



Tidings of Joy



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

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April 2018

Staff

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday April 28th

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)

Sunday April 29th

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Liturgical Modern Worship)

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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

2018 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant
President - Erik Maenpaa
Vice President - Karen Runk
Secretary - Kelly Arner
Treasurer - Kim Tolley
Financial Secretary - Linda Kratzer

Council Members at Large:

Judy Garrison
Sandra Kenyon
John Manaseri
Wahneeta Ryckman
Ray Shaffer
Connie Thorman

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday April 1st
Service at 10 am



The Holy Week Story

(March 25 – April 1)

Sunday.....Luke 22:24-27

(Who is the greatest?)

Monday.....Luke 22:7-20

(The Last Supper)

Tuesday.....Luke 22:47-53

(Jesus is arrested)

Wednesday..Luke 22:54-62

(Peter denies Jesus)

Thursday.....Luke 23:13-25

(Pilate condemns Jesus)

Friday.....Luke 23:33-49

(Jesus is Crucified)

Saturday.....Luke 23:50-56

(Jesus is Buried)

Easter.....Luke 24:1-12

(The Tomb is Empty)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter fun for our Joy Kids!

Bring your Easter Baskets with you on Easter Sunday! We will be having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt out on the back lawn.

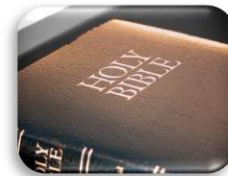
Children of all ages are welcome!

We will begin shortly after our service.

Come join the fun!!

There will not be Children Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Lectionary "B" for April 2018



Gospel Readings

April 1st John 20:1-18

April 8th John 20:19-31

April 15th Luke 24:36b-48

April 22nd ... John 10:11-18

April 29th John 15:1-8

Pastor's Point

Friends,

We are one month into our new relationship as pastor and people, experiencing a new call together, becoming acquainted with one another, collaborating on various projects, working through unexpected kinks as a team. An example of unexpected kinks is a trip to Lowe's Home Improvement, made to snag areca palms for Palm Sunday, only to arrive there and discover that the \$12.98 internet special on 3-ish gallon areca palms must've inspired a buying frenzy---the only areca left was in the \$3.00 clearance flower rack by the fence---and it looked sad. YET, through lovingly generous, flexible, team effort, we discerned a new dream for altar floral arrangement, and went in that new, different direction, and things turned out perfectly fine, even if this year's palm arrangement on the altar looked differently that it did last year.

From this new guy's perspective, were I to sum up this month of getting to know and experience one another in a short phrase, I'd describe it as a time of, "Lovingly generous flexibility." Together we have lovingly, generously, and flexibly gotten shoes to kids over at Turner Elementary, a project begun last year around December. Together we are lovingly, generously, and flexibly working through our roofing issue and church council will offer a potential direction to the congregation very soon. Together we have lovingly, generously, and flexibly worked to freshen landscaping and to beautify the exterior of the building. This is all happening by our moving forward together in love, generosity, and flexibility! Let's keep it up!

What other projects might God dream through us that we might tackle through tackling them together, and through doing so in loving, generous, flexibility? Could God be inviting us to be risky? To pay off our mortgage early through increased giving? To replace our full roof with the best quality roofing reasonably affordable? After the mortgage is eliminated, could God be inviting us to continue to give as though we had a mortgage, maybe doing so to replace aging HVAC units with higher efficiency units that'd lower heating and cooling costs while, at the same time, be faithful stewardship of the environment as well? Could God be inviting us to be very risky and vision a new fellowship hall, maybe a steel building with a pleasant exterior to match our current sanctuary? Could God be inviting us to work together through loving, generous, flexibility to tackle ___ (fill in the blank with what you sense to be part of God's dream for JOY) ___?

Whatever dream God has for JOY, surely it involves us moving forward together in loving, generous, flexibility, wouldn't you agree? To this end, let's keep it up! And, even more, let's dream.

Love in the risen Christ,
JDB+

WELCOME PASTOR JOHN DAVID BRYANT

Installation of Pastor Bryant was held at Joy Lutheran Church on Saturday March 10th. The presiding minister was Bishop Pedro Suarez of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA.





Adventures in Learning
Spring 2018 Term

SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Classes will meet Tuesdays & Thursdays April 3rd – April 26th

Our four-week Spring session is just around the corner. We will be meeting at Riviera United Church of Christ, 415 Riviera Drive, Palm Bay 32905, Tuesdays and Thursdays April 3rd through April 26th. If you tried and liked the Winter session at Wesley, then come for another great casual class line-up at Riviera. If you have never participated, then a four-week session is a great way to get acquainted with Shepherd's Center.

On Tuesdays, we have the Advanced Computer class with Linda Matthews. On Thursdays we have an interesting mix of classes to choose from. Dr. Andre Merrill will discuss the Future of Health Care. Dr. Frances Rinaldi will be your guide to The Art of Storytelling. Come fly with Jack and Ann Dawkins on the Smithsonian Aerial America tour. Our Mission Sampler will introduce you to four different people who have participated in mission trips, including Mary Loschetter and Alice Archambo. You can hop on the Musical History Tour bus with Rick Raukauskas. For those who took the Winter Guitar class, Rick will continue that class. Peter Morton returns with South Brevard - The Past 100 Years. Ed Von Koenigseck continues the Martin Luther series. Winter Spanish students can go Onward With Spanish and Dean Martineau. Get your morning exercise by Stretching With Val Anderson. For previous Writing Your Life students, Linda Jump will present Completing Your Memoir. Peg Currie's class will deepen your appreciation of Poetry. Helga Broom will have a German Refresher course. Mary Anne McMillen will facilitate Mayberry Revisited as we search for kernels of wisdom from the Andy Griffith Show. In Making Changes/Setting Goals, Judy Busch will help you make meaningful changes to improve your life.

Try something new this Spring! Brochures are available in the narthex or from the website at: www.shepctrsobrev.org

ONE OF LIFE'S RECIPES

- 1 cup of Good Thoughts
- 1 cup of Kind Deeds
- 1 cup of Consideration
- 2 cups of Sacrifice
- 3 cups of Forgiveness
- 2 cups of Well-Beaten Faults

Mix these thoroughly. Add tears of joy and sorrow and sympathy for others. Fold in 4 cups of prayers and faith, to lighten others and raise the texture to great heights of Christian living. After pouring all this in your daily life, bake well with the heat of human kindness.

Serve with a smile

Musical Notes from **Pilgrim Journey**



Greetings to all of Christ's followers from your friends in Pilgrim Journey.

Please join us for some new music.
Saturday April 28th @ 5:30pm

&

Sunday, April 29th @ 10:00am

Blessings and Peace,
The Pilgrim Journey Band

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

All JOY ladies are invited to attend the **WELCA Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering** hosted this year by JOY Church. Please join us.

WHEN: Saturday, April 21st WHERE: JOY Lutheran Church

Registration is \$10.00 (includes lunch – scholarship money is available through Joy WELCA, contact Marjorie)

9:30am.....Registration and morning refreshments

9:50am.....Opening

10:00am...Ms. Knowles, Principal at Turner Elementary, to speak on bullying

10:30am...Worship and Communion with Pr. Bryant

11:15am...Business portion of gathering

12:00pm....Lunch Break

1:00pm....Election of officers & installation of new officers

Bible Study with Pr. Lynn on Philippians 4:5, "Let your gentleness be known".

+We are hoping to end by 1:30pm or maybe 1:45pm at the latest.

+Watch for a signup (so that we know the number to anticipate for lunch).

+Spacecoast Conference is about 13 area churches (from Titusville to Pt. St. Lucie), please come & meet your Christian sisters.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 19th.....Young at Heart @12pm– Host/Hostess needed, please let Marjorie Maenpaa know if you are able to help with this

April 21st.....Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering to be hosted by JOY, \$10.00 registration (includes lunch)

May 5th.....Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00am, cost is \$6.00.

May 5th.....WELCA Meeting @ 10:00am

May 6th.....Rachel's Day – Guest Speak is Connie Schmucker from FL-Bahamas Synod Office

May 13th.....Mother's Day fellowship hosted by WELCA

June 17th.....Father's Day fellowship hosted by WELCA

September 16th...Thankoffering Service

November 3rd.....Craft Sale/Bake Sale

December 1st.....Christmas luncheon at the Mansion

Attendance at our March Pancake Breakfast was 39! Thank you all for making this a huge success!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Ruth Circle (Crafts).....1st Monday each month @ 10:00

Eve Circle (Bible Study).....3rd Tuesday each month @11:30

Dorcas Circle (Quilting).....Every Tuesday @ 10:00

Rachel Circle (Knitting/Crocheting)..Every Wednesday @ 10:00



Soon, our **“Friends in Christ”** will be leaving for their homes up north. We will miss you.

