



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
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Organist

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Secretary

Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Worship Service 10:00a.m.

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Jesus sends out his disciples on a mission to prepare the way for his ministry and to proclaim the arrival of God's kingdom. Luke emphasizes the importance of both proclaiming the gospel and showing compassion.

During the “Ordinary Time” of Pentecost we will be hearing a lot of what Luke has to say.

July 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Our understanding of the church rests on several major foundation blocks: that as the Body of Christ we are;

- A parish of sinners and in Christ - saints, called into fellowship through baptism for service to our Lord Jesus.
- and
- A parish of believers, called together for one purpose, to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in word and deed.

These two parts come together to give us the core of our work together as the people of God gathered here in this place and this time. The primary mission of Joy parish is to bring the Good News of God's love in Christ Jesus into the world. Evangelism and the making of disciples is not a job reserved solely for pastors or one specialized committee.

Evangelism is not even a job or a duty.

- **EVANGELISM IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD.**
- Evangelism is the living and telling of the Gospel that God loves and saves us sinful human beings by his grace alone, through faith. Evangelism is the witness and example by who we are in faith and trust. It is the invitation offered in love and honesty that lets you share your faith with another person by saying: "Would you like to come to worship with me? Would you join me at a church activity?"
- Evangelism happens when faithful believers take the time to listen and to share the Good News of the God who loved them so much - He was willing to let His Son die for us; this God who is our strength, our life, our hope.
- Evangelism happens when people take seriously the vows they have made before God in their baptism - in their children's baptism.
- Evangelism happens when the Body of Christ gathers together for worship and praise and welcomes the stranger in their midst.
- Evangelism happens when we begin to realize that God is no longer boxed into that once-a-week time, but becomes a part of all that we are, and we can be.
- **EVANGELISM IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

The future life together as Joy Lutheran Church in this place and time depends on our response to the call of the Christ. Let's pray together, work together, worship together in response to the call of Christ: to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in word and deed.

In His Name,

Pr. Robert Endruschat✝

The Calling of a New Pastor Begins.

The Reverend Nicole Eastwood, Assistant to the Bishop of the Florida – Bahamas Synod, ELCA served as our presiding minister on June 22. She had a Q & A session following the service, as Joy gets the Call process underway to select a new pastor. She was very candid with her responses and explained that this process does not happen overnight.



Another Successful Summer Day Camp

A Big Thank You goes out to everyone that helped make this a wonderful experience for the kids.



Message from Church Council President

Church council has been for a long time talking about security. Since our recent break in, it's more of a priority. We will be taking steps to provide every precaution to keep our property and you, safe and secure.

We will contribute \$200 to the Essential Pregnancy Baby Bottle fund. That was the only money that was taken from the break in. Our audit committee has made some suggestions to help in safeguarding our bank accounts. If you oversee any money you may be asked to do some things differently. It's not because we have been doing it wrong, we are trying to protect the church's and your financials.

We are in need of a council member replacement. Term is July-December. This would be a perfect opportunity to serve on council and get your feet wet, to see if it is in your calling to be on the church council. Talk to a council member or pastor about this. Next council meeting is July 17.

Put this date on your Calendar July 19, 2025. Starting at 9:30am with coffee. There will be a "Ministry Focusing Workshop" as part of our Call Process. Pastor Derek Hoven, Assistant to the Bishop for the North Mission District, will lead in a reflection and consideration of Joy's history, present context, and future options. The key questions revolve around the values that are held in common that shape the path of ministry at Joy.

This workshop is a step in the future of calling a pastor and is important that all members attend. It most likely will go over lunch. Lunch will be provided.

Our call committee consists of Eric Maenpaa, Chris Allebaugh, Barbara Herndon, Jim Collins, Bob Getter, and Luther Radway

Mary Sherman,
Church Council President

Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for July 2025

July 6..... Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13..... Luke 10:25-37

July 20..... Luke 10:38-42

July 27..... Luke 11:1-13



For all who are led by the spirit
of God are children of God.
Romans 8:14



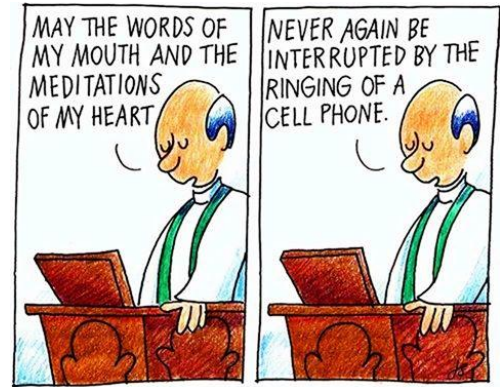
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Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

November 7-9, 2025

Warren Willis United Methodist
Camp & Retreat Center,
Fruitland Park, FL

Come join your sisters for
Fellowship, Worship,
Workshops, Bible Study and
a rejuvenating weekend!



Thank you for turning off your phone during worship service.

If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him.

If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

DON'T FORGET TO LOCK THE CHURCH DOORS!



It is important to remember to lock the church doors when the church is left unoccupied.

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.



Next meeting:
July 17th at 7:00pm



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Joy Lutheran Church
When: Monday August 11, 2025



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings**.

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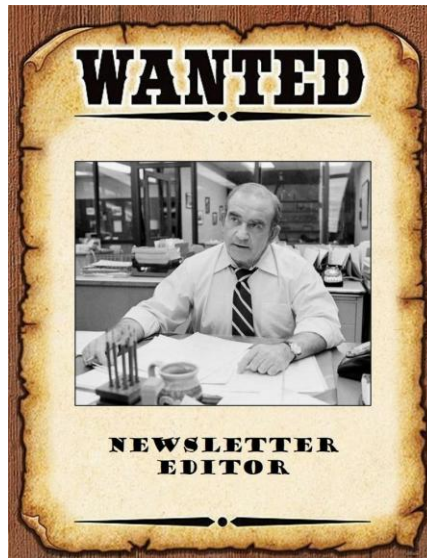
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Text the word
"circle" to
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Wanted: Editor for Joy's "Tidings of Joy" Newsletter.



After 12 years of editing our monthly newsletter, it's time for me to retire and pass this task over to someone else. I would be happy to help anyone get started. I have a file of over 144 newsletters.

Please consider this opportunity and get with me.

Thanks,
David Steinhorst

HELP WANTED!!!

**NEED A RIDE
TO CHURCH?**

We have a few members who have given up driving their cars. We are looking for help in getting them to Church Services and back home again. This could be done on a rotating basis if you are unable to do it every week. Please see Mary Sherman or call 717-582-2206 if you can help with this.

RUTH CIRCLE



WELCA Crafts meeting
July 25, 2025 (Friday) @10:00a.m.

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

“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.

Although the school year has ended, it is important for us to remember this program. So please be generous in your monetary donations, as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year.

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be on vacation the months of July and August.



We will meet again on **September 18th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those fifty-five and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors.

We always have a wonderful time getting to know each other. Please come out and join us.

Women’s Bible Study

Will not be meeting during the months of June, July, and August.

**Our next Bible Study will be:
September 16, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.**



Please plan to join us in the fall.

School Supply Campaign



The 2025-2026 School Year starts August 11th. We will start the School Supply Campaign on June 1st. Donation envelopes will be in the Narthex. Supplies will be delivered to Turner Elementary on July 28th.

Thanks
Margie

Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be July 17, 2025, at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month

You can contact Marjorie Mäenpää if you have any questions.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO Young at Heart Luncheon, July & August

NO Bible Study during the summer, July & August

August 2 is the next pancake breakfast 8:00am - 9:30am. \$6.00

August 2 WELCA meeting following pancake breakfast at 10:00am.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00am.

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00am.

Ruth Circle (crafts)–last Friday of the month, check with Holly.

DAILY BREAD Rachel Circle packed up 25 personal care kits for Daily Bread in June. All contributions are Very Welcome. Personal care kits are made up of: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, washcloths, body soap, ChapStick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail files, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer.

Note: We continue to make personal care kits for Daily Bread. The physical facility is closed but health, food & shower trucks will be available for the homeless. Personal care kit items are needed.

Baby Bottle Campaign Thanks to all who participated in filling Essential Pregnancy Baby Bottles with coins, dollars, and checks. The bottles were delivered to Essential Pregnancy and were very appreciative.

School Supply Campaign: Turner elementary school supplies & Lutheran World Relief backpacks. Donation envelopes are available. All school supplies will be delivered to Turner on July 28th. The 2025-2026 School Year starts August 11th. Lutheran World Relief school backpacks are shipped in January.

Highlights of Synod Assembly

1. Lutheran Services is 7% of its Ministry.
2. Tracy Muffet gave the Treasurers Report
 1. Operating Income Year End :

Congregation Giving	\$1,841,355.00
Other Income	683,879.00
Total	\$2,525,234.00
 2. Operating Income vs Expense

Operating Income	\$2,525,234.00
Operating Expense	2,636,252.00
Deficit	\$ 106,018.00
 3. Income

Congregation Giving	\$1,924,073.00
Other Income	729,103.00
Total	\$2,653,176.00

Action to Action Grants were given to various Church Programs totaling \$10,000.00.

4. The Synod had a Clean Audit
5. It was noted that Men's Ministry in church is decreasing.
 - 26% men attend church.
 - 65% men have no close church friends.
 - 10% of church men attend a men's group.

Director of Finance gave a talk on Church Finance that what churches pledged to Disaster Relief Fund totaled \$280,000.00.

It was mentioned that if a church is having financial problems one of the quickest ways to gain income is if you have extra land that you are not using, SELL the land. That will generate quick income.

There was a talk on what church work is all about.

1. The work of the church isn't SOME DAY WORK it is TODAY WORK.
2. Stop asking How do we get people to come to church?
3. There is no ministry that doesn't begin with PROXIMITY.
4. If we are serious about following GOD, we cannot stay in the SAFE ZONE. We must start being the kind of church that understands.
5. At the end of the day, the church is a business, a nonprofit organization. Council is responsible for the fiduciary duties and being good stewards of the church money.

Has your Home Address, Phone Number, or Email Address changed?



Please let the church office know of any changes. This is the only way that we can be sure to stay connected.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



&



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," considering signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the fellowship area (side room).

<i>Joy Financials</i>			
GENERAL FUND	First Qtr	April & May	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$17,121.07	\$13,291.01	\$30,412.08
Income (unpledged)	\$10,238.70	\$3,512.35	\$13,751.05
Income (all other)	\$7,399.43	\$3,966.77	\$11,366.20
Income - Total	\$34,759.20	\$20,770.13	\$55,529.33
Expenses	(\$31,071.13)	(\$24,483.41)	(\$55,554.54)
Overage/(Shortage)	(\$3,713.28)	(\$3,688.07)	(\$25.21)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	First Qtr	April & May	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$173.11	\$656.24	\$829.35
Income (unpledged)	\$1,940.32	\$606.18	\$2,546.50
Income - Total	\$2,113.43	\$1,262.42	\$3,375.85
Expenses	(\$1,295.39)	(\$1,971.69)	(\$3,267.08)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$818.04	(\$709.27)	\$108.77

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, 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

2025 Church Council

Pastor, Interim: Rev. Robert Endruschat

President: Mary Sherman

Vice President: Bob Leonard

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary: Linda Kratzer

Council Members at Large:

Lori Embrey

René Harper

Mike Pettigrew



July Birthday Blessings

07/02	Patsy Steger
07/07	Ethan Arner
07/11	Francine Leonard
07/12	David Steinhorst
07/13	Mary Ann Jones
07/13	Bob Lindner
07/20	Barbara Herndon
07/22	Cathy Fisher
07/25	Kelly Arner
07/26	Linda Collins
07/27	Jerrilyn Krause
07/28	Chris Allebaugh

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 **August 2025 Tidings no later than July 28th.**

email David Steinhorst
dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com
or provide a printed copy.



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.**

JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	Independence Day 4	5
		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 6:00pm Cub Scouts	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	9am Girl Scouts
Pentecost 4 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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	6:30pm Worship & Music	8:30am Property Workday 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	
Pentecost 5 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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	11:00pm Social Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	8:30am Property Workday 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	9am Girl Scouts
Pentecost 6 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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		8:30am Property Workday 10:00am Ruth Craft Circle 7:30pm Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	
Pentecost 7 27	28	29	30	31		
10:00am Worship 1:00pm & 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	6:00pm Boy Scouts	00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 6:00pm Cub Scouts	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting			<i>Check website & messages from Pastor Robert for changes</i>