



Tidings of Joy

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



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3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909

November 2024

Bishop Pedro Suárez
Pastor

Rev. Robert Endruschat STS
Interim Pastor

Steven K. Weiss
Organist

Kim Tolley
Secretary

Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

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Christ the King Sunday
November 30, 2024



Thanksgiving
November 28, 2024

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

All Saints Day

1 November 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The end of the year is rapidly approaching! No – I'm not a wee bit too early. It is the end of the year – the church year! We are coming to the last Sunday of the church year – THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, which is November 24th. On that Sunday we welcome Synodical Bishop Pedro Suárez to Joy parish to preside and celebrate the Holy Mysteries in Word and Sacrament at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. It is the day of the blessing and dedication of the new Allen organ.

Our liturgical year ends on November 30th, and we start anew with the season of Advent on December 1st. This confusion of church year and calendar year seems to affect only pastors and confirmation class students who need to know all about the liturgy and the church year as a part of their instruction. But as we have taken the name of Jesus on our hearts, the church year should make us all a little different.

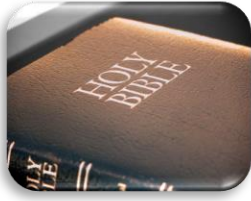
The church year is the cycle that reflects the birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The church is not based on the Gregorian calendar, nor is it a reflection of the seasonal, climatic changes. The church year reflects the central focus of our life in faith: Jesus Christ – crucified and risen. And that does make us a little different.

The Feast of Christ the King gives us a look forward, through the Cross and resurrection, in the vision of the end of time when Christ will rule as the King of Creation. In this kingdom here and now, we are called to serve, and wait, and watch for the coming of that last day which heralds the return of Christ. Our identity is shaped by the decisive events of the Cross and resurrection. And that does make us a little different.

It is not just our liturgical year – it is our liturgical life that gives us the confrontation with God in the blessed Word and in the Holy Sacraments. The call to be a Christian, to be distinctively Lutheran, is not easy. It is my fear, as we face the end of the church year, that even the most minimal commitment in the faith is more than most are willing to offer. What the church asks of its members is that they be responsible to their faith in life and conduct – be accountable to Christ in word and deed! What the church asks of its members is that they take an active part in the life and support of their parish. And that does make us a little different.

We ask you to make a commitment. A life in Jesus Christ is not one in which you choose a little from column A and a little from column B and choose only those parts of a life in faith that are convenient or easy or non-threatening. The demands (and they are demands) of a life in the Body of Christ mean being a part of a community that is grounded - firmly rooted – in the Word and Sacraments. The demands mean living a life in community with your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. And that does make us a little different. Praise be to Christ the King!

In His Name,
Robert L. Endruschat STS
Interim Pastor



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for November

November 3 Mark 12:28-34
November 10 Mark 12:38-44
November 17 Mark 13:1-8
November 24 John 18:33-37

Fellowship Committee

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

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **November 21st 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.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry meeting on November 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.



**WELCA BIBLE STUDY
November 19th @ 11:30 a.m.**

"Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians."

by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

**Session Three:
Living as Children of the Light**

What concrete advice can Ephesians give us on how to live a fuller, happier life? What poetic inspiration can it offer us for living as Christians?



Council will be meeting on November 21st at 7pm. .

Bishop Pedro Suárez to Visit Joy Lutheran Church.

Sunday, November 24th, we welcome Bishop Pedro Suárez to preside and preach at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. That day he will bless and dedicate the new Allen organ to the Glory of God and in service to God's holy people at Joy parish. We take delight in the Bishop's visit, most acutely in this time of transition, as Joy seeks to call a new pastor. Please make every effort be with us for worship as well as lunch following the liturgy that day.

The Rev. Pedro Suárez was elected bishop on Oct. 13, 2017, and installed in a service held on Jan. 20, 2018. At the 2023 Synod Assembly, Bishop Suárez was re-elected to a six-year term.

The Bishop is the Pastor to the Synod Community and exercises the church's power to ordain and consecrate the Rostered ministers of this church. The Bishop is also responsible for strengthening the unity of the Church, exercising leadership in the mission of the church, and overseeing and administering the general work of the synod and staff. The mission of the Office of the Bishop is to shepherd and resource rostered ministers and congregations as they proclaim Christ to the world.

Bishop Suárez served as Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach and as interim Director for Evangelical Mission for the Florida-Bahamas Synod. He also served in Texas, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Born in Venezuela, Suárez earned the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from the Seminario Evangelico Asociado in Venezuela in 1980. He earned an MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC) in 1992. Bishop Suárez is married to ELCA Deacon Aura Suárez. They have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

The Allen GX-335 organ technology is the culmination of decades of advancements in digital sound and control techniques by Allen Organ Company. This system represents the pinnacle of digital technology applied to exacting musical tasks. The result is a musical instrument of remarkably advanced tone quality and performance. Allen Church Organs provide lavish styling and rich sound. Featuring advanced sampling technology and handcrafted console construction, Allen instruments deliver legendary Allen sound and quality. The striking beauty of their fine handcrafted wood construction also meets Allen's demanding standards for durability.

We give thanks for the members and friends of Joy Lutheran Church who supported the church organ project: your hard work and financial support made this organ a reality. We give special thanks to Steve Weiss, our organist, who led the project. And thanks to Brian Daggett and Ted Klemm of Dunne Music, Pompano Beach, Florida for their support and expertise during the whole journey.



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



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2024
12:00 p.m.

Olive Garden restaurant on 192
Sign-up sheet in narthex

Holy Hotlines:

“Ring up these scriptures, lines are open 24/7”

Worry Hotline.....1 Peter 5:7
Fear Hotline..... Isaiah 41:10
Temptation Hotline.....1 Corinthians 10:13
Doubt Hotline..... Romans 10:17
Suicide Hotline..... John 10:10
Sickness Hotline..... Isaiah 53:5
Depression Hotline..... Psalm 34:18
Loneliness Hotline..... Deuteronomy 31:8

*(if those don't work call on God,
♥ He always answers)*

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“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6 ((NRSV)

**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
NOVEMBER 3rd.**



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Organ is here! We are delighted to make that announcement. Dedication of the organ will be on November 24 at the regular church service. The Bishop Pedro Suárez will be here for that service.

Our last fund-raising event for the organ fund was to be our Joyful Music festival. Since we no longer need the funds for the organ, we will take a free will offering for the Hurricane victims. Our lineup is looking very well. Headlining the program will be Country western performer from Nashville, Noah Flower; The Singing Sea Turtles from Sunshine Elementary; Al and Angela from 4 Ever Changed, and the Choir from Barefoot Bay. But there is room for more. If you know someone that would be interested in performing in our festival, please reach out to one of the council members or the Pastor.

We are getting close to the end of the year. Stewardship, Annual meeting, and election of new council members. We have several openings for members of our council. The nominating committee will be calling and asking for you to serve. Prayerfully consider serving. They are two year terms. The position of vice-president is open.

The annual meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2025. All end of year reports are due to the office by January 17. Please make every effort to get them there so our team can assemble and get to the congregation two weeks before the annual meeting.

The property committee has been working every Friday morning. They have mulched around the bushes, put up and took down hurricane shutters, did the mowing and are in the process of building a fence to keep people from driving over the septic drain fields. They would love to have some additional help. If you are available Friday mornings at 8-12 for even one hour, they would welcome you.

Don't forget the WELCA Craft Fair and Silent Auction. November 2. There are beautiful items to bid on and lots of crafts and gifts to purchase from the vendors who participate. There will be a bake sale as well as hot dogs and chips. Come out, enjoy the fellowship. Have a hot dog, and maybe cross off some items on your Christmas list.

Mary Sherman
Church Council President

Men of JOY

We continue to plan for upcoming activities including our monthly breakfast socials and a possible yard sale in the first quarter of 2025. We most recently made a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response to help recovery from the hurricanes. We'll also support the WELCA ladies with preparations for their fall sale. We also helped a member with some storm shutters. Come lend a hand and see what we're up to.

Our present officers are Gary Krause (Pres), Bob Leonard (Treasurer), Jim Collins (Recording Sec'ty) and Norm Barman (Chaplain)

Jim Collins, Recording Sec'ty

Altar Guild

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have given of their time on Altar Guild over the past year to help make our worship environment respectful and inviting. Much of what Altar Guild does is behind the scenes, but there is much work to do in support of our Sunday worship services. Fall and the end of the year mark an especially busy time for the church and for the church's Altar Guild. Please contact Linda Collins if you would like to participate in any aspect of this important work, whether set up, serving, clean up or decorating the sanctuary for special services. I look forward to working with all our current and future volunteers.

Linda Sue Collins, Altar Guild Lead

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thanks to the members of the Property Team who have been very busy around the church.

- Installed the hurricane shutters on Tuesday so that JOY would be ready for Hurricane Milton.
- Removed the hurricane shutters on Friday morning so that JOY would be ready for worship services.
- Weeded and mulched two of the beds around the front of the church.
- Cleaned up the church grounds from the fallen branches after the hurricane.
- Called out a tree service to remove the large pine tree that lightning killed earlier this fall.
- Supported installation of the new organ.
- Replaced rotted trim on the garage.
- Replaced the failed photocell on the spotlight on the flag by the electronic sign.
- Built barrier fences around the drain field behind the church to discourage cars and trucks.

If you would like to help with trimming, mowing, weeding, painting, repairing and other work to make our church look its best, come join us on Friday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. We are normally done in 2-3 hours, and the work does a lot to improve the presentation of our church.

Jim Collins, Team Lead

JOYFUL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 14, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Free will offering for the hurricane relief efforts

1. Al and Angela, from the group 4 Ever More. Al and Angela are friends of Joy that also play in the band Pilgrim Journey.
2. Noah G. Fowler, Nashville, Tenn. Noah is a 24 year old Bluegrass, Country western singer/songwriter. He has written and performed since he was 8 years old. He tours all over the USA. This will be his first time in Florida. He is the first Grandson of Gary and Mary Sherman
3. The Singing Sea Turtles from Sunrise Elementary. This group of 50 choir students is led by our own Kelly Arner
4. The Hand Chime Harmonies - A group of Hand Chimes from Sunrise Elementary, directed by Kelly Arner.
5. The Choir from the Christian Women's Fellowship of Barefoot Bay. This is an all volunteer choir that formed about a year ago. They get together on a weekly basis to practice and sing praises to God.
6. Some organ music from our brand new Allen Organ by Steve Weiss - AND Some surprise performances.

Bring your friends and neighbors to an afternoon of entertainment. Our lineup is full of talent, fun and enjoyment. You won't want to miss it!

“Generosity and Stewardship”



October/November have traditionally been Stewardship Months at our church. Our theme is **“Generosity and Stewardship.”**

When we believe, Generosity and Stewardship follow. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life. Stewardship is a grateful response in faith to the Lord’s invitation, *“Go, sell what you have; give to the poor ... and come, follow me”* (Mark 10:21).

It’s not the amount of faith that matters; it’s in whom we place our faith, and what we then do in response to that. Think of what the Lord requires in Micah 6:8, to *“do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”* What is your Response of Faith?

Leave a Legacy of Love



It was Connie Thorman’s faith that encouraged her to leave a legacy of love. *“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.”* (2 Timothy 1:14)

Jesus calls us to take hold of our tiny faith and trust that God is still at work in the world doing new things all the time, even as we witness congregations in decline, shrinking budgets, and more competition for our time, resources, and attention. Our job is to keep on doing this thing we call faithful discipleship. After all, it’s not about us; it’s all about what God has done and continues to do in our lives. When we steward the gifts, the abundance, and even the tiny bit of faith to which we cling, it is enough—and then some. This good news, we must preach it, teach it, and model it for those that serve. Just do it. Do it in Jesus’ name.

God wants us to share our abundance. Stewardship Sunday, this year, is November 10th. A letter and pledge card has been or will be mailed out to you. I pray that you will continue to be generous in your offerings/pledge for this coming year.

David Steinhorst



Daily Bread Inc
815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL
(321) 723-1060

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 11:00 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.

Remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

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

New Organ has arrived and installed.



Our organist, Steve Weise, getting ready to bring glory to God through his talents and our new organ.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

“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.



November 2, 2024: 9:00am - 2:00pm Craft Sale, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Hot dogs, etc. Many vendors inside & outside church. Please come out & support the WELCA ladies' fundraiser.

ATTENTION: We are looking for extra hands to setup and takedown for Craft Sale.

Help is needed:

- +Thursday Morning to set up the inside of the church.
- +Putting up the canopies Friday Morning and Help marking the vendor spaces .
- +Taking down the canopies Saturday after the show.
- +Putting the church back together Saturday after the show.

Please let Marjorie know when you can help 321-327-8400 or cell #321-368-4011.

WELCA Fall Gathering – November 8, 9, & 10 speakers, workshops, Bible Study, Worship, and activities at the Warren Willis Conference Center in Fruitland Park



Daily Bread Personal Care Kits: We delivered 25 personal care kits to Daily Bread. Thanks to Pastor Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) at Calvary Chapel and to all of you for contributing to the kits & to 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, and washcloths.

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Ruth Circle (Crafts) the 1st Friday of the month

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.

November 21st.- Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Women of Joy Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2024, 12:00 p.m. @ Olive Garden restaurant on 192

Sign-up sheet in narthex.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

You are encouraged to bring your Stewardship Response Cards to worship on or before **November 10th**. You can also mail your response to the church. If you have misplaced your card, there will be cards (with pens) for you to fill one out on Sunday morning.

We are grateful for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure at Joy Lutheran Church. Your gifts are important to the congregation and the work that we do together.



I want to thank Pastor Bryant and my Joy Family for the many prayers, visits, calls, and cards, during my recent stay in the hospital. Due to your many prayers, I am on the mend.

Much Love,
Doris Bunker



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.

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.



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.

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 **December 2024 Tidings no later than November 25th**.

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



November Birthday Blessings

11/01	Ed Baltzersen
11/05	Linden Strandberg
11/08	Dorothy Kirsch
11/13	Dudley Bowling
11/14	Caitlin Getter
11/14	Kelly Prairie
11/18	Thelma Tucker
11/22	Connie Lampel
11/27	Joy Christensen

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.



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!



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	January thru June	July + August	January thru August
Income (pledged)	\$57,424.05	\$17,182.75	\$74,606.80
Income (unpledged)	\$15,048.88	\$3,540.00	\$18,588.88
Organ Fund	\$25,013.00	\$2,963.55	\$27,976.55
Income - Total	\$97,485.93	\$23,686.30	\$121,172.23
Expenses	(\$80,269.19)	(\$25,650.92)	(\$105,920.11)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$17,216.74	(\$1,964.62)	\$15,2252.12
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January thru June	July + August	January thru August
Income (pledged)	\$4,271.08	\$1,315.07	\$5,586.15
Income (unpledged)	\$140.00	-	\$140.00
Income - Total	\$4,411.08	\$1,315.07	\$5,726.15
Expenses	(\$3,921.38)	(\$2,108.02)	(\$6,029.40)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$489.70	(\$792.95)	(\$303.25)

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><i>Check website & messages from Pastor Endruschat for changes in schedule.</i></p>					<p>8:30am Property Workday</p> <p>10:00am Craft Circle</p>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>		<p>10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting</p>	<p>10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting</p>		<p>8:30am Property Workday</p>	
10	Veterans Day 11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>10:00am Worship</p>		<p>10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting</p>	<p>10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting</p>	<p>11:30am Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>8:30am Property Workday</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>10:00am Worship</p>		<p>10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting</p> <p>11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting</p>	<p>11:00am Social Ministry Meeting</p> <p>12pm Young at Heart</p> <p>7:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>8:30am Property Workday</p> <p>10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team</p>	
24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving 28	29	30
<p>Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p>		<p>10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting</p>	<p>10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting</p>			