



Tidings of Joy

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



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November 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

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday November 24th

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

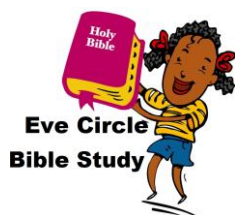
John Manaseri

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, November 20th at 11:30 a.m.

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

Bible Study: "Repentance", a three-part Bible study by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni - October: Session Two –Turn, turn, turn: A Time for faithful repentance. If I could turn back time: Turning to others.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

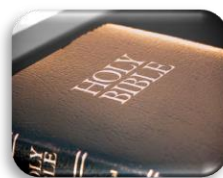
We have realized that the announcements have been getting longer and longer and cutting into our worship time. In order to cut down on the announcement time we ask that you do the following:

- 1- If you have a monthly meeting or event(s) coming up, please add it to the calendar in the office. Brenda will then put it in the Sunday Bulletin.
- 2- If you have a new announcement, please write or type it out and give it to Pastor Bryant before the service. He will then make the announcement for you.

Thanks for your help in this! We have lots going on at Joy and want to make sure everyone is aware of our events!

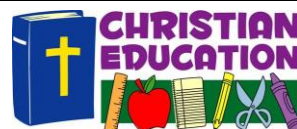
Chris Allebaugh

Lectionary "B" for November 2018



Gospel Readings

November 4th Mark 12:28-34
November 11th Mark 12:38-44
November 18th Mark 13:1-8
November 25th John 18:33-37



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.

Free Christmas Dinner



The men are sponsoring a "Free Dinner" on December 23rd. **Check with Mort Walton**, to be sure of correct date and time of dinner.



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

JOY experiences tremendous bounty in 2018. And, we've explored God's bounty during stewardship month.

In October, while we explored stewardship and celebrated faithful stewardship that led to the mortgage pay-off, we only touched lightly on stewardship of relationships. In this article, let's explore stewardship of God's family---"Church." JOY is a united faith family, a warm, delightful, space where one easily perceives God to be up to something very good.

A challenge in any united family (yes, even idyllic JOY) is to "stay on the same page;" to live in unity while not necessarily in uniformity. To Christians in Corinth, divided over minutia, St. Paul writes, *"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose."*

St. Paul makes it clear that the Corinthian congregation is to be in unity. Disunity is sin. Disunity comes our way when we treat minutia, rather than Jesus Christ, as source of unity. Common sources of disunity are:

1-Gossip. In the moment we say, "I know we did it *this way-that-way-or-the-other-way*, but what I think we ought to do is," we've created strife. Strife fuels gossip. St. Paul calls church members who gossip, people "full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness" (Romans 1:29). And, gossip often leads us to form,

2-Cold-water sub-committees who manage the affairs of God's Church over blue plate specials in Alice's Restaurant. This group tosses "cold water" on any warm idea that stands any chance of moving a congregation from where it is to where God might be leading it. And, should this committee grow in number, what begins as gossip leads the committee to raise up and rally behind,

3-Church bullies. These members push, shove, and create side dramas to have things go their way. They're easily recognized for they say things like, "I don't care what council president/chairperson/pastor/usher/deacon/bishop says, I am going to do thus-and-such." If this goes unchallenged, the congregation's unity falls prey to their unhealthy show of stubborn force. And, what begins as gossip takes the form of,

4-Self-serving church members who insist on getting their own way, forgetting that Christ's Church is selfless and concerned about others rather than people-pleasing. And, again, what begins as gossip, shows itself to be a,

5-Poor prayer life. Prayer centers and guides us to turn, to discern God's next new thing. And, if Christ's Church neglects prayer, it will not discern God's next new thing, but will fall prey to self-serving agendas. And, what begins as gossip, may go unaddressed because we often,

6-Fear confrontation. Once seizes a congregation by the throat, fear becomes the congregation's false god. Members succumb to its paralysis rather than trust that God has placed sufficient love in the space to guide and heal relationships through faithful confrontation.

Yet, even here, when Christ's Church seems bound to fail, there is hope; for Jesus has a better unifying vision for God's Church than strife, confusion, and collapse. And, Martin Luther quite literally nailed it 501 years ago, Thesis 1 says: *When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.*

When we catch ourselves participating in numbers 1 through 6, we repent. We "knock it off" and "make a u-turn." We turn back to Jesus and away from whatever we've made the source of our unity. When we do this, we experience "reformation" through repentance, and, then we seek to make things right. This is how God's family remains in unity, even if we aren't always in uniformity. And, thanks be to God, there is grace sufficient for us to will and to do these things.

Blessings,
JDB+

GOD'S PANTRY

The mission of God's Pantry is to reduce hunger in Florida through community outreach.

Pat Gorski will be with us November 11th to offer a Temple Talk on God's Pantry.

Since inception, the pantry has distributed 1,871,030 meals. In 2017, 542,220 meals were distributed; serving an average of 1043 clients per week with a record of 1255 on 5/31/17. These numbers are actually low since the guestimate is that clients will receive an average of 10 meals per week. Given the weight of food that is received, it is believed to be much more.

Joy Lutheran has supported God's Pantry, in the past, through the Thanksgiving offering

Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship



The worship service will be followed by pie and coffee fellowship, sponsored by Fellowship Committee.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 1, 2018

12:00 p.m.

Olive Garden restaurant on 192

Sign-up sheet in narthex

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 4.**



October 21, 2018

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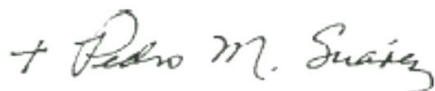
Dear Pr. Bryant and People of Joy,

Grace and peace are yours from God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ,
our Lord!

What a happy moment for all of you as you celebrate paying off your mortgage with the Mission Investment Fund! I join you in thanking God for allowing you to accomplish this tremendous achievement. By God's grace, your generosity, and discipline, you are now debt free.

I regret that I cannot be with you during this Reformation Sunday as you burn the mortgage, however, know that I share in your joy. My spirit is with you as I pray that God may grant you many more years of growth and of impact in your community.

Peace and all that is good,



The Rev. Pedro M. Suarez, Bishop
Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA

BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

The Boy Scouts are holding a food drive.

Can goods can be donated in a tub located in the Narthex, on the following days:

October 28th & November 4th



JOY Lutheran Church Women Annual CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE (fundraiser)

November 3, 2018 9:00 to 2:00 p.m.

- Crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting & more
 - Bake sale
 - White elephant table
 - Men's group: hot dog sale
- Silent Auction – 10 big, beautiful baskets, also for silent auction local business gift cards & special gift items
- Tables for rent for anyone who has crafts/items to sell (not garage sale)

Please let Linda Kratzer know (1) if you would like to contribute to WELCA's crafts or help with craft sale; (2) \$10.00 rent a table to sell your crafts

Linda Kratzer @ 321-727-1025

Baked goods are needed for the November 3rd Craft Show.

Baked items - Drop off days/times are:

Friday, November 2nd - **8 am - 12 pm**

Saturday, November 3rd - **7:30 am**



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Ruth Circle (Craft Circle) – 1st Monday each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Dorcas Circle (Quilting Circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Rachel Circle (Knitting/Crocheting Circle)– every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

(Will not be meeting Thanksgiving week, Wednesday, November 21.)

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. (Bible study from the Gather Magazine.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 2 - set up for Craft Sale, etc.

NOVEMBER 3 - Craft Sale/Bake Sale/Yard Sale/Silent Auction/Hot Dogs – WELCA combined fundraiser 9:00 - 2:00

NOVEMBER 3-10 - Cub Scouts can food collection – tub in narthex

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

DECEMBER 1 - WELCA Christmas luncheon 12:00 p.m. at Olive Garden on 192, West Melbourne

JANUARY 2, 2019 - Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2, 2019 - WELCA meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.

Musical Notes from "Pilgrim Journey"



Blessings to all at JOY church from the members (and friends) of Pilgrim Journey.

On August 25 Dennis French played with us for the last time. He and his wife Bonnie are moving to Canada. We will miss his spirit and certainly his wonderful guitar playing. This will cause the flavor of the band to change. Guitar is key to much of the music that we play and we will not "do without" a good guitar player. Please pray with us that we will find a perfect fit. Meanwhile, Bruce Marion (owner and operator of Marion Music in Palm Bay) will be playing guitar when he is available.

Meanwhile, Saturday night "Praise and Pizza," instituted by Pastor Ludder, continues as usual. For those who do not realize it, this fellowship following the service, allows people to bring any beverage of their choice that they wish to have with their pizza. This time of fellowship, in good taste, is a great ministry tool.

May the blessings of God in Christ Jesus be yours. See you at the end of the month for "Rockin' Praise and Worship"

Pilgrim Journey
Angela, Alvin, Bob
Maybe YOU!



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.



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.

"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 \$175 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.



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.

"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.

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 **November 15th 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.

"DAILY BREAD"



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

There are many in Brevard County who are unemployed, in poverty, homeless from addiction and unexpected traumatic loss. Melbourne's DAILY BREAD serves the poor and homeless by providing a daily meal, hot showers, clean clothes 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.



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:

Connie Crump
Emilio Cruz
Janie Day
Todd Eagle
Gunner Heim
Jason Herndon
John Kirsch
Craig Lattig
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Joyce Powell
Erik Saunders
Patsy Steger
John Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine

Note: See Sunday Bulletins for additional and most current 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.

Holy Hotlines:

“Ring up these scriptures, lines are open 24/7”

Worry Hotline.....1 Peter 5:7
Fear Hotline..... Isaiah 41:10
Temptation Hotline.....1 Corinthians 10:13
Doubt Hotline..... Romans 10:17
Suicide Hotline..... John 10:10
Sickness Hotline..... Isaiah 53:5
Depression Hotline..... Psalm 34:18
Loneliness Hotline..... Deuteronomy 31:8

*(if those don't work call on God,
♥ He always answers)*

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“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6 ((NRSV)



November Birthday Blessings

11/01	Ed Baltzersen
11/02	Nicholas Peters
11/05	Melody Shaffer
11/05	Linden Strandberg
11/08	Dorothy Kirsch
11/13	Dudley Bowling
11/14	Caitlin Getter
11/14	Trent Thorman
11/18	Thelma Tucker
11/19	Bonnie French
11/22	Connie Lampel
11/25	Mort Walton
11/26	Joyce Ireland
11/27	Joy Christensen
11/28	Martha Carmichael

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 - September 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$110,043
Received in September	\$10,969	Received YTD	\$113,109
Mortgage/Capital Improvement			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$18,279
Received in September	\$2,226	Received YTD	\$17,884

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

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Group	9am-2pm Christmas Craft Sale
<i>All Saints Sunday</i> 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
<i>Veterans' Day</i> 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:00am Fellowship Mtg. 12:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group	
18	19	20	21	<i>Thanksgiving</i> 22	23	24
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service		8:30am Property Work Group 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting	