



Tidings of Joy

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



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Interim Pastor

The Rev. C. Judd Ludder

Worship Times:

Sunday

Worship Service 10:00a.m.
Adult Sunday School 8:45a.m.
Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Last Saturday of Month

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Rock Style Worship)

Last Sunday of Month

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Rock Style Worship)

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May the dawning of this New Year, fill your heart with new hopes, see new areas of opportunity, and promises of brighter tomorrows.

May God Bless your New Year!

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

Mission Related Event/Retreat for the Entire Congregation

A Call Committee will likely form early in the new year, but in the meantime there is ONE MAJOR TASK that Joy must accomplish. The Florida Synod requires that we have a mission related event/retreat for the entire congregation prior to the forming of a Call Committee. This event is based on the book "Living Lutheran" by Dave Daubert. Joy has scheduled this event for the Saturday of January 9, 2016 from 9am until 3pm. It is vital that as many members as possible participate in this event for it will determine our **Purpose and Guiding Principles** for the foreseeable future. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. This is extremely important for us and for the new pastor who will be called.

"Living Lutheran": Renewing Your Congregation by Dave Daubert.

Dave Daubert provides a practical how-to guide that will enable church leaders to help individual congregations walk through the process for themselves. Creative and informative, the book provides a straightforward approach that helps congregations reclaim Lutheran tradition for the 21st century. Includes questions for individual or group reflection and an additional resources section.



**NOTIFICATION
OF
ANNUAL MEETING**

JANUARY 31, 2016

12 Noon



"JOY", a church where everybody knows your name. If they don't, introduce yourself and wear a name tag.



CHAD ARNER
"OUR NEWEST ACOLYTE"

Pastor's Point

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2016! I am fairly confident that this will be the year Joy finds and calls its next pastor to guide our mission in Palm Bay for Christ.

If you remember, I came to Joy Church in January of 2015 as interim pastor, but my tenure here was uncertain. No one was able to ascertain at that point if Pastor Werner would be able to return to her call here at Joy. So for the first 4 and ½ months we waited. I think we did some good things during that time, however - mostly in addressing physical and property issues. We also got some committee structures reorganized and working again.

When word finally came that Pastor Werner would not return, we then knew that Joy needed to go through the complete Call Process and accomplish those activities and actions delineated in the Transition Checklist to call a new pastor. However, at the same time we did continue to address physical things at the church and also continued to work on our internal structures. I'm very pleased with the work of the Altar Guild, Fellowship Team, Property Team, Worship and Music Team and Church Council. A Finance group came together late this year and I hope they can be the start of a Finance Team in 2016. I know that issues still exist and all these teams will need additional work and guiding, but that is always the case in any church. I am VERY appreciative of those who participate and work to make Joy Church a great place.

I think we have made some major improvements to the property in 2015. They include: cleaning up and planting new material around the church and Remembrance Garden; lighting the cross in the Remembrance Garden; addressing the electrical wiring of the church lights and putting the fixtures on dimmers; installing LED light bulbs in the sanctuary; putting up a new video projector in the sanctuary; installing all new lighting fixtures in the church parking lot; installing new carpeting in the chancel area; lowering the communion rail; installing new lighting in the Wollam-Jackson room; cleaning up the church sacristy; moving the mail boxes out of the nursery and resurfacing the portico roof. Much of this was accomplished by the able men (and some women too) of Joy Church. Next on my list for 2016 is addressing the church office and turning it into a proper workspace. But for all that was accomplished in 2015 - thank you!

I think the spiritual dynamic of Joy Church is fairly good now in that I see no major conflicts or indications of serious internal problems. We are emotionally ready for new leadership, I think. Our average worship attendance has stabilized around 100 and our stewardship campaign for 2016 was quite successful. We did pretty well financially for the year - just missing the General Fund budget by about two thousand and the Mortgage Fund by just a few hundred. I think the proposed budget that you will see prior to the Annual Meeting on January 31 is well within our reach. We have some money in the bank - enough so we don't have to struggle to pay bills every month - and I feel we should be financially stable in 2016. However, this does not discount our need to increase giving in the future in that full time pastors are expensive.

In 2016, I think it will also be important for Joy to hire an outside, paid Office Secretary and, while I am pleased with the music right now, I do think Joy will want to hire a church musician/organist some time in this new year as well.

See you in church!
Pastor Ludder

Many Members, One Body

²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable," (1 Cor. 12:20-22)

One day it occurred to the members of the body that they were doing all the work and that the belly was having all the food. So they held a meeting and after a long discussion decided to strike work until the belly consented to take its proper share of the work. So for a day or two the hands refused to take the food, the mouth refused to receive it, and the teeth had no work to do. But after a day or two, members began to find that they themselves were not in very active condition. The hands could hardly move, the mouth was all parched and dry, while the legs were unable to support the rest. Thus, they found that even the belly, in its dull quiet way, was doing necessary work for the body, and that all must work together or the body would go to pieces. (From Aesop)

SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization offering enrichment classes on Thursdays at participating congregations. Classes meet for eight-week terms. Joy Lutheran is a Shepherd's Center participating congregation.

The "Winter 2016 Session", beginning on January 7th, will meet at Wesley United Methodist in West Melbourne. Classes will meet every Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm until February 25th. You can attend one, two, three, or four Shepherd's Center casual classes that are designed to keep your mind and body active.

This term, there will be a variety of interesting topics offered. You can try your hand at Fiction Writing. Improve the use of your electronics with Computers 102 What Else Can the PC Do? and/or I-Phones. Start or continue Writing Your Life, or travel down memory lane with the Musical History Tour and/or Broadway Sings - And So Do We. Exercise your creative side by learning Floral Arranging, or Scrapbooking. Exercise your body by Stretching With Val. Florida Gardening will help you beautify your home. Need to learn some German before that next trip? German for Travelers is for you. Experiencing Hubble will broaden your knowledge of the universe. Jesus and the Land and Flavius Josephus offer you the opportunity for theological studies. Winston Churchill will introduce you to this giant of the 20th Century and get help in finding your ancestors by Discovering Your Roots Through Genealogy.

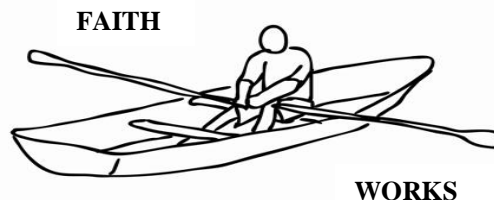
A number of our members attend. Ask Pr. Lynn, Patsy Steger, Lee Bockleman, Connie Thorman, Betty Lou Nielsen, or Don and Elaine Heine to tell you more.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. (James 2:14-26 NRSV)

A Christian worked each day transporting tourists across a lake. On occasions he would present the Gospel and its implications for life in an unusual way. He had painted the word “Faith” on one of the oars of his rowboat and “Works” on the other. When they got rather far from shore, he would stop, and beginning to row with only the one oar marked “Faith,” he would cause the boat to go in circles to the left. Reversing the process, he would pull on the other oar marked “Works,” and they would circle in the opposite direction. By this time the bewildered passengers were waiting for an explanation. This afforded him an opportunity to give the truth concerning discipleship. He always concluded by saying, “You see, neither faith nor works can stand alone. They are twins that cannot be separated!”



Women of the **ELCA** 

JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

The annual meeting for election of officers for Women of the ELCA at Joy will be January 23, 2016. Please plan on attending and help us grow our circles.

Women's Circles and Bible Studies

Dorcas Circle **(Quilting)**

Meets every
Tuesday
At 10:00 a.m.

Eve Circle **(Bible Study)**

Meets on the 3rd **Tuesday** of
the month at 11a.m. Eve
Circle will meet January 19th.
The Bible Study is from the
"GATHER" Magazine:
"Christian Citizenship 101"
The study is based on
*Philippians 1:1-26; Acts 16:6-
15, 40.*

Martha Circle **(Daytime Bible Study)**

Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays

From 11:30 a.m.-1:00p.m.
(after quilting).

Come have a great time learning
from Pastor Lynn Ash (bring a
sack lunch). Pastor Lynn will lead
the Bible study.

This group is not just for women,
anyone interested is welcome to
attend.

Rachel Circle **(Knit/Crochet)**

Meets every
Wednesday
At 10:00 a.m.

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Blessings and Peace to all from the Pilgrim Journey Band.


My heart is always warmed by the great response to Juanita's song "While We Wait". We get to play it only in November and December because it is an Advent song. Another song that we only get to play once a year is our arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard On High". It is really fun and gives us a chance to raise a REALLY BIG ALLELUIA to our Lord.

Thanks to you all for welcoming our friend Ken Green to worship with us on November 29. It was a blessing to me and I hope you were lifted up by Ken and Sarah's gift of music to us. Remember that he is selling his CD under the name "Beautiful Day" and the name of the record is "Promised Land" after one of the songs on the disc. It is also available as a download. The download is a .ZIP file and once the MP3 files are extracted from the .ZIP they can be added to your phone or mobile device. Just go to www.cdbaby.com and search for "beautiful day".

Thanks also to our friend Lisa Matthews who plays bass guitar with Pilgrim Journey while Ed Robinson is with family for Christmas. She will be with us Sunday December 27th.

More exciting news... I have invited Aaron and Doris Collins to join with Pilgrim Journey on the last Saturday of January (January 30, 2016). They bring their considerable musical talents and big hearts to help us kick off the new worship format for Saturday nights. Please come out and say hello to our old friends and lift your voices in praise to our God. I PROMISE you will be blessed by their music.

Please pick up your 2016 Offering Envelopes. They can be found in the Narthex. Member giving statements will be available around the 15th of January 2016

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	Joy Lutheran Church Palm Bay, Florida 32909
	Current Expense: _____
	Mortgage Fund: _____
	Other (Specify): _____
	Total Enclosed: _____
Name: _____	
<small>"Each man must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</small>	
<small>Church-Budget, Salem, Ohio</small>	

Young at Heart Luncheon

Please join us at noon on **January 21st** for our next Young at Heart pot-luck. All you need to do is show up, with a dish of your choice to share. Then, enjoy the delicious food and wonderful fellowship with members of the Joy family. Everyone is most welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor.

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 that you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to be listed for prayer support.



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Are you a shut-in or know some-one who is? By shut-in we don't mean that you never get out, but that you seldom get out beyond absolute necessities of doctors and food. And, that attending church is infrequent.

If you want to be on the visitation and communion list, please let Pastor Ludder know. He will get in contact with a Stephen Minister.

Don't hesitate to speak with a confidential Stephen Minister. Just ask Pastor.

Services are held 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

*Sending our prayers,
God knows their needs!*

Ernie Church, David Cruz, Todd Eagle, Jinny Fisher, Josh Herndon, Gloria Kohl, Juanita Kongsjord, Bob Kretzer, Peggy Lindner, Nancy Pagelsdorf, Vincent Powell, Pearl Reid, Karen Runk, Cindy Simonelli, Rev. Don Dotzel, Rev. Bill Stremel, and Rev. Cindy Werner.

2015 Stewardship Totals

General Fund			
Needed each Month	\$10,835	Needed 2015	\$130,020
Received in December	\$12,297	Received 2015	\$127,401
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed 2015	\$22,764
Received in December	\$1,860	Received 2015	\$22,297

How is your financial stewardship?



January Birthday Blessings

- 01/03 Tanya Skura
- 01/04 Brenna Baum
- 01/06 Nicole Miles
- 01/07 Violet Chin
- 01/08 Kerri Baum
- 01/10 Isabelle Caffrey
- 01/10 Patti Faulk
- 01/12 Crystal Adams
- 01/13 Cecilia Miles
- 01/15 Winnie Hall
- 01/17 Joyce Powell
- 01/19 Ruth Holm
- 01/22 Chad Arner
- 01/22 Kelly Bockelman
- 01/23 Dave Weir
- 01/24 Maxine Johnson
- 01/25 Yiasha Gillett
- 01/25 Tasha Gillett-Green
- 01/27 Walter Schrank
- 01/27 Steve Thrash
- 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.

Council Roster:

- Int. Pastor: Judd Ludder (407) 340-4740
- President: Lee Bockelman 724-8620
- Vice Pres.: Barbara Herndon 725-2238
- Treasurer: Kim Tolley 749-6740
- Rec. Sec.: Linda Kratzer 727-1025

Members at Large:

- Chris Allebaugh 725-1538
- Norman Barmen 327-2486
- Ken Wolf 501-4961
- Bob Getter 505-2464
- Chris Peters 728-8517
- Rev. Lynn Ash 220-0393

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
See Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					<i>New Year's Day</i> 1	2
3	4	5	<i>Epiphany</i> 6	7	8	9
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	9am "Living Lutheran Retreat"
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30-1:00pm Bible Study 1pm Social Ministry Mtg 2pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle	2:30pm Ministry Team	8:30am Property Work Group	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Stephen Ministry Mtg.	10am Dorcas Circle 6pm Worship & Music Team Mtg 7pm Council Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread 10am-2pm	10:00am Annual WELCA Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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