



# 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 April 25th

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band  
(Prayer and Praise)

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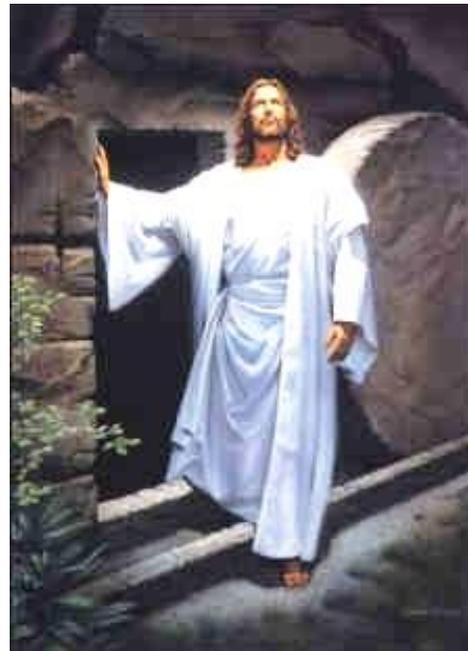
**Church Web Site:**  
www.joylutheranelca.com

**NOTE: All services, meetings, events, & activities are suspended as of this newsletter, until further notice, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Watch for updates from Pr. Bryant.**

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday April 12th



"Office Hours: Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off 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)."

## Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

Wow. Who could have foreseen how the world has gone in the past 30 days? Only Jesus, right? COVID-19 stinks---big time!

We are facing more uncertainty than many of us have ever known, and more than one person has compared their sense of this time as being similar to their sense of 9/11. People are feeling just about every emotion imaginable, ranging from disappointment at not having our regular worship rhythm to enjoying quiet time apart.

Our hearts ache for the graduates of 2020, particularly high school seniors, together with those who have clawed and gnawed their way to a college or vocational-tech degree. No "Pomp and Circumstance." No walking across the stage. No tassel turning across the mortarboard.

Our hearts ache for postponed weddings, delayed celebrations, canceled visits to family, and prolonged grieving due to rain-checked funerals. For these and so many other things, our hearts ache. Heart aches, however, are not our only feelings we possess, are they? We've a wide---WIDE---range of feelings in this uncertain time.

Please allow me to commend a picture for your consideration, from my psychologist cousin, Katrina:



To the degree that Katrina praises me for kindness, I praise her for insightfulness. She put this picture out into the universe to help us all recognize what we can and cannot control, those things upon which we should and should not focus upon.

If you study the picture closely, you will probably find an area (maybe more than one) in which God might be inviting you to make a personal, self-adjustment---one that will be to the good for others and for yourself. Your pastor wrestles almost daily with, "How long will this last." Perhaps like me, you find comfort in routine? Not knowing a definitive end can drive one batty! If the duration question isn't yours, then perhaps it is another.

Self-care is so very important. Rather than focus on what you cannot control, read a book, make a call, take a walk, enjoy a hot cuppa, bake a cake, play a video game, write, send a letter, or play cards.

Be wise enough to know when enough is truly enough. One can get enough of social media, news, over-dramatizing shortages, dwelling on how much hoarders stink, or conspiracy theories.

We are too beautiful and wonderful to allow ourselves to go to pot through focusing on things that are not to our good, not to the good of those around us either. Take care of yourselves. You are the only you that has ever been or ever shall be. You are precious. Love yourselves as well as you love your neighbors.

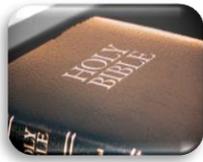
And, now, with St. Paul, I say to you,

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 there is*) and if there is anything worthy of praise (*and there is*), think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Blessings---  
JDB+

Lectionary "A" for April 2020



### Gospel Readings

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11  
Liturgy of the Word: Matthew 26:14- 27:66  
or Matthew 27:11-54

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

John 20:19-31

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Luke 24:13-35

**PENDING**

### Holy Week Service Times

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Palm Sunday

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Maundy Thursday 6:30pm

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** - Good Friday Tenebrae 6:30pm

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Sunday

**PENDING**

### Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

The Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format is a more informal worship service of prayer and praise. It will also be followed by a PIZZA FELLOWSHIP.

**Prayer - Praise - Pizza**

When you arrive for the service at 5:30 pm there will be a sign up for pizza. There is no charge, but we ask that you think about a donation of just \$1 a slice. There will be a choice of toppings. Just let us know how many slices you want and what kind, and we will place the order and it will be ready after the service.

Tea and lemonade will be provided, or else bring your own beverage.

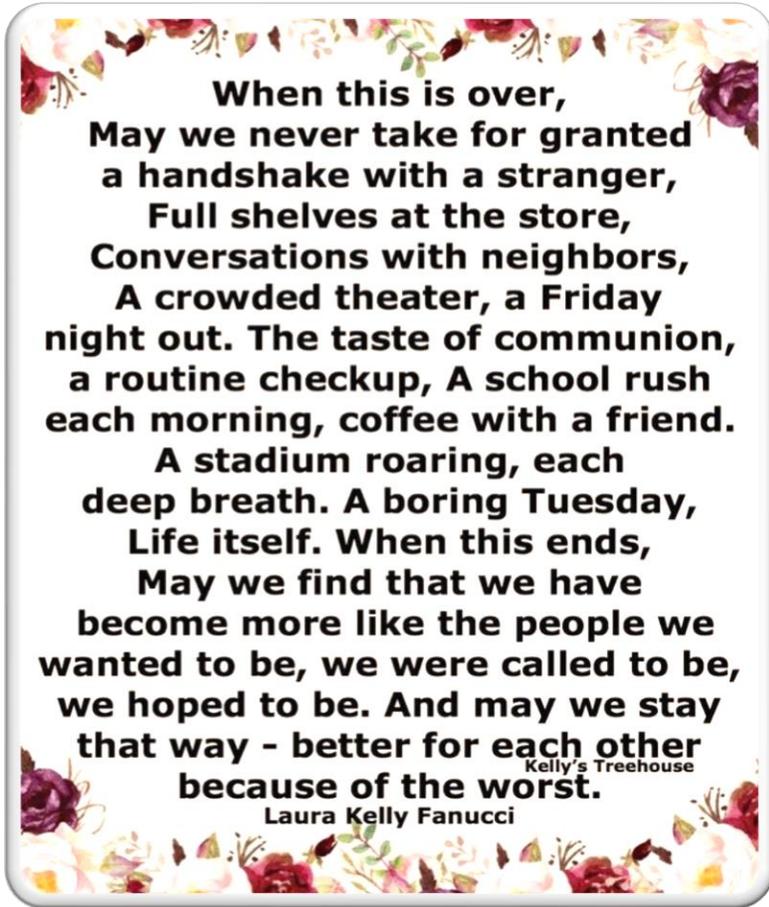
### *Wednesdays Together*

**"Wednesdays Together"**, 2020 Lutheran Episcopal Prayer Svcs, 6pm prayer, 6:30pm Meal. A joint evening prayer service with Blessed Redeemer Episcopal (1225 DeGroot Road SW, Palm Bay, FL) starts January 29th at 6pm.

4/29 Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna @Blessed Redeemer. We provide desserts

5/21 Feast of the Ascension @JOY. We provide meal.

6/24 St. John the Baptist @Blessed Redeemer. We provide desserts



**C** Christ  
**O** Over  
**V** Viruses &  
**I** Infectious  
**D** Diseases

**19** Joshua **1:9**  
*"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, March went by so very quickly, but not without a bang and a whirlwind of change. We, as a congregation, are working through unfamiliar times and situations due to COVID-19. Know that we, as a council, have your best interests in mind. Pastor Bryant and I have been in contact with each update released from the Bishop and the Synod. He and I have reached out to the council about the wishes of the Bishop and together: Council, Pastor and myself have chosen what we all felt was best for all the members of the congregation.

At our first meeting in February, the Council discussed and voted on submitting a Grant application for a camera system for the Church. This was based off the information the Church received from a safety inspection done last year by the Sheriff's department. We also set a date for the Congregational meeting for the voting of the revised Constitution, which has now been postponed. We also talked briefly about Day Camp 2020 which is due to be held the week of June 15-19. Blessed Redeemer will be holding summer camp the following week. We pray that, between the two Churches, we can reach and help more youth and parents during the summertime.

Our next council meeting will be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Via Zoom- video conferencing, another first for JOY.

God Bless and stay safe,  
 Melody Shaffer  
 JOY Council President

## Shepherd's Center

### **SHEPHERD CENTER SPRING SESSION CANCELED.**

At the Shepherd Center Board meeting we decided to cancel the spring session of Shepherd Center at Joy. With the COVID-19 spreading in Florida and since we serve an older population, we decided to take a cautious approach.

Elaine Heine

## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month @11:30, Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

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

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

APRIL 25: – Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering at Our Savior's, Vero Beach. Carpooling and more information to come.

WELCA would like to invite the congregation to be part of the **“GOOD GIFTS/FARM ANIMALS”** project. The fundraiser will be headed up by WELCA. March 1<sup>st</sup> was the official startup date. The closing date will be the end of May. Donations can be sent to the church with your weekly offering.



### ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR “DAY CAMP 2020”***

Day Camp 2020 is set for June 15-19, 9am-4pm. The following week, Blessed Redeemer will host a second Day Camp. We are drawing from two different pools of children, so this is collaborative and not competitive.

Stephen Bryant will be JOY's congregational contact person. He is looking for volunteers to handle housing four counselors, the Sunday night welcome for counselors, managing check-in/check-out, registration, daily snacks, and a nightly fun thing for counselors. Feel free to contact him at: [stephenbry@gmail.com](mailto:stephenbry@gmail.com)

Registration forms will be available once they become available to us from Novus Way. Children K-8 are welcome to attend. And, it's perfectly fine if they are not Lutheran. Fee will be less than \$10 per child.

# PENDING

## Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **Thursday April 16th at noon**. All are welcome. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. It will be a potluck luncheon. So please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert). The fellowship is always wonderful.

For additional information contact:  
Majorie Mäenpää (321) 327-8400

Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



## 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 **seven** families each weekend. The cost is about \$175 per week.

To contribute, use your offering envelope and specify Backpack on the "Other" line.

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.

# April 24<sup>th</sup> PENDING

## Daily Bread

Volunteering at the Daily Bread can be a great opportunity. It allows you to help those less fortunate in our community. Daily Bread is located at 815 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne. Daily Bread serves a hot meal every day to our homeless, and people in need. JOY members are a part of making this happen.

Please consider volunteering with our team on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.

**April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 – 1:30 p.m.**  
Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or  
Connie Steinhorst (725-6391)

*"...for I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something  
to drink, I was a stranger and you  
welcomed me..."*

Matthew 25:35 (NRSV)

## 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 **May Tidings no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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

## BSA Scout Pinewood Derby Day

Everyone is a winner in the JOY Lutheran-Pack 484 relationship.

Recently, Pack 484 hosted their Pinewood Derby at JOY Lutheran, Palm Bay. Some weeks before the race, the cub scouts challenged all of JOY to compete in the derby. Specifically, they extended a challenge to the "Men of JOY," who took up the challenge and entered the race. Now, every JOY Lutheran cub scout who won in their division will be going on to participate in an upcoming district competition.



## 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.



*<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:

Tina Breeden	Donald Christensen
Emilio Cruz	Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim	Ruth Holm
Bob Lengel	Julio Melendez
Judy Marciano	Elizabeth Planding
Joyce Powell	Rebecca Reynolds
Joy Sorensen	Thelma Tucker
Sherry Weldon	

Family of Larry Ciecierski  
Family of Barbara Herndon  
Family of Gary Sherman

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

## 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

## 2020 Church Council

**Pastor** - Rev. John David Bryant

**President** – Melody Shaffer

**Vice President** – Majorie Mäenpää

**Secretary** - Kelly Arner

**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary** - Renee Harper

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

Dudley Bowling

Bob Getter

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Mary Sherman

Barbara Sparks



**April Birthday Blessings**

- 04/07 Kim Tolley
- 04/08 Linda Corbin
- 04/08 Wahneeta Ryckman
- 04/09 Peggy Lindner
- 04/10 Nancy Feightner
- 04/11 Judy Baltzersen
- 04/12 Rene Harper
- 04/12 Orpha Lengel
- 04/14 Sandra Kenyon
- 04/23 Marjorie Maenpaa
- 04/26 Heidi Kuehnhold
- 04/28 Jan Jahnke

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 thru February 2020 Stewardship**

<b>General Fund</b>	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,863	Needed YTD	\$27,726
Received in February	\$14,779	Received YTD	\$25,605
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,662	Budgeted YTD	\$3,384
Received in February	\$1,661	Received YTD	\$3,150

*Remember the church with your regular offerings. Though we will be worshipping in a different way for now, the work of the church goes on and needs your support. Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity! You can mail your offering to the church.*

**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909**

# APRIL 2020

## All Services, Meetings, & Activities Pending

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</b></p>			10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 12pm Lenten Svc 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg
<b>Palm Sunday 5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Maundy Thur 9</b>	<b>Good Friday 10</b>	<b>11</b>
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship (Palm Sunday)		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	8:30am Property Work Day	
<b>Easter 12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship (Easter Sunday)		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11am Fellowship Mtg	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Day	9:30am-12pm Quilting Bee
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day 11am-1:30pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
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