



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
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Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday January 26th

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."

Epiphany and the Epiphany Season

Epiphany is on January 6. Epiphany means “to show” or “to make known” and is often called the Gentile Christmas because this is the celebration of when the Magi, who were Gentiles, came to worship Jesus. The Epiphany season continues until the day before Ash Wednesday. The color for most of the season of Epiphany is green. White is used on the Day of Epiphany, on the first Sunday after January 6 when we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, and on the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday when we celebrate the Festival of the Transfiguration.

– From *Lutheranism 101*, p. 229

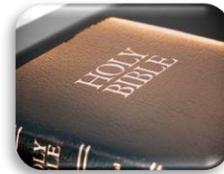


“Eve Circle”

Bible Study on Tuesday, the 15th of January, 11:30 a.m., Jan/Feb *GATHER* magazine.

NEW Bible Study: “Meeting with Jesus”, Session One: Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith. In the Gospel of John, we contemplate the mystery of God through Jesus. John 1:1-14; John 1:29-43; John 1:43-51; John 2:1-23; John 2:13-33.

Lectionary “C” for January 2019



Gospel Readings

January 6th Matthew 2: 1-12
January 13th Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 20th John 2:1-11
January 27th Luke 4:14-21



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.



Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

For questions or topic ideas

Email: prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com

Friends,

The Lord be with you.

Here we are, almost a year to the date, to the anniversary time when God, through JOY, extended me a call to serve with you. It has been a wonderful year, not a perfect year, but a wonderful year.

We've a year behind us and a year before us. And, bless us, some of us create resolutions to mark the change to the new year. If we succeed at these resolutions, we celebrate ourselves, and should we fail, we shame ourselves. It's as if we treat ourselves to a heaping helping of 100% Law, then short-change ourselves on the Gospel.

One pastor asked it this way, "Is the coming of the new year a matter of law or gospel for you?"

If the new year is a fresh start, a new beginning, then the start of the year is "good news." If the new year brings self-disparagement for failure to live into resolutions, then that is "bad news."

Still, shouldn't we take some time to consider what God requires of us?

Do we own our part in challenges and problems?

Have we been attending church?

How is our thought life?

How is our prayer life?

Are we reading and meditating upon God's Word?

These are law questions and the new year is a grand time to ask them.

We each have different answers to these questions, but we all share that our answers will be insufficient, so we note the new year's gospel aspects. To do any less would leave us feeling crummy and accused by the Evil One, despairing and sad.

To this end, in Table Talk, Martin Luther asks, "*What is the believer to do when confronted with the devil's lie?*"

For our answer, Luther turns us to back to Christ, saying,

"I know nothing of any other Christ than he whom the Father gave and who died for me and for my sins, and I know that he is not angry with me, but is kind and gracious to me; for he would not otherwise have had the heart to die for me and for my benefit." (Nebe, Luther As Spiritual Advisor, p. 180-181.)

So, successful resolutions or not, together, with Luther, we "know nothing of any other Christ," and realize that, Christ "is not angry with us, but is kind and gracious to us." As a consequence, 2019 will be another year as God's baptized child, another year when God offers abundant, lavish, boundless grace again and again and again, and another year of God's unmerited forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

With such love and grace supporting us, and abundant forgiveness granted us, 2019 is already off to a grand start. Wouldn't you agree?

God's peace to you! And, Happy New Year! JDB+



ANNUAL MEETING

**January 27, 2019
12:00 p.m.
(Following the Service)**

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday January 12th, 8:00am ~ 9:30am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **January 17th 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.



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service.



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.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!

JANUARY 12, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN ORIGINAL DATE: Pancake Breakfast (\$6.00) with WELCA meeting following – we would like all ladies of JOY to attend, there will be election of new officers and we would like input to set up the agenda for 2019.

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 3rd Tuesday, January 15th at 11:30 a.m. New Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 (Not meeting on New Year's Day)

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



The Angel Tree sponsored by WELCA and Social Ministry for children at Turner Elementary School was a huge success. Presents for 69 children were delivered to the school. THANK YOU ALL. A special thanks to John & Lous Manaseri, John & Donna Burdick, and Erik Maenpaa for helping deliver the Angel Tree Gifts to Turner.



WELCA luncheon at Olive Garden was well attended with 26 ladies and Santa. It was a fun time by all. Thank you, ladies, for your generosity to Genesis House – the many Christmas gifts & donations were most appreciated by the residents of Genesis House.

“Young at Heart” Christmas luncheon was also well attended with 22 in attendance and Santa. He was busy this year at JOY and everywhere. The next Young at Heart luncheon is the 3rd Thursday of January, January 17th. All are welcome.

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"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.



Adventures in Learning Keeping Minds Active

"Adventures in Learning" is an adult learning program specifically designed to meet the needs of all adults. It is operated on weekdays between 9:00AM and 1:15PM, when classroom space would normally be vacant.

Experienced retired professionals and senior volunteers teach or facilitate the classes. Most have many additional skills that further prepare them for teaching seniors project organization, working with others, and problem solving. Classes are offered in a variety of topics including Health and Wellness, Religion and Philosophy, Handicrafts, History, Current Events, Computers, Literature, Music, Foreign Languages and Cultures, Etc.

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that uses classrooms in buildings of its sponsoring congregations. Additional congregations are invited to become sponsoring congregations. Financially, the Shepherd's Center is dependent on contributions from sponsoring congregations, private individuals and student's tuition. We are always looking for teachers and topics. If you could be of assistance or have suggestions, please contact us.

Our download page (<http://shepctrsobrev.org/>) includes more information about the Shepherd's Center, updates from the Shepherd's Center of America, and the Winter Session schedule with enrollment form.

The Winter Session (January 10 through February 28, 2019).

In January, the Winter session is coming to Wesley Methodist Church, Meadowlane, W. Melbourne on Thursdays January 10 through February 28. Here is a sneak peek at the available courses to choose from: our Florida Gardening ladies, Elfrieda Tuller & Barbara Veneman, return; Aggie Benzig will present a new **Quilting class**; Birgitt Hunt and Nina Boyers will teach fresh and silk **Flower Arranging**; explore **Day Trip possibilities** with Elaine Heine and Linda Jump; dig out your dancing shoes and try **Line Dancing** with Vicki Little, look into the **History of the Supreme Court** with Mary Anne McMillen; fly with Jack and Ann Dawkins over **Aerial America**; take a **Musical History Tour** or brush up on **Criminal Law** with Rick Rakauskas; study **German** with Helga Bromm; start or continue **Writing Your Life** with Linda Jump; Milt Gould will continue The **Gospels series**; and get your daily exercise by **Stretching** with Val.

In early December, brochures will be available in the Narthex and on-line at our new website, www.shepherdcenterofsb.org. Visit us there for all the most recent Shepherd's Center information. Also, Elaine Heine would be happy to answer any questions.



DAILY BREAD, INC.

Ensuring no one faces hunger or homelessness alone.

Daily Bread's vision is to assure that no one goes hungry, no food is wasted in our community, and no one is denied the opportunity or assistance to become self-sufficient.

Daily Bread is more than a "soup kitchen." Daily Bread, Inc. ensures that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. Daily Bread has, for more than 30 years, empowered, supported and assisted those confronting financial challenges to become self-sufficient. A "hand-out", rather than a "hand -up." Feeding the hungry and the homeless is an important part of what Daily Bread does, but is not all that they do. Help is offered to individuals – through a comprehensive array of programs and services – to navigate their way to self-sufficiency.

Today, anywhere between 220 – 275 hungry and/or homeless neighbors are provided a warm nutritious meal each day. More than just a "soup kitchen," more than 1,000 individuals in need receive healthcare, case management, employment, transitional, and social support services. The programs and services do not enable...they empower. Empower individuals to become self-sufficient.

A hand-up, not a hand-out, not enable BUT empower

- Hot Showers
- Fresh clean clothes
- Toiletries
- Clean blankets, mats, and sleeping bags
- Clean shoes and socks
- Assistance obtaining identification and/or birth certificate
- Transportation assistance for reuniting our homeless neighbors with their family or friends for housing
- Serve as an address for resumes and job applications, and as a mail stop to receive mail
- Provide local transportation support such as bikes and bus passes

Joy Lutheran Church Team serves hot meals at "Daily Bread" 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.



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 in the kitchen after worship.

If you enjoy the “Coffee Fellowship”, consider signing up to host a Sunday. The sign up 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.

“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
- Helga Courtney
- Emilio Cruz
- Janie Day
- Gunner Heim
- Jason Herndon
- John Kirsch
- Craig Lattig
- Joyce Powell
- Mark Russell
- 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.



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



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.



January Birthday Blessings

- 01/07 Violet Chin
- 01/15 Winnie Hall
- 01/17 Joyce Powell
- 01/19 Ruth Holm
- 01/22 Chad Arner
- 01/22 Kelly Bockelman
- 01/30 Haylee Tolley

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 - November 2018 Stewardship

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| General Fund | (Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.) | | |
| Needed each Month | \$12,227 | Needed YTD | \$134,497 |
| Received in November | \$12,605 | Received YTD | \$138,028 |
| Mortgage/Capital Improvement | | | |
| Budgeted each Month | \$2,031 | Budgeted YTD | \$22,341 |
| Received in November | \$1,571 | Received YTD | \$21,066 |

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

JANUARY 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule. | | New Year's Day | | | 8:30am Property Work Group | |
| Epiphany 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship | 10am Ruth Circle (crafts) | 10am Dorcas Circle 11:00am Fellowship Mtg. 12:00pm Social Ministry | 10am Rachel Circle | | 8:30am Property Work Group | 8am ~9:30am Pancake Breakfast 10am WELCA meeting |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 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 Work Group | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship | 7pm Council Mtg | 10am Dorcas Circle | 10am Rachel Circle | | 8:30am Property Meeting 10am-1:30pm Daily Bread | 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship ~12:00 pm Annual Cong. Meeting Following Service | | 10am Dorcas Circle | 10am Rachel Circle | | | |