



Tidings of Joy

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



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The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
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Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service
8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Saturday July 28th

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

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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

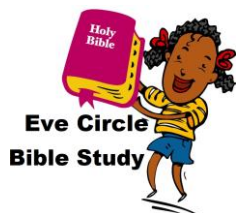
Sandra Kenyon

John Manaseri

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Ray Shaffer

Connie Thorman



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

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

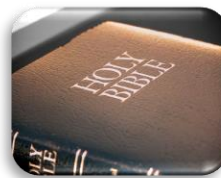
Study this month is from the July/August
"GATHER" Magazine.

Bible Study: Let Us Pray (3-sessions)
Session two: The practices of prayer.

People of faith find different reasons and ways
to come before God, enriching our devotions
and our lives.

Scripture reading: Psalms 19.

Lectionary "B" for July 2018



Gospel Readings

July 1st Mark 5:21-43
July 8th Mark 6:1-13
July 15th Mark 6:14-29
July 22nd Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 29th John 6:1-21

Welcome to our new members that joined in May.



Harriet Bryant Mort & Emily Walton

Dudley & Debbie Bowling Tom Hennessy



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

With so much happening in and around JOY, it seems proper to take a moment and ponder it all. An old hymn, "Count Your Blessings," penned by Methodist-Episcopal minister, New Jersey native, Johnson Oatman, Jr. back in the late 1800s says,

"Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done."

Let's count our blessings.

- God has done marvelously by providing a new roof, one 100% covered by the insurance settlement.
- God has done a good thing by providing a large band of children for day camp and funding for the same.
- God has done a relationship building work with JOY and our brothers and sisters across the synod by raising up a DIAKONIA candidate, having Asst. to the Bp. Connie Schmucker with us on Rachel's Day, and bringing Deaconess Sr. Michelle to us last Sunday.
- God has done a splendid new thing by replacing our well-used corner sign with a fresh sign coordinated to match the electronic sign out front.
- God has done the fine work of drawing fourteen new members into our JOY family since Pentecost.
- God has done the wise work of renaming a fund, mortgage fund to capital improvements fund, opening the way for us to dream about fellowship halls, updated a/c units, and more.
- God has done the creative work of providing many new quilt tops through the generous, skilled work of new visitor, Pat Muth.
- God has inspired us to explore the growth and expansion of Saturday night's monthly contemporary worship and the possibility of creating a weekly or bi-weekly rock service.
- God has done _____. [insert the blessing(s) you see]

Verse one of Oatman's hymn says,

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

God has us in a truly blessed space, and while it is true that there will always challenges, pains, health concerns, unexpected happenings, isn't it also true that God's blessings always outnumber our woes? If you want to prove this reality, *"Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done."*

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.

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.

Synod Assembly 2018
Pastor Bryant's Take

Our 2018 FL-Bahamas Synod Assembly was full of workshops and full of elections to various synodical offices. Some members of assembly encouraged me to be nominated to serve in some office or another, but I graciously declined, saying, *"I am too new in this current call to feel ready to take on additional responsibilities. Maybe I'll feel differently in years to come, but for now, sufficient are the needs of JOY Lutheran."*

In terms of needs, the FL-Bahamas Synod is in solid financial position; neither too wealthy, nor too poor. We should be mindful that our faithful giving to mission support makes this possible. Congregations should seek to give 10-15% (or more) of their annual budget to mission support which funds so many amazing ministries. Our synod council vice-president gave her report citing a truth, "...part of mission is funding the mission." This is the reality for congregations, missionaries, synods, and the ELCA's Churchwide expressions.

In terms of focus, our synod council vice-president made it clear that we should be proud of, and interested in ["the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice,"](#) up for discussion and for potential adoption at Churchwide Assembly 2019. Congregations should be studying this document and offering comments. The period for commentary submission ends in October 2018. (JOY should take some time to review this document and provide commentary before the deadline.) A brochure on the social statement may be provided by Pr. Bryant upon request.

In terms of empowering people for ministry and mission, many offerings were made available by presentations or through the "Connections Café." Programs such as DIAKONIA, presented to JOY on 6/17 by Sr. Michelle Collins, provide education for ministry enabling us to feel prepared and qualified to do God's work. Programs like "Seeds for Haiti," one which our lay voting members, Lee and Barbara Bockelman, thought might be a good fit for JOY point us towards missional ways we can make a huge difference, even with such small things as seeds.

Bp. Suarez offered a faithful report, available via the video link offered below. Bishop did fabulously at point to the "why" that drives us. An excerpt (verbatim) from the bishop's report says,

"As I have been going around listening to our people in the synod, I hear many things. I hear that the two strongest enemies of our congregations are fear and apathy. I also hear that there is an incredible joy when we share what God has done in our lives. I have shared some words from John Vest. He says,

'The why of evangelism is not to attract more people to our worship services and youth programs. It's not to increase our membership. It's not to keep struggling churches alive. It's not to save declining institutions. It's not to justify our jobs. It's not about saving souls from hell. It's not even serving others and working for social justice, as important as these things are. These are all whats and hows.

*The why of evangelism is something much deeper. **The why of evangelism—the why of everything we do—is the gospel itself.***

*Before we can ever say what evangelism is and how we ought to do it, we need to have clarity about what we think the gospel is. We have to understand what's at stake in the world and in our lives and how the gospel addresses these needs. **We need to be able to articulate *why Jesus matters.****

That's why I believe we need to be Grounded in the Gospel. We have had our moments with Jesus, moments when we have felt him for real--his powerful love moving beyond anything we know or understand. That's our ground. That is reason enough to be joyful. We can articulate why Jesus is important to us."

To better prepare us to articulate why Jesus is important to us, continuing education, workshops, and lectures were provided. Often these included a variety of media. Various meaningful videos, including one with an address from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, are available at: <http://fbsynod.com/synod-assembly-re-cap/>

God is up to good things in the FL-Bahamas Synod and we, JOY, are a vital part of getting out the word that Jesus is important to us, the Jesus is what it's all about. Thanks for all you do to make God's dream for God's world a reality.

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Blessings and peace to all our friends at JOY Lutheran Church from all of us in Pilgrim Journey.

"Change is gonna come" by Sam Cooke is a song that comes to mind as I write this. In February 2010 Pilgrim Journey started offering a "rock style" worship service at JOY. We have been blessed to do this these years. Before anyone jumps to any negative conclusions we are NOT quitting. Our plans are to continue to offer you a chance to rock out in God's house. We love the LORD and are always praying for more opportunities to praise and worship Him with our music.

I pray that God will let this be a new time for praise and worship at JOY. I believe it was in early 2015 that Pastor Ludder asked Pilgrim Journey to move the Saturday night worship to Sunday morning. Pilgrim Journey members wanted to keep the Saturday evening service so we did. At that time JOY did not have an organist and the computer automation that we eventually used for worship was not yet fully developed. Pastor Ludder had faith that our band would be good for JOY during a time of transition. I think he was right about that.

That was a time when our "Last Saturday of the month" congregation was also attending on Sunday morning. The "Last Saturday of the month" was intended to be an option for worship (Saturday evening OR Sunday morning). While that did happen for some it really seemed that those who liked the band would attend Saturday night and then worship again on Sunday morning. This is most excellent and we have ALWAYS appreciated those of you who attend and are complimentary to us as well. Thank you if this describes you even once in the last 8 years.

Since we began playing for the 10:00 AM service on the "Last Saturday of the month, and the following Sunday morning" we have been successful and sometimes not so successful in matching everyone's expectations as to how loud a band should be. Fact: Pilgrim Journey is a rock band. Always was. Still is. We do lots of styles in our music; swing, ballad, country, shuffle, reggae and rock. We do lots of variety including hymns, modern and not-so-modern praise music from the late 20th century. Pilgrim Journey is basically a rock quartet with vocalist. That means electric guitar, electric bass, drums, keyboards and a singer. I assure you that compared to other bands (and I include church bands), Pilgrim Journey is not a loud band. That said, "too loud" is always a subjective statement and expresses an opinion of which we all have a right to have.

I hope that all this helps explain when you hear that Pilgrim Journey will be taking a break from playing on Sunday mornings. Steve Weiss will be doing his usual wonderful job on organ and piano and when he is not available a substitute organist will be found. (JOY can also use the computer automation to play the organ and keyboard like was used before Steve came to JOY.)

Worship and Music committee and JOY Church Council are working together to make this change a positive one. Pilgrim Journey will continue to offer a "rockin'" praise and worship service on the last Saturday evening. Acknowledging our identity as a rock band that praises God, we will endeavor to bring you some Holy Spirit lead worship and prayer. If you don't normally attend on the "Last Saturday of the Month" please do come and give us a try. Feel free to wear ear plugs if it helps. No hard feelings.

Peace,
Al



Adventures in Learning Keeping Minds Active

"Adventures in Learning" is an adult learning program specifically designed to meet the needs of all adults. It is operated on weekdays between 9:00AM and 1:00PM, when classroom space would normally be vacant.

Shepherd's Center Summer Session of casual enrichment **classes begins July 5th** at Riviera United Church of Christ, Rivera Drive, Palm Bay and will meet on Thursdays through July 26, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This year's summer session will have a new format. In addition to six different class subjects, we will break for an hour to enjoy a presentation of interest from a different speaker each week. At noon, participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a time to get to know one another better and give feedback about the Shepherd's Center.

Classes include: Aerial America with Jack and Ann Dawkins; Card Crafting taught by Daphne Swatek; Martin Luther continues with Ed von Koenigseck; Stretching with Val Anderson; there's another Musical History Tour conducted by Rick Rakauskas; and German with Helga Bromm.

Brochures with additional information regarding classes and speakers are available in the narthex and on the Shepherd's Center website: www.shepctrsobrev.org . **Questions may be directed to Elaine Heine.**

Experienced retired professionals and senior volunteers teach or facilitate the classes. Most have many additional skills that further prepare them for teaching seniors project organization, working with others, and problem solving. Classes are offered in a variety of topics.

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that uses classrooms in buildings of its sponsoring congregations. Additional congregations are invited to become sponsoring congregations. Financially, the Shepherd's Center is dependent on contributions from sponsoring congregations, private individuals and student's tuition. We are always looking for teachers and topics. If you could be of assistance or have suggestions, please contact us.

Our download page (<http://shepctrsobrev.org/>) includes more information about the Shepherd's Center, updates from the Shepherd's Center of America, and the Summer Session schedule with enrollment form.

COMING SOON

Beginning 3rd Weds night in August and continuing through November, "JOY Lutheran" and "Blessed Redeemer" will host "**Wednesdays Together**," Evening Prayer, begins with prayer and follows with a light meal. August and September, we will meet at JOY, October and November we will meet at Blessed Redeemer.

Hawaiian night coming mid-August.

What does our busy-busy Fellowship Committee have in-store for us? We would all like to thank them for all they do. Be sure to check our Sunday Bulletin as plans develop.



A reminder to turn the lights off when you are the last one to leave the church.



Check thermostats. When individuals are not present, the temperature should be set at 78°F. Thanks for keeping our electric costs reasonable.



Receive your copy of "Tidings of Joy" along with other church news, by email.

Call the church office at (321-951-0166) or email us at joylutheranpb@gmail.com, with your current email address. Your email address will not be distributed.



Ushers & Greeters



Ushers and Greeters are needed to serve on Sundays. If you are able and willing, please sign up in the narthex. Or, talk to Barbara Herndon and she will see to it that you are scheduled.

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.

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.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will not meet again until the fall. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



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. 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.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Father's Day coffee fellowship with cake and cookies was hosted by WELCA in honor of all Fathers on June 17. Thank you, ladies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1stSpecial" WELCA Meeting after church service

July 2nd – 6thSummer Day Camp for grades 1-8

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

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

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.

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

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

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Ruth Circle (Craft circle) - 2nd Monday for July @ 10:00 due to Summer Day Camp

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

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) - every Tuesday @ 10:00, not the 1st Tuesday of July due to Summer Camp

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00, not the 1st Wednesday of July due to Summer Camp

There will be a brief "Special" WELCA Meeting after church service on July 1st.



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
 David Cruz
 Janie Day
 Ralph Feightner
 Winnie Hall
 Gunner Heim
 Jason Herndon
 Raymond Holm
 John Kirsch
 Harold Lengel
 Jackie Mertens
 Nancy Pagelsdorf
 Joyce Powell
 Mark Russell
 Wahneeta Ryckman
 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.

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 keep in touch.



July Birthday Blessings

07/02 Patsy Steger
 07/05 Al Kongsjord
 07/05 Matthew Peters
 07/07 Ethan Arner
 07/12 David Steinhorst
 07/13 Mary Ann Jones
 07/13 Bob Lindner
 07/20 Barbara Herndon
 07/21 Novella Lengel
 07/22 Cathy Fisher
 07/24 Chris Peters
 07/25 Kelly Arner
 07/27 Constance Church
 07/28 Chris Allebaugh

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.

January - June 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$73,362
Received in June	\$11,479	Received YTD	\$77,183
Mortgage/Capital Improvement			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$12,186
Received in June	\$1,159	Received YTD	\$12,089

Note: Monies listed above do not include \$55,661 received from insurance, for roof replacement.

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	July 4 th 4	5	6	7
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Group	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	12:00pm Social Ministry 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
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		8:30am Property Work Group	
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	31				
8:45am Adult Bible Study	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle				