



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

Saturday August 25th

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

Wahneeta Ryckman

Ray Shaffer

Connie Thorman



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

Tuesday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m.

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

Bible Study: Let Us Pray (3-sessions)

Session Three, "The expressions of Prayer". Prayer doesn't just affect us personally and communally; it affects the very mission of the church.

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,
Romans 8:26-28

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the Worship & Music Committee, we were reminded of the function and service and gift of the Worship Prelude.

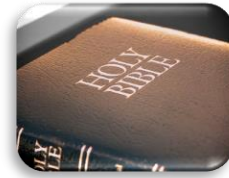
The Prelude can be viewed as a Call to Worship. We are asked to put away our earthly cares and thoughts; and turn our attention to God.

Chimes will ring, and the prelude music will begin.

Let us rise above the chaos and confusion of our lives and approach our God in silence, who waits for us.

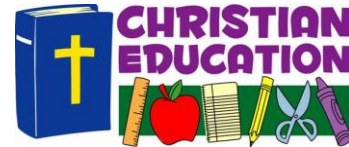
A member of the Worship & Music Committee

Lectionary "B" for July 2018



Gospel Readings

August 5th John 6:24-35
August 12th John 6: 35, 41-51
August 19th John 6:51-58
August 26th John 6:56-69



I hope everyone has been having a fun summer. I know it's going too fast for your Joy Kids! It's back to school soon, which means it's Sunday School time also!

We will be starting Sunday School on August 13th.

Looking forward to getting things started up again!!

There will be a Christian Education meeting after church on July 29th. If you would like to be involved with this committee, please join us. If you think you may want to be a teacher, or just share idea's we'd love to have you!

Chris Allebaugh

Message from Council President

As we approach the halfway point in the current JOY Council, it may be the time to look at what has been accomplished and what remains to be completed.

The year started as we said our farewells to Pastor Ludder and his wife Teresa and we celebrated the arrival of our new pastor John David Bryant and his wife Harriet. Our new electronic sign arrived and was installed. Our new sign is an excellent venue for expanding our reach to the community with a digital message available for instant edit and updates through the office computer. A new walkway cut-a-way was cut and installed in the front of the portico allowing members to cut through the portico. The garden in front of the portico and church entrance was replanted with new shrubs and the new stones were added to the existing stones. Some of the plants around the cross in the Memorial Garden were removed and new paver stones were installed in their place. The Hurricane Matthew damaged roof was finally replaced by a new roof. A successful Summer Day camp was held with the aid of Luther Springs Staff during the first week of July with twenty-five children in attendance. Work is progressing on the installation of a Boys Scout pack at JOY and the chairs in the church are in the process of being reupholstered. The current constitution is being reviewed and revised to bring it in line with the latest Synod guidelines. Fifteen new members have joined the church in the last six months. The JOY Website has a new fresh look.

We still have number of projects currently under planning and or consideration. The council is currently still evaluating the replacement of the central air conditioners. Three of the current air handlers have been in operation since they were initially installed in 1987 and one of the air handlers is currently ten years old. In addition to the standard replacement air conditioners, another option the council is considering is a geothermal system which would take water from a well system, pumping the water into the church to a heat exchange unit providing constant cool temperature in the building. The system will reduce the total electric consumption considerably proving the church ongoing reduction in our cost of electricity.

Council President,
Erik Maenpaa

Wednesdays Together

“**Wednesdays Together**”, a joint evening prayer service with Blessed Redeemer Episcopal (1225 DeGroot Road SW, Palm Bay, FL) starts Aug 15th at 6PM and continues on the 3rd Weds in Sept and Oct. Refreshments follow. A purpose of this joint worship venture is to celebrate and deepen ministry partnership and relationship. From this space, maybe God will invite to do more joint ministry together.

In 1999, the ELCA entered into full communion with [The Episcopal Church](#). “[Called to Common Mission: A Lutheran Proposal for a Revision of the Concordat of Agreement](#)” is the document that describes that relationship.

In the introduction to “[Called to Common Mission](#)” there is an important statement about the spirit of this agreement: “*Our churches have discovered afresh our unity in the gospel and our commitment to the mission to which God calls the church of Jesus Christ in every generation. ... Our search for a fuller expression of visible unity is for the sake of living and sharing the gospel. Unity and mission are at the heart of the church’s life, reflecting an obedient response to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

Last month I asked us to ponder God's many blessings present within this community. Perhaps you recall the empty space left at the end of the list, a space for you to add your own blessing(s). I suspect more than a few of JOY's honest Christians filled the blank with, "no more mortgage."

Not having a mortgage is a tremendous gift, and it frees us to dream. When a struggle to pay a mortgage is in play, the struggles to meet the mortgage payments create a sense of dread and a loss of control, typical feelings when one faces home foreclosure.

Thanks be to God, JOY is not in such a place. This is 100% due to the generosity of the community and the faithfulness of God to bless and multiply gathered coins and folding money, just as God did bless over 5000 gathered people through loaves and fish. God has us in very faithful space.

Soon we will plan and celebrate a "mortgage burning." Council and pastor have discussed this as being a Sunday morning affair with meal to follow. Once we have the "Satisfaction of Mortgage" from Mission Investment Fund, we will get that celebration on the books. The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Weitzel has a liturgy designed for such a celebration based on LBW setting II, one we will likely use on that day.

God truly is up to very good things in this place. You are a major part of that goodness.

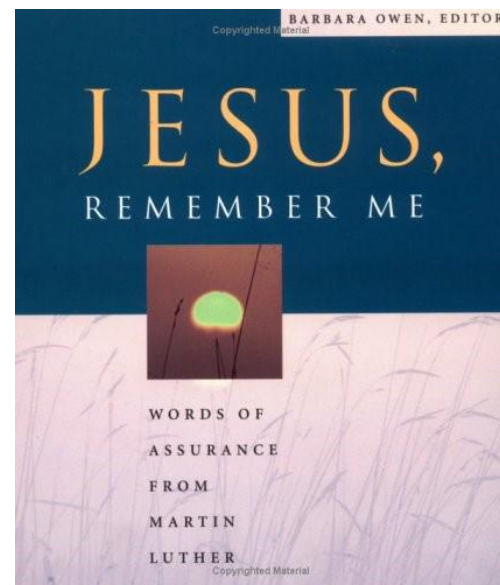
Thanks for being so very generous. As any healthy congregation knows, faithful giving is a mark of spiritual maturity. Poor giving is proof positive of an immature faith.

Martin Luther says, "When (a person) sees another who has no coat, they say to their money: 'Come out, young Mr. Gulden (a precious coin)! There is a poor naked person who has no coat; you must serve them. Over there lies a sick person who has no refreshment. Come forth, Sir Dollar! You must be on your way; go and help them.' People who handle their possessions in this way are masters of their possessions. And, surely, all honest Christians will do this." (Luther's Works 14:240)

Thanks for being such openly honest Christians.

Peace,
JDB+

P.S. If you'd care to read more of Luther's reflections on money and other matters, consider the book, [Jesus Remember Me, Words of Assurance from Martin Luther, Barbara Owen editor.](#)



2018 Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly Report

As we arrived and throughout the weekend, we were addressed as “People of God.” I like that, so now I would address you as “the Joyful People of God.” It was a privilege to represent Joy at the 2018 Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly. Each day we sat with our pastor and enjoyed our discussions. We were joined by 404 other delegates and 40 other attendees. Our Bahama Island representatives spoke of living the “baptismal life.” It was sad that the Cuban representatives were absent because they were not allowed to leave their country.

Pastor Lose spoke to us on two occasions. He told us the Bible is a collection of stories of God. The stories begin with Genesis and ends with Revelations. We identify ourselves in these stories. We live our lives between Acts and Revelations. It is enough. We are called to share the stories of scripture. That is enough. God will do the rest.

Barbara attended a workshop led by Rev. Ruth Hamilton. She spoke of an internal call or an external call. (Hmm, is this a call or indigestion?) Is there no burning bush? Maybe it’s like the first disciples, “come and see.” Am I looking at a vocation? Am I looking at a life walk with God? Not just what you do in church, but also as a wife, husband, parent, retiree? Is the inner call matched by an outer call? “All Christians have been called by God.” Church attendance alone is not a vocation. We have different gifts. When we see a need and know we have the ability to help, we are identifying a gift that may be a call.

The youth of the synod were represented by 17 teens, nine of whom spoke to the assembly. They were bright, happy, positive young people who were proud and very informed of their Lutheran heritage and mission.

In his keynote address Pastor David Lose addressed, “Making Sense of the Abundant Life.” Abundance doesn’t just refer to financial abundance; there are blessings of abundance in friendships, joyfulness and spirituality. What does the world tell us? “You are what you own, and what you have is not enough. Image is everything. There is not enough to go around, so our neighbors are competitors. You should be afraid.” If we know that money doesn’t make us happy, why do we act like it does? I Tim. 6:9-10: “For the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” But, we as Christians have a better story: Jesus said in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I come that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

There is much we would like to share with you about “Seeds for Haiti.” We think it would be a wonderful, wise, and giving project for the loving people of Joy.

So much more occurred during the weekend: elections, great music, meaningful worship, and fellowship. Next time, be willing to go and be a part of the Big Picture!

Thank you for allowing us to represent Joy.

Barbara and Lee Bockelman

Saturday August 4th, 2018, 8:00am - 10:00am



The Ladies of WELCA would like to invite everyone to join us for our first Continental Breakfast on August 4, 2018.

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

We decided to try something different than the usual Pancake Breakfast. It's summertime and it's hot, so we thought a lighter breakfast fare might be nice.

The Continental Breakfast menu:

Croissants with your choice of (jelly, honey or butter), Danish, Quiche/Egg casserole, Hard Boiled Eggs, Fresh fruit salad, Blueberry muffins, Bagels w/cream cheese
Orange juice, Coffee, Hot tea, Ice tea

The breakfast will be served from 8:00am-10:00am.

Please come and enjoy a light summer breakfast and great fellowship.

Hawaiian Night – Saturday, August 18th



Dinner, consisting of; Ham, Hawaiian Rolls, Side Dishes, and Desserts, will begin at 5:30pm. Entertainment will be in the form of a karaoke sing-along, after dinner. Bring your ukulele to join in the fun.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, so we have an idea of the number of people that will be attending.

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to our busy Fellowship Committee: Pastor Bryant, Rene Harper, Barbara Herndon, Marjorie Maenpaa, Lois Manaseri, Wahnetta Ryckman, Barbara Sparks and Patsy Steger.

Be sure to check our Sunday Bulletin as plans develop for additional events.

The next event will be on October 13th, catered by Sonny's Barbecue

Please join us at our next meeting to be held on August 14th at 11:00 a.m.

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 4th.....WELCA “new” summertime Continental Breakfast, starting 8:00am, \$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) – 1st Monday each month @ 10:00am.

Eve Circle (Bible Study) - 3rd Tuesday each month @11:30am. Bible Study on Prayer from the *Gather* magazine.

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) - every Tuesday @ 10:00am.

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

WELCA’s “Across the Street/Across the Ocean” School Supply Campaign was a huge success, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Because of your generosity, we reached our goal of \$800.00 (actually \$1,048.07.00). These donations will provide school supplies to more students at Turner Elementary School and more book bag kits to Lutheran World Relief. The need for school supplies here and worldwide is great.

Welcome Joy's newest members received in 2018

Dudley & Debra Bowling

Harriet Bryant

Stacy Bush

Tom Hennessy

Arno & Heidi Kuehnhold

Megan & Craig Lattig

Ken & Ruth Laumer

Mark Motluck

Patricia Muth

Mort & Emily Walton



Welcome Cub Scout Pack 484!

JOY Lutheran has a new addition, Cub Scout Pack 484. The Pack and church leaders chose 484 to honor our church as JOY was officially recognized as a congregation in April of 1984. This is a new Pack that provides boys and girls (yes, girls can now be Cub Scouts!) from kindergarten to 5th grade a fun environment to learn about their duty to themselves, family, country, and God. They will be recruiting from Turner, Westside and Columbia Elementary Schools and Odyssey Preparatory Academy, but children from any school are welcome! We will be planning joint events with the Pack so we can get to know the scouts and their leaders better. We look forward to a long and blessed relationship with this new Pack.

If you have kids or grandkids that are interested in joining the Pack, please reach out to Shaun (321-720-2952) or Kelly (321-536-8214) Arner for more information!



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.



Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?

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.

Young at Heart

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

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 4th Friday of each month to serve the noon time meal.

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 11:00am to 1:30p.m. everyday.

Help someone that is 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 August is August 24th. 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 soon be providing as many as 7 backpacks as the new school year begins in August.

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



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:

Charlotte Abrahams & Family
David Cruz
Janie Day
Ralph Feightner
Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim
Jason Herndon
Raymond Holm
John Kirsch
Craig Lattig
Harold Lengel
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Joyce Powell
Mark Russell
Elaine Simonelli
John Tucker
Thelma Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine

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 to everyone for the visits, cards, and prayers, during the time of my surgery and recuperation.

Blessings
Wahneeta.



August Birthday Blessings

- 08/01 Irene Tymczak
- 08/14 Charlotte Abrahams
- 08/18 Marion Bauman
- 08/22 Jim Parker
- 08/22 Robert Runk
- 08/23 Terry Embrey
- 08/23 Emily Walton
- 08/23 Elaine Heine
- 08/29 Ruth Laumer

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.

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.			10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	8am-10am Breakfast 10am WELCA meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:00am Fellowship Mtg. 12:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle "Wednesdays Together"		8:30am Property Work Group	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		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
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:45am Adult Bible Study	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle			8:30am Property Meeting	