



Tidings of Joy

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



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April 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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President's Message

I would like to personally thank all the members of Joy for all your hard work and willingness to serve that has made Joy Lutheran Church a wonderful place to worship. We have many exciting activities for all to participate in this year. What a great way to really get to know each other! We are currently seeing a number of visitors to our church and welcome them with open arms.

We are sad to see our Northern members return back to their home states; but look forward to seeing them in the winter months. We have certainly enjoyed having them with us and appreciate their willingness to serve in many capacities.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this year and appreciate all the time and effort that you put into our church to make it a meaningful and enjoyable place to worship and socialize.

Sincerely,
Barbara A. Herndon

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

Pastor's Point

Back when I used to work with youth groups at church, I would often play a game called "Scars." I would have the kids sit in a circle and then one by one, I would ask them to show me the scars they had on their body. It always amazed me how some kids at a young age could be so beat up! Anyway, I would identify one of their scars - usually a more prominent one - and ask them to tell the group about it - how it happened, where, when and what they had to go through to recover. After that, I would ask what they learned from their ordeal that led to a scar they would carry with them for the rest of their lives. It was kind of amazing to hear of scars that helped them learn such things as resiliency, resolve, dedication, work, hope, faith, love and appreciation for the difficulties of others.

Christi Brown in her book "Scars of Hope" tells of a friend of hers who was 30 and in great shape. That is except for her knees. When she played tennis she wore braces on both knees. Christi saw that both knees were scarred and asked her friend if it was from surgery. She said, "No, they're from my son." Several years ago, when I was seven months pregnant, I picked up my toddler at a swimming pool and began to walk to a lounge chair. As I stepped onto a tiled patio area, my foot slipped on the wet slick surface. It was one of those moments, she said, when time goes in slow motion. I knew I was going to fall and I had to make a choice. Either fall face first onto my toddler and unborn child or fall on my knees. I went to my knees and the blood went everywhere. I needed many stitches to close the wounds, but both my son and unborn child were just fine.

I think you know where I'm going with this. As Christi's friend chose her scars to save her kids, so our Lord chose his scars to save us and the world. As Jesus said to a doubting Thomas, "put your finger in the print of the nails and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side." We are the beloved children of God for whom Jesus took the fall. If we were to ask Jesus about his scars, I know he would say they were worth it.

Peace and Power!

Pastor Ludder

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

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service

Be reminded that the Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format has been changed to a more informal worship service of prayer and praise. It will also be followed by a PIZZA AND BYOBverage FELLOWSHIP.

Here is how it will go. When folk 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.

The church will provide tea and lemonade. If you'd prefer something of a more "adult" variety, please bring that with you. It can be kept cold in the church refrigerators during the service. Please use the provided cups for any alcoholic beverage. No beer cans in church! Its tacky!

Pastor Ludder

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Peace to all from the Pilgrim Journey Band.

Easter blessings to all, from us in the Pilgrim Journey Band.

We welcome Lisa Matthews as the bassist in the band. She replaces Ed Robinson.

Recently our friend, former drummer and sometime singer, Don Bourlier, called on us to back him up at Eastminster Presbyterian Church for their contemporary Saturday worship service. Other worship leaders were out of town and we very much enjoyed worshipping with them.

Al Kongsjord has played on two Sunday mornings with "Church on the Beach". Don Bourlier is also part of that worship opportunity. It was a wonderful worshipping time right on the sand. Four musicians from four different Christian traditions represented. God is glorified always.

Coming up we will welcome Ray Hummel III to worship with us, and tell us about his Christian songwriting. That is planned for the last Saturday in April.

*Peace,
Al*

NOTE: Pilgrim Journey Band will be providing the music for our services on Saturday 04/02/2016, Sunday 04/03/2016, and Saturday 04/30/2016.



**Adventures in Learning Keeping Minds Active
Celebrating 10 years!**

“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 2:00PM, 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, 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, the third quarter update from the Shepherd's Center of America the fall term schedule with enrollment form and just the enrollment form and adobe acrobat files.

The separate enrollment form should be printed and mailed or brought to the first week's classes.

My Class Registration: If you plan to register on April 7th, please arrive one-half hour prior to the first class you expect to take. This will facilitate your being able to join that class on time and not disturb a class already in progress. For example: If you plan to take a 9:00 a.m. class, arrive to register at 8:30 a.m.

9:00am: (100 Book of Jonah) - (101 Comedy This Morning) - (102: Searching Your Roots Online)
(103: Current Issues)

10:00am (104 Basic Politics) - (105 Button, Button) - (106 Experiencing Hubble)
(102 Searching Your Roots Online)

11:00am (107 Stuff You Need to Know) - (108 Stretching) - (109 Musical History Tour)
(110 Discovering Your Roots)

12:00pm (111 German) - (112 Let's Pretend) - (114 Winston Churchill)



Adventures in Learning
Spring 2016 Term

SHEPHERD'S CENTER
Classes will meet Thursdays
April 7 – April 28

As a sponsor of this wonderful program, classes for the “Spring 2016 Term” will be held at Joy Lutheran Church.

Registration fee is \$10 for individual or \$15 per couple. If you any questions concerning registration, contact Lee Bockelman at 724-8620.
<http://shepctrsobrev.org/>

*...let the wise also hear and
gain in learning...Proverbs 1:5*



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Joy WELCA 2016 Officers:

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

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Saturday, April 9th.....Spring Gathering at Ascension Lutheran
Saturday, May 21st.....Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, December 3rd.....Christmas Luncheon

Dorcas Circle - (Quilting)

Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.

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.

Eve Circle - (Bible Study)

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **12:00pm** (after quilting).
Eve Circle will meet April 19th.
The Bible Study is from the "GATHER" Magazine:
Our study is a continuation of Christian Citizenship 101.
Session 4: "Keep On Keeping On" – Philippians 4.

Rachel Circle - (Knit/Crochet)

Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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

NOTE: WELCA will be purchasing 5 Round Tables for use in the church. Thank you ladies, for all you do.

Florida Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization



Spacecoast Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

April 9, 2016

Ascension Lutheran Church

1053 Pinetree Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

9:30 - REGISTRATION (\$8.00) and COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Business Meeting

Communion Service - Rev. Dr. Phil Whitener

Lunch

Bible Study – Pr. Lynn Ash

Free will offering for our Love Project

Theme: Broken & Whole: All have a blessed purpose through God

“But this beautiful treasure is contained in us - cracked pots made of earth and clay - so that the transcendent character of this power will be clearly seen as coming from God and not from us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7 (The Voice Translation)

We are all cracked pots... come find out more at your Conference Spring Gathering

NOTE: All women of Joy are cordially invited to attend this gathering. Please do not miss out on this opportunity. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Or, you may contact Rene Harper. Sign up no later than Sunday April 3rd.

CHANGE

When we truly worship God in spirit and in truth, our perspective is changed. When we establish the fact that God is on the throne, and the Lord Jesus is worthy of all our praise; then the other things in our life begin to fall into their proper place.

Remember CHANGE:

Christ **H**as **A** **N**ew **G**ift **E**veryday

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

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.

Young at Heart ♥ **Luncheon**

Please join us on April 21st at noon 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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



“The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;”
Psalm 24:1

“Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.” — Anonymous

Each day is God's gift to you. What is your gift to God?



Soon, our **“Friends in Christ”** will be leaving for their homes up north. We will miss you.

You are truly a blessing to our Joy Family. Your support with Daily Bread, Men's Group, Ladies Group, and serving in the church is greatly appreciated. We wish you a safe trip back to your summer homes. We are already looking forward to your return in the fall.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. God's Blessings to each and every one of you.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

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.



“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.

Church Cleaning



Thank you, Jackie Baudek, for all your hard work with the cleaning of the church.

Jackie asks that everyone take it upon themselves to leave the church clean after every event and meeting. Check the floors, tables, and counters to be sure they are wiped and swept.

Additional help is always needed. Can you offer some of your Time, as part of your Stewardship, to assist with the church cleaning??

Please give her a call at (321) 723-4503 or 321-795-7853; with the time and day you are available.

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.



The family of Pearl Reid would like to thank all of Pearl's friends for their prayers, cards, and condolences. Pearl very much loved her church family.

*In Peace,
Family of Pearl Reid*



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

Sending our prayers, God knows their needs!



Martha Carmichael, Ernie Church, David Cruz, Todd Eagle, Jinny Fisher, Josh Herndon, Rachael Herndon, Bob Kretzer, Nancy Pagelsdorf, Joan Parks, Vincent Powell, Elaine Simonelli, Rev. Bill Stremel, and Rev. Cindy Werner.



April Birthday Blessings

- 04/07 Janet Blish
- 04/07 Kim Tolley
- 04/07 Alyssa Wolf
- 04/08 Linda Corbin
- 04/08 Wahneeta Ryckman
- 04/09 Judy Franz
- 04/09 Peggy Lindner
- 04/11 Judy Baltzersen
- 04/12 Rene Harper
- 04/12 Orpha Lengel
- 04/15 Barbara Bockelman
- 04/17 Katherine Pagan
- 04/23 Marjorie Maenpaa
- 04/27 Al Dorman
- 04/30 Reed Bockelman

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-March 2016 Stewardship

General Fund			
Needed each Month	\$11,300	Needed YTD	\$33,900
Received in March	\$14,393	Received YTD	\$39,463
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed YTD	\$5,691
Received in March	\$1,682	Received YTD	\$5,326

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>See Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</p>					1	2
					8:30am Property Work Group	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYOB
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship Pilgrim Journey</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>	<p>9:00am-2:00pm Shepherd's Center</p>	<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p>	<p>WELCA Spring Gathering @ Ascension Lutheran Church</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>10am Stephen Ministry Mtg.</p>	<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>2pm Fellowship Mtg.</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>	<p>9:00am-2:00pm Shepherd's Center</p>	<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p> <p>6:30pm Lasama/DeLosa Rehearsal</p>	<p>4:00pm Lasama/DeLosa Wedding</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>12pm Eve Circle</p> <p>6pm Worship & Music</p> <p>7pm Council Mtg.</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>	<p>9:00am-2:00pm Shepherd's Center</p> <p>12pm Young at Heart Luncheon.</p>	<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p> <p>Daily Bread 10am-2pm</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>	<p>9:00am-2:00pm Shepherd's Center</p>	<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p>	<p>5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYOB</p>