



Tidings of Joy



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

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November 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
(During the Sermon)

Saturday November 26th

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

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

Sunday November 27th

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

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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

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:

Chris Allebaugh

Pr. Lynn Ash

Norm Barmen

Bob Getter

Rene Harper

Erik Maenpaa

Pastor's Point

Joy Church achieved an important milestone on September 18. We voted on a Call Committee which meant, as far as the Florida Synod is concerned, that Joy's preparatory work is behind. It's time to move on to the selection process of a new pastor. I've been through this three previous times at other interim locations. It's an exciting and fun time for a church. The coming of someone new (and all the conjecture that precedes it) gets interesting. I look forward to walking with you over the next few months as we see whom God will send to Joy Church.

We concluded our "Simply Stewardship" stewardship campaign on October 23. At the time of this writing, I do not have any preliminary numbers to share with you, but we do seem to have many responses that have come back. As you know, considering the above, this is an important stewardship year for us at Joy. Please, if you have not done so already, make a commitment to Joy this year according to the way the Lord has blessed your means. As I mentioned in a sermon recently - never be afraid to give to the Lord. We have Jesus' promise that God will always provide for our needs.

The Rev. Lynn Ash's 25th Anniversary of ordination is coming up on November 20. We plan a great day of celebration at Joy Church. The sanctuary will be set up at tables. (There will be other seating as well.) We will conduct the service in the usual way, but following we will begin a celebration luncheon for Lynn. The cost is very reasonable for a catered meal and I hope many will want to be on hand as we recognize Lynn's contribution to the gospel ministry and also to us at Joy Church.

As we come into the season of giving, I would urge your participation in two outreach programs to our community. For thanksgiving, we will support God's Pantry which is operated out of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. The collection begins on November 6, but I urge you to wait to hear from a representative of God's Pantry on that day before you gather any food. Also, in December we will gather new shoes for needy kids at Turner Elementary just across the street. In both these programs it is true that "we are blessed to be a blessing."

See you in church,

Pastor Ludder

Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 6.



Pastor Appreciation



Call Committee Corner

Blessings to all and Peace from your Call Committee. This is the first of many Call Committee Corners where we will try to keep you informed.

Coming soon is an opportunity for you to help us by completing a survey. Please watch for more emails and letters. (By The Way: we would rather communicate with you by email.)

One thing that is happening in our group is that we are studying **discernment**. We hope to learn how, to pick up a sense, of what is the will of God. We are also in the process of "shedding". That is: "ridding one's self of thoughts and things that could interfere with discernment." I know, Scary. More on that next time.

Peace,
Al Kongsjord

Call Committee

Susan Getter
Karen Runk
Wahneeta Ryckman
Al Kongsjord
Mark Walton
Erik Maenpaa (Council Representative)
Joy Peters (Alternate)



To the Men's Group, and fellow Members of Joy Lutheran Church,

Let me introduce myself, my name is John Manaseri. Lois, my wife, and I have only been members of Joy Lutheran Church for about eight months now. I cannot express the love that this church has for its people. When you first enter you can feel the love and God's presence. After attending many other churches Lois and I feel that we have come back to God and Joy Lutheran Church shines with His love. We are Home.

When I was growing up my father left when I was only six years old. My Mother was left alone to raise eight of us four girls and four boys. Through the years she kept all of us together, but also lived life her own way. As for me, being in the middle of the pack, I found my salvation by being around older people. Yes, I will use the word older – by this I mean ten, fifteen, and twenty years older than I was. When I was about seven years old I met a man and his wife who took me under their wing and guided me all through my life until they passed on. All my life my best friends have been older than I. The younger generation has to slow down and listen to their elders. It doesn't matter how many times you may hear the same story over and over. It's all the knowledge they have and stop to think about it for a minute. "When he or she passes on another library will close." All of their knowledge and stories are gone forever because no one took the time to listen. Our church (Joy Lutheran Church) is the same way, we are all getting older and need a lot of help from the younger generation to survive and keep growing.

We have seventy year olds climbing ladders, trimming trees, mowing, planting, and doing all kinds of labor to keep Joy Lutheran Church looking as nice as it does. This is what amazes me. Not just their age but the strength God has given them to do His work. They are a wonderful group to be with and yes you will hear many stories. So young, middle aged or old why not come out on the next work day and join the group. We will find something for you to do. Even if it is only an hour, stay as long as you like. You will be blessed.

Boy did I wonder off, I was asked by a couple of the men to become president of the men's group, so I had a decision to make. The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps (*Proverbs 16:9 NSRV*). It is always good to have a plan, but to know that plans do change and sometimes those detours lead us to a better way. No one has a perfect agenda and maybe it doesn't work well, but just remember to surrender them to God. Watch what you're willing and prepared heart can do in the light of His direction.

I will accept this leadership, if brought up at the next men's group meeting and voted on. I would like to see the group grow and become stronger. With God's help and prayers we can do it. We will need patience. God does not rush through. God still does things His own way and His timing. He wants to strengthen and test our faith. So when we get impatient just resolve and trust Him, surrender to Him. You can be sure He knows best. So let's not get anxious, in time we will see what God has promised Joy Lutheran Church and its congregation – all in due time.

May the Blessings of our Lord be upon you always,

John A. Manaseri

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey

All of us are just humming after our "gig" warming up for Beautiful Day (our friend Ken Green) at his CD Release Party. Ken and his musical colleague Mark Steven were both celebrating the release of a CD at the same event. Mark's disc is titled "I Am".

You may recall that Ken and Sarah Lorraine were at JOY in November last year. Some of you have copies of the CD we were celebrating, **Promised Land** by **Beautiful Day**.

I predict that Pilgrim Journey will soon add **Promised Land**, the title song of the album, to our song list. "It's all part of Gods great plan | we all live in the Promised Land."

Schedule modification: Pilgrim Journey will not be playing at JOY on the last Saturday of December. That is New Years Eve. We will play the following morning, Sunday, Jan 1, 2017.

Peace,
Al



Turner Elementary School has asked for our help in providing clothing items for their school children. Turner Elementary, schools children ages 4-13yr. All sizes (small thru extra large), for both boys and girls, are needed. Clothing items should be new or nearly new and clean.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR CHRISTMAS



There are children in need, right next to us at Turner Elementary. Why not fill shoeboxes with shoes? Shoe sizes should be 2, 3, 4, or 5.

If you would like to purchase shoes for the elementary, please bring to church in boxes with "boy" or "girl" indicated on the box and the shoe size (sizes 2, 3, 4 or 5). A shoebox the shoes have been purchased in would be appropriate, if no shoebox came with the shoes, a plastic shoe box or gift box would work just as well. Please do not seal the boxes, as they will need to be opened prior to distributing.

If you would like to include some special 'something' along with shoes, please do so.

Shoes can be brought to church anytime in November thru mid December.



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Saturday, November 5thChristmas Cottage
November 11-13.....Lake Yale Women’s Retreat
Saturday, December 3rdChristmas Luncheon at “The Mansion”

Dorcas Circle - (Quilting)....Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.

Martha Circle – (Bible Study) Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at **11:30am** (after quilting). Come have a great time learning from Pastor Lynn Ash (bring a sack lunch).

Eve Circle - (Bible Study) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **11:30am