



Tidings of Joy

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



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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 May 26th

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

Sunday May 27th

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Be sure to read the entire account of the first Pentecost in Acts 2, according to Luke.



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

Tuesday, May 15th at 11:30 a.m.

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

Bible Study: Multiple Meanings.

Hospitality for All

Hospitality is more than just “good
manners” – it’s spiritual discipline

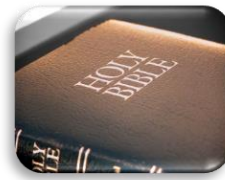
Bible text: Hebrews 13:1-2; Jeremiah
1:4-20; Genesis 12:1-5; Genesis 18:1-
15; Luke 10:38-41; 1 Samuel 1:9-17;
Ruth 1:6-17; Genesis 31:43-55 and
Luke 7:36-50

Parents of Young Children

Thank you so much for bringing
your children with you! A few
suggestions for your worship
experience:

- ☐ Relax! God put the wiggle in
children; don’t feel you have to
suppress it in God’s house.
- ☐ It can be helpful to sit toward the
front, where it is easier for children
to see and hear.
- ☐ Sing hymns loudly, pray, and
voice the responses with
enthusiasm. Children learn
behavior by copying you. If you are
excited about God, they will be too!

Lectionary “B” for May 2018



Gospel Readings

May 6th... John 15:9-17
May 13th..... John 17:6-19
May 20th..... John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
May 27th... John 3:1-17

Christian Education

It was fun to see all the children Easter morning
running around the grounds picking up the Easter
Eggs. The Easter Egg hunt has been a tradition at
Joy since the first Easter celebration they had at
Lockmar School. I’m happy that we continue to let
your “Joy Kids” enjoy this!



Sue and I are happy to welcome Peggy to the
Christian Education program. I know the children
have enjoyed their time with her. Thanks Peggy for
joining us!

Sunday School will run through May 20th. We will
then take the summer off and will resume in August
when the kids go back to school.

Chris Allebaugh



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends—

I wish you greetings in the name of our risen Lord. What a busy Easter season we celebrate—new roof soon to come, WELCA Spring Gathering, keeping the Backpack Program's food rolling to Turner Elementary, positioning ourselves to host a Day Camp, volunteering in all sorts of capacities, and, soon, we are to receive new members on May 20th. All of this is such faithful ministry!

God is doing good work through JOY Lutheran Church. We truly are the hands and feet of Jesus bringing hope and grace to our corner of God's creation.

Easter is the season of the “new.” It is the time of new beginnings, new missions, new ideas, new ways of seeing and new ways of being. Sometimes we forget that God is God of the “new.” In such forgetting times, we perceive God as “God of the way it used to be.” And, if we seek for God to return us back the way things were, we often feel disturbed as we grind our teeth on the “new” that God creates for us, within us, around us. Our other option, rather than grind our teeth, is a more joyful option, to celebrate God's “new” as God's good adventure.

What new adventure is God calling us to embrace? What new thing is God doing in our midst? Where is “new” being created in JOY by our resurrected Lord?

Will God create new energy for us to build a new social hall?

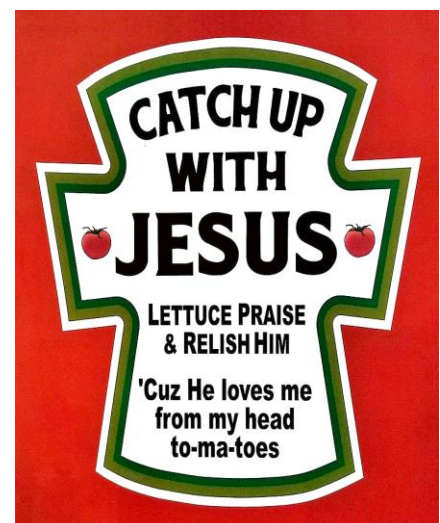
Will God create new energy to inspire us to install new high-efficiency a/c units?

Will God raise new ministries through us that speak to needs at Turner Elementary and beyond?

Will God call even more new members to join our labors for Christ's kingdom?

So much energy for ministry is gathered by God's Spirit here in JOY Lutheran Church—what is God's “new” coming into being in our midst.

Peace,
Pr. JDB+



CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN & STEPHEN BRYANT



Sean Matthew Bryant, elder of the two Bryant brothers, 2017 LRU Science Student on the Year award recipient, graduates from Lenoir Rhyne University (LRU) along with his brother on 11 May 2018. He completes a bachelor's degree in biology and soon begins a Summer internship with a surgeon in Hickory, NC.

In August, once the Summer internship ends, Sean will come to Palm Bay for a week before heading overseas to serve a year in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Missions program. He is currently (April 13th) in Chicago at the ELCA Churchwide office where he completes the final interview that is part of the global missions program. The interview will determine whether Sean goes and spends next year in Argentina, Uruguay, or South Africa.

Provided things unfold as Sean desires, when he returns from overseas mission service, he will enter medical school. His ultimate goal is to become a cardio-thoracic surgeon and heal people in major metropolitan city such as Boston or New York.



Stephen Michael Bryant, the younger Bryant brother, 2017-2018 LRU Student Body President, ranked #5 in U.S. collegiate national debate standings, graduates from LRU together with his brother, Sean, on 11 May 2018, after defending his honors thesis 3 May. He completes a bachelor's degree in religious development and will spend his Summer coordinating the various youth activities of Luther Springs as a liaison to our synodical youth ministry leader, Deacon Sue Mendenhall.

At Summer's end, Stephen will come to Palm Bay for some (yet to be determined) amount of time before heading overseas to participate in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Missions program. He currently (April 13th) completes his final interview in Chicago, Illinois, which will place Stephen in either Rwanda, Cambodia, or Senegal during the 2018-2019 year.

Mission service delays Stephen's graduate study at American University in Washington, DC, where he is already accepted for study in the program of ethics, peace, and international affairs. Stephen begins this program upon his return to the United States.

His ultimate hope is to serve others through working with Lutheran Immigration Services or the Lutheran World Federation.

Congratulations Charles!



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shaffer proudly announce that their son, Charles Woods, will be graduating with Honors on May 18, 2017. Charles and his class of 22 bright young adults will make up the 1st graduating class from Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School. Charles has applied to and will hopefully be spending his summer up at Luther Springs as a Camp Counselor. He will then continue with his academic learning in the fall, at Eastern Florida State College, until he can decide what it is that he wants to do for a career. As parents, we could not be prouder of the smart and caring young man Charles has become.

JUST REMEMBER GRADUATE

*When you can't see the light at
the end of the tunnel,
turn to the Light of the world.*

Summer Day Camp at Joy July 2-6, 2018

Summer Day Camp at Joy:

Mark your calendars. July 2-6, 2018, Luther Springs will host a Day Camp for kids K-7 at Joy, 9am-4pm.

Thanks to a generous donation, the cost is no longer \$95, but only **\$5**. Sixteen slots for campers are available. Registration information will soon be available. Watch for further details.

MAY 28th 2018



Memorial Day is a time to remember America's service men and women who died defending our country. As we prepare for this solemn and revered day of remembrance, take a moment to thank the many men and women who serve at home and abroad, as well as remember those who have given their lives to ensure our nation's safety

Young at Heart ❤️

"Young at Heart" will be meeting on **May 17th, 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.

After the May 17th get together, Young at Heart will not meet again until the fall.



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Thank you for directing Choice Dollar® to Joy Lutheran Church.

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So far in 2018, Joy Lutheran Church has received **\$648** through the Thrivent Choice® Program.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday May 5th, 2018 at 8:00am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.



HELP NEEDED.

Daily Bread in Melbourne feeds the hungry. Joy's team volunteers the 4th Friday of each month to serve the noon time meal. The month of May with volunteers on vacation and our snowbirds gone for the summer, if you are able and available, we need HELP. Please give us a hand this month so that JOY can continue with their perfect record of attendance. JOY has been dependable since our team first volunteered a number of years ago. Meals are served from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. everyday. Help someone experiencing homelessness to have a hot meal. It is a rewarding and humbling experience for those of us who take shelter, food and life's necessities for granted. Elaine Heine and Connie Steinhorst head up the team but they will both be out of town in May. The date in May is May 25th. If you can help, please let **Rene Harper or Betty Loy Nielsen** know you are available. Volunteer to make a difference.

Thank you,
Connie Steinhorst

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Men from Calvary Chapel, for all their hard work cutting a “path-through” at the front of our portico and installing the brick pavers. Wow what a great job.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 13, 2018



We are the family of God, and Jesus tells us: *“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and **mother**.”* Matthew 12: 50 (NRSV)

“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)

“My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.” Mark Twain

“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 are now providing food for **seven families** each weekend.

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

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great program.

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

May 6th.....Rachel's Day – Guest Speaker is Connie Schmucker from FL-Bahamas Synod Office
Be sure to wear blue to this worship service.

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

May 17th.....Young at Heart @ 12pm – Host/Hostess are always needed.
Please let Marjorie Maenpaa know if you are able to help.

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

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

SPACECOAST CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING hosted by JOY WELCA on Saturday, April 21st was a big success with 32 ladies attending, as well as 5 guests. Ms. Tanya Knowles, Principal at Turner Elementary, and Melissa Long, Assistant Principal, spoke about Turner Elementary and on bullying and how as grandparents we can help our grandchildren in this matter. Pastor Bryant led a worship and communion service. Pastor Lynn led the Bible Study on Philippians 4:5, "Let your gentleness be known". This was a fun day and we thank ALL of our ladies who helped with the preparation, hosting, providing a lovely lunch, decorations and a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all our guests. The many willing hands were appreciated. There was a LOVE Offering collected, with one half of the offering going to Turner Elementary and one-half of the offering going to the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization 2018 LOVE offering recipient: Golden Rainbow Ranch, Brookville, Florida.

Elaine Heine, member of JOY, was elected Vice President of the FL-Bahamas WELCA, Spacecoast Conference. Linda Kratzer, also a member of JOY, continues her term as secretary for the FL-Bahamas WELCA, Spacecoast Conference. Spacecoast Conference has a total of 3 officers, so JOY is well represented. Thank you, Elaine & Linda, for stepping up to accept these positions. Peggy Graefe of St. Timothy, past president, continues as interim President until a new President is elected.





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



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 34:18-19(NRSV)

We especially pray for:

Dan Abrahams
 Lenny Cornell
 Kathleen Cresham
 David Cruz
 Janie Day
 Todd Eagle
 Winnie Hall
 Gunner Heim
 Jason Herndon
 Josh Herndon
 Raymond Holm
 Bernadette Horengic
 John Kirsch
 Craig Lattig
 Jackie Mertens
 Nancy Pagelsdorf
 Joyce Powell
 Bob Runk
 Mark Russell
 Elaine Simonelli
 Scott Tilton
 John Tucker
 Mary Ann Valentine
 Morgan Westlake
 Family of Terry & Lori Embrey
 (the loss of Terry's mother, Kathy Guy)

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.



I wish to thank Pastor Bryant and my Joy family for the many prayers said for my sister, Kathleen Cresham, after her recent stroke. The doctors say things look promising.

God is good,
Doris Bunker



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.



May Birthday Blessings

05/01	Betty Nielsen
05/03	Harold Lengel
05/03	Alex Lindner
05/03	Ron Pagelsdorf
05/05	Doris Bunker
05/06	Jean Bockelman
05/08	Elaine Christensen
05/11	Greg Parker
05/16	Shaun Arner
05/19	Lynn Ash
05/20	Jasmine Smith
05/22	Philip Kratzer Sr.
05/23	Connie Steinhorst
05/24	Brita Tallau
05/26	Jackie Baudek
05/27	Tina Breeden
05/28	Susan Parker
05/29	Vita Gardella
05/31	Mary Sherman

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.

MARCH 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$36,681
Received in March	\$13,616	Received YTD	\$24,153
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$6,093
Received in March	\$1,990	Received YTD	\$4,692

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle	National Day of Prayer	8:30am Property Work Group	8:00am Pancake Breakfast (\$6.00) 10am WELCA Meeting
6	7	8	9	ASCENSION 10	11	12
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship (Rachel's Day)	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle 12:00pm Social Ministry 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
Mother's Day 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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	Armed Forces Day
PENTECOST 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
TRINITY 27	Memorial Day 28	29	30	31		
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship (Pilgrim Journey)		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle			Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.