



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 October 27th

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

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Vice President - Karen Runk

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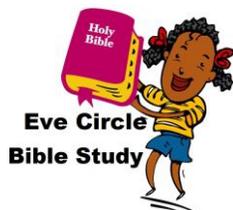
John Manaseri

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"**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."



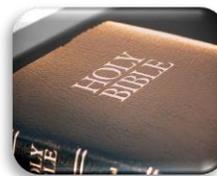
WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday, October 16th 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.

Lectionary "B" for October 2018



Gospel Readings

October 7th Mark 10:2-16
October 14th Mark 10:17-31
October 21st Mark 10:35-45
October 28th Mark 10:46-52



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.

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 monthly meeting or events 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



The Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

October is "Stewardship Month." So, let's start with a newsflash---GOD DOESN'T NEED OUR MONEY AND STUFF! God isn't needy, greedy, or found wanting. God creates by Word, has no needs ever.

Consider Psalm 50:12---*"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine."* God essentially says, *"I wouldn't come to you if I had a need."* God desires us to be awed by all God is and does and to respond accordingly. God doesn't need our money or anything else.

Consider King David in II Samuel 7. David puts his money toward God's kingdom, for David realizes that what God builds is more valuable and lasting than what David builds. David gives to God not because God is in need, but because David sees God's doings as having more value.

David is awed by God and responds through gratitude. When David seeks land for the Temple's construction, David refuses to receive land or oxen as the landowner's gift, saying, *"No, but I will buy them from you for a price; I will not offer burnt-offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing.' So, David buys the threshing-floor and oxen for fifty shekels of silver."* (II Samuel 24:18-15) From the depths of his heart, David responds in extravagant gratitude.

Some gifts are valuable for the good they do; other gifts expose the giver's heart, declaring what value they ascribe to God. An estimated 3.54 million people annually visit what became the Temple that David sought to offer God out of his heart's gratitude. David is grateful to God because of what he'd seen God do, how much more should we be grateful to God? David is blessed to be involved in building the Temple, whereas we have been blessed to be encountered and received by the One whose Temple it is.

Feeling grateful yet? Want to pour yourself out to God in gratitude? Ponder your gifts given through the Church to your God, over the last year. What would they say about God's value to you?

David used his money and stuff as God led him. We often overlook the Holy Spirit's work in giving. Consider biblical stories of giving, and you'll find where, *"God stirred up so-and-so's heart to give."* In Haggai 1:14, God stirs up Zerubbabel to go and work on the Temple. In 2 Corinthians 9, where God's Spirit moves through St. Paul to stir up Corinthian Christians to give lavishly so that, *"great generosity...will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."*

Giving is the Spirit-led business of God stirring our heart to listen and to obey as God directs. Is it possible that we don't give as we ought because we ignore the Spirit's leadings? Yet, what if it is something more?

The Rev. Dr. David Jeremiah says, *"I sometimes think the reason a lot of us don't know what to give God is because we've simply never asked God what God wants us to give."*

Ever asked God what portion of God's stuff that you steward for God, does God desire that you joyfully release back to God through God's Church? When was the last time that you directly asked God in prayer what God wants you to give? If there is no last time, why not make this your first time?

Peace,
JDB+

Bryant Brothers in Africa



These days, the Bryant brothers are busily learning African languages. Sean is in Tanzania, serving outside of the city of Arusha. A circuitous journey led him from Chicago to South Africa, South Africa to Swaziland, Swaziland back to South Africa, then to Tanzania via Kenya.

He is becoming accustomed to long hours spent mastering Swahili. He is becoming accustomed to how differently time is both perceived and managed. He is even becoming accustomed to vastly different styles of food. But, the thing to which he struggles to become accustomed is the monkey tribe that lives near his residence hall. During the days he likes them very well, but at night, when he hears them but cannot see them, he is terrified.

Once he masters Swahili, and whether he becomes accustomed to the monkeys or not, he will begin working in a clinic to assist in AIDS education and prevention.

This is a grand adventure. Feel free to join it via Sean's blog:

blessedarethepureinspirit.wordpress.com

Stephen is in Rwanda teaching English. He awakens each morning to the sounds from minarets calling faithful Muslims to begin prayer. This gets him rolling at 5AM.

A short walk takes him through open air markets to the school where he serves. He is getting used to the multiple languages spoken in his neighborhood. So far he is learning Kinyarwanda but has to pick up and use other words and phrases from other languages to do things like go shopping.

Many children cannot believe that someone so *old* as Stephen (almost 22 yrs old) is unmarried, has no children, or is not in a serious relationship. In their local culture, many are already married and starting a family before age 21. One child, teasingly but honestly, asked him, "Does no one want you? Is this why you are not married?"

Things go very well for him. Feel free to join his journey via his blog:

yourpeoplewillbemypeople.wordpress.com



The photos here are of the monkeys at Sean's residence and students in Stephen's class. Young Adults in Global Missions makes amazing differences in God's world. Check out their blogs if you'd care to learn more. And, thanks for your love, prayers, and support!

“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity”

A Three-week Stewardship Emphasis



As we celebrate stewardship, during the month of October, consider your response. The emphasis will be on “Receiving, Managing, and Sharing God’s Blessings”.

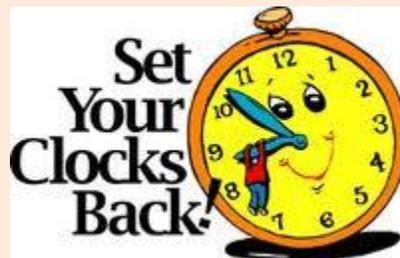
Keep in mind, that God is the Creator and Owner of all things, and along with the good gift of life, He entrusts resources to each person, including time, talents, relationships, and abilities. With every gift of God comes the responsibility to be a faithful steward of those resources.

As you pray about your response, you might be reminded of this offertory prayer:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 4.**

(Early Reminder)



Wednesdays Together

“Wednesdays Together”, a joint evening prayer service at Blessed Redeemer Episcopal (1225 DeGroot Road SW, Palm Bay, FL) on the 3rd Wednesday in October (**October 17th at 6pm**). 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.”*

“OCTOBER FEST”

Join the fun

Saturday, October 20th at 5:30pm October Fest catered by Sonny's Barbecue.

The cost is \$10.00 per person and children under 10 are free.



MORTGAGE BURNING



The day has finally arrived. Thank you to our Joy Family.

On Sunday October 28th, a Mortgage Burning Ceremony will be held after the church service.

This will be followed by light refreshments.

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.” Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Musical Notes from "Pilgrim Journey"



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

My last message in this space talked about Pilgrim Journey continuing to offer "Rockin' Praise and Worship" on the last Saturday of the month and stepping down from Sunday morning. We will continue to do this while helping to build up a contemporary worship experience at JOY. Al Kongsjord still serves on the Worship and Music committee and both he and Angela will be contributing to the planning needed to build another worship experience.

On August 25 Dennis French played with us for the last time. He and his wife Bonnie will be moving to Canada soon. We will miss his spirit and certainly his wonderful guitar playing. It is our hope that Dennis and Bonnie will be "snow birds" and we WILL see and hear

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 ministry tool.

The casual atmosphere of "Praise and Pizza," and the genuine hospitality expressed by our people, contributed to a couple seeking a church in their own neighborhood. Hospitality and a relaxed atmosphere are a power tool combo. Once, God drew people to Jesus at a wedding feast by prompting Jesus through Mary, his mother, to have him turn 80-ish gallons of water into wine. God is always at work to draw people to Jesus. And, God uses all sorts of ways and tools to inspire faith, to empower people to receive Jesus Christ.

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!



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



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Ruth Circle – arts/crafts – 1st Monday @ 10:00 a.m.

Dorcas Circle – quilts – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Rachel Circle – knitting/crocheting – every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Eve Circle – Bible Study – 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- OCTOBER 13th Pancake breakfast 8:00 – 9:30
- OCTOBER 13th WELCA Meeting 10:00
- NOVEMBER 3rd Craft Sale/Bake Sale/Silent Auction/White Elephant, hot dogs and more
- NOVEMBER 9-11: Bahamas Synodical Women of the ELCA – Fall Gathering, Lake Yale Baptist Retreat Center (all WELCA members are invited) Still time to register – financial aid is available through WELCA scholarships
- DECEMBER 1: WELCA Christmas luncheon at Olive Garden, 12:00 p.m.

Thank You Dorcas Circle for hosting an Old Fashion Quilting Bee on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The ladies demonstrated making the Lutheran World Relief quilts. The quilting bee was well attended and a lot of fun for all.

Coming November 3rd, Crafts/Bake Sale/White Elephant Sale. Please let Linda Kratzer know (1) if you would like to contribute to WELCA's crafts or help with craft sale; or (2) \$10.00 rent a table to sell your crafts. Linda Kratzer @ 321-727-1025

On September 16th, WELCA'S Annual Thankoffering service was held. This was a celebration service of community meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. WELCA displayed the many beautiful handmade quilts going to Lutheran World Relief. A special offering was collected and divided one-half to WELCA Synodical Women Organization and one-half to the JOY "Love Offering", this year going to Turner Elementary School. The congregation donated \$306.00 in specially marked envelopes – THANK YOU ALL.



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.



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.

"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 **October 18th 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



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
David Cruz
Janie Day
Nancy Feightner & Family
Winnie Hall
Gunner Heim
Jason Herndon
Raymond Holm
John Kirsch
Craig Lattig
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Joyce Powell
Patsy Steger
John Tucker
Thelma Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine

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.



To My Jay Family
Thank You For the many
prayers for my son Raymond
His recent Surgery was
successful and he is doing
well. Power of Prayer.
God Bless You
Ruth Halm



October Birthday Blessings

- 10/02 Norman Barmen
- 10/10 Steve Pooran
- 10/14 William Stremel
- 10/14 Mark Walton
- 10/15 Briana Heine
- 10/16 Lori Embrey
- 10/18 Elizabeth Planding
- 10/23 Bobbie Byrnes
- 10/23 Gary Sherman
- 10/24 Cassie Allebaugh
- 10/28 Helga Courtney
- 10/30 Joy Sorensen

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.

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
7	Columbus Day 8	9	10	11	12	13
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	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle 6pm "Wednesdays Together" at Blessed Redeemer Episcopal	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group	October Fest BBQ 5:30pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
Reformation Sunday 28	29	30	31			
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Mortgage Burning	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle			