



"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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The most wonderful things That Easter time brings Is knowing that our Lord Was crucified for all The giving of His life The most holy sacrifice And He did it just for us Out of His undying love Then on the third day He rose from the grave And lives forever more As our Saviour and Lord.

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Pastor's Point

Pr. John David Bryant

Friends,

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." These words from the Imposition of Ashes rite remind us that we daily, hourly, moment by moment, "walk in the valley of the shadow of death." They also remind us that what we do between the time God brings the dust that is us to life and the time we return to the dust in death matters. It truly matters.

In recent weeks, we had the funeral of a member, and in weeks to come, we will have the funeral of another. One had their end-of-life plans sorted, even to the point of having their funeral hymns sorted. The other, proved quite the opposite. Now, normally, I'd not compare these situations, and it almost seems disrespectful to do so now, yet I cannot squander the opportunity to encourage you to consider your death, to consider its impact on others, and to take steps accordingly. Two steps we can take to do great good are: 1) To plan and prepay our funeral in advance, and 2) To plan legacy gifts.

When we plan our funeral in advance, it saves family members from having to make decisions when they've neither the heart nor the presence of mind to do so. Further, when we prepay our expenses, families do not have to negotiate the vast array of options and emotions that go with getting that all sorted. Harvard Health says that when we die. our loved ones. "...can feel overwhelmed....experiencing waves of intense and very difficult emotions, ranging from profound sadness, emptiness, and despair to shock, numbness, guilt, or regret... rage at the circumstances... anger focused on self, doctors, other loved ones, or God." As our loved ones contend with such emotions, having to plan our funeral amidst them adds to their challenge. If we plan and prepay for our funeral, we give those we love a great gift; we comfort them.

Further, through leaving legacy gifts to family, friends, and charities, we keep expressing our love even after we have returned to dust. JOY Lutheran has been graced with a generous legacy gift in recent years, and it appears likely that another such legacy gift is on JOY's horizon. Legacy gifts keep doing great work for others after we have quite literally returned to dust. I cannot underscore the value of leaving a bequest to those you love. And to do this might prove much easier than you think.

Perhaps preplanning and prepaying for our funeral could be a Lenten discipline. Perhaps creating legacy gifts could be seen as almsgiving. Whatever the case, these are important things to consider and to address.

If you ever want to preplan your funeral, reach out to me: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com.

If you'd like to consider legacy gifts with someone local, reach out to Rosita Cotton: 321-349-6431.

If you'd like to consider legacy gifts through the ELCA, reach out to Pr. Ana Loyda Lugo: <u>ana.lugo@elca.org</u> or 904-219-2769.

Peace---JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for March

March 3	John 2:13-22
March 10	John 3:14-21
March 17	John 12:20-33
March 24	Mark 14:1-15,47
March 31	Matthew 28:1-10



Service Times Lent, Holy Week and Easter Mid-Week Lenten Service......6:00pm Palm Sunday (March 24th)......10:00am Maundy Thursday (March 28th)......6:00pm Good Friday (March 29th)......6:00pm

Easter Sunday (March 31st).....10:00am

Did You Know?

Did You Know...

Martin Luther had a lot (much more than a lot) to say about "fasting."

Preaching on Matthew 4:1-11 for the First Sunday in Lent Luther said: "...the worst of all is that we have adopted and practiced fasting as a good work: not to bring our flesh into subjection; but, as a meritorious work before God, to atone for our sins and obtain grace. And it is this that has made our fasting a stench and so blasphemous and shameful, so that no drinking and eating, no gluttony and drunkenness, could have been as bad and foul. It would have been better had people been drunk day and night than to fast thus...Therefore we will carefully consider how this Gospel teaches us by the example of Christ what true fasting is.

The Scriptures present to us two kinds of true fasting: one, by which we try to bring the flesh into subjection to the spirit, of which St. Paul speaks in 2 Corinthians 6:5: "In labors, in watchings, in fastings." The other is that which we must bear patiently, and yet receive willingly because of our need and poverty, of which St. Paul speaks in 1 Corinthians 4:11: "Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst," and Christ in Matthew 9:15: "When the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast." This kind of fasting Christ teaches us here while in the wilderness alone without anything to eat, and while he suffers his penury without murmuring. The first kind of fasting, one can end whenever he wills, and can satisfy it by food; but the other kind we must observe and bear until God himself changes it and satisfies us. Hence it is much more precious than the first, because it moves in greater faith."

(German text: Erlangen edition II, 107; Walch II, 727; St. Louis II, 532.) To read the full sermon , go to https://sermons.martinluther.us/Luther_Lenker_Vol_2.pdf.

As Luther indicates, it is not so much the fasting itself so much as it is the "why" behind it that counts. We want the kind of fasting that moves us in greater faith, not the kind that has us believing that we are earning things from God by our good works.

"Don't Chance It."

One of the world's largest copyright violators is God's Church. This is especially true when it comes to music. The United Methodist Church has a great article on this topic which you can view by clicking here, but what it opens with is, "Copyright law is complex, difficult to understand, and next to impossible for the layperson to confidently apply in daily work. But as church musicians and worship leaders, it is our responsibility to work within this law. Our failure to do so may result in legal action, large fines, and public embarrassment." The ELCA has a thorough article on the topic that came out in The Living Lutheran (2013) which you can view by clicking here, but what it seeks to make clear is, "Owning hymnals doesn't give congregations the right to print, project or record their contents without permission of the copyright holder."

Hymns have four parts that can be copyrighted: 1) Music (melody & harmony), 2) Setting (arrangement), 3) Text (words), and 4) Language (translation). Most, but not all, hymns in With One Voice, the Lutheran Book of Worship, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship, hymn resources published through Augsburg Fortress, can be used widely in ELCA congregations because they are covered under our Augsburg Fortress Liturgical Music License. At JOY, during the pandemic, had we not purchased (and since maintained) the Limited Video-Livestream License through Augsburg Fortress, we'd not be able to livestream the musical portions of our service. We also possess the Concordia Publishing House License that applies to any items that are 100% created and maintained by Concordia, and the Christian Copyright Licensing International product that permits us to use some, but not all modern and contemporary songs. All four of our licenses cover all four copyrighted parts of hymns which enables us to use them whenever we livestream.

Whenever we utilize hymns that are not in our denominational resources, we must request copyright permission, not just for congregational use but also for livestreaming use. This is why we rarely play or sing hymns that are not in our denomination's resources. Unless we know for sure and certain that we have copyright & livestreaming permission, we here at JOY just don't chance it. First Baptist Church, Smyrna, TN chanced it and learned this lesson the hard way. <u>Click here</u> to learn what happened when they chanced it. Spoiler alert. \$150,000 lawsuit. For such reasons, we just don't chance it.



We welcome Chet and Ginny Miller as new members to Joy on February 25, 2024.

Midweek Lenten Services:

Wednesday evening services continue through March 20th.

Please join us at: 5:30pm Soup and Sandwiches

6:00pm Evening Worship



LENT SUPPER SCHEDULE

DATEHOSTMarch 6thWorship and MusicMarch 13thChurch CouncilMarch 20thWomen of the ELCA



Next meeting: March 20th at 7:00pm







If you are a crafter, or if you know crafters please tell them about our craft show. \$25.00 ONLY outside spaces.

If you have questions, contact Marjorie Mäenpää.

OPEN BIBLE STUDY We and the second s

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **March 21st at noon**. All are welcome, especially those fifty-five and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck. Theme is EASTER!

Please check with *Marjorie Mäenpää* if you are not sure what to bring to share.

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.

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Social Ministry

The Social Ministry meets on the <u>3rd</u> <u>Thursday of the month</u>. Our next meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please join us on Thursday.

