



# Tidings of Joy

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



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## Staff

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

## Worship Time(s):

### Sunday

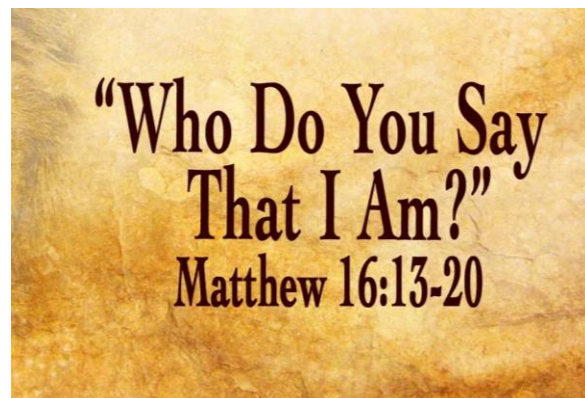
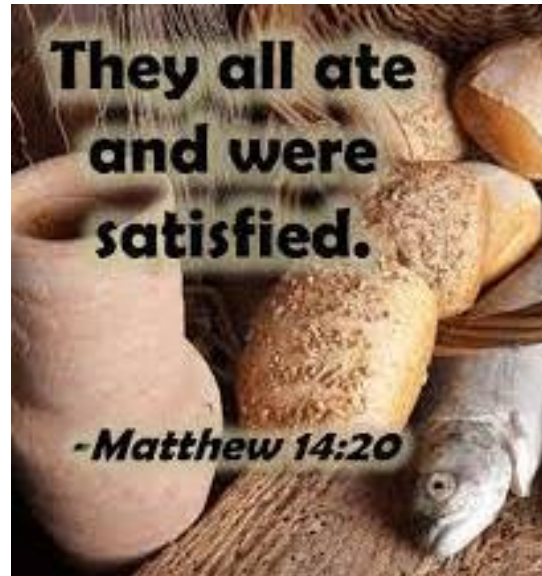
Traditional Worship Service  
10:00a.m.

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## Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Dear Friends,

Each year, whenever national observances come along, pastors and church musicians find themselves face-to-face with members who are naturally curious about why *during worship* we do not sing patriotic songs like *The Star-Spangled Banner*. This is a faithful query even when it makes pastors and church musicians squirm. This year, when I faced the query from a few folks, for about the 200 millionth time in my ministry, I realized that we have a “teachable moment.”

Note how I italicized and underlined *during worship* in paragraph one. To discover an answer to our national observance song question, we must answer another question: “What is worship?” On our denomination’s website, worship is defined as, “...an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Since we take this answer as our own, which as ELCA members we should, we ask ourselves, “Since worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, what belongs in worship?”

In the article, [“Pastor, Can We Sing Patriotic Songs in Church?”](#) Pr. Eric Andersen delves deeply into this question, saying that if we wonder what belongs in worship, we should ask:

“1) Does it proclaim God’s Word or aid in its proclamation? 2) Is Christ the content of the prayer or praise? 3) Is it the Body and Blood of Christ?”

Per Pr. Andersen, “Patriotic songs are great. So are llamas. Neither one belongs in the Divine Service....Why not? It’s beautiful, it makes me feel really good, and the Bible doesn’t say not to do that.

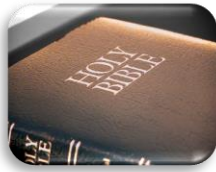
To paraphrase Solomon, there’s a time and a place for everything. The Divine Service is the place where we hear God’s Word, receive God’s gifts, and respond in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If it isn’t about Christ, it doesn’t belong in the Divine Service, even if it makes you feel really good.”

Patriotic hymn festivals outside of worship are fine because hymn festivals are not worship services. The keywords are *festival* rather than *worship*, and *outside* rather than *during*. With regards to honoring Independence Day, in, [“How do congregations recognize secular occasions and holidays in the liturgy?”](#) ELCA members recall how, “Not all worshipers at services close to Independence Day will share a similar patriotic enthusiasm, though prayers for the country and for careful exercise of freedom will certainly be appropriate.”

For such reasons, we include either a petition for the nation in the *Prayers of Intercession*, a reference in the announcements, a mention in the sermon, or sometimes all three. Often, we also include ELW Hymn #887, *This Is My Song*, to say in unity: “This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up ‘til all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one.”

God bless America, and all other nations, too.

Peace---JDB+



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "A" for August

August 6     Matthew 14:13-21  
 August 13    Matthew 14:22-33  
 August 20    Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28  
 August 27    Matthew 16:13-20



Next meeting:  
 August 16th at 7:00pm



Every Sunday morning 8:30 AM.

Adult Forum on the Sunday Readings.  
 Don't miss out, we would love to have  
 you join us.

*Linda Carol Poppe*



Summer 2023 Bible study  
 Salvation Now  
 by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

**August Eve Circle (Bible Study)**  
**3rd Tuesday, August 15 @ 11:30 a.m.**  
**Session Three: Needed Salvation Now –**  
**A World Wanting Wellness**

Anyone who's been to a sports game knows John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Lesser known is John 3:17, which states: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved (σωθή sōth, from the root soteria) through him." In this session, we'll explore John's commitment to service, how we as Christians see the needs of a hurting world, and how because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, we are compelled to follow Jesus into the need now.

## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be August 10, 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.

## Did You Know?

Did you know...

Since the earliest days, Christians have constituted themselves into ministry groups that formed congregations. And when something is constituted, it generally has a constitution. Lutheran constitutions got their start on 5 September 1528, when Johannes Bugenhagen stood from a balcony in Braunschweig and proclaimed from the Old Town Hall the evangelical church constitution which he had himself compiled. This act is the official start of the Reformation because it formally sets out how a Lutheran “Evangelical” congregation looks, functions, and lives.

Speaking of congregational life, in the JOY Lutheran Church Constitution rev. 2019, membership inactivity is discussed. Per that document, “8.05.e.01 Inactivity is defined as not having communed or of not having made a contribution of record in the past year. Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the Church has a continuing pastoral concern.”

Out of pastoral concern, please permit me to remind you to make that contribution of record and to take our Lord’s Body and Blood to your good benefit. Maybe do both at the same time.

### Frequently Asked Questions How do we distribute Holy Communion?

Congregations need to consider how people will gather for communion. Options include gathering at a communion rail or forming stations where the assembly forms a line/s.

Gathering at a rail may create a sense of community, especially if all are dismissed at once. This can be done standing or kneeling. Standing is the more ancient practice and is especially suitable for the Easter season.

Continuous communion, either at the rail or by station, creates community in a different sense. We have a greater sense of the communion of saints that extends before us and follows after us. The communion continues and we are simply part of this open-handed cloud of witnesses receiving the bread of life and the wine of grace.

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Daily Bread Inc

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**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. For more than 30 years Daily Bread has been offering a “hand -up”. Feeding the hungry and the homeless is an important part of what is done at Daily Bread. There are also an array of programs and services offered to help toward self-sufficiency.

**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. Share your love in Christ and volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse – help needed 7 days a week.



Grace and peace to you.

Open to serving? Wondering where you can serve? Like serving in the background? Want to give an hour or so 2 Sundays a month? Wish you could tithe at a higher level but have more of a willing heart than a flush cash flow? Are you a man who'd love to do it, but thinks it's only for women? Are you a visitor who is willing to serve yet fears membership prohibits service?

Then, do I ever have an opportunity for you! Altar Guild!

We need you. Some of our altar guild members have stepped back due to advanced age or life challenges, others due to accessibility issues in the chancel area, and others have died. Our merry band of loving leaders has dwindled in number. Could God be inviting you to step up? To add to our number?

Summer is the best time to learn. How come? Because attendance is generally lower due to travels. Because there are fewer festival Sundays and feast day services, e.g. Christmas Eve. And because our attitude is generally more casual due to the bright skies, warm weather, and constant flow of visitors. It's a great time to learn.

Think prayerfully about this opportunity. Christ is counting on you.

If you desire to explore this further, reach out to Jackie Baudek [dbaudek@att.net](mailto:dbaudek@att.net) , Mary Ann Jones [maryannjones369@gmail.com](mailto:maryannjones369@gmail.com) , or Linda Collins [lcollins7@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lcollins7@cfl.rr.com) . These fine folks will show you the ropes.

Peace---  
JDB+

## Worship and Music

***On September 11, 1983, the first service, of what was then called "Community Evangelical Lutheran Church", was held in the library of Lockmar Elementary School. Pastor Charles Schmitz presided at the worship. Other Lutheran clergy presided at the worship service on following Sundays.***

September 11<sup>th</sup> will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JOY's first Worship Service. We will have a small celebration on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will share pictures, JOY's history and of course Cake! We have so many new members it will be nice to share our churches history with you all.

In Honor of their daughter Heather, Bill and Peggy Kemmerer have made a donation to start a "Music Fund" at JOY. These funds have been used to hire the musicians for Christmas and Easter. This is a fund to which our JOY members can also contribute. This fund can be used to help bring in additional musicians, as well as purchasing of new music for JOY. If you give your weekly/monthly offering through VANCO, you will need to make this contribution using your envelope. We thank the Kemmerer's for this gift of music.

*Chris Allebaugh*

## Young at Heart

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



## 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, August 15 @ 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



**DAILY BREAD** hygiene kits: Twenty hygiene kits went to Daily Bread in July. Ruth Holm's son, Pr. Norm Holm of Calvary Chapel helped by bringing in health kit items. The ladies of Rachel Circle put kits together and delivered them to Daily Bread where they were happily received. Contributions for kits are Very Welcome. Items needed for health kits include 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.



Don't forget WELCA meeting on Aug. 5 (after pancake breakfast). All ladies are invited.

### Pancake Breakfast

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:00am - 9:30am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

**NOTE:** WELCA and "Men of Joy" both have meetings on Saturday following the Pancake Breakfast. So, come for the breakfast and then go to your meeting.

## Property Committee

Florida Power and Light conducted an energy usage study for us to determine our current energy usage and to recommend more efficient ways to use energy.

The following recommendations were made by FPL. The Property Committee will review the recommendations and begin to implement them as appropriate.

### Recommendations:

1. Turn air-conditioning units on in stages with an 1/2 hour between turning on the large main units in the Sanctuary.
2. Lighting - remember to turn off lights in unoccupied areas.
3. Cooling - A/C - Try setting the temperature to 75 + degrees during occupied hours.
4. Heating - ventilation - We could benefit from adding a Demand Control Ventilation to adjust ventilation based on building occupancy.

In addition to the top four recommendation, the following recommendations were also made in the report.

1. Refrigeration - Consolidate contents to minimize units required and turn off equipment when not in use is recommended.
2. Office Equipment - When possible ensure computers are powered off during non-business hours.
3. Cooling - A/C - Remember to service your A/C system on a regular annual basis.
4. If you are unable to turn off A/C, try setting the temperature to 82 + degrees during unoccupied hours.
5. Always clean or replace filters regularly and be sure to use proper filter size.

The playground equipment was recently refurbished by Anthony Austin working on his Eagle Scout Badge. The ground under the equipment was re graded and filled with concrete millings. The wood parts that had deteriorated through weather and age were replaced. The steering wheel, the rope and the swing chains were also replaced. The ladder, the slide and the climbing board were refurbished. The wood parts were sanded and sealed with Thompson water seal.

The kitchen ceiling was painted, and the walls will be painted on Friday July 28th.

We are experiencing increasing maintenance issues with our lawn care equipment. As the equipment is beginning wear out, we are in the process of taking one of our oldest riding mowers selling the mower off and replacing it with a new riding mower.

*Erik U. Mäenpää*

### Mark Your Calendars

#### **“One Blood” blood drive at JOY**

Sunday, August 20th, 8:00am-10:00am

You can register online at:

<https://www.oneblood.org>



# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

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## School Supply Campaign

The Ladies of WELCA would like to Thank the Congregation and others who helped us exceed our goal Of \$1,500.00 for our School Supply Campaign for Turner Elementary School and Lutheran World Relief.

The following is a list of all the items that we purchased for **Turner Elementary** and **Lutheran World Relief**:

### Turner Elementary School

20 Head Phones  
50 Rulers  
50 Packs of Eraser Caps @ 25 per bag  
50 Pencil Boxes  
60 Crayola Colored Pencils 12 pk.  
42 Crayola Markers 10pk  
240 Elmers Glue Sticks 2 pk  
41 Expo Dry Thin Markers 6 pk  
40 Crayola Water Color Paint  
44 Blunt Scissors  
160 Blue Plastic Folders  
120 Green Plastic Folders  
95 Red Plastic Folders  
80 Orange Plastic Folders  
80 Composition Note Books  
8 Backpacks

### Lutheran World Relief

200 70 sheet notebooks  
50 Rulers  
50 Pencil Sharpeners  
250 Pencils  
250 Pens  
50 Boxes of Crayola Crayons  
50 Erasers

Thank you very much,  
*Marjorie Mäenpää*

Joy WELCA President

*Thank You*

George Christensen and family would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls regarding his recent fall and hospital visit. He is doing well and appreciates all the prayers.

*The Christensen Family*

## 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 **September 2023 Tidings no later than August 28th.**

email David Steinhorst  
[dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto: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



### August Birthday Blessings

08/14	Charlotte Abrahams
08/18	Marion Bauman
08/22	Peggy Marion
08/22	Jim Parker
08/23	Terry Embrey
08/23	Gary Krause
08/23	Elaine Heine
08/23	Emily Walton
08/29	Ruth Laumer

*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	2nd QTR	January thru June
Income (pledged)	\$32,929.02	\$22,112.63	\$55,041.65
Income (unpledged)	\$7,675.26	\$12,546.00	\$20,221.26
<b>Income - Total</b>	<b>\$40,604.28</b>	<b>\$34,658.63</b>	<b>\$75,262.91</b>
Expenses	\$34,691.36	\$39,939.71	\$74,631.07
Overage/(Shortage)	\$5,912.92	(\$5,281.08)	\$631.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$1,306.20	\$1,551.75	\$2,857.95
Income (unpledged)	\$445.00	\$140.00	\$585.00
<b>Income - Total</b>	<b>\$1,751.20</b>	<b>\$1,691.75</b>	<b>\$3,442.95</b>
Expenses	\$967.00	\$824.37	\$1,791.37
Overage/(Shortage)	\$784.20	\$867.38	\$1,651.58

## AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b><i>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i></b></p>						<p>8:00-9:30am Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>10:00am WELCA Meeting</p>
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<p>8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p>	<p>10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts</p>	<p>10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting</p>	<p>11:30am Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>8:30am Property Workday</p>	
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