



Tidings of Joy

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



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March 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 March 30th

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."



In 2019, study the Bible with Gather Magazine! WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study Tuesday, March 19 @ 11:30 a.m.

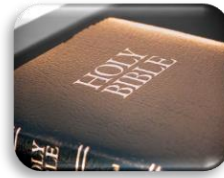
Gather's four-session (January through April) Bible study, "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus," written by the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr. Kanarr, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington, helps us understand Jesus' message through his interactions with the people we meet in John's Gospel.

Session three Friends for Life in Christ
In the Gospel of John, we see how the lives of a woman who committed adultery, a blind man and three friends of Jesus are transformed by faith.



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.

Lectionary "C" for March 2019



Gospel Readings

March 3rd..... Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]
March 10th..... Luke 4:1-13
March 17th..... Luke 13:31-35
March 24th..... Luke 13:1-9
March 31st..... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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Ash Wednesday Service

March 6th at 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Services at Joy

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, with a service of the Imposition of Ashes at Joy. This service will be at 7 pm. On the five following Wednesday evenings, we will have a simple soup and sandwich supper together beginning at 6:00pm. Following dinner, at 6:45 pm, we will have a brief service of worship using Holden Evening Prayer.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 5th at 6:00pm



The origin of Shrove Tuesday comes from the idea of - the night before Lent begins - consuming everything in the household from which one planned to abstain during Lent. We serve pancakes to connect us to the customs of a time when flour, eggs, milk, butter and other food items were all on the Lenten abstinence list. These days we celebrate the evening before Ash Wednesday more as a foretaste of the feast to come at Easter. (ELCA)

Lenten & Holy Week Service Times

March 5th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6pm

March 6th - Ash Wednesday 7pm

Beginning March 13th Holden Evening Prayer midweek 6pm soup & sandwich dinner, 6:45pm service.

April 14th - Palm Sunday (We would ask that you bring your own palms, extras will be available.)

April 18th - Maundy Thursday 7pm (If you are able, bring sock donation for homeless.)

April 19th - Good Friday Tenebrae 7pm

April 21st - Easter Sunday



Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

We've rounded the corner from Epiphany into Lent; hard to believe Ash Wednesday is upon us, March 6th. It seems like Christmas Eve was not so long ago.

Right now, as I type, the quilters have put me in a Lenten mood; they're putting together a lovely purple-themed quilt that makes Lent feel very present. And, soon it will be.



In the midst of Ash Wednesday's liturgy, we will hear:

"As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection." (ELW, Ash Weds liturgy)

How do we receive what we hear? Will we receive what we hear as a call for personal, individual, moralistic perfectionism? Will we receive what we hear as God urging us to use the ancient tools of God's Church (prayer, fasting, Sacraments) to become both aware and penitent for the ways we make life dusty and ashen for self and others? How do we receive what we hear?

I suppose one way to receive what we hear is to allow it to motivate us to, "look for the monsters under our bed."

Don't we often live as though, by not looking under our metaphoric beds, the monsters won't get us? And, doesn't that keep us too afraid to look under the bed that is us, too afraid to profess our sin, too afraid to profess our disappointment, too afraid to profess our faithlessness, too afraid to profess our hopelessness, and ultimately, too afraid to profess our pervasive fear of death? Isn't this why we require the ancient tools of God's Church? Don't we require their ritual, sign, allegory, and power, to pry into the secret place within us, often kept secret even from ourselves, the space under the bed that is us, the space we're too ashamed to profess is there? Aren't those ancient tools what empowers us to look under our bed?

Why not use those tools, often and sincerely, as together with Jesus, we spend the next forty days looking under our beds?

God bless—

JDB+

2019 Church Council



Left to Right: *Wahneeta Ryckman, *Connie Thorman, **Vice President** - Melody Shaffer, *Ray Shaffer
President - Karen Runk, **Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer, *Renee Harper, **Secretary** - Kelly Arner, *Barbara Sparks
Absent from Photo: **Treasurer** - Kim Tolley and *Bob Getter

* Council Members at Large

Welcome

Welcome our newest members, received February 3rd.

Jeffery (Jeff) George
Emmanouill Manoussakis
Kathi Manoussakis
Holly Walsh
Merrieanne Young
Peggy Ann Marion.

Joy Lutheran Church Property Group



Update for the coming year 2019

Property Group held their first meeting of the year on January 25, 2019. There were ten members from our Church present for the meeting. We were honored to have our Pastor John David Bryant sit in on our meeting with us and offer his advice and input, good turn out and a very productive meeting. John Manaseri will be Property Manager for the year. Ken Laumer was elected to be Assistant Property Manager.

