



Tidings of Joy

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



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Pastor

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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

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Jesus Others & You



September 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

September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I want to offer an observation about our worship life as we move into the fall schedule here at Joy parish.

Perhaps some understanding of why we worship in the first place might help. As baptized Christians, we are a part of a community that places one action above all others, that is, the dialogue, the worship between the baptized and God. This takes place as a community – a group of believers who gather specifically to listen to God and to speak to God. We are tied to each other because of our baptism, and we gather as a church to witness the power of God in Christ Jesus. One cannot be a Christian alone. A person may believe in God without going to church, but one cannot be a Christian without the church.

When we worship, we say who we are, and whose we are, as children of God. We do it publicly so the world can see that what we say and do is no different from Sunday to Monday and the rest of the week. God calls us to faithfulness daily, not just Sunday. Sunday is the special time when we gather to proclaim as a community, as a church, that God is the one to whom we owe our lives and all that is ours. What we say and do on Sunday morning gives us a glimpse of who God is. God speaks to us in the Word, that is, the spoken word from Scripture. God speaks to us in the gestures, the silence, and even in the noise.

God comes to us in the bread and in the wine and in the peace shared with a brother or sister in Christ. It is here that the word of hope is first proclaimed. It is here that the first reconciliation – that is between us and Christ – is proclaimed. It is here in worship that the opportunities for change, for growth in God, come to us.

When we do not worship with the community, when we choose not to be a part of the community, we say who we are or rather we show the state of our relationship to God. Prayer and praise of God is a mandate for our relationship with God to work. If we choose not to worship, we lose the opportunity to be with other Christians (just like us) who need strength, power, and insight and find it in Christ Jesus.

As we begin this fall season of activity and church life, I urge you to look at the pattern of worship in your life. What does it say about your priorities? What does it say about your relationship to Jesus Christ? The offer to come to worship does not rest with me or with Joy parish. The offer comes from God the Father through Jesus the Christ. How will you respond?

Our future life together as this parish 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 ✠

Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for September 2025

September 7 Luke 14:25-33

September 14 John 3:13-17
(Holy Cross Day)

September 21 Luke 16:1-13

September 28 Luke 16:19-31



Next meeting:
September 11th at 7:00pm



"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.

Women's Bible Study

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

Fall 2025:
"Money, Stewardship and Generosity"
by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin



(September) Session One:
Money – What do we treasure?

From Genesis through Revelation, gold, silver, and jewels serve as icons of God's goodness. And yet, the love of money is a powerful source of argument, lies and literal enslavement. King Solomon, famously, chose wisdom over treasure. Jesus, leaning on his mother's values, teaches his disciples to dig deep for real treasure.

RUTH CIRCLE



WELCA Crafts meeting
September 26, 2025 (Friday)
@10:00a.m.

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

Young at Heart ♥

We will meet 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.

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.



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



Scan QR code for
more information and
to register

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!

Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be September 18, 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.

Message from Church Council President

We have two bids for a camera security system. One for \$5,000 and one for \$7,000. There is also a grant available from FEMA for Nonprofit Security Grant Program. It must be applied for and there are no guarantees we will get it, but we are tabling the security until we get more information on the grant.

The men's group is approved for a yard sale on October 18th. It's a good time to clean out your garages and storage facilities.

WELCA is holding a craft show on November 1st. Just in time for Christmas shopping.

Next council meeting is September 11

Mary Sherman,
Church Council President



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



Upcoming Events:

9/18/2025 Young at Heart 12:00 Luncheon
9/16/2025 Bible Study – new study starting – 11:30 a.m. at church.
9/27/2025 Next Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. \$6.00
9/27/2025 Next WELCA meeting 10:00 a.m.

Circle Meetings

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday @ 11:30 a.m.

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

Quilters would like to thank all of you who donated sheets to be used for backing.

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

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

“Providence Connects” formerly known as “Daily Bread”:

Rachel Circle packed up twenty-five personal care kits for **“Providence Connects”** in August.

Note: We continue to make personal care kits for Daily Bread, now known as Providence Connects. The physical facility is closed but health, food, and shower trucks are available for the homeless. Personal care kit items are needed.

Needed for Personal care kits: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, washcloths, body soap, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, gallon size zip lock bags. All contributions are welcome.

School Supply Campaign: Thank You for your generous response to the “Back to School” Campaign. Turner elementary school supplies (40 backpacks) & Lutheran World Relief (60 Backpacks). School supplies have been delivered and appreciatively received at Turner Elementary. Lutheran World Relief school backpacks are shipped in January.

November 1st Craft Sale Tables available for Vendors @ Holiday Craft Show. Marjorie Maenpaa is contact person.



Holiday Festival Fundraiser (craft sale, bake sale and silent auction): Vendor spaces will be inside and outside the church under canopies.

It's time to think about a basket for the Silent Auction. Baskets can start to come in on September 21st and will be on display for bidding through the month of October.

The Dorcas Circle Quilters presented Steve Weiss with a quilt for all the wonder music he has brought to Joy. Thank You Steve.



Men of JOY

Our 2025 Men of JOY Yard Sale fundraiser is now on the calendar for Saturday, 18 October. Please keep us in mind if you are planning to clean out your garage, shed, etc. We have to ask you to hold on to any items for now because we don't have room for them until just days before the sale. As previously, we'll be looking for tools, electronics, small appliances, small furniture, sporting goods, and the like. No clothes, big appliances, or big furniture please. Thanks for some early donations from Tom, Holly, and Dot.

You may wonder what MoJ does with money it raises. We have a goal each year to support an in-house need, a local or community need and a need in the wider world. This year we have donated \$200 toward school supplies and \$500 toward Lutheran Disaster Response for the Texas flooding. We still plan to identify an in-house need.

BTW, as follow up, we collected a number of car and mower batteries for recycling and actually made a few dollars as well. Oddly, the recycler wouldn't take the Lithium tool batteries; so, we recycled them at Lowes. We may do this again both as a service and as a fundraiser.

Come join us for one of our Saturday social breakfasts on the first Saturday of the month at Sunshine Café across from Chik-fil-A on Malabar Rd. We meet at 9:00 a.m., and all of the men of JOY are welcome to join us for some social time and some tasty breakfast items. In months when WELCA has a breakfast at JOY, we gather for that instead of going to the restaurant.

Property Team

Who keeps up the building and grounds and makes improvements at church? The Property Team! We do all sorts of things from painting, lubricating doors and locks, fixing lights and air conditioners, mowing, trimming and much more. We also make material improvements whenever needed and within our capabilities, and we oversee contractors for repairs or improvements not within our capabilities. Among the things we have done in recent weeks (besides mowing and trimming and mowing and trimming ...):

- . Repaired and resealed the playground in preparation for Summer Camp
- . Repaired damage to locks and doors from the break in
- . Developed a new key management plan and re-keyed some locks.
- . Pressure washed and painted the exterior walls and the exterior doors of the church.
- . Repaired a damaged area of our parking lot with new concrete.
- . Removed the peeling vinyl letters from our electronic sign.
- . Coordinated two Eagle Scout projects that made improvements to our facilities (fence around trash cans and improvements to Memorial Garden).

As part of our re-keying effort, we rebuilt the gate to the playground and installed a new lock. We plan to unlock the gate for any church events, but if you bring some children and find it locked, let the usher know so we can unlock it for the children.

The Property Team does most of the work during the weekly work session on Friday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. Men and women, young and old, if you can help, come on out; and we'll put a hammer or a paint brush or a broom or a string trimmer in your hand. Working on the Property Team is a way to keep our church looking its best without spending a lot of money.

Here's a picture of the Memorial Garden showing some results of the recent cleaning and mulching:



We could also use someone to help with upkeep and improvements for this little gem at JOY.

One last thought: The **Property Team** *is not the same as* the **Men of JOY**. There is some overlap of members, but all members and friends can participate in the Property Team; the Men of JOY is our men's ministry support group (sort of like WELCA, but for the guys). Even our wall banner in the church appears to conflate the two.

Jim Collins for the Property Team

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Congregational Meeting of Joy Lutheran Church of Palm Bay, Inc will be held Sunday, September 7, 2025, at the church, after the close of the 10:00 a.m. liturgy, at approximately 11:30 a.m. The single agenda item is the adoption of constitutional changes and provisions to bring the church Constitution into conformity with the 2022 ELCA Model Constitution. Twenty-four members are needed in attendance to meet the quorum requirement. The proposed changes have already been emailed to all members, and printed copies are available on request.

After the meeting, an informal town hall meeting will be held to cover such matters as Call Committee progress, financial status, and other congregational activities.



JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY

CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E. PALM BAY FL, 32909

9AM – 2PM

Craft Show

Silent Auction

Bake Sale

Fall and Christmas Items

Vendor Spaces Available



All proceeds to benefit JOY WELCA
(Joy Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa
(321-327-8400)

Email: marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

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



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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	Second Qtr	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$17,121.07	\$19,325.01	\$36,446.08
Income (unpledged)	\$10,238.70	\$10,065.05	\$20,303.75
Income (all other)	\$7,399.43	\$6,177.45	\$13,576.88
Income - Total	\$34,759.20	\$35,567.51	\$70,326.71
Expenses	(\$31,071.13)	(\$36,157.09)	(\$67,231.25)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$3,713.28	(\$589.58)	\$3,095.46
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	First Qtr	Second Qtr	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$173.11	0.00	\$173.11
Income (unpledged)	\$1,940.32	\$1,868.63	\$3,808.95
Income - Total	\$2,113.43	\$1,868.63	\$3,982.06
Expenses	(\$1,295.39)	(\$2,076.89)	(\$3,372.28)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$818.04	(\$208.26)	\$609.78

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

Lois Manaseri

Mike Pettigrew



September Birthday Blessings

09/05	Haley Herndon
09/10	Barbara Sparks
09/13	Erik Maenpaa
09/21	Ruth Ann Ciecierski
09/22	Dennis Baudek
09/23	Arno Kuehnhold
09/27	Donna Burdick

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 **October 2025 Tidings no later than September 23rd.**

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.**

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00pm Boy Scouts	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
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00am Worship 1:00pm & 7:00pm 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	11:30am Fellowship Meeting 6:30pm Worship & Music 7:00pm Council Meeting	8:30am Property Workday 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	
Holy Cross Day 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am Worship 1:00pm & 7:00pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	6:00pm Boy Scouts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study 6:00pm Cub Scouts	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:00pm Social Ministry 12:00pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Workday 7:30pm The Melbourne Assembly of the Body of Christ	9am Girl Scouts
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
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