You are truly a blessing to our Joy Family. Your support with Daily Bread, Men’s Group, Ladies Group, and serving in the church is greatly appreciated. We wish you a safe trip back to your summer homes. We are already looking forward to your return in the fall.

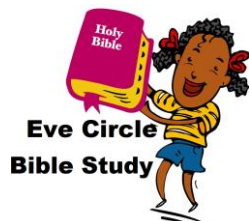
Have a safe and wonderful summer. God’s Blessings to each and every one of you.

Young at Heart

“Young at Heart” will be meeting on **April 19th, 2018 at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert). We have a great time getting to know each other. So, please come out and join us.

Host/Hostess needed for “Young at Heart” on **April 19th**.

Contact Marjorie Maenpaa.



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday, April 17th at 11:30 a.m.

Study this month is from the April
“GATHER” Magazine.

Bible Study: Multiple Meanings.
Session four - The Prodigal Son. How do circumstances influence our understandings of Jesus’ words?
Bible text: Luke 15:11-32

Are you Ready for some fun?



Saturday, April 14th, with Potluck and Bunco, at 5:30 pm

The evening of fun begins with a potluck dinner at 5:30pm.

Note: If you have a card table, we could use it.

"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM



The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for five families each weekend. The cost is about \$125 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

"DAILY BREAD"



On the 4th Friday of each month, JOY has a team serving meals at Daily Bread in Melbourne. Our team meets at "Daily Bread" at 10:45 a.m. As a team, we serve a hot dinner meal from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Our Team makes sure people, who are experiencing homelessness or are without food, are greeted and served with a hot meal, love, and compassion. As soon as "Our Friends in Christ" leave for their homes up north, we will be short of volunteers. We are hoping for two more volunteers to help our team continue this commitment to serve. Please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391), if you can help.

How can I help?



- Host "Coffee Fellowship" on Sunday.
- Be an Usher or Greeter.
- Help with the church cleaning on Fridays.
- Run the projector for church services.
- Help with counting the offerings.
- Be a Sunday School Teacher.
- Help with Altar Guild.
- Join the work crew on Fridays.
- Volunteer in the church office.
- Be a lector or worship assistant.
- Get involved on a committee.
- Volunteer for _____, or _____, or _____, or wherever your talents can best be used.



A basket is provided in the Narthex for collection of 'can-in-hand' or some other non-perishable food item each Sunday. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



There are confidential listeners in Stephen Ministry who will listen to your concerns. Ask Pastor Bryant. Remember Senior One Place can offer alternatives and Health First can also.

Stephen Ministers also hold Services at nursing homes on the following schedule. Volunteers to help are always welcomed.

Life Care - 2nd Sunday 10am
Palms Rehab - 3rd Friday 10 am
Sarah Care - 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm



¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. Psalm 34:17-19(NRSV)

We especially pray for:

Dan Abrahams
Linda Bechard
David Cruz
Janie Day
Todd Eagle
Gunner Heim
Josh Herndon
Raymond Holm
Bernadette Horengic
John Kirsch
Craig Lattig
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Bob Runk
Mark Russell
Elaine Simonelli
Scott Tilton
Mary Ann Valentine

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 you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our JOY family for all the prayers, concerns and get-well wishes we received over the last month.

There were at least three occasions during my ordeal, where the Doctors had no answers but things miraculously improved. My bet is God had his hand in the mix, and he knew what he was doing. He has a plan for me.

Thank you all again, and God Bless.
Bob Runk



April Birthday Blessings

- 04/07 Joy Altemose
- 04/07 Kim Tolley
- 04/08 Linda Corbin
- 04/08 Wahneeta Ryckman
- 04/09 Peggy Lindner
- 04/10 Nancy Feightner
- 04/10 Ralph Feightner
- 04/11 Judy Baltzersen
- 04/12 Rene Harper
- 04/12 Orpha Lengel
- 04/14 Sandy Kenyon
- 04/15 Barbara Bockelman
- 04/23 Marjorie Maenpaa
- 04/30 Reed Bockelman

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



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 \$20.00 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.**”



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 \$5.00 weekly.

February 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$24,454
Received in February	\$13,616	Received YTD	\$24,153
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$4,062
Received in February	\$1,990	Received YTD	\$4,692

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EASTER 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Easter Worship Service Children's Easter Egg Hunt Following Service	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 12:00pm Social Ministry 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	5:30pm Dinner & Bunco Party
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle	12:00pm Young-at-Heart	8:30am Property Work Group	Space Coast Spring Gathering
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
29	30					
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey	7pm Council Mtg					Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.