



# Tidings of Joy

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



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February 2019

## 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 February 23rd**

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

## 2019 Church Council

**Pastor** - Rev. John David Bryant  
**President** – Karen Runk  
**Vice President** – Melody Shaffer  
**Secretary** - Kelly Arner  
**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley  
**Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer

### **Council Members at Large:**

Renee Harper  
Bob Getter  
Wahneeta Ryckman  
Ray Shaffer  
Barbara Sparks  
Connie Thorman

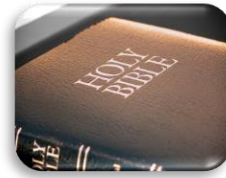
"**Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off on Mondays except for last week of month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or [prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."



WELCA Eve  
Circle Bible Study on Tuesday,  
February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a.m.,  
Jan/Feb *GATHER* magazine.

Bible Study: “Meetings with Jesus”, a four-part Bible study -  
February: Session two – By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus. We ponder the mystery of God with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, two people seeking healing and a hungry crowd.

## Lectionary “C” for February 2019

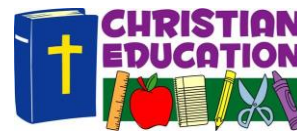


### Gospel Readings

February 3rd..... Luke 4:21-30  
February 10th..... Luke 5:1-11  
February 17th..... Luke 6:17-26  
February 24th..... Luke 6:27-38



The “Altar Guild” is looking for a few people that are willing to help. See Jackie Baudek or Mary Ann Jones. They will be happy to explain all that would be required of you.



We can always use additional Sunday School 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.

## PREPARE TO SHARE

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” *Barbara Bush*



## Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

God has us dashing right out of the gate in 2019. We have our annual drive for Turner students taking place during the first two weeks in February. And, that benevolent drive comes hot on the heels of our annual meeting held Jan 27th. I say it often, and in complete sincerity, "God is up to good things at JOY Lutheran Church."

Let me bullet some things that I see:

- Growth in membership numbers
- Growth in flexibility
- Growth in generosity
- Reduction in anxiety
- Reduction in way-it-has-to-be-done thinking
- Openness to try new things
- Openness to risk

I see these very good things and more. What of God's very good things do you see? Have you shared these with others? Will you share them?

Bear in mind St. Paul's words to the Christians at Philippi, "*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*" (Philippians 4:8)

Something worth talking about are our recent baptisms. We baptized two adults into Christ Jesus, January 13th, and two children into Christ Jesus, January 20th. God truly is up to very good things at JOY Lutheran Church.

Take a look at the photo below. It is the silly picture taken after the baptism of Lila and Jessie Caudill. Those kids are precious even without their bunny rabbit ears. Let's make them feel welcome. Jeff George is their sponsor and is supporting them through baptismal and communion conversations. Let's make them feel right at home here at JOY.

God bless—

JDB+



Welcome Lila & Jessie into God's family!



# Bryant Brothers in Africa

**Stephen** continues his work in Rwanda at the local international school.



The crowd in the photo on the left watches him as he walks to and from his worksite each day.



His worksite is in the edge of a desert so Stephen finds it interesting that a fish hatchery has been establish in one of the low-lying areas. The idea is to provide a sustainable food source for locals.



Because dust gets everywhere, Stephen is constantly washing clothes in a washtub and laying them out on bushes so that they dry.

You can follow along with Stephen's journey through his newsletter. If you'd like to subscribe, contact Stephen by email ([stephenbry@gmail.com](mailto:stephenbry@gmail.com)) and ask to join his followers.



An aside—I cannot provide a current photo of Stephen because he is one of those folks who takes lots of photos yet manages not to take a photo of himself. So, another picture of Rwanda will have to do.

# Bryant Brothers in Africa



**Sean**, styling in his dark sweater, continues to serve several hours away from Mt. Kilimanjaro at the Plaster House. He has learned so many things about making tough, caring, medical decisions.



He lives with a host family—a huge learning experience for him—differing customs, patterns, habits, and ways of doing things. And, even very different styles and ways of cooking.



He learned last week that he will be returning to the States on either 8/9 July. He loves much about Tanzania yet misses much about the USA. The thing he probably misses most is the ability to take regular showers.

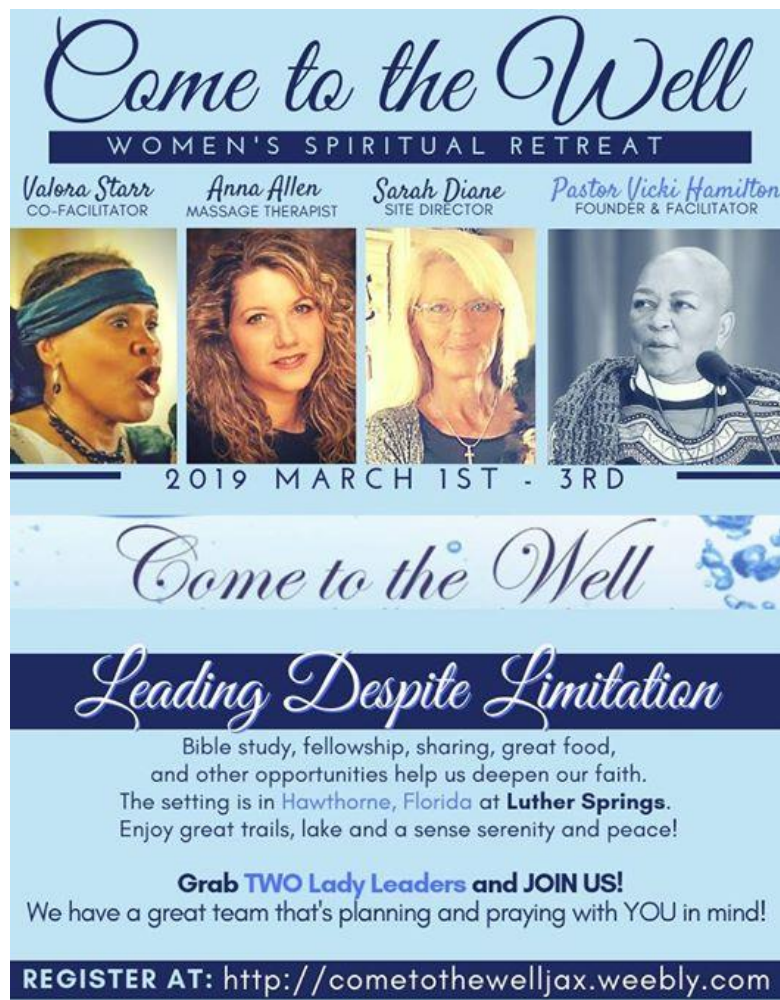
And, just about everywhere he goes are the monkeys. There are monkeys all over the place, even in the cities. They look so very cute, but they are mean. According to Sean, they bite, and if you feed them once, they expect you to feed them every time you walk by.



You can follow along with Sean's journey through his newsletter. If you'd like to subscribe, contact Sean by email ([seanbry@gmail.com](mailto:seanbry@gmail.com)) and ask to join his followers.



"Come to the Well" - March 1-3, 2019 at Luther Springs. This is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church and National WELCA. See Harriet Bryant for more information.



*Come to the Well*  
WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

*Valora Starr*  
CO-FACILITATOR

*Anna Allen*  
MASSAGE THERAPIST

*Sarah Diane*  
SITE DIRECTOR

*Pastor Vicki Hamilton*  
FOUNDER & FACILITATOR

2019 MARCH 1ST - 3RD

*Come to the Well*

*Leading Despite Limitation*

Bible study, fellowship, sharing, great food,  
and other opportunities help us deepen our faith.  
The setting is in Hawthorne, Florida at Luther Springs.  
Enjoy great trails, lake and a sense serenity and peace!

**Grab TWO Lady Leaders and JOIN US!**  
We have a great team that's planning and praying with YOU in mind!

**REGISTER AT:** <http://cometothewelljax.weebly.com>



Joy Lutheran Church is sponsoring a grief support group. The group will begin meeting the week of February 18, 2019. Please see Harriet Bryant if you are interested.

## GET READY FOR SOME FUN

**WHAT:** Bunco Night with Potluck.

**WHEN:** February 9th at 5:30pm.

**WHERE:** Church.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring a smile, and your favorite dish to share. Dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.



If you have never played Bunco, you have been missing out. Be sure to show up, and bring a friend.

## Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **February 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Soap Collection Continues Lutheran World Relief.



Thank you for your support of this project. Nearly 600 bars have already been collected.

## HELP WANTED



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. Since our entire service is projected on our screen, this is obviously an important job.

## Newsletter

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **March Tidings no later than February 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Email David Steinhorst [dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com) or provide a printed copy.

## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### WELCA Calendar 2018

#### CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

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

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 2nd Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. New Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine starting in January

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

FEBRUARY 21: Young at Heart – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, all months except April due to Shepherd Center being hosted by JOY, also no Thursdays June – August (meeting on: Mar. 21, May 16, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19)

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 – Bold Women Sunday

MARCH 2019: Come to the Well Women's Retreat @ Luther Springs Camp/Retreat Center. More info to come

MARCH 2: 10:00 a.m. WELCA meeting

MARCH 5: Pancake Supper/Shrove Tuesday to be held jointly with Fellowship Committee.

MARCH STARTS LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS: times & dates to be set

MARCH 9, 2019 – Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering at St. Timothy's, Melbourne, Florida. More information to come.

MAY 4, or MAY 11, AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>: Pancake Breakfasts, 8:00 – 9:45 (also Aug. 3, and Oct. 5)

MAY 4, or MAY 11, AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. WELCA meetings for the year will be held following Pancake Breakfasts (also Aug. 3, and Oct. 5)

MAY 6<sup>th</sup>: Rachel's Day – everyone wear blue!

MAY 12<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day fellowship - WELCA to provide cakes for fellowship

JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day fellowship - WELCA to provide cakes for fellowship

JULY 13 & JULY 22: School supplies campaign for Turner Elementary and LWR school packs.

SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>: Thankoffering Service

FL-BAHAMAS SWO FALL GATHERING @ LAKE YALE: Nov. 8-10, 2019

NOVEMBER 2<sup>rd</sup>: Craft Sale/Bake Sale

DECEMBER 7: Christmas luncheon

WELCA Annual meeting held on January 12, 2019: new officers elected: Pres. – Marjorie Maenpaa, Vice Pres. – Harriet Bryant, Sec. – Connie Steinhorst, Treasurer – Linda Kratzer. The agenda for the year was set (see above calendar). The JOY WELCA Love Offering/Charity for 2019 will be GOD'S PANTRY. There are expansion needs for a new facility at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the new Love Charity for 2019. The ladies will continue to host pancake breakfasts as a fundraiser. Pancake breakfasts will begin at 8:00 a.m. All ladies of the congregation are asked to help: food servers, pancake flippers, sausage & egg makers, and people to set up & clean up. The price of tickets is \$6.00. A big thank you to all 2018 WELCA officers and a special thank you to Lois Manaseri who is going off the board after serving as Vice President.

Attendance at our January Pancake Breakfast was 21! Thank all of you who came for breakfast and all of you who helped serve breakfast.



## QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Have you always wanted to learn how to make quilts, or already know how but do not have a sewing machine? Well, the ladies of the Dorcas Circle are here to help you get started. They have two Brother Sewing Machines Model# RCE1100PRW just waiting for you to use.



Please contact Mary Ann Jones (984-7528) or Linda Kratzer (727-1025), if you have any questions.



**DAILY BREAD, INC.**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, JOY has a team serving hot meals at Daily Bread in Melbourne, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for people who are experiencing homelessness or without food. Please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391) if you would like to help in this ministry.



## "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 outreach program.



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.

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink served after worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship", consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex or on the refreshment table.

## 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.

*"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.



*<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:

William Bryant  
Emilio Cruz  
Janie Day  
Gunner Heim  
Jason Herndon  
John Kirsch  
Craig Lattig  
Christine Morse  
Mark Russell  
Joe Stella  
John Tucker  
Mary Ann Valentine  
Morgan Westlake

Note: See Sunday Bulletins for additional and most current prayer concerns.



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](mailto:joylutheranpb@gmail.com), with your current email address. Your email address will not be distributed.

**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.



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.

Do you have an empathetic heart? Are you a good listener? Can you hold some one's hand? Do you pray for others? If so, you might want to train as a Stephen Minister who listens to other's concerns and prays with them. See Elaine Heine as a new class is starting up.

Stephen Ministers also hold Services at nursing homes on the following schedule. Volunteers to help are always welcomed.

Life Care - 2nd Sunday 10am  
Sarah Care - 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm





## February Birthday Blessings

2/01 Kay Small  
 2/03 Brian Getter  
 2/05 George Christensen  
 2/07 Pr. John Green  
 2/16 Kenneth Wolf, Jr.  
 2/17 Don Heine  
 2/20 Roy Chin  
 2/21 Lee Bockelman  
 2/22 Emilio Cruz  
 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey  
 2/23 Maryann Valentine  
 2/23 Leah Bockelman  
 2/24 Luther Radway  
 2/26 Joy Peters

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 - December 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$146,724
Received in December	\$17,002	Received YTD	\$155,030
Mortgage/Capital Improvement			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$24,372
Received in December	\$2,058	Received YTD	\$23,124

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

## FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	5:30pm Bunco Night & Potluck
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle  11:00am Fellowship Mtg.  12:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle  11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Meeting  10am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
24	25	26	27	28		
8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship  "Bold Women Sunday"	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle			