



Tidings of Joy



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

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Steven K. Weiss – Organist

Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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321-951-0166

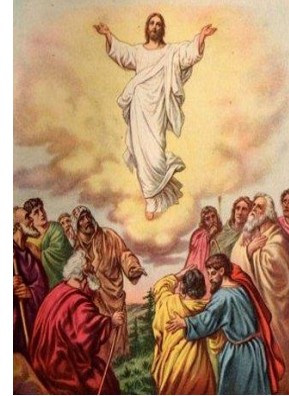
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Ascension Day

May 9th



Day of Pentecost

May 19th



Trinity Sunday

May 26th



"**Office Hours:** Tues 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. John David Bryant

Friends,

Spring has sprung! All one needs to do is look; everything's in bloom. In fact, everywhere we turn, things are in bloom. I suppose that's why this week's pollen count ranges from 7.2-9.6 on a scale of 0-12.

To see the signs of Spring, one could simply look in Walgreens and see the empty shelves in the allergy section and, in the parking lot, see the yellowish gunk covering every car. Allergy season is Spring's surest sign of new life...and with it comes a great deal of discomfort. New life can prove both messy, painful, and challenging; ask any mother...she will explain this to you.

Although Leo Tolstoy says, "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself," sometimes we do desire a change, to create a new thing that brings life, and we eagerly anticipate what we imagine that new life will be for us. We imagine changes that will come our way because of this new life, and we trust that this will increase our happiness, except we often underestimate the requisite cost to make the change. Any change for the better usually requires effort, work, and making peace with pains and challenges that come our way in the process. Of course, we might wonder, "Why does this not make sense? We'd imagine something good for us to be easy, right?" Too often we forget that for new life to come our way, several things are required: growth and transformation, often a death of the old self, old pattern, old way, and old mindset. Death and transformation are not fun but are often required for new life to come our way. Even something like losing weight requires us to let go of our old habits and cravings, and that we transform our view of ourselves and how we view food. This is neither easy and quick, nor short and painless.

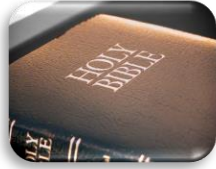
Having just experienced Easter Sunday and Holy Week, all this talk of death and new life talk should sound familiar. The new life of resurrection comes out of the death of crucifixion. This transformation is visible in the story of Jesus but also in our story. Many crosses and challenges are faced in life.

The life-giving power of Jesus is present with us in one of those crosses. Faith in the transformative power of Jesus can help us manage such difficulties. Therefore, it should be no surprise that when we try to change things in our life for the better, we encounter difficulty. It is no sign that we are doing something wrong, nor that God is displeased with us, neither that our old way was better, instead it is a fact that every real-life change requires effort, work, and making peace with pains and challenges that come our way in the process.

As you celebrate or suffer through Spring, I hope that, like the new buds and blossoms, you are growing into better places. There will be discomfort, pain, challenge, and more than a little hardship, but we grow and transform together with Jesus into the beautiful Kingdom of God that we have been called, invited, and intended by God to become.

Peace---

JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for May

May 5	John 15:9-17
May 12	John 17:6-19
May 19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 26	John 3:1-17



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19th

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Be sure to read the entire account of the first Pentecost in Acts 2, according to Luke.

Did You Know?

Did You Know...

That if there were a burning issue for Martin Luther, it was around what was then called the "Sacrament of Penance." In fact, in 1519 Luther wrote, "On the Sacrament of Penance," making the case that awareness of sin was a gift that comes from the Spirit, that authentic repentance comes as a gift from the Spirit, and that the focus of penance is on God's gracious mercy coming through absolution more than it ever is a business of listing sins. However, this is not to say that when we wrong self or others, we make like everything is okay. That will take us nowhere fast but when we make amends (which is faithfully executing penance) healing happens in relationships and great good can come our way.

Lutheran pastors do not generally assign penance, yet we do encourage making amends. Still, in the interest of discipline, pastors like Andreas Sandel, who arrived in the U.S. colonies in 1702, assigned penance. Sandel issued monetary penances: "Whoever came to church tipsy, was to pay 40 shillings and do public penance. Blasphemy of the divine Word or the Sacraments carried with it a fine of 5 pounds sterling and church penance; to sing at unseemly hours was punished by a fine of 6 shillings, such as refused to submit to the discipline were excluded from the congregation and refused interment at its cemetery."



Next meeting:
May 15th at 7:00pm

Many Thanks

Friends----

Thanks for the many well-wishes and tokens of affection given on (and around) my 54th birthday. This go 'round, I was not able to maintain a list of givers and gifts to use for sending acknowledgments and thank-you.

This general note will have to suffice. Gift or no gift, card, or no card, I appreciate all of you. You certainly know how to make a guy feel valued.

God bless---
JDB

How can I help?



Host "Coffee Fellowship" on Sunday.

Be an Usher or Greeter.

Run the projector for church services.

Help with counting the offerings.

Lead a Bible Study.

Help with Altar Guild.

Join the work crew on Fridays.

Volunteer in the church office.

Be a lector or worship assistant.

Get involved on a committee.

Volunteer for _____, or _____, or _____, or wherever your talents can best be used.

Time and Talent

On April 7th you received a Time and Talent form. If not, additional forms are still available. Please return completed forms as soon as possible, so we can compile the information. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved in our church's ministries and share your talents.

If you would like to know more about any of our committee's or any other opportunities you can assist with, please reach out to Barbara Herndon or Chris Allebaugh.

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church (WELCA)
Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 5, 2024
8:00am – 9:30am

Sign-up sheet available @ church



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice,
and Coffee. \$6.00

REMEMBER
WELCA Meeting @ 10:00
Please come to the meeting



*You Are Invited to Our
Girl Scout Mother's Day Tea*

*Where: Joy Lutheran Church
When: May 11, 2024, from 9:00am to 10:00am
Tea, lemonade, and treats will be provided.*

*RSVP to Troop 484
321-794-0219*



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

Daily Bread is our Soup Kitchen in Melbourne, serving hot meals every day to those in need: homeless men, women, children, elderly, and Veterans.

You can spread the good news of Jesus Christ through your charitable deeds. What better way than helping others, especially those less fortunate.

JOY Lutheran Church Team serves meals the 4th Friday of each month.
Contact Chris Allebaugh (321-388-2555) if you can help. Thanks for your support of this ministry.
DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers. Serve with a SMILE.

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



Rachel (crafting) Circle

Join us May 6th at 10:00am

“Rachel Circle” makes items for craft sales. The circle provides a fun way to meet new people and make friends.

See Ruth Ann Ciecieski for additional information.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **May 16th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those fifty-five and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck.

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.



**EVE CIRCLE
MAY BIBLE STUDY:
“Mental Health and Wellness”
by Elise Seyfried
May 21 @ 11:30 a.m.**

As long as humans have existed, there has been mental illness. By some estimates, as many as 20% of all adults live with a mental health issue. In biblical times, mental illness was often misunderstood and thought to be caused by demonic possession. In modern times, we have learned much more about brain chemistry. Although the stigma around mental illnesses has decreased, we still have a long way to go, and our faith communities can help. Looking particularly at biblical people and passages that relate to living with mental illness, the May 2024 devotional reminds us of Jesus’ compassionate care for those who struggle.

Together, we’ll learn how congregations can become “stigma-free” zones, welcome and support those with mental health issues and their loved ones and provide opportunities for all ages to learn more about a topic that affects us all.

HAPPENINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

The Organ is ordered. It takes approximately 17 weeks to build. We anticipate we'll have it around July 4th. It will have to be paid for before delivery. We have applied for a loan. We are waiting for approval as the application is still in underwriting.



Allen GX335

The total cost of the organ is \$80,000. There are 215 pedals and keys on the organ so each one cost \$3721. We have donations in the organ fund of \$6135. Enough for two keys. One step at a time. As we have donations to purchase more keys, we will fill in the chart in the vestibule. Feel free to contribute with your offering envelope. Mark "Organ Fund" on the envelope.

We are also starting a fund-raising group to help with outside funds. If you have any creative ideas that might work, please contact me. We can use extra help as well. See me to volunteer.

Vacation Bible School is looking for a home that can house our counselors. June 23-28. If you have an extra bedroom, can provide transportation and breakfast, please see Chris Allenbaugh.

Our friend Betty Dorlis who was with us a short time, has moved to Indiana.



Her mailing address is
8940 Woodmoss Lane 2B
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Council President,
Mary Sherman

OPEN BIBLE STUDY



All Are Welcome

Meets on Tuesdays 2-3 pm at church.
We will use the Augsburg Fortress
Adult Bible Studies.

Topics for May

May 07 - Justified by Faith in Jesus
May 14 - Reckoned as Righteous
May 21 - Reconciled to God
May 28 - Who Has Believed?

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you
are most welcome to come join in.

Questions? Talk with Linda-Carol Poppe.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be May 16, 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 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be May 9, 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.

WELCA Meeting

Sat., May 4th @ 10:00

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED

We will be discussing the Holiday Festival and other WELCA activities and any additional business. Please come and join us.

We look forward to seeing all of you.



Maundy Thursday Sock Drive



On behalf of Social Ministry and Worship & Music, I want to thank everyone for your donation of socks again this year. We have broken our record! This year we have donated 178 pairs of socks. They have been delivered to "Daily Bread." They are always so appreciative of our donation.

Chris Allebaugh



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 Pancake Breakfast 8:00am - 9:30am, \$6.00
- May 4 WELCA meeting 10:00am.
- May 5 Rachel's Day - WEAR **BLUE**
- May 11 Girl Scouts Mother's Day Tea 9:00am -10:00am all ladies are invited.
- May 11 St. Paul's Church Friendship Tea 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- May 16 Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00pm

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- Ruth Circle (crafts) 1st Monday of the month @ 10:00am
- Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, May 21 @ 11:30 am
- Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 am
- Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 am



NEWS DAILY BREAD Personal Care kits. We are now doing **25** personal care kits for Daily Bread 15 for men and 10 for women, per month. Contributions are Welcome. The kits are made up of deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, washcloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, gallon size zip lock bags. Rachel Circle packs kits on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

DAY CAMP 2024 COMING SOON

This year, JOY's Day Camp will be held on June 24th- June 28th. The forms are currently on the Joy Website. If you have neighbors or friends that would like to attend, please have them fill out the forms and turn them into the church as soon as they can. We know Camp fills up fast. We do have a few housing needs for our counselors. If this is something you are interested in, please let us know and we will give you more information. We will also need some assistance during the day at camp. Once we get further along more information will be shared. Thanks to JOY for all the support you always give to this program. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Allebaugh or Rene Harper.



Men of JOY



MoJ Yard Sale – 18 May

Please circle Saturday, May 18, on your calendar for the MoJ yard sale. If you like yard/garage sales, this will be a good opportunity to find some bargains. We also need your donations of cast offs like small appliances, garden, hand and power tools, small furniture items, housewares and the like. Sorry, but we can't do large furniture or clothes. If you've been thinking about cleaning out your garage, attic, storage locker or shed, we have just the destination for your old stuff. The Men of JOY have a goal to contribute to a local need, a community need and a wider need each year, and that's why the proceeds from this sale are important. Also, if you can help with the organizing, pricing, or selling, your help would be greatly appreciated. We'll receive donated items for the sale on Thursday afternoon through Friday morning (May 16 and May 17). We'll start organizing and pricing on Wednesday afternoon and hope to finish by Friday morning. Contact Jim Collins to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Recent Activities

The Men of JOY continue to watch for opportunities to help. We recently, assisted a couple of our members with repairs/improvements at their homes, and we helped the WELCA quilters transport their bounty of quilts to the collection station for shipment.

We continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month for our social breakfasts, and all the men of the congregation are welcome to join us. We usually meet at Sunshine Café on Malabar Road unless WELCA is offering one of their great breakfasts. Just watch for an email announcement.

Questions?

Gary Krause, President

Jim Collins, Recording Secretary

“BREAD OF LIFE” BACKPACK PROGRAM”

The “Bread of Life” backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. We provide food for as many as ten families each weekend. The cost is approximately \$250 per week.

The school year ends at the end of May. So please be generous in your monetary donations, as this program is so very important, especially with families barely making ends meet.

Property Committee

The left-over stones from the Clavary Chapel Project around the church were used around the base of the new electronic sign and the base of the sign was cleaned.

The cleaning of the Palmetto beds continues. This work should be completed by the end of May, at which point we can start the project over as the first bed cleared will have overgrown again. (We do have job security with this project).

The film on the windows in the Pastor's and secretary's office has deteriorated to the point that it is hard to see out from the windows, so new film will be installed on the windows.

We are also working on obtaining new quotes for the property and liability insurance with additional quotes coming in the months of April and May. Our plan is to see if we can reduce the overall cost of the policies by about \$1,500 to \$ 2,000 for the coming year.

The mulch in the playground caught on fire during one of the services during Holy Week. One of the boys living in one of the homes behind JOY discovered the fire and promptly informed his father who came over and extinguished the fire with one of our hoses on the side of the building. He also called the Palm Bay Fire Department, but by the time the Fire Department arrived he had the fire contained and extinguished. There was minimal damage to the playground equipment and Ken Laumer promptly completed the necessary repairs to the equipment.

Erik Mäenpää

JOY FINANCIALS			
2024			
	January, February, March		
General Fund	1st Qtr		Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$	23,948.68	\$ 23,948.68
UnPledged Income	\$	14,091.35	\$ 14,091.35
Pledged Organ	\$	4,110.00	\$ 4,110.00
Total Income (ALL)	\$	42,150.03	\$ 42,150.03
Expenses	\$	(41,267.51)	\$ (41,267.51)
Overage/Shortage	\$	882.52	\$ 882.52
Capital Improvements	1st Qtr		Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$	2,165.45	\$ 2,165.45
Unpledged Income	\$	-	\$ -
Total Income (ALL)	\$	2,165.45	\$ 2,165.45
Expenses	\$	(1,915.00)	\$ (1,915.00)
Overage/Shortage	\$	250.45	\$ 250.45

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.

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 **June 2024 Tidings no later than May 27th.**

Email:
David Steinhorst at dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com
or provide a printed copy.

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.

WELCOME to JOY!

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



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

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



May Birthday Blessings

- 05/01 Betty Nielsen
- 05/03 Harold Lengel
- 05/03 Ron Pagelsdorf
- 05/05 Doris Bunker
- 05/08 Elaine Christensen
- 05/16 Shaun Arner
- 05/23 Connie Steinhorst
- 05/26 Jackie Baudek
- 05/27 Tina Breeden
- 05/28 Susan Parker
- 05/31 Harriet Bryant
- 05/31 Mary Sherman

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

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



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.



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**.

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:
Lori Embry
Sue Getter
Renee Harper
Linda Kratzer

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	National Day of Prayer	8:30am Property Workday	8:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am WELCA Meeting
5	6	7	8	Ascension 9	10	11
8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings 10:00am Worship Rachel's Day	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 2:00-3:00pm Adult Bible Study	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:30am Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	9:00 -10:00am Girl Scouts Mother's Day Tea 2:00pm - 4:00pm St. Paul Church Friendship Tea
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Pentecost 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Trinity 26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30am Adult Forum on Sunday's Readings 10:00am Worship	Memorial Day	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 2:00-3:00pm Adult Bible Study	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.