You can contact Charlotte Abrahams if you have any questions.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the <u>2nd Thursday of the month</u>. Our next meeting will be March 14, 2024, at 11:30am.

If you would like to learn more about this committee, please join us on Thursday.

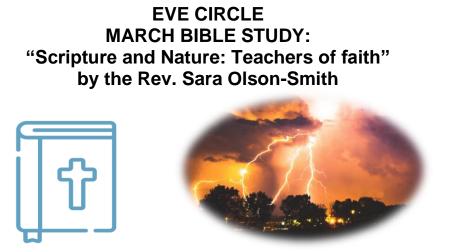
You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions.

Men of JOY

If you are one of the men of the congregation, come and join in our social breakfasts and our projects for the congregation. Our breakfast outings are the first Saturday of the month. Contact Jim Collins or Gary Krause where we will be meeting.

Along with our usual socializing, we discuss some group business and other ministry activities for this year.

Gary Krause, President Jim Collins, Recording Secretary



March 19 @ 11:30 a.m.

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it's not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God's story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people, and our beloved earth.

March 2024

Rivers: Springs of life and hope Fresh water. Most of life on our planet depends on it, and the story of God's saving work flows alongside it, through stories of biblical rivers that offer a vision of flourishing creation. Together we'll journey from the rivers in Eden to the prophetic springs in the desert, and from Jesus' baptism at the river Jordan to the crystalline river of life in Revelation. We'll discover how rivers are sites of healing, restoration, identity, and imagination.



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

Worship and Music

Just a few reminders.....

+ Sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies will be available on March 3rd. The price is \$10.00, and the envelopes are with the sign-up sheet.

+ Maundy Thursday Sock Drive. Once again, this year we are collecting socks for Daily Bread. They can be slightly used or new.

Chris Allebaugh

Daily Bread

Daily Bread held an Appreciation Dinner for their volunteers on February 24th. JOY was represented by Elaine Heine, Rene Harper, Marilyn Brindle, Ginny and Chet Miller, and Chris and Craig Allebaugh. Connie Steinhorst and Bob Getter were unable to join us. This group does a combination of volunteering. We have monthly servers in the cafeteria, Food Rescuers, and Connie is a greeter that checks the clients in for lunch. We also have the support of the Rachel Circle. Monthly, they put together and donate approximately 20 Personal Care Kits.

Daily Bread was founded 35 years ago and simply served soup. It has grown into an organization that supports the homeless as well as people that just need help and assistance in other areas. They offer showers and fresh clothes, Medical Assistance from Brevard Health Alliance, employment assistance, and so much more. They realize that what people really need is housing.

They have been working with the City of Melbourne to help eliminate the homeless situation in our area. The City of Melbourne has donated three acres and \$3 million dollars to help build a new low-income housing complex called Providence Place. Another two acres were donated and the site on Sarno Road will be a total of five acres. This complex will be able to house two hundred people.

There is so much more information that I could pass on and would be happy to talk with you if you have any questions. They are hoping to break ground this summer and are looking for the project to be completed late 2025 or early 2026. We will pass on information as it comes along.

If you would like information about volunteering with Daily Bread, speak to Elaine or myself. There are many different opportunities in addition to serving lunch. Chris Allebaugh





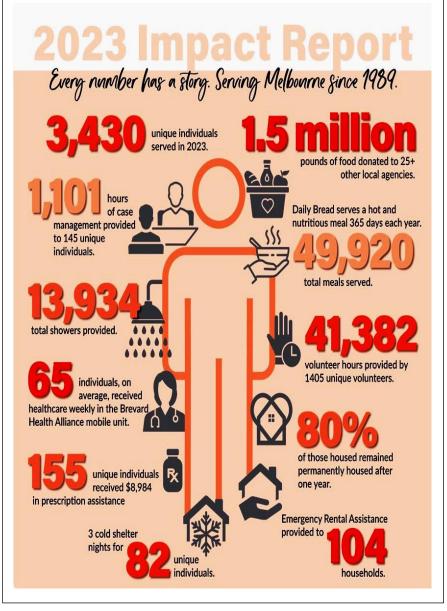
Daily Bread is one of many great ministries that our congregation supports. Continue to keep this ministry in your prayers and thank you for your support.

Daily Bread Inc 815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL Share smiles and love of Christ to those less fortunate.

DAILY BREAD provides a hot meal every day to neighbors in need – the homeless, disabled, men, women, children, and Veterans.

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. Contact Chris Allebaugh (321-388-2555) if you can help. DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers. Volunteers are needed seven days a week for dining hall, outreach center, and warehouse. Daily Bread has made an enormous impact on the many homeless in our community.



"JOY," a church where everybody knows your name. If they don't, introduce yourself and wear a name tag.

Men of JOY

Brothers,

Come join us for our March breakfast outing this Saturday March 2nd, 9 am, at Sunshine Café across from Home Depot on Malabar Rd. 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 at breakfast, we should discuss some MoJ business and other ministry activities for this year such as the proposed spring yard sale. At our last meeting, the present officers agreed to continue serving, but we could use a Vice Pres. and Treasurer. If you are interested in playing a more active role in the MoJ, please let us know. We will also discuss our next ministry activity for the congregation which may be the provision of security cameras around the grounds (we're waiting for a briefing on recommendations from the Palm Bay PD). Recall that we set a goal for ourselves to support at least one of each of the following ministry activities each year: 1. An internal ministry need, 2. A local community ministry need, and 3. A wider national or international ministry need. We may also be able to start harvesting some Thrivent Action Team funds to support additional projects.

We hope that this Lenten season will provide you with a good lead-in to Holy Week and Easter!

Jim Collins for Men of JOY

Current officers of MoJ: Gary Krauss, Pres.; Jim Collins, Recording Sect; Norm Barman, Chaplain; Vice-Pres and Treasurer are presently vacant.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Remember, 2023 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2024.

Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent Financial should distribute some of its charitable outreach funds. Joy Lutheran Church can be a designated place to distribute your "Choice Dollars."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2: WELCA meeting at 10:00am...Tentative
- March 3: Bold Women's Sunday
- March 20: WELCA host Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper
- March 21: Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) - Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, March 19th @ 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) - Will resume meetings, watch for updates.



DAILY BREAD Personal Care kits. Rachel Circle packed up twenty personal care kits for Daily Bread in February. Contributions are 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, gallon size zip lock bags.

Property Committee

The remodeling project of the pastor's office closet is finished. We are now installing the hot water heater in the Pastor's office restroom slated for completion on March 15th.2024.

The split air conditioner in the Wollom-Jackson room is slated for replacement by April 5th, 2024.

A hot water heater will be installed in the ladies' restroom slated for completion by April 5th, 2024.

The grounds work will continue for the next three months or until all the Palmetto beds have been cleaned allowing the riding mowers access around them to maintain the grounds.

The new shed donated by the Arner family was delivered and installed at the back of the church parking lot next to the small shed. The scouts will be able to use the shed to store scout equipment and supplies.

Officer Ryan Austin of the Palm Bay Police Dept. conducted a security assessment of JOY Property and safety/security plans. He will complete a report which will be reviewed by the Property Committee and presented to the Council for review and implementation.

An Accident/Incident form file will be placed in the area between the secretary's office and the old Sunday School room. The file will include blank forms with instructions.

Erik Mäenpää



JOY 40th Year Quiz

What do these old guys have in common?

They are four of the first five JOY Congregational Presidents (Don Heine - 1986, Dennis Baudek - 1987, Jim Collins – 1988, and David Steinhorst - 1989). Our first President was Carl Moenke (1984, 1985) who now lives out of state.

Six families from Peace Lutheran Church committed themselves to meet regularly for the purpose of establishing a new Lutheran church. On September 11, 1983, the first service was held in the Library of Lockmar Elementary School. As the congregation grew, more room was needed, and services were held in the school cafeteria. All meetings, outside of worship services, were held in members' homes.

For Don, Dennis, Jim, and Dave it was a time when Pastor Ron Ryckman served our congregation. Don and Dennis were presidents during this period, which saw rapid growth from a couple dozen people to many more. This was also the time when the church property was purchased, and the church building raised with major help from the Synod and a lot of work from Pastor Ron and the Building Committee. The first services were held in sweltering weather during Dennis' term as President before power or air conditioning were available. By the time Jim became President and Dave Vice-President, everything seemed to be rolling along pretty well.

Then, in 1988, the Synod called Pastor Ron to work on new starts throughout the region, and in spring of that year we became a young church without its founding pastor. Jim and Dave spent much of their terms keeping things running while the call process got under way. The call took about a year, but JOY "hung in there." Every Sunday we had a guest or supply pastor which we jokingly referred to as "pastoral buffet." It was one of our first challenges, and the Lord provided the patience and endurance to see us through. It wasn't until Dave's term as President that JOY's second pastor was finally called and installed.

Jim Collins

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 **April 2024 Tidings no later than March 26th**.

Email:

David Steinhorst at <u>dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com</u> or provide a printed copy.







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.





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 <u>ten families</u> each weekend. This program is so very important, especially with families barely making ends meet. The cost is

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

approximately \$250 per week.

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

Dear Joy Friends:

Sunday, February 11, was a special day for us! It was wonderful to worship with my Joy Family once again! My daughters and I appreciated the delicious cake and other treats, but most of all, we enjoyed the time spent with each of you!

Thank you so very much! God's blessings to all of you!

Donna Burdick

Dear Friends in Christ,

Churches are tasked with being good stewards of their resources, and that includes being mindful of our members' donations.

Through your pledging and tithing, we were able to plan a budget that will allow us to continue our ministry in the community. We are extremely grateful to receive your gifts for this purpose.

On behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to sincerely thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations this year. We are so fortunate to have your support. Your continued generosity over the years has directly benefitted the church. If you are a first-time or infrequent donor, we are thrilled to have you be a part of this effort. Our sincerest gratitude once again for your generous contributions. We are extremely grateful for all donations (those pledged and unpledged) that are received this year.

An example of how	we continue to grow	and share what	God has given us.

	2023 Pledges	2024 Pledges
General Fund	\$84,860.00	\$100,016.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 8,464.00
Total Pledges	\$89,720.00	\$108,480.00
Total # of Pledges	38	46

Yours in Christ, David Steinhorst



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.



March Birthday Blessings

- 3/02 Gene Sorensen
- 3/05 Tamara Embrey
- 3/08 Mark Motluck
- 3/15 Ken Laumer
- 3/20 Zechariah Bush
- 3/21 Lois Manaseri
- 3/22 Alex Tolley
- 3/27 Sharon Russell
- 3/29 Bonnie Getter
- 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul
- 3/31 John David Bryant

Notify the church office if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.

JOY CORE VALUES

Worship: Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament, and prayer

<u>Property</u>: Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

<u>Outreach</u>: Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

<u>Fellowship</u>: Enjoying each other's company

<u>Welcoming</u>: There is a place at Joy for everyone

Education: Getting to know the Word

<u>**Relationships**</u>: Everyone is worthy of care and respect



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**" (321) 768-7776.



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**.

2024 Church Council

Pastor: Rev. John David Bryant President: Mary Sherman Vice President: Erik Mäenpää

Secretary: Kelly Arner Treasurer: Kim Tolley Financial Secretary:

Council Members at Large: Chris Allebaugh Lori Embry Sue Getter Renee Harper Tom Hennessy Linda Kratzer

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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