



Tidings of Joy

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



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March 2016

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
(Prayer and Praise)

Last Sunday of Month

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)

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Congratulations

Meet the 2016 Church Council

Interim Pastor - Rev. C. Judd Ludder

President - Barbara Herndon

Vice President - Chris Peters

Secretary - Kelly Arner

Treasurer - Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary - Linda Kratzer

Council Members at Large:

Pr. Lynn Ash

Chris Allebaugh

Rene Harper

Erik Maenpaa

A big thank you goes out to those who served last year.



Midweek Lenten Services:

Our Wednesday evening services continue through March 16th.

Please join us at:
6:00pm Soup and Sandwiches

6:30pm Evening Worship



LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

March 2ndWorship and Music
March 9thChurch Council
March 16thWomen of the ELCA

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Peace to all from the Pilgrim Journey Band.

We have some sad Pilgrim Journey news... Our bassist, Ed Robinson, has chosen to leave the music business. He assures us that his decision was not influenced by his association with Pilgrim Journey or JOY church but something much larger and it has been affecting his life in a negative way. Please pray for Ed and his dear one, Jane, that they have peace and happiness. Meanwhile Pilgrim Journey will operate as a trio and we have approached Lisa Matthews who has played bass with us when Ed was unavailable in the past. If we are lucky, Lisa will join the band and we will again be at a quartet level. BY THE WAY, if any of you would like to try singing with Pilgrim Journey please talk to Al Kongsjord. You may have noticed that Al is the ONLY singer in the band at this time and some extra help on that front would be welcome.

In the near future, Al Kongsjord will accompany Kelly Arner on clarinet for some special music on Easter. We hope to have Kelly with the whole band in the future too.

It surely was fun to have Aaron and Doris Collins with us in January. Thanks also to Ken Green for sitting in for Dennis French while he was away. Al went to worship with our old drummer, Don Bourlier, on February 13 where he is playing bass and singing with the Eastminster Presbyterian Church Saturday evening service. Don sends greetings.

Blessings and Peace from all of us in the Pilgrim Journey Band.

Al

NOTE: There will not be a worship service on Saturday 03/26/2016. And, Easter Sunday will be our traditional worship. Pilgrim Journey will return on Saturday 04/02/2016 (Pizza and BYOB to follow service). Pilgrim Journey will also lead the music on Sunday 04/03/2016.

Holy Week and Easter at Joy

The events of Holy Week changed the world. A popular rabbi was welcomed into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna." The crowds proclaimed him the Lord's champion who would save his people. Somehow though, things didn't work out as the people had hoped. This special man from Galilee who possessed so many amazing powers, proved powerless when it came to freeing God's people from the clutches of the Romans. In disappointment and anger the people who hailed him on Palm Sunday shouted for his crucifixion on Good Friday. So Jesus of Nazareth, who claimed a special relationship with God, was put to death along with two common thieves in a place of Roman execution called Golgotha. However, what was perceived to be the end of the matter at the time, proved rather to be just the beginning.

Join us at Joy Church for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday as we remember the amazing events of Christ's life changing triumph over sin and death. This was the week that changed the world. It is time for a new beginning! *Pastor Ludder*

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday March 27th
Service at 10 am



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service:	6:30pm
Good Friday Service:	6:30pm



Order forms, for Easter Lilies, are available in the Church Narthex. The cost of lilies is \$8.00 each. If you sign up for more than one plant, please sign for each one ordered. Indicate if you want to designate in honor or in memory of a loved one. Place the form and your check (made out to Joy Lutheran Church) in the provided envelope and place it in the offering plate.

EASTER EGG HUNT

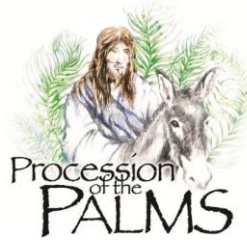
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, Following
10am Service.



The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday – March 20

Service Time - 10:00 AM



BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! In memory of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, our Palm Sunday celebration will begin outdoors. WE ASK THAT EVERYONE BRING A PALM BRANCH TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY to participate in a "Procession with Palms" that will begin our service. A brief opening liturgy will precede the Procession as we carry our palm branches into the sanctuary symbolizing that we, Jesus' followers of today, also hail Him as our Lord and King.

Maundy Thursday Sit-Down Communion Service

Thursday – March 24
Service Time – 6:30 PM

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU! Christ's commandment to love one another as He has loved us is dramatically portrayed in this very special service of Holy Communion. The sanctuary is set for a table of 12 disciples in a manner reminiscent of the Last Supper. In the glow of candlelight, we gather to hear the words of Jesus and receive the fullness of his presence in body and blood. This powerful liturgy includes the stripping of the altar which symbolizes Christ being stripped of his power and glory and being put into the hands of sinful humanity. Thus the transition is made from Eucharistic celebration to reflection on Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday – March 25
Service Time – 6:30 PM

IT IS ACCOMPLISHED! On this day of sorrows, we remember the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world. In His body broken and His blood shed, we are offered the gift of everlasting life. Joy Church will observe a traditional service of Tenebrae beginning at 6:30 in the evening. Tenebrae means "shadows" and is one of the oldest traditional services of Holy Week. As the Passion story of Christ unfolds, the darkness increases until, with the death of our Lord, only one light remains...the light of God's love. This year, the Passion readings will be expounded upon with brief homilies by Joy's retired pastors. You will want to be present for this most important and meaningful service as we follow Christ to the cross and to the tomb.

EASTER BANNERS

By Joan Parks

CROSS WITH EASTER LILIES



The brilliant Easter morning Sunday overwhelms the empty cross of Christ's suffering and death. The lily, springing from the earth in which He was buried, carries with it the promise of new life.

THE ANGEL



The angel appears to the women and Mary Magdalene who were looking for Jesus. *"Don't be alarmed, He said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. HE HAS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE! But go, tell his disciples and Peter. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as He told you."*

Jesus rises from the conquered grave beckoning all to accept the salvation that HE WON for them. This is the completion of God's promise of salvation for all people. The violet represents the sorrow and suffering of the Lenten season.

Did you miss church and pastor's message, on Sunday?



Audios of Sunday sermons are available on our Joy website at www.joylutheranelca.com or go directly to the "Sermons-Audio" link via www.joylutheranelca.com/sermons.html and click on the date that you missed.

Each day is God's gift to you. Make it blossom and grow.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24(NRSV)

Scripture Cake



"This recipe is great for reading the bible. It has been passed around churches since 1976."

Ingredients

- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (1 Kings 4:22)
- 1 cup milk, (Judges 5:25)
- 2 cups white sugar, (Jeremiah 6:20)
- 2 cups figs (Nahum 3:12), chopped
- 2 cups raisins, (1 Samuel 30:11)
- 2 cups almonds, (Numbers 17:8)
- 2 teaspoons honey, (1 Samuel 14:25)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, (Leviticus 2:13)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, milk, sugar, figs, raisins, almonds, honey, salt and baking soda. Mix thoroughly.
3. Pour into prepared 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 40 minutes, or until edges pull away from pan.



"DAILY BREAD"

If you are interested in serving at "Daily Bread" on the **4th Friday of the month**, contact Elaine Heine at 321-215-7928.

"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



BACKPACK PROGRAM

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is in full swing. Please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for five families each weekend. The cost is about \$125 per week.

Thank you to Dan and Charlotte Abrahams for shopping for the food and packing the backpacks.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



With the price of everything else going up these days aren't you glad that the Lord hasn't increased the tithe to 15%?

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 5th, 2016, 8:00am - 10:00am



The cost is \$5.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

MOVIE NIGHT



- When: March 18th, 2016
- Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Where: Joy Sanctuary
- Check Sunday bulletin for more details.

DON'T FORGET!
MARCH 13TH, 2016
SET YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD 1 HOUR



Young at Heart Luncheon

There will be **NO** Young at Heart pot-luck in March.

We will resume in April 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.

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.



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

WELCA 2016 Officers:

- President.....Rene' Harper
- Vice-President...Dee Dorman
- Treasurer.....Kathleene Hagen
- Secretary.....Linda Kratzer

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- Saturday, March 5thPancake breakfast.
- Saturday, April 9thSpring Gathering at Ascension Lutheran
- Saturday, December 3rdChristmas Luncheon

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Dorcas Circle - (Quilting)

Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.

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Martha Circle - (Daytime Bible Study)

Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays **12:00pm** (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.

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Eve Circle - (Bible Study)

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **12:00pm**. Eve Circle will meet March 15th.
 The Bible Study is from the "GATHER" Magazine:
 Christian Citizenship 101Session 3: "Being of One Mind"
 The study is based on *Philippians 2:19 – 4:3*.

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Rachel Circle - (Knit/Crochet)

Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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Phoebe Circle - Not currently active, but continue to supply cards to Doris Bunker for mailing to the congregation for birthdays and get-well.

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!

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Stephen Ministers are here to listen to you. Ask Pastor Ludder or Pastor Bill Stremel.

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



I would like to thank everyone for remembering me in your prayers and showering me with cards, notes, visits, and phone calls. My recovery is coming along slowly but surely. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Blessings to all.
Martha Carmichael

Sending our prayers, God knows their needs!



Marion Bauman, Martha Carmichael, Ernie Church, David Cruz, Todd Eagle, Jinny Fisher, Josh Herndon, Rachael Herndon, Bob Kretzer, Nancy Pagelsdorf, Vincent Powell, Pearl Reid, Cindy Simonelli, Elaine Simonelli, Rev. Bill Stremel, Connie Thorman, and Rev. Cindy Werner.



March Birthday Blessings

- 3/02 Gene Sorensen
- 3/03 Curtis Church
- 3/05 Ramona Christensen
- 3/05 Tamara Embrey
- 3/10 Dee Dorman
- 3/12 Delanney Snyder
- 3/22 Dan Abrahams
- 3/22 Jane Antonsen
- 3/22 Susan Carraro
- 3/22 Alex Tolley
- 3/23 Coran Snyder
- 3/25 Kamron Smith
- 3/27 Sharon Russell
- 3/29 Bonnie Getter
- 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul

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 2016 Stewardship

General Fund			
Needed each Month	\$11,300	Needed YTD	\$11,300
Received in January	\$12,226	Received YTD	\$12,226
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed YTD	\$1,897
Received in January	\$1,827	Received YTD	\$1,827

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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See Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	8am-10am Pancake Breakfast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Stephen Ministry Mtg.	10am Dorcas Circle 12:00pm Bible Study 1pm Social Ministry Mtg 2pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Work Group	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
DST Begins				St Patrick's Day		
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 12pm Eve Circle 7pm Council Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Work Group Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Palm Sunday				Maundy Thurs.	Good Friday	
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 12:00pm Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	8:30am Prop. Work Group Daily Bread 10am-2pm 6:30pm Good Friday Service	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter						
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Easter Worship Service		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle			