



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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My cup overflows with blessings.
Psalm 23:5b (NLT)



*When your cup runneth over,
fill someone else's cup.*

"**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,

Martin Luther said much about money. Luther felt strongly about money matters, and particularly about profiteering, which he tackled in his [“Sermon on Usury”](#) (1519) and his [“Admonition to the Clergy that they Preach against Usury”](#) (1540). An example of what Luther said is, “The Lord commonly gives riches to foolish people, to whom the Lord gives nothing else.”

October is designated as Stewardship Month, which is much more than a matter of money alone. Stewardship is a lifestyle, rooted in generosity, that has *God's generosity towards all* as its supreme example. God's generosity extends far beyond money, although it certainly includes it. Along with money, stewardship includes faithful management of places, spaces, people, and stuff.

Speaking of which, each year the WELCA Craft Bazaar comes along, and with it comes a rather bizarre, graceless take on “Jesus and the Moneychangers in the Temple” (Matt. 21:12). Please allow me, as a “steward of the holy mysteries,” as my ordination vows names me, to speak on this matter.

Money changing was common in Roman provinces. In Palestine, as in Egypt, each district had its imperial bank, and often each village had its own money changer. This was business as usual. Jesus wouldn't have thought a thing wrong with it.

During the Second Temple era, Jews streamed to Palestine and Jerusalem “out of every nation under heaven” (Acts 2:5), with large sums of foreign money. This is the context for Jesus driving money changers out of the Temple. Foreign coins had to be changed, but also ordinary deposits were often handed over to Temple authorities for safe deposits in the Temple treasury. Thus, Jerusalem Temple became like a bank branch of the imperial bank, and its Temple vaults served as “safe deposit” boxes. The business of money exchange was carried out by the shulḥani “exchange banker,” who changed foreign coins into local currency and the reverse. Again, this is business as usual, and Jesus wouldn't have thought a thing wrong with it.

The shulḥani charged an exchange rate that varied from around 4 to 8 percent. The shulḥani received money on deposits for investment and paid interest at a fixed rate (Matt. 25:27), although this was contrary to Jewish law. What gets Jesus' goat is---predatory lending. The poor and the foreigners were being fleeced in the “house of prayer.” It should never have become a piggy bank for the wealthy nor a branch of the imperial bank.

Jesus was not irritated that people bought and sold items for rituals and sacrifices. That was business as usual. However, profiting from those who should be objects of prayer and care, is a rather large problem for Jesus. It is the problem for which Jesus braided Temple cords and flipped tables.

It is faithful stewardship business to talk about money and stuff in October, faithful business to display craft items and auction items for the bazaar, faithful business to reflect on whether we have reduced stewardship to matters of only money yet, it is indeed a most unfaithful business to profiteer, to be a predatory lender, to balance one's books on the backs of the poor.

Peace---JDB+

P.S. To learn more, read: F. Heichelheim & T. Frank, *An Economic Survey of Ancient Rome*, (1938); and D. Sperber, *Roman Palestine, 200–400. Money and Prices* (1974).



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "A" for October

October 1 Matthew 21:23-32
 October 8 Matthew 21:33-46
 October 15 Matthew 22:1-14
 October 22 Matthew 22:15-22
 October 29 Matthew 22:34-46



Next meeting:
 October 18th at 7:00pm



Sunday Reflections

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

Fall 2023: "Holy Places" A three-session Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni



Session #2 – Eve Circle meets Tuesday, October 17 @ 11:30

October 2023
 Holy places: Sanctuary

For thousands of years, physical spaces have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. "Sanctuary" is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, "sanctuary" has also referred to spaces of safety and refuge. If God is everywhere, what is the importance of sanctuary? What can Jesus' teachings and Paul's correspondence with the early church teach us about what sanctuary looks like today?

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 12, 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....

Martin Luther did not wish that any be called, "Lutheran." In Luther's Admonition Against Insurrection (1522), the reformer said,

"...I ask that men (people) make no reference to my name; let them call themselves Christians, not Lutherans. What is Luther? After all, the teaching is not mine [John 7:16]. Neither was I crucified for anyone [1 Cor. 1:13]. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3, would not allow the Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrine, but Christian. How then should I—poor stinking maggot-fodder that I am—come to have men call the children of Christ by my wretched name? Not so, my dear friends; let us abolish all party names and call ourselves Christians, after him whose teaching we hold."

In this 506th year after the posting of the 95 Theses, let's remember that we do not cling to a man named Luther, rather we do as he bids us, we cling firmly to Christ.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

An understanding of stewardship begins with the recognition that everything we have is a gift from God. God's gifts include our time, our abilities and all that we call our own. As Christians, we are called to nurture and develop these gifts and to use them to serve God and those around us.

Make the stewardship habits you develop in your home life part of your church life and habits you develop in your church life as part of your home life.

Stewardship is not about raising money. Stewardship is not something we do. *Stewardship is a way of life* based on the belief that we are children of God, and our life proves it when we share our gifts with God and others. Through the offering of our time, talent, and treasure we can continue the mission of Christ, here at JOY, through our prayer, worship, and social outreach.

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." — *Martin Luther*

What are you placing in God's hands?

David Steinhorst

All in the Family

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!



To celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, Chet and Ginny Miller renewed their wedding vows at Joy on September 2nd.



Happy Birthday Pastor Bill Stremel

Pastor Stremel is turning 100 (October 14)!
He needs to be celebrated!

CARDS: Pr. Bill loves getting cards, so show him love by mailing him Birthday Cards!

William Stremel
7252 W 94th Place
Broomfield, CO 80021

40 years of JOY!

† On September 11, 1983, our first church service of what was then called "Community Evangelical Lutheran Church," was held in the library of Lockmar Elementary School.

On September 10, 2023, we celebrated our **first** 40 years.





JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 19, 2023, Young at Heart - 12pm.
Oct. 21, 2023, October Fest – 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Nov. 4, 2023, HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND SILENT BASKET AUCTION
Nov. 10-12, 2023, WELCA FL-BAHAMAS FALL GATHERING
at Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL
Nov. 19, 2023, Bishop Suarez will be here to worship with us.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday @ 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: YES! We were able to do another 20 hygiene kits to Daily Bread in September. Once again, thanks to all for their help in this project and especially Ruth Holm's son, Pr. Norm Holm of Calvary Chapel for his contributions. The ladies of Rachel Circle put kits together and deliver them to Daily Bread where they are happily received. If you would like to contribute, items needed are 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.



Holiday Festival Fundraiser (craft sale and silent auction): Vendor spaces will be inside and outside the church under canopies. Baskets for Silent Auction will be on display Oct. 1 thru Nov 3. Get your bids in. Help is needed! Bake Sale donations will be received Friday, November 3rd, between 8:00 and 12:00 for packaging and pricing.

Workers are in great need. Sat. November 4th starting at 5:30 a.m. (yikes) and throughout the day. The festival will start at 8:00 a.m. and run thru to 2:00 p.m. If you can help during the day, let Marjorie know. We also need help to clean up & reset our church for Sunday worship.

Don't forget to come out for the Festival on Sat. November 4! All are invited.

Are You Ready For Some Fun???

October 21st 5:00pm – 7:00pm



Brats are being provided by and grilled at JOY. People are encouraged to bring side dishes; it would be nice if these sides were things like Red Kraut, German Potato Salad, etc.; desserts like Strudel and Streusel topped items deeply appreciated. Beer tent will be outside, 2 beer limit, donations from beer tent will go to Daily Bread or another local ministry that JOY supports.



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.

Register Today for the 2023 Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

Holy Ground - God Still Speaks

November 10-12, 2023

Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park



Did you spend time at church camp when you were young? Do you remember camp songs and crafts? Join the Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA at our Fall Gathering where we will celebrate Holy Ground and discover how God still speaks to us.

Our gathering will be in a NEW LOCATION - The Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center located at 4991 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park. You'll see that this retreat center has beautiful grounds and great spaces for us.

Worship will be led by Trixie Richter and Bible Study will be led by Michelle Collins! It's going to be a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, learning, singing, and even eating s'mores! So, visit the 2023 Fall Gathering page at www.flwelca.com to learn more about this year's workshops, scholarship opportunities, and registration options.

REGISTRATION OPTION 1:

Download, email, and mail the writable PDF registration forms or email to our conference registrar, Diane Cummings. These forms can also be printed and shared electronically with friends in your congregation and conference.

Diane Cummings 1360 N. Marcy Drive Longwood, FL 32750 (407) 767-9346 after 4:00 pm E-mail: sworegistrar1@gmail.com

REGISTRATION OPTION 2:

You can register online or access forms to download and mail by visiting www.flwelca.com

Men of JOY

Fall Yard Sale

Our Men of JOY will hold a yard sale on Saturday, 14 October from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm under the church drive-thru. Many tools, household items and sporting goods will be offered. Proceeds of the sale will go to the ministries of the JOY men's group. There should literally be something for everyone (unless you're looking for clothes, sail boats or space suits), and the prices will be very attractive. See you there and tell your friends and neighbors. If you can help with pricing and staging on the preceding Thursday or Friday or with the sale proper on Saturday, please contact Jim Collins (321-759-2632).

Recent Actions

1. Donated \$1000 toward the cost of the new mower to help keep JOY's property in shape.
2. Purchased a pair of new, upholstered chairs for the pastor's office to replace the old, worn ones.
3. Replaced the wall-mounted TV in the refreshments area with a larger screen (for meetings, classes and the like).

Social Breakfasts

All the men of our congregation are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month for a little social time over breakfast. We usually meet at the Sunshine Café across from Chik-fil-A on Malabar Rd. Members, non-member spouses and friends of the congregation are welcome. If you would like to receive an email reminder, please give your email address to Jim Collins.

Current Officers

President – Gary Krause

Recording Secretary – Jim Collins

Chaplain – Norm Barmen

Jim Collins, Recording Secretary

Worship and Music

Beginning October 1st, we will be going back to serving Communion at the Altar railing. This was put in place during the extra hot summer months to get you home a little bit earlier.

Although we may never be completely back to the way we were prior to 2020, we are still moving forward trying to get close. We are looking for some additional members to help with Sunday Services. If you would be interested in any of the following, please let myself or Barbara Herndon know.

† Assist in Collection of the Offering

† Lector- Reading of the 1st and 2nd Lessons

If you have an interest in assisting in other ways also, we are always looking for additional helping hands!

Chris Allebaugh

JOY Lutheran Holiday Craft Show

Saturday November 4th. 9 AM - 2 PM

JOY Lutheran Church 3174 Jupiter Blvd., S.E.
Palm Bay, FL 32909

CRAFTERS WANTED

Contact: Marjorie

marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

(321)327-8400

Holiday Crafts
&
Silent Auction

Food
&
Bake Sale

Property Committee

The Wollom-Jackson room was the last room to be painted bringing the interior painting of the church to completion. As we move into the cooler Fall weather, we will start painting and working on the outside exterior doors that need to be painted. We will also start to work on the bedding around the palm trees.

The restroom renovations have been completed (see below).

The Scouts Eagle projects in the playground have been completed (see below).

The central air condition unit in the church office has been repaired and the Pastor and the office staff will now have air conditioning in the office area. With the office air system back online, we will be able to start work on solving the lack of air issue in the Wollom-Jackson room. Some of the current suggestions are to add a second air drop in either the office air duct or the kitchen air duct. We may also look into replacing the current commercial split system with a residential split system.

The organ has started to experience some intermittent issues. The organ repair company has been contacted and they are coordinating the repairs with Steve.

Erik U. Mäenpää



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **October 19th 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 a Lima been auction. 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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



&



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," consider signing up to host a Sunday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

WELCOME to JOY!

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



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



BACKPACK PROGRAM

"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 very 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 outreach program.

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 **November 2023 Tidings no later than October 25th.**

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



October Birthday Blessings

10/02	Norman Barmen
10/10	Steve Pooran
10/14	William Stremel
10/14	Mark Walton
10/16	Lori Embrey
10/23	Gary Sherman
10/30	Joy Sorensen

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 + 2nd QTR	July & August	Year thru August
Income (pledged)	\$55,041.65	\$16,785.49	\$71,827.14
Income (unpledged)	\$20,221.26	\$5,090.76	\$25,312.02
Income - Total	\$75,262.91	\$21,876.25	\$97,139.16
Expenses	\$74,631.07	\$24,451.99	\$99,083.06
Overage/(Shortage)	\$631.84	(\$2,575.74)	(\$1,943.90)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1st + 2nd QTR	July & August	Year thru August
Income (pledged)	\$2,857.95	\$852.04	\$2,857.95
Income (unpledged)	\$ 585.00	\$2,176.48	\$2,761.48
Income - Total	\$3,442.95	\$3,028.52	\$6,471.47
Expenses	\$1,791.37	\$8,076.76	\$9,868.13 **
Overage/(Shortage)	\$1,651.58	(\$5,048.24)	(\$3,396.66)

** Council Approved a new riding Lawnmower. MOJ & WELCA each contributed \$1,000 towards the purchase.

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings 10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	Men of Joy Breakfast See Jim Collins for time and location.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:30am Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday 10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>