



# eer Tidings of Joy

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



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Pastor

Rev. Robert Endruschat STS  
Interim Pastor

Steven K. Weiss  
Organist

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Secretary

## Worship Time(s):

**Sunday**

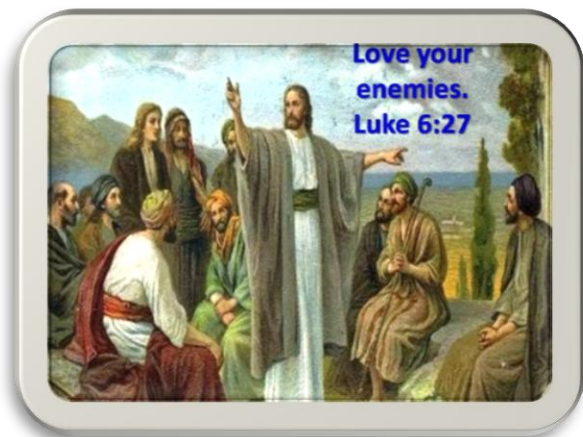
Worship Service 10:00a.m.

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday 9am-4pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Best means to contact Pastor Endruschat is 561-302-3483 or email at [interimjoy2024@gmail.com](mailto:interimjoy2024@gmail.com)

February 1, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The question comes very simply:

WHAT ARE WE AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH?

We are as the Body of Christ:

- a parish of sinners and in Christ saints, called into Holy Baptism for service to the Lord.
- a parish of believers, called together for one purpose, to proclaim Jesus Christ in Word and deed.
- a parish of diverse individuals, equipped by God for service to the community and to each other.
- a parish of human beings, struggling to define what it means to be the church in this place and time.
- a parish of busy people in the world but not of the world, seeking the means to express our faith with joy and hope and confidence amidst all the challenges of this world.

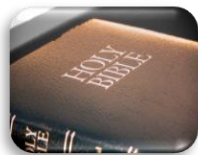
WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

As a parish, we are sent out by our Lord, to make believers/disciples through:

- teaching the Word of God in its truth and power.
- witnessing to the love of God in our midst and showing to all we come in contact with.
- serving the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the members of this community of faith, and our neighbors.
- participating in the larger cooperative work of the Florida-Bahamas Synod and the ELCA.
- supporting each member through prayer, love and personal contact as heirs of God's promises.
- unifying our parish into oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ for his purpose and direction.
- practicing the ways of love, mercy, and forgiveness.

This is our calling for this new year of grace in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus' Name,  
Pr. Robert✘



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "C" for February 2025

February 2..... Luke 2:22-40

February 9..... Luke 5:1-11

February 16..... Luke 6:17-26

February 23..... Luke 6:27-38



## Annual Meeting

February 9, 2025

~11:30 a.m.

Following the 10:00am Service.



### Service Times Lent, Holy Week and Easter

**Ash Wednesday** (March 5<sup>th</sup>)..Noon & 6:00pm

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**.....6:00pm

**Palm Sunday** (April 13<sup>th</sup>).....10:00am

**Maundy Thursday** (April 17<sup>th</sup>).Noon & 6:00pm

**Good Friday** (April 18<sup>th</sup>).....6:00pm  
(The church will be open from 12noon to 3:00pm for prayer and meditation)

**Easter Sunday** (April 20<sup>th</sup>).....10:00am

## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be February 13, 2025, 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 **February 20th 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.



Next meeting:  
February 20th at 7:00pm

## **Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.**

We have two very faithful JOY members I want to thank for their years of service.

**Elaine Heine** is stepping back from the Monthly Serving Team for Daily Bread.

Elaine started serving at Daily Bread in the early 90's during her summers as a teacher. At that time, they were truly a Soup Kitchen. They served soup outdoors. It started with less than 20 being served to 150-200 per day now. Elaine held a few different volunteer positions through the years. She headed up the JOY serving team for many years. Thank you Elaine for all those years of dedication.

**Charlotte Abrahams** has headed up the Bread of Life Backpack program for about 18 years. She and her husband Dan took the program over from the Bockelman's who started the program. Charlotte and Dan would do the shopping, bring it to JOY, unload the groceries, and pack the backpacks and bring them to Turner Elementary.

When Dan was no longer able to help Charlotte continued doing it by herself. Three years ago, she had shoulder surgery and needed some assistance. We put together a team to help with the backpack program. We have six members that are now doing what Dan and Charlotte did, and then just Charlotte completed all those years. Charlotte recently realized that it was time to pass the torch.

Thank you to both Elaine and Charlotte for keeping many hungry stomachs full all these years. These programs will continue because of the both of you.

*Chris Allebaugh*



**The 3rd Tuesday morning of each month  
February 18, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Winter/Spring 2025: "Faithfulness"  
by Denise Rector**

**Session Two: Psalm 22**

David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It's no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this psalm gives us a way to contemplate God's holiness.

## **RUTH CIRCLE**



**WELCA Crafts meeting  
February 28, 2025 (Friday)  
@10:00a.m.**

**All ladies of JOY are welcome.  
If you have questions, contact  
Holly Walsh.**



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



### Upcoming Events:

Feb. 20th Young at Heart Luncheon @ 12:00pm – potluck.

### New Officers for 2025:

1. Pres. – Marjorie Maenpaa
2. Vice Pres. – Fran Leonard
3. Sec. – Connie Steinhorst
4. Treasurer – Linda Kratzer

### Circle Meetings

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) – The Third Tuesday of each month – Feb. 18th @ 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) – Last Friday of the month @ 10:00 am. Check with Holly Walsh.

**“Daily Bread” Personal Care Kits.** Rachel Circle packed up 25 personal care kits for Daily Bread in January. Contributions are Very Welcome. Health 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, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer.

**Lutheran World Relief (LWR):** Offers comfort and care to those who need it most when natural disasters strike; when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don’t know how to help. Lutheran World Relief Kits are a simple and tangible way to offer comfort and express love to our neighbors in need. School kits keep education going during a crisis or to learn a new vocation. LWR quilts provide warmth, dignity, and hope in the toughest situations. Dorcas Circle packed up 69 quilts & school kit supplies for 60 children.



“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (NIV 1 John 4:8).

On Valentine’s Day, February 14th, we think of love. What a wonderful time to remind us of God’s love.

- + God's love is unconditional and unlimited.
- + God's love changes people's hearts, making them capable of love.
- + God's love is an example for people to follow, reminding them of the need to love others.

## Property Team

It's a new year, but the work goes on and on. Recently, the JOY Property Team pressure washed and cleaned up the Memorial Garden, painted the footbridge and drain field fences, cleaned up and mulched the corner planter and started work on door problems inside the church.

We're preparing for a push to get the church and grounds looking their best for Easter. We plan to soon scrub the tile in the narthex (entryway) and clean and re-stain/re-varnish surfaces in the church.

We could use your help. If you can paint, weed, clean, build or repair, we could use your help to make our church better. We meet every Friday morning at 8:30 and work for 2-3 hours.

Jim Collins for the Property Team

## Men of JOY

We hope your new year 2025 is getting off to a good start. The MoJ is JOY's men's group, and we work to support an internal need, a community need and a wider need each year.

We have occasional business meetings, but we also meet regularly for breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. On occasions when WELCA has a breakfast, we take advantage of that; otherwise, we meet at Sunshine Café on Malabar at 9:00 am.

Why not join us and get to know some of the men of the church outside of Sunday mornings? Contact Gary Krause, Jim Collins, or Bob Leonard if you have questions.

## Daily Bread Inc

815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

### How Daily Bread Helps

DB provides warm, nutritious, and professionally prepared meals each day to hungry and/or homeless people.

DB helps people experiencing homelessness find a pathway home.

DB assists individuals with job searches and job placement.

DB distributes food across Brevard County

DB ensures that people get access to on-site healthcare.

DB provides showers and clean clothes to individuals without a home or hot water.

DB helps homeless neighbors restore their identification and establish residency.

DB changes lives. DB empowers – not enables – individuals to overcome obstacles preventing them from moving forward into stable housing and blending into our community. Most of all, DB ensures NO ONE faces hunger or homelessness alone.

Volunteers are needed daily (7-days a week) for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse. Contact Claudia Devitt, Director of Volunteer and Donor Relations, (321) 723-1060 ext. 121.

## **Volunteers Needed**

One of the Outreach Programs that JOY participates in, as you probably are aware, is DAILY BREAD. We are in need of a few more volunteers for this program.

The JOY Team serves lunch the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. We arrive about 10:45am and begin serving at 11:00am - 1:00pm. We do some light clean up, wipe the counters, and leave about 1:00pm.

What the above paragraph does not say is that in those 2 ½ hours you will find such Joy and Satisfaction. You will meet such kind and thankful people. For many, this is the only meal they will have each day.

If you want to come with us one Friday and give it a try, let me know. If you know you want to join the team, let me know. You are needed and it's a wonderful way to serve as Jesus has called us to do.

*Chris Allebaugh*

## **News from your Church Council President**

Please make every effort to join us on February 9 after the services for our Congregation Annual Meeting. We will be approving reports from our committees and adopting a 2025 budget. We need everyone's input for this meeting. This is the one meeting you may speak on any topic you desire. It is your congregation meeting. Let your voice be heard.

Three new council members will be voted on at that meeting. Vice President Bob Leonard, two-year terms. Council at large, Kay Small and Mike Pettigrew, both one year term. Please welcome them and thank them for committing time to serve on our council. I know many have served many years and it's refreshing to get new members.

The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ church has been meeting at our church on Sunday at 1:00p.m. and 7:30p.m., as well as Friday at 7:30p.m. They are working very hard to build their membership. So, if you see cars in the parking lot, you'll know who they are.

Fair trade coffee and teas have been restocked. If you would like a bag of coffee or a box of tea, see Mary Sherman. Coffee is \$11 a bag, and tea \$5 box. From the coffee growers to you. Working for justice for men and women who work the land to feed their families and their community. The blend of coffee we chose for coffee hour is "Fellowship Blend."

Church council is putting lots of time into getting ready to form a call committee. Some have already expressed interest in being on it. Please reach out to me if you have interest.

Church Council President,  
*Mary Sherman*

## Blessing of the Quilts

Thank you "Quilters" for all your hard and faithful work.  
Dorcas Circle packed up (69) Quilts to be sent out through Lutheran World Relief.



Thank you all for surprising me on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> in celebration of my 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by having a beautiful, delicious Birthday Cake and receiving so many lovely cards.

I am truly blessed.  
*Ruth Holm*



## 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 contact Pastor Endruschat at 561-302-3483 or email at [interimjoy2024@gmail.com](mailto:interimjoy2024@gmail.com), or would like to be listed for prayer support.



We especially pray for Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

### WHO ARE:

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## JOY CORE VALUES

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

**Property:** Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

**Outreach:** Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

**Fellowship:** Enjoying each other's company

**Welcoming:** There is a place at Joy for everyone

**Education:** Getting to know the Word

**Relationships:** Everyone is worthy of care and respect

## 2024 Church Council

**Pastor, Interim:** Rev. Robert Endruschat

**President:** Mary Sherman

**Vice President:** "open position"

**Secretary:** Kelly Arner

**Treasurer:** Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary:** Linda Kratzer

### **Council Members at Large:**

Lori Embrey

Sue Getter

Rene Harper

Linda Kratzer



### February Birthday Blessings

- 2/01 Kay Small
- 2/03 Brian Getter
- 2/17 Don Heine
- 2/20 Roy Chin
- 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey
- 2/22 Mike Pettigrew
- 2/24 Luther Radway

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

## 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 **March 2025 Tidings no later than February 25th.**

email David Steinhorst  
[dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com)  
or provide a printed copy.

### Joy Financials for 2024

**See 2024 Annual Report  
Available at Annual Meeting  
2/09/2025**



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.**



### Communion Wine

If you would like to provide the **Communion Wine**, you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is **\$20.00 for the month.**

## February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						9am Girl Scouts
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
10:00am Worship  1:00pm & 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	6:00pm Boy Scouts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting  6:00pm Cub Scouts	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting  10am Bread of Life Backpacks		8:30am Property Workday  7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>
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