at Joy.

Blessings & Thank You,
Millie Spiers

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

email David Steinhorst
dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com

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



July Birthday Blessings

- 07/02 Patsy Steger
- 07/07 Ethan Arner
- 07/12 David Steinhorst
- 07/13 Mary Ann Jones
- 07/13 Bob Lindner
- 07/20 Barbara Herndon
- 07/22 Cathy Fisher
- 07/25 Kelly Arner
- 07/26 Linda Collins
- 07/27 Jerrilyn Krause
- 07/28 Chris Allebaugh

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

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>						Men of Joy Breakfast See Jim Collins for time and location.
2	3	Independence Day 4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:30am Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	5:30pm Barbeque & Bunco Night
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg		8:30am Property Workday	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
10:00am Worship						