Our first project for the start of the year was removal of the stage area in the church, moving the piano and organ, putting the wall in front of them, and opening up the space for more seating in our church. This will make our church look better and visitors will feel more welcome. Yes, this did and will cause other problems but they can be address as they arrive. And everyone has his or her idea of the lay out, but we listened to them all and made it happen. A good example of use of this new space was setting up for Bunco Night on Saturday February 9, 2019. We did not have to disrupt the whole church setting. It worked out great.

Here what's going on and still in the works!

The chair project is still on going and will be completed soon. There about eighty chairs left to be completed. Jim is refinishing the wood arm chairs. He is redoing the font base Too. The font will be completed by March first. Just in time for Lent services.

Ken has spear headed cleaning the brush along the fence and scrub brush on the property. It looks great but we still have a long way to go. So far, he has taking three or four trips to the land fill. This is ongoing project for a while. But will be worth it in the end.

The A/C unit in the lady's storage shed is leaking and rotting away the wall on the inside. This needs to be looked at and made right, before it causes more damage. They also need new light fixtures installed.

The urinal in the men's bathroom needs new fixtures. It leaks and does not flush properly.

The men need to clean their sheds and throw out things they do not need or use any more.

As the saying goes," If you have not used an item or do not have a use for it throw it out." Get organized.

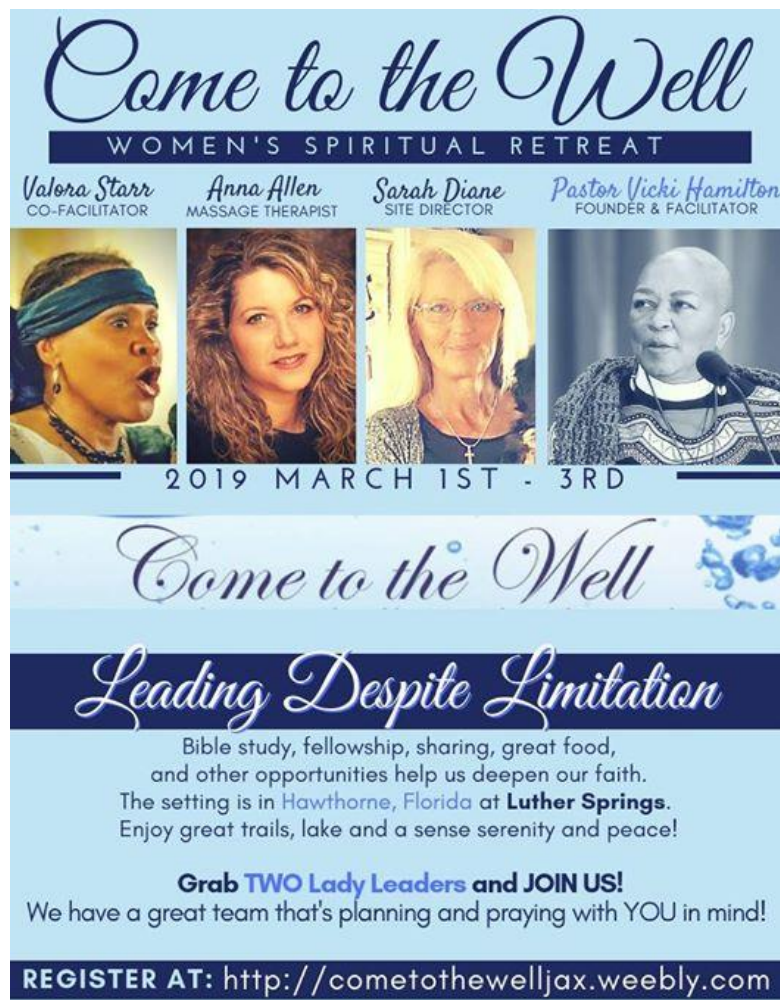
The new blocks were purchased for the new electrical sign; they still need to be put in place so this project can be completed.

These are just a few things that need to be done and I'm sure there will be many more added to our list. It looks like 2019 is off to a good start.

One of the most important things is the Property Group needs volunteers on Friday mornings to help. For many hands make for lighter work. So, come and enjoy working on the Lords House. You will be greatly enriched by doing so. If you cannot make it on a Friday then perhaps, we can change our work days to Saturday morning. But we desperately need help.

Respectfully Submitted by
Property manager
John Manaseri

"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.

Shepherd's Center

Our Spring Session will be held on Tuesdays, April 9 - 30 (Computer Class) at Riviera United Church of Christ and Thursdays, April 4 - 25 at Joy Lutheran Church. Class descriptions and brochures will be available in March.

Shepherd's Center offers classes, in a wide variety of subject matter, for adults, regardless of age, who are free during the day. We are always looking for volunteer instructors/facilitators who are willing to share their knowledge and experience with others.

For additional information about the Shepherd's Center or to volunteer, please speak with Elaine Heine. You can also find up to date information and brochures at www.shepherdcenterofsb.org.

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.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **March 21st 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.

Lutheran World Relief Soap Collection



Thank you for your support with this project. Five hundred seventy-six bars were collected.

"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.

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

WELCA Calendar 2019

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

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

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine “Meetings with Jesus”

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

March 21: Young at Heart – 3rd 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)

MARCH 1-3, 2019: Come to the Well Women’s Retreat @ Luther Springs Camp/Retreat Center, see or talk with Harriet Bryant for more details

MARCH 2; 10:00 a.m. WELCA meeting – all women of JOY are invited to attend

MARCH 5: 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted by WELCA and Fellowship Committee.

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS: Mar 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10

MARCH 9, 2019 – Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering at St. Timothy’s, Melbourne, Florida. Starting 9:30 with registration and coffee fellowship, \$10.00/lunch prepared by St. Timothy’s women’s group, offering taken during Communion Service and Love Offering after Business Meeting. Theme “Welcome One Another”. Sign-up sheet in narthex. Please sign up by March 3. Carpooling can be coordinated from church.

MARCH 17, 2019: Celebrate National Quilt Day

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

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

MAY 6th: Rachel’s Day – everyone wear blue!

MAY 12th: Mother’s Day fellowship - WELCA to provide cakes for fellowship

JUNE 16th: 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 15th: Thankoffering Service

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

NOVEMBER 2nd: Craft Sale/Bake Sale

DECEMBER 7: Christmas luncheon

Bold Women Sunday was celebrated on Feb. 24, Thank you Pr. Bryant

Turner Elementary School Fundraiser – A big “Thank You” to our congregation for your support

LWR Report: February was Lutheran World Relief month. JOY’S WELCA shipped 84 quilts, 35 school kits, 576 bars of soap. GREAT JOB WELCA and thank you congregation for your help.

Women of the ELCA

Florida Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization SPACECOAST CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING GATHERING

March 9, 2019

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
1903 Croton Road, Melbourne, FL

9:30 - REGISTRATION (\$10.00) and COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Communion Service
Business Meeting
Election of new officers
Lunch

Bible Study

Theme: Romans 15:7

***Welcome one another therefore as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God***

Two offerings to be collected:

- (1) Synodical Women (SWO) and
- (2) FI-Bahamas SWO "Love Offering" for CALM Organization, Inc.
(Calm Aid for Littles & Moms), Niceville, FL

Sign-up sheet in narthex – Sunday, March 3 is deadline for sign-up.

For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or talk to Connie Steinhorst, Linda Kratzer, Elaine Heine, and Lynn Ash. Sign up so Marjorie can give the count for lunch. We will carpool.

Daily Bread

Ensuring no one faces hunger or homelessness alone



On the 4th 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. to 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.



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.



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:

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

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, 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



March Birthday Blessings

3/02 Gene Sorensen
 3/03 Curtis Church
 3/06 Christian Adams
 3/08 Mark Motluck
 3/13 Emmanouill Manoussakis
 3/15 Ken Laumer
 3/20 Zechariah Bush
 3/21 Lois Manaseri
 3/22 Jane Antonsen
 3/26 Alexis Woods
 3/27 Sharon Russell
 3/29 Bonnie Getter
 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul
 3/31 John David Bryant

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 2019 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,822	Needed YTD	\$13,822
Received in January	\$10,958	Received YTD	\$10,958
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,962	Budgeted YTD	\$1,962
Received in January	\$1,931	Received YTD	\$1,931

MARCH 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	Shrove Tuesday 5	Ash Wed 6	7	8	9
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	10am Rachel Circle 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service		8:30am Property Work Group	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Daylight Saving Time Begins		10am Dorcas Circle 11:00am Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:45pm Lenten Service		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 12:00pm Social Ministry 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:45pm Lenten Service	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group 10am-1:30pm Daily Bread	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:45pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Meeting	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey