



# Tidings of Joy



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

Volume 34, Issue 6

3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909

June 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

### Saturday June 23rd

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

### Sunday June 24th

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

**Church Office Phone:**  
321-951-0166

**Pastor's Email Address:**  
prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

**Church Email Address:**  
joylutheranpb@gmail.com

**Church Web Site:**  
www.joylutheranelca.com

## 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

## Congregational Meeting June 10, 2018

On Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 immediately following the service, we will hold a congregational meeting. Purpose of the meeting is to explore a council recommendation to dissolve the current mortgage fund and replace the mortgage fund with a capital improvements fund. The scope and nature of the new fund will be part of the discussion at the meeting.



**Eve Circle  
Bible Study**

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

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Study this month is from the June "GATHER"  
Magazine.

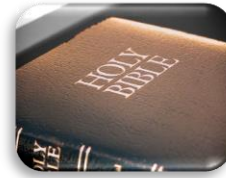
Bible Study: Let Us Pray (3-sessions)  
*Session one: The paradoxes of prayer.*

In prayer we call upon a God who may respond in unexpected ways.

Called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? The Bible references all of these scenarios; however, each comes with biblical, theological and practical questions. In this first session on prayer, we'll investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice.

Bible text: (1 Samuel 12:16-23)

## Lectionary "B" for June 2018



### Gospel Readings

June 3<sup>rd</sup>... Mark 2:23-3:6  
June 10<sup>th</sup>.... Mark 3:20-35  
June 17<sup>th</sup>.... Mark 4:26-34  
June 24<sup>th</sup>.... Mark 4:35-41

## Christian Education

We will be taking the summer off  
and will resume in August when the  
kids go back to school.

Chris Allebaugh

## 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!



## The Pastor's Point

*Pr. J. David Bryant*

*For questions or topic ideas*

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

We have enjoyed a positive busy beginning as pastor and people. Already we have around a dozen signed up for Summer Day Camp, are looking to the future in terms of replacing aging a/c units, and have many fun events planned via our fellowship committee. Our new roof is to be installed soon after this newsletter rolls out. God is up to good things at JOY Lutheran Church. And God's Holy Spirit empowers us to keep forward momentum and maintain a positive future focus.

New members have joined us on Pentecost, and we've more new members to add. In our Summer busy-ness, let us not neglect those new to our congregation. Healthy congregations are those who make intentional efforts to assist new members in very basic ways.

1. Invite new members to join you for lunch or coffee. Get to know one another.
2. Be open about your own faith journey and your own faith story. Share; just not overshare.
3. Explain expectations of members. Often people can't find meaningful work in the church community because they do not know what to expect or what is expected of them.
4. Be open about the importance of participation and tithing. Explain how and why this is important to you as a JOY member. It's great to do, every greater to know why we do what we do.
5. Help new members" plug-in." Give clear and detailed information on who to contact, where and when groups meet, when and where events take place, and when/how they should get started.
6. Orient new members about the JOY facility and function. When are the offices open? Who can use certain parts of buildings? Where are restrooms?
7. Each new member doesn't have a designated sponsor. Why not take on the ministry of becoming acquainted and being in contact for six months. Contact is key to building relationships. It may be a call, a mailed notecard, or an email that makes new members feel at home in JOY.

These are seven key observations that the pastor sees to help people acclimate. Feel free to add your own insights and employ them in good fashion. We want everyone to find their place in JOY. As we keep forward momentum and maintain a positive future focus, let's bring new members into the family, into the vision, so that together we effectively share God's love and grace in our corner of Palm Bay.

Peace,  
Pr. JDB+



Summer Day Camp at Joy  
July 2-6, 2018  
9am – 4pm  
K thru 8th Grade

**Only \$5 Registration Fee**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
Ephesians 2:8*

Neighborhood children receive the benefit of going to camp without incurring either the high-cost associated with travel and overnight lodging.

Perks are:

- Trained and screened counselors
- Fun, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship, crafts, service, sharing and prayer
- A unique blend of outdoor ministry and congregational ministry
- Atmosphere of enthusiasm and positive role models

Registration Forms and Health Forms are available at the Church Office.  
They may also be printed from the Joy website [www.JoyLutheranELCA.com](http://www.JoyLutheranELCA.com).

*The best  
vitamin for a  
Christian is B1*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink served in the kitchen after worship.

If you enjoy the “Coffee Fellowship”, consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

## Young at Heart

“Young at Heart” will not be meeting during the summer months.

“Young at Heart” will meet again in the fall.

## Church Cleaning



Your help is needed. Can you offer some of your Time, as part of your Stewardship, to assist with the church cleaning??

Please give Jackie Baudek a call at (321) 723-4503 or 321-795-7853; with the time and day you are available. Or, just show up on Friday mornings.



### HELP NEEDED.

Daily Bread in Melbourne feeds the hungry. Joy's team volunteers the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The next date for June is June 22nd. If you can help, please Contact **Elaine Heine** or **Connie Steinhorst**. Volunteer to make a difference.

Thank you,  
*Connie Steinhorst*

## OUR HUNGER NEEDS DO NOT TAKE A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

*"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."* Isaiah 58:10 NLT



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.



### "DAILY BREAD"

If you are interested in serving at "Daily Bread" on the 4th Friday of the month, contact Elaine Heine at 321-215-7928 or Connie Steinhorst at 321-725-6391.

---

### "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 prepare for the coming fall school year. We will be trying to up the number of backpacks that we provide, from 7 to 9 backpacks starting with the 2018 school year.

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



May we all have safe travels and enjoy our summer vacations.

Please remember to find a church in which to worship while away from home.

You might even consider bringing back a church bulletin. It is always interesting to see what some of our brothers and sisters in Christ are doing in their congregations.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

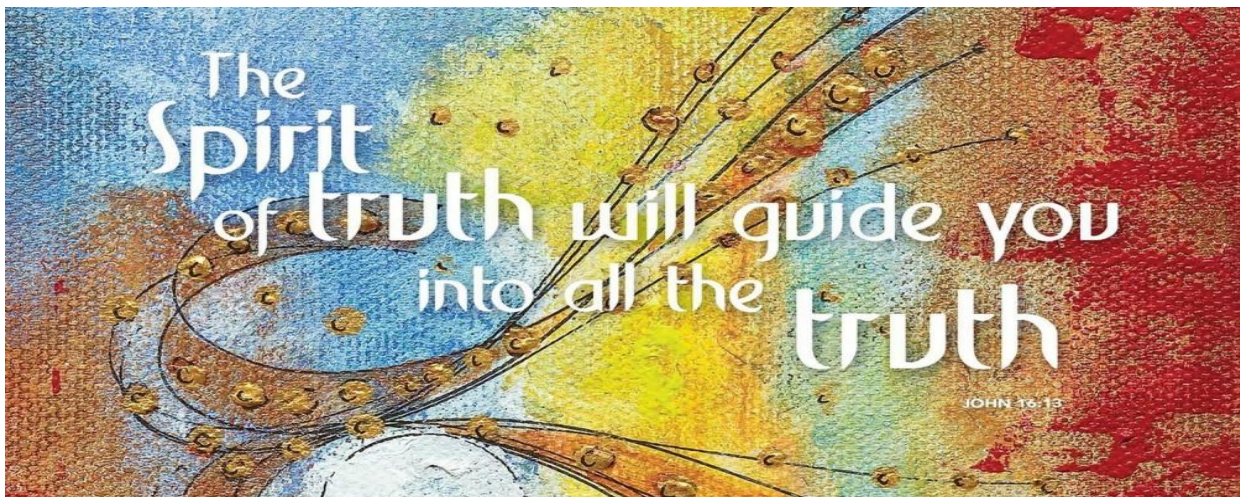
June 17, 2018

"My Dad thinks he wears the trousers in our house, but it's always Mom who tells him which pair to put on!" - Unknown

"Dad" - Who to ask when Mom says no. – Unknown

*"As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."* Psalm 103:13 (NRSV)

Visit Joy's new website at [www.JoyLutheranELCA.com](http://www.JoyLutheranELCA.com)





## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Thank all of you for attending the May 5<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. There were 29 in attendance.

Rachel's Day was celebrated on May 6<sup>th</sup>, with guest speaker, Connie Schmucker, staff member with the Office of the Bishop FL-Bahamas Synod Office. Thank you for your contributions to the LOVE offering given to Turner Elementary School showing our commitment to the children in our community. The original focus of Rachel's Day was and still is shining a light on gun violence against children. Twenty years ago, the emphasis was the loss of inner city children to gang gun violence, drugs, abuse, neglect, poor education, health and hunger also contributed to the death of children. Today, children are also threatened with death by suicide, often a result of being bullied. Violence affects everyday life in homes, congregations, workplaces, schools and communities. Children can be traumatized by community violence because they are often too young or emotionally unable to process it. Commit to pray for victims and their families and encourage one another.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day coffee fellowship with cake and cookies was hosted by WELCA in honor of all Mothers.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

**September 16th**....Thankoffering Service - Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings.

A tradition grounded in our celebration of community, meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

**August 4th**.....WELCA Pancake Breakfast, starting 8:00, \$6.00

**August 4th**.....WELCA meeting at 10:00am

**November 3rd**....Craft Sale/Bake Sale/Yard Sale/Silent Auction/Hot Dogs – WELCA combined fundraiser - more information to come!

**November 9-11**....FL-Bahamas Synodical Women of the ELCA – Fall Gathering, Lake Yale Baptist Retreat Center (all WELCA members are invited)

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**.....WELCA Christmas luncheon at the Mansion

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

Ruth Circle (Craft circle) – 1st Monday each month @ 10:00

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

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

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



## STEPHEN MINISTRY



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



*<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup>Many 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  
David Cruz  
Janie Day  
Winnie Hall  
Gunner Heim  
Jason Herndon  
Josh Herndon  
Raymond Holm  
John Kirsch  
Harold Lengel  
Jackie Mertens  
Nancy Pagelsdorf  
Joyce Powell  
Bob Runk  
Mark Russell  
Elaine Simonelli  
John Tucker  
Mary Ann Valentine  
Emily Walton

Note: See Sunday Bulletins for additional prayer concerns.

## 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.



Thank you for your many prayers, best wishes, and visits, as I recover from back surgery. They are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,  
*Harold Lengel*



**June Birthday Blessings**

- 06/04 Nicolas Kratzer
- 06/04 Dolores Williams
- 06/09 Barbara Hall
- 06/15 Kathleene Hagen
- 06/16 Liston Gillett Jr.
- 06/16 Grace Wollam
- 06/30 Matthew Smith

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.

**MAY 2018 Stewardship**

<b>General Fund</b>	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$61,135
Received in May	\$12,327	Received YTD	\$121,365**
<b>Building Fund</b>			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$10,155
Received in May	\$1,183	Received YTD	\$10,930

\*\* Note: Includes ~ \$58,200 received from insurance, for roof replacement.

## JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Group	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
10	11	12	13	Flag Day 14	15	16
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship  Congregational Meeting following Worship		10am Dorcas Circle  12:00pm Social Ministry  1:00pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle  11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group  10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship (Pilgrim Journey)		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting	