



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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*This is the day that
the Lord has made;*



*Let us rejoice and be
glad in it.*

October 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,

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 this 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.). We celebrate the day actually on a Sunday; October 26th this year. This year we commemorate the 508th anniversary of the formative act of the public struggle to reform the church: the posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg October 31, 1517. But that is not the sole act of the Reformation, nor is Dr. Martin Luther the sole actor.

For there is a heritage and history of discovery that in God's grace, and only through God's grace, we are set right with God by the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can do nothing but receive God's reconciliation and grace. We come to faith only by the work of the Holy Spirit. But is the Reformation dead and buried? Is it an act of history barely remembered only once a year when we change the color of the paraments and vestments? Is our church merely a remembrance of the good old days? Or is there something more?

The fundamental premise of our life in faith is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has given us the saving act of our lives in Jesus' death and resurrection. We are gathered as brothers and sisters in faith into the Body of Christ: that is the church catholic. It calls us into fellowship with one another around the Word and Sacraments. It calls us into service in the Holy Name of Jesus. It gives us the gifts of joy, peace and love that can only come through Jesus Christ. It is the church as the gathered Body of the Risen Christ (not the building), that makes the bold proclamation to the world of the saving event in Jesus. What does it mean to take a further step in faith and life as a Lutheran – an heir of the Reformation? What does that mean for the people of Joy Lutheran Church, Palm Bay, who seek to discern where God is calling them to be in these next years, in the transition from a long-term pastorate to the calling of a new pastor?

We believe and we teach that the Reformation continues on in our struggle to be faithful to God's commands to live our faith daily in the Name of Jesus. The Reformation struggle continues in the questions of our identity as a church body in our community, in our nation. Why is being a Lutheran important for the Palm Bay community, let alone the western section of Brevard County and beyond? 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 offers us a new vision of what we can do in His Name. Reformation Day is a chance for us to see again, in renewal, the vision and work of the church as the Body of Christ. It is a day for us to recommit to the fundamental understanding of grace alone by faith and our response to God's gift. Make your commitment to God in strength and hope. Come to the Reformation Day liturgy and proclaim the graces of God, that we have been set right with God by the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

In His Name,
Pr. Robert+

Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for October 2025

October 5 Luke 17:5-10

October 12 Luke 17:11-19

October 19 Luke 18:1-8

October 26 John 8:31-36



Next meeting:
October 16th 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:
October 21, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.

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



(October) Session Two:
Stewardship:
How do we tend our treasure?

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent, and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure.

RUTH CIRCLE



WELCA Crafts meeting
October 31, 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 **October 16th 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 October 16, 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

Church council met with the call committee to discuss financials to submit our information to the synod.

We will apply for a grant for the security system. We will wait to see if the State will be providing the grant. We are on the waiting list.

We have another Boy Scout that is working for his Eagle Scout and would like to provide some landscaping around our Sign. Permission was granted for him to do that.

It will soon be time to recruit new council members. There are 1-year and 2-year positions available. It's not a hard job. Includes one meeting per month. If you've never served on Church council, now is the time. It's not hard. If you have served, then you're experienced, and we would love to have you. Prayerfully consider it. Term starts in January.

Next council meeting is October 16, 2025.

Mary Sherman,
Church Council President



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



Upcoming Events:

10/16/2025 Young at Heart 12:00 Luncheon

10/21/2025 Bible Study –Gather magazine - 11:30 a.m. at church.

Circle Meetings

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.

Ruth Circle (crafts)–last Friday of the month @ 10:00 a.m., check with Holly.

"Providence Connects" formerly known as "Daily Bread":

Rachel Circle packed up twenty-five personal care kits for Providence Connects in September.

Note: We continue to make personal care kits for Daily Bread, now known as Providence Connects. The physical facility is closed but health, food & 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, wash cloths, body soap, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, gallon size zip lock bags. Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) of Calvary Chapel donated items for the health kits – a BIG THANK YOU!

All contributions are Welcome.

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



NOVEMBER 1st WELCA HOLIDAY FESTIVAL, CRAFTS, VENDORS, SILENT AUCTION, and FOOD TRUCKS!

MEN of JOY

Brothers,

Come join us for our "October" breakfast outing on Saturday (27 Sep, 8:00 am) at JOY (Yes ... we know it's a week early, but the WELCA ladies moved up their breakfast because of a funeral on the first Saturday of October). All the men of JOY are welcome to join in (including members, spouses, and friends); you don't have to be active in our MoJ group. Since our Yard Sale is set for Saturday, 18 Oct, we'll be discussing preparations for that as well. Join us this time if you can and watch for next month if you can't come this time. These outings give us a chance to chat and get to know each other outside of Sunday mornings.

FYI ... We applied for and received a \$250 Action Team grant from Thrivent Financial to support advertising and signs for our yard sale. We have ordered a color banner, and we paid for the new signposts at the west entrance to the church parking lot. For those who may not know, Thrivent Financial is a fraternal insurance and investment firm that serves Lutherans. It's a separate entity from the ELCA, but it offers insurance, investment, and annuities for Lutherans and returns benefits from its earnings. Thanks to Thrivent for the grant. The signposts will be a gift from MoJ to JOY to advertise events.

Current officers of Men of JOY: Gary Krauss, Pres.; Bob Leonard, Treasurer; Jim Collins, Recording Sec'ty; and Norm Barman, Chaplain.

Jim Collins, Recording Sec'ty for Men of JOY

MEN of JOY YARD SALE

It's that time again! The Men of JOY are having another Yard Sale fundraiser on Saturday, October 18th from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. We're asking for your donations of hand tools, power tools, yard tools, sports equipment, small appliances, electronics, flat screen televisions, small furniture items, and the like. Sorry, but we can't take large appliances, large furniture, clothing, or bedding. If you have something that you're not sure about, please ask Jim Collins, Gary Krause, or Bob Leonard. We will collect donations at the church starting Wednesday at 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Friday from 8:00am to noon. If you donate an old computer, please clear your information or remove the disk drive. If you donate an old phone, please clear your information and remove your SIM card and SD card. Your closets, shed, garage, or attic will thank you (and so will the Men of JOY). Thanks to Thrivent Financial for a grant to help with advertising and signage.

Jim Collins



**JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY
CRAFT SHOW**



**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E. PALM BAY FL, 32909**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025
9AM – 2PM**

**Craft Show
Silent Auction
Bake Sale
Fall and Christmas Items
Vendor Spaces Available
Food Trucks Onsite**

**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**



Losing a loved one has been difficult. I would like to thank everyone for your support and condolences. They have been much appreciated by my entire family.

Thank you for taking the time to offer your encouragement and sympathy through your cards, calls, visits, and prayers.

My heartfelt thanks,
Jackie Baudek

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	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



October Birthday Blessings

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

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 **November 2025 Tidings no later than October 27th.**

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.**

OCTOBER 2025

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