



Tidings of Joy



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

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July 2016

Interim Pastor

The Rev. C. Judd Ludder

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(Will resume in the Fall)

Last Saturday of Month

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)

6:30p.m. Dinner Fellowship
(Pizza)

Last Sunday of Month

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Liturgical Modern Worship)

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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

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Chris Allebaugh

Pr. Lynn Ash

Norm Barmen

Bob Getter

Rene Harper

Erik Maenpaa

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

Sunday, July 3rd
GOD AND COUNTRY SUNDAY
At Joy Lutheran Church

In these turbulent times when our nation is at war and the threat of terrorist attacks is constant, we do well to remember the words from 2 Chronicles:

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

The Lord is the source of our blessing and our protection. Join us in church on this special Sunday when we celebrate our freedom, the blessings of liberty and give thanks to God for all his marvelous goodness to us in American.

Pastor Ludder preaches: “That’s the Trouble with Horses”

Pastor’s Point

I had two big concerns about Joy Church when I came. The First was stewardship – or more to the point – the lack of it. The second, and perhaps more concerning, was that Joy had stopped growing. In fact, it was kind of shrinking in membership and attendance.

If you’ve been looking at the weekly bulletin and the stewardship picture at Joy, you will see that we’ve gone a long way to addressing the giving concern that I (and perhaps others) had. Nice going! Good stewardship is a sign of spiritual strength.

When I get back from vacation, I will be putting together another new member class at Joy. It will be my third in the 18 months I’ve been at Joy. If everyone joins who I’ve talked to, it will total about 35 new folks at Joy since I’ve arrived. Again, nice going! Joy is the kind of church with the kind of people who are able to grow. And it’s important! Listen to this story.

A "head-hunter" or person who goes out and hires corporation executives for other firms, once told a pastor, "When I get an executive that I'm trying to hire for someone else, I like to disarm him. I offer him a drink, take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he's all relaxed. Then, when I think I've got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, "What's your purpose in life? It's amazing how top executives fall apart at that question.

"Well, I was interviewing this fellow the other day, had him all disarmed, with my feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then I leaned up and said, 'What's your purpose in life, Bob?' And he said, without blinking an eye, 'To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can.' For the first time in my career I was speechless."

Hey, isn't that what we are to be about as the Lord's church? To one day be with the Lord in heaven and take as many people as we can with us? Think about that the next time we have visitors to Joy! I sure do.

Pastor Ludder

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



At the Saturday evening Praise and Prayer service at the end of June, we welcomed the newest member of the Pilgrim Journey Band, Ray Hummel. Ray has been singing with us and we have been working on four of his Christian songs. It is a blessing to have him with us in this ministry. Please welcome him.

Some of us have helped with worship music at Eastminster Presbyterian Church at their Saturday evening service. We help out mostly when their Worship Leader is called away and our friend Don Bourlier asks us to lend a hand. It is ALWAYS a blessing to sing and play for God's people.

Peace,
Al

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music." – Martin Luther, The Table Talk of Martin Luther

NOTE: Pilgrim Journey will be leading you in praising the Lord, at the following services:

Saturday July 30th at 5:30 pm
Sunday July 31st at 10:00 am

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service July 30th

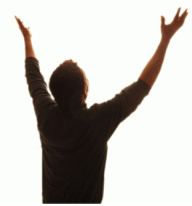
The Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format is a more informal worship service of prayer and praise. It will also be followed by a PIZZA AND BYO Beverage FELLOWSHIP.

When you 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. We will place the order, and the pizza will be ready after the service.

Tea and lemonade will be provided. If you'd prefer something of a different variety, please bring that with you. It can be kept cold in the church refrigerators, during the service. But, please use the provided cups for any adult beverages.

Prayer - Praise

(followed with fellowship)
&
Pizza



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



Alexis Woods is our newest Acolyte.
Alexis will be going into 3rd grade this fall.

Thank you, Alexis, for being an example of using your gift to serve others.

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.

President's Message

Chris Peters and I attended the Florida-Bahama Synod Assembly from June 10th to the 12th.

The theme was "Let Justice Roll Down Like Water". It was a very busy weekend with four major plenary sessions, several workshops, worship services, a concert and a couple of relaxing get togethers.

Some of the highlighted points were:

- Churches are changing; but Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.
- The Church comes first; hear the word, share in the Lord's Supper and live among God's faithful people.
- Thriving churches are:
 1. Clear about their Core Values
 2. Worship with a purpose and energy
 3. Stewardship/Discipleship - not just once a year in October but consistently
 4. Bold risk taking/thinking outside the box

Sincerely,
Barbara Herndon

Thank You

Thank you to Judy Baltzersen, Jackie Baudek, and Joyce Ireland for all the beautiful cards they have made, that go out for sad and joyous occasions.

Thank you also, to Doris Bunker and others that see to it, that these cards are sent out.



WHAT A GREAT (FONDUE PARTY) FELLOWSHIP

A big "Thank You" goes out to Pastor & Teresa for putting together this fun event.





JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- Saturday, August 20thPancake Breakfast with WELCA meeting following
- Sunday, September (tbd).....Thankoffering Sunday
- Saturday, October 22ndPancake Breakfast with WELCA meeting following
- Saturday, December 3rd.....Christmas Luncheon at “The Mansion”

Dorcas Circle - (Quilting)....Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.
We will not be meeting during the summer. Please check Sunday Bulletin.

Martha Circle – (Bible Study) Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at **12:00pm** (after quilting). Come have a great time learning from Pastor Lynn Ash (bring a sack lunch).
We will not be meeting during the summer. Please check Sunday Bulletin.

Eve Circle - (Bible Study) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **12:00pm** (after quilting).
Eve Circle will meet July 19th.
The summer study is from Gather Magazine July/August 2016 (The Heart of the Matter) - Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconsideration.
Session 2: Treasure in Clay Jars (*Jeremiah 29:13*) *The Heart of the Matter - Seeking God.*

Rachel Circle - (Knit/Crochet) Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
We will not meet in July, but will resume in August. Check Sunday Bulletins.

Phoebe Circle - (Card making) Not currently active.

Ruth Circle - (Crafts) Not currently active.

WELCA News

We are very excited and proud to announce that Marge Maenpaa has very graciously agreed to fulfill the position of Vice President of WELCA left vacant by Dee Dorman as she returned to her home state. We are very grateful to Marge for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

In other news, our next Pancake Breakfast is slated for Saturday, August 20th from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. We not only offer a fantastic breakfast but great fellowship as well. Hope to see everyone there!

At the end of July we will be collecting for school kits, for Lutheran World Relief and for Turner Elementary.

Blessings and peace to all,
René Harper



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.

Are you lonely or grieving? Sharing your feelings can help. Stephen Ministers are here to listen to you in confidence. 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

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 the Pastor, a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



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.



Lend a Hand Joy Men's Group

Summer is upon us. The men continue to be very busy. It takes a lot of work, with all the rain we've had, to keep our grounds looking neat. They are to be commended for a great job.

The men are always looking for an extra hand to help out. So, come out on Friday mornings and they will put you to work. What a great way to Stewardship your Time.

OUR HUNGER NEEDS DO NOT TAKE A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

“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.



“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 or Connie Steinhorst at 321-725-6391.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after worship

If you enjoy the “Coffee Fellowship”, consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

HELP NEEDED



We are in need of clickers to run the Power Points for the Sunday service, on the sanctuary screen. If you would be willing to do this, please sign up in the narthex. You will be scheduled per availability.

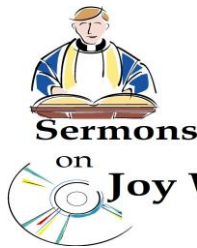


Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?

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.

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.

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.

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will not be meeting during July or August. Please join us again in September. Also, check Sunday's bulletin to see if we might have a get together during our off months.

See you in September!

January-June 2016 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,300	Needed YTD	\$67,800
Received in June	\$9,188	Received YTD	\$72,211
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed YTD	\$11,382
Received in June	\$2,310	Received YTD	\$11,973



July Birthday Blessings

- 07/02 Patsy Steger
- 07/03 Kyle Stoker
- 07/05 Al Kongsjord
- 07/05 Matthew Peters
- 07/07 Ethan Arner
- 07/12 David Steinhorst
- 07/13 Mary Ann Jones
- 07/13 Bob Lindner
- 07/16 Alice Vedera
- 07/20 Barbara Herndon
- 07/21 Novella Lengel
- 07/22 Cathy Fisher
- 07/22 Muriel Lee
- 07/24 Chris Peters
- 07/25 Kelly Arner
- 07/27 Constance Church
- 07/28 Chris Allebaugh

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.



Pray
without
Ceasing

We find intimacy with God through communicating with Him in prayer. We go to Him in faith, knowing that He hears and answers our prayers. Be confident that God knows and wants what is best for us; so ask that His will be done in all we seek from Him. Then, thank Him for it, even though it hasn't happened yet.

"And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:1-4).

We especially pray for: Elsa Antonsen, Marion Bauman, Martha Carmichael, Ernie Church, Ken Corbin, David Cruz, Janie Day Todd Eagle, Josh Herndon, Rachael Herndon, Jack Jones, Bob Kretzer, Kay Morris, Nancy Pagelsdorf, Vincent Powell, Elaine Simonelli, Rev. Bill Stremel, and Rev. Cindy Werner.

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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See Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Group	
3	4th of July 4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship					8:30am Property Work Group	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		"Church Council Meeting with the Florida Synod"			8:30am Property Work Group	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		12pm Eve Circle 7pm Council Mtg.			8:30am Property Work Group 10am-2pm Daily Bread	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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