



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 September 29th

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

"**Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off on Mondays except for last week of month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."



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

Tuesday, September 18th at 11:30 a.m.

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

Bible Study: "Repentance", a three-part Bible study by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni - September: Session one – Time after time: Turning to God. "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of—for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it? Joel 2:12-14; Mark 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-7; Acts 9:1-22; Romans 7:14-25

SUNDAY WORSHIP LITURGY

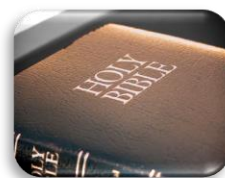
On Sunday September 16th our liturgy will change to ELW Setting 8. The worship and music committee indicated that JOY has used this liturgy in recent years.

Since we are a couple of weeks out from the change, please use this link----[ELW Setting 8---](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFq1stGOFGc)
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to listen, learn, or refresh memories. It is good for us to go ahead and prepare before the change, especially since sudden changes catch us off guard and frustrate us.

And, on a related note, thanks for growing into the change of letting the chimes on Sunday morning call us to a brief silence to prepare ourselves to worship God during the prelude.

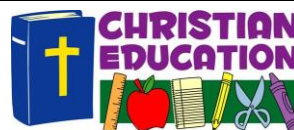
Peace,
JDB+

Lectionary "B" for September 2018



Gospel Readings

September 2nd Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9th Mark 7:24-37
September 16th Mark 8:27-38
September 23rd Mark 9:30-37
September 30th Mark 9:38-50



Sunday School is back in session. We can always use additional teachers. The materials are supplied to you and are very easy to follow. Because we rotate months, you do not have to teach more than 3 times during the year. Please pray about becoming a Sunday School teacher.

NOTE: Children are dismissed for "Children's Education Time" following the Pastor's "Kid's Talk", and return prior to Communion.

September 3, 2018



Labor Day is a special day. Even though it is not a religious celebration, we give thanks to all those that; provide care for the sick, produce food for our tables, and manufacture goods for our use.

We pray for all workers, that they will always have a worthy job, and for those that are seeking work, that they might find suitable employment.



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

We are in receipt of the Satisfaction of Mortgage from Mission Investment Fund. This is very good news. For all intents and purposes, we are debt-free. Be looking for a celebration to appear on the calendar very soon to mark this milestone moment.

A challenge of congregations in this debt-free space is the tendency to misunderstand this season as a time to under-give. We have a capital improvements fund that could certainly use our continued generosity. Proverbs 21:20 says, "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."

We are in a debt-free space that offers us the chance to dream, but it also offers us the chance to put JOY in a financial position to do viable mission now and in days to come. As we continue to faithfully fund the ministry of Jesus being done in this place, shouldn't both the endowment fund and the capital improvements fund be growing? Isn't giving to these a way to create a "house of the wise?" Isn't this a way to have metaphoric stores of "choice food and oil?"

God has made us wise and we are not likely to "devour" all we have, yet as we look to Jesus to bless and multiply what we have gathered, to direct us as we dream of new a/c units and new whatchamacallits, let's keep in mind how our discernments ought to reflect our core values.

Whatever discernments God inspires us to pursue, should support:

- 1) Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament and prayer
- 2) Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community.
- 3) Extending Christ's compassion and care to others.
- 4) Enjoying each other's company.
- 5) There is a place at Joy for everyone.
- 6) Getting to know the Word.
- 7) Everyone is worthy of care and respect.

In this hope-filled tender time, let's be positive discernment partners rather than sources of discouragement, anxiety, and negativity. Author of, *"If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat,"* John Ortberg says,

"God is never a God of discouragement. When you have a discouraging spirit or train of thought in your mind, you can be sure it is not from God. He sometimes brings pain to his children-conviction over sin, or repentance over fallenness, or challenges that scare us, or visions of his holiness that overwhelm us. But God never brings discouragement."

This is an exciting time for us. God is up to very good things in, with, and through JOY Lutheran Church. God is closing a chapter in our journey even as God opens another chapter in the same journey. This is a time to pray, to listen, to dream, and to give. Be open to Jesus inviting us to risk, "something good for something absolutely amazing."

Peace,
JDB+

Wednesdays Together

“Wednesdays Together”, a joint evening prayer service with Blessed Redeemer Episcopal (1225 DeGroodt 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 us 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.”*

"An Old Fashion Quilting Bee"

Saturday September 22 at 10:00 am



Come and see how we put the Lutheran World Relief quilts together. This year we are trying to make a record 100 quilts! You don't need to have any special talents, just want to learn or watch!

See MaryAnn Jones or Winnie Hall if you have any questions.

Snacks will be served!!

“Across the Street/Across the Ocean” was a huge success due to the generosity of our congregation. With the donations from the Congregation, our Special Angel, Thrivent, and other donations we had \$1,743.07 for the school supplies.



Hawaiian Night A big Success



All sixty of us had a great time for “Hawaiian Night”. The food was great and our sing-along was a lot of fun. A BIG “Thank You” goes out to our busy Fellowship Committee. Don’t miss out on the next event scheduled for October 13th, catered by Sonny’s Barbecue. Be sure to check our Sunday Bulletin as plans develop.



“It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them....”
Ecclesiastes 5:18b (NLT)

WELCA News

On August 4th we held our first Continental Breakfast. We had 25 people in attendance. All the wonderful and delicious food was donated and prepared by the ladies of WELCA. We received very positive comments about our breakfast. Hopefully this will be an annual summer breakfast.

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With that amount I was able to purchase all the recommended supplies plus items on the Kindergarten Wish List for 15 Kindergarten Students, 15 First Grade Students, 10 Second Grade Students, 5 Third Grade Students and 35 Students for Lutheran World Relief.

Applications are now available for the FI-Bahamas Synodical Women's Fall Gathering in Lake Yale, November 9-11. The cost of the event is 209.00, but if you register BEFORE August 31st, you save \$10.00, bringing the cost to \$199.00.

Joint registration would like to be mailed around August 26th. If interested in going, please talk to Linda Kratzer or Connie Steinhorst.

Young at Heart will begin on September 20th at 12:00 noon. Please bring your favorite Pot Luck Casserole and join us for delicious food and fantastic fellowship!!

Arrangements for our Silent Auction are progressing nicely. We have received several more gift cards and are working on a few more git items. Remember if you have anything to donate to the Silent Auction, talk to Harriet Bryant or Marjorie Maenpaa.

Jackie Baudek has been leading our Ruth Circle /Arts and Crafts. Due to increase of Family commitments, she will no longer be able to lead the circle. If anyone would like to lead the circle, please talk to Marjorie Maenpaa. This Circle meets the First Monday of the month at 10:00am. If a new leader is not found, the circle will be disbanded. We want to thank Jackie for her work and great ideas.

WELCA's next meeting and Pancake Breakfast will be on October 13th

Respectfully submitted
Marjorie Maenpaa WELCA President

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "... all things work together for good for those who love God...." Romans 8:28 (NRSV).

JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

September 16..... 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.

October 13..... Pancake Breakfast, followed by a meeting

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

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

December 1..... Women's Christmas luncheon at the Olive Garden 12:00 noon.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Dorcas Circle - (Quilting) Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.

Eve Circle - (Bible Study) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **11:30am** (after quilting).

Eve Circle will meet on Tuesday the 18st of September, 11:30 a.m., September GATHER magazine.

New Bible Study: "Repentance", a three-part Bible study by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni - September: Session one – Time after time: Turning to God. "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of—for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it? Joel 2:12-14; Mark 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-7; Acts 9:1-22; Romans 7:14-25

Rachel Circle - (Knit/Crochet) Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Phoebe Circle - (Card making) Not currently active, but continue to supply cards to Doris Bunker, for mailing to the congregation for birthdays and get-well.

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





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.

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.



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **September 20th 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. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



Melbourne's DAILY BREAD serves the poor and homeless by providing a daily meal and other essential services.

JOY Lutheran Church Team serves hot meals the 4th Friday of each month from 10:45 to 1:30 p.m. Please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391), if you can help.

Thanks to each of you for your support of this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

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.

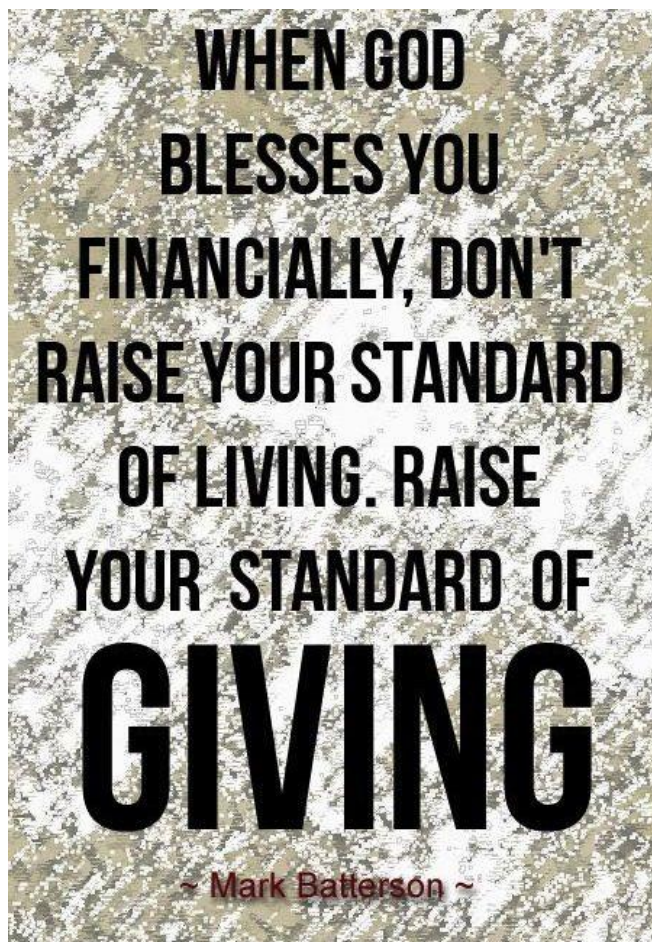
The next date we serve is September 28th. Volunteer to make a difference.

Thank you,
Connie Steinhorst

"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.



"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 as many as seven families each weekend. The cost is approximately \$125 per week.

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.

"DAILY BREAD"

Feeding
Hungry



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.



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:

David Cruz
 Janie Day
 Ralph Feightner
 Winnie Hall
 Gunner Heim
 Jason Herndon
 Raymond Holm
 John Kirsch
 Craig Lattig
 Jackie Mertens
 Nancy Pagelsdorf
 Joyce Powell
 John Tucker
 Thelma Tucker
 Mary Ann Valentine
 Teresa Ludder (loss of her father)

Note: See Sunday Bulletins for additional prayer concerns.

We care about you!



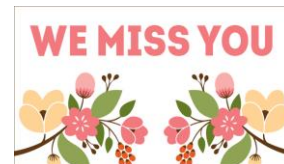
If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know you 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.



I want to thank all of you for the cards at Danny's funeral, and for the food following. Also, thank you for the many Birthday Cards I received.

God's Blessing
 Charlotte Abrahams



We miss our Joy Family, but we will be back soon. We plan to be back in Florida the 1st or 2nd week in November.

Blessings,
 John & Donna Burdick



September Birthday Blessings

09/02 Connie Thorman
 09/05 Haley Herndon
 09/10 Barbara Sparks
 09/13 Erik Maenpaa
 09/22 Dennis Baudek
 09/25 Dennis French

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 - August 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$97,816
Received in August	\$9,686	Received YTD	\$102,140
Mortgage/Capital Improvement			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$16,248
Received in August	\$2,004	Received YTD	\$15,658

Note: Monies listed above do not include ~\$56,514 received from insurance, for roof replacement.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.						
2	Labor Day 3	4	5	6	7	8
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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