



Tidings of Joy

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



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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

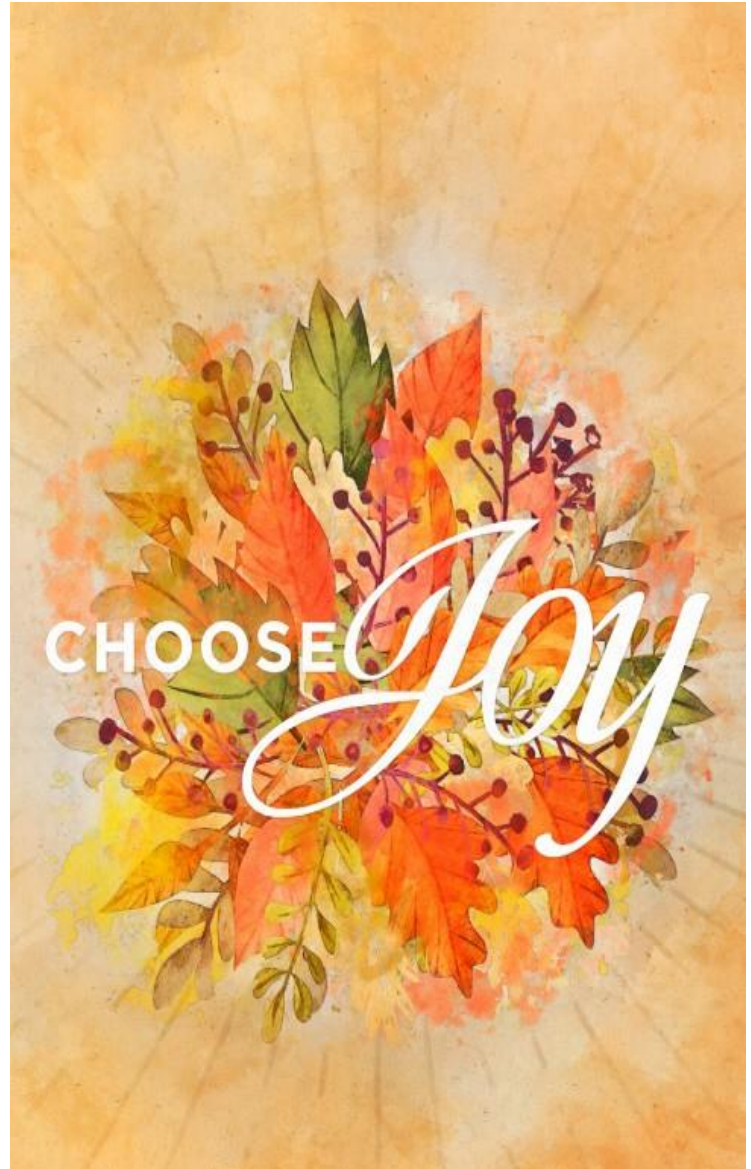
Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.
James 1:2 (NLT)

"Office Hours: Tues and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays.

Pastor's Point

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

REFORMATION DAY, OCTOBER 31st, tends to get submerged in all the Halloween ruckus. (We lose sight that Halloween is All Hallows Eve; let alone the fact that as I write in late September, the Halloween supplies are now on clearance at the big box stores and Christmas is starting to be stocked on the shelves.)

On Sunday, October 27th, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday, the festival which commemorates Dr. Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg – the formative act of the public struggle to reform the church. This day can be seen as the central festival which stresses the struggle to define the church. That struggle did not end with the Reformation. The issues which characterize and shape this struggle are still with us to this day.

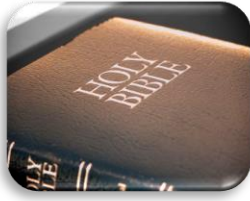
The good Dr. Martin Luther is not the sole focus of Reformation Day. He was an impressive character, to be sure, but there were some parts of his life that, while reflecting the tone of his times, do less than honor to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we cannot gloss over that.

Our celebration should rightly focus on his discovery, or rather, rediscovery of the central theme of Scripture: that we can be set right with God only through the free gift of grace in Our Lord Jesus Christ: accepted by faith alone, without any merit or worthiness on our part. That is what we mean by the Gospel! What we celebrate is not so much the good Dr. Martin Luther as it is the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only reason for our existence as the gathered Body of Christ. It calls us into fellowship with one another around the Word and the Sacraments. It calls us into service in the Holy Name of Jesus. It gives us the gifts of love, peace and joy that can only come through Christ alone. It is not the church (as a building) that does this but rather the church as the Holy Body of Christ. If we are to be true to the spirit of the Reformation, we will not use Reformation Day as an excuse to glorify our own short, troubled history as a Lutheran church, but rather see the church through the vision of the gathered Body of Christ.

The challenge of the Reformation for us here in this place and time will be for us to effectively spread the Word of God in this, our community, and around the world. The true spirit of the reformation is based on the conviction that it is God's love and forgiveness that overwhelms all that we are and makes us all we can be and gives us the strength, hope, and vision to help build the Kingdom in the Holy Name of Jesus.

In His Name,
Pr. Robert✠



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for October

October 6 Mark 10:2-16
October 13 Mark 10:17-31
October 20 Mark 10:35-45
October 27 Mark 10:46-52

Social Ministry

Social Ministry meeting on October 17, 2024, at 11:00am.

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

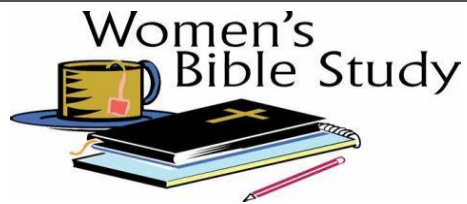
You can contact Charlotte Abrahams if you have any questions.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 10, 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 BIBLE STUDY
October 15th @ 11:30 a.m.**

**"Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians."
by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp**

**Session Two:
Grace Filled Living - Ancient and
New**

What did the writer of Ephesians imagine grace would look like in Christian life and relationships?

How can we live from grace in our own time, reading this letter through our cultural lenses and experiences?

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **October 17th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring your favorite casserole or dessert 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.



Council will be meeting on
October 17th at 7pm. .



Joyful Music Festival

Joy Lutheran Church
Saturday December 14, 2 p.m.

Wanted: Talented musicians or story tellers, who would like to perform for us. Ask your friends, family members, members of other churches, if they have a group that would like to be in our Festival.

Reach out to:

Mary Sherman – (717)- 582-2206

Linda Kratzer – (321)-474-8185

Kay Small – (321)-617-3391

“Fair Trade” Coffee

We are using “Fair Trade” coffee for our fellowship hour after services, and at every event where coffee is served. The brand is “Fellowship Coffee” We also have a selection of “Fair Trade” Tea’s available as well.

Reasons to buy “**Fair Trade**” coffee include:

1. **Quality:** Fairtrade coffee tastes great.
2. **Fair Prices:** The Fairtrade Minimum Price provides a safety net for farmers facing plunging coffee prices.
3. **Better Terms of Trade:** Fairtrade Standards include better terms of trade.
4. **Empowerment:** Fairtrade supports women coffee growers to become leaders and entrepreneurs.
5. **Climate Change Adaptation:** Fairtrade supports farmers in adapting to climate change.
6. **Equity and Sustainability:** Buying fair trade coffee promotes equity and sustainability in global trade.
7. **Support for Farmers:** Fair trade coffee directly supports a better life for farming families.
8. **Environmental Stewardship:** Fairtrade helps protect the environment.

You can feel good knowing that Joy Lutheran Church cares about the coffee growers, as well as the Environment. If you would like to enjoy Fair trade coffee or tea in your home, reach out to Mary Sherman or order from the website. www.equalexchange.org

Church Council President Message

From the Council:

Our church has become the partial beneficiary of the estate of Trent Thorman. We received a large check of over \$300,000 from this estate. We will be paying off the loan we took to purchase the organ. After the donations received from our members for the organ, we will most likely use it to pay the balance of the organ. A large amount will be invested for future programs and ministries. Possibly a scholarship to a deserving musical student. It could be the next organist of the future. The Thorman's had a love for music. Such a fitting tribute to that family.

The organ fund at last update was over \$27,000. We are still accepting contributions to that fund. Let's see if we can make it to \$30,000.

The property committee has been working on the maintenance of the outside of our grounds. They are spreading mulch and weeding the flower beds. They are looking for weeders to join them every Friday morning.

It will soon be time to ask our members to consider serving for one or two years on our Church Council. This is a very important job. It involves one meeting a month (unless something comes up that a special meeting is called) We meet on the third Thursday of the month. Prayerfully consider joining our council. We are looking for some men. Right now, the entire council is female (except the Pastor).

Mary Sherman
Church Council President

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- The clearing of the Palmetto beds has finally been completed.
- The new speakers have arrived, and they were installed with the old speakers having been removed and placed in the Sanctuary for our continued use until the new organ arrives.
- The weeding around the church continues with our plans to mulch the beds to follow in the next few weeks.
- James C. and Bob. Have worked on the identification of the keys in the usher's closet with odd unknown keys being discarded.
- The black letters on the electronic sign have come loose and need to be replaced. Mary S. and James C. are getting new letters in their place.
- The old Toro riding mower needs repairs, and it is being repaired at the East Side Mowers.
- During one of the recent storms a pine tree on the front of the church was struck by lightning. The tree has died and needs to be removed. A tree removal contractor is going to remove the tree.

Erik Maenpaa



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

When a neighbor in need visits Daily Bread, they receive a warm nutritious meal, a friendly smile, and the resources they need to move forward in their lives. **FREE** hot meals are served 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.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 the dining hall, outreach center, and warehouse. Help is needed 7 days a week.



“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 during the school year. The cost is approximately \$250 per week. This program is so very important, especially with families barely making ends meet.

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.

The ladies of the WELCA ask for your help. If you would be so kind as to place this flyer on your Facebook Page and other social media sites. This will help us advertise our craft show and hopefully it will help us have a fantastic turn out.

Thank You, for your help.

Marjorie Maenpaa
WELCA President

JOY Lutheran Church Holiday Craft Show and Silent Auction
Saturday November 2, 2024, 9 AM - 2 PM
JOY Lutheran Church 3174 Jupiter Blvd SE, Palm Bay, FL 32908
Hand Crafted items, Holiday Gifts, Home Decor Wood Working,
Knitted and Sewn items,
Clothing Food, Art and Photography

Vendors wanted, call Marjorie at (321)327-8400 or email at marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

Men of JOY

We continue to meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of each month, and we take our breakfast with the WELCA ladies when they hold one of their breakfasts. We also often hold a brief business meeting after the WELCA breakfasts. Please note that all the men of JOY Lutheran are welcome at our breakfast outings, including members, spouses of members and friends.

We assisted a couple of JOY members with repairs at their homes, and we installed the memorial paver for Mark Walton that one of our member families provided.

Current officers: Gary Krause, Pres., Bob Leonard, Treas., Jim Collins, Rec. Sect’y., Norm Barman, Chaplain



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Silent Auction Baskets available to start bidding on.
- Oct. 5 8:00 to 9:30 Pancake Breakfast - \$6.00.
- Oct. 5 10:00 WELCA meeting
- Nov. 2 Christmas Craft Sale, Silent Auction, bake sale, hot dogs.
- Nov. 8-10 WELCA Fall Gathering, Warren Willis Conference Center in Fruitland Park

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- Craft Circle (Crafts) First Friday of the month @ 10:00am. Come share your ideas.
- Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, August 20 @ 11:30 am
- Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 am
- Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 am



Daily Bread Personal Care Kits. We delivered 25 personal care kits to Daily Bread in September. Thank all of you for contributing to the kits & those who helped put them together. What do we need for personal care kits, here are suggestions: chap stick or lip balm, deodorant, fingernail clippers or nail file, gallon size zip lock bags, hair combs and brushes, women & men razors, hand sanitizer pkgs., shampoo men & women, shaving cream men & women, soap, sunscreen, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths.



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA
JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 2, 2024
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE (fundraiser)**

Crafts (crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, many vendors, miscellaneous)
Vendor spaces will be inside and outside the church under canopies.
Baskets & Quilts for Silent Auction will be on display Oct. 1 thru Nov 2. Get your bids in.

++Remember WELCA meeting Oct 5th (after pancake breakfast). All ladies are invited.

Pastor Bryant, we wish you the very best on your new journey in sharing the Gospel.



Welcome our Interim Pastor, Robert Endruschat. Introduce yourself, maybe even several times, so that he gets to know you. It's not easy trying to remember 70+ names. In fact, make sure you wear your name tag.



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.



Ushers & Greeters



Ushers and Greeters are needed to serve on Sundays. If you are able and willing, talk to Chris Allebaugh or Barbara Herndon and they will see to it that you are scheduled.



Receive your copy of "Tidings of Joy" along with other church news, by email.

Call the church office at (321-951-0166) or email us at joylutheranpb@gmail.com, with your current email address. Your email address will not be distributed.

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 2024 Tidings no later than October 28th.**

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



October Birthday Blessings

10/02	Norman Barmen
10/16	Lori Embrey
10/23	Gary Sherman
10/30	Leslie Prairie
10/30	Joy Sorensen

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



Pray
without
Ceasing

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.



Altar Flowers

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**.

We care about you!



Visitation

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 Endruschat, or a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.

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

2024 Church Council

Pastor, Interim: Rev. Robert Endruschat

President: Mary Sherman

Vice President: "open position"

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary:

Council Members at Large:

Lori Embry

Sue Getter

Renee Harper

Linda Kratzer



Joy Financials

GENERAL FUND	1st QTR	2nd QTR	January thru June
Income (pledged)	\$30,536.78	\$26,887.27	\$57,424.05
Income (unpledged)	\$9,052.25	\$5,996.63	\$15,048.88
Organ Fund	\$4,110.00	\$20,903.00	\$25,013.00
Income - Total	\$43,699.03	\$53,786.90	\$97,485.93
Expenses	(\$41,753.20)	(\$38,515.99)	(\$80,269.19)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$1,945.83	\$15,270.91	\$17,216.74
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$2,215.45	\$2,055.63	\$4,271.08
Income (unpledged)	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Income - Total	\$2,215.45	\$2,195.63	\$4,411.08
Expenses	(\$1,915.00)	(\$2,006.38)	(\$3,921.38)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$300.45	\$189.25	\$489.70

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday 10:00am Craft Circle	8:00-9:30am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am WELCA Meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:30am Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	
13	Columbus Day 14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:00am Social Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday 10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team	
27	28	29	30	31		
Reformation Sunday 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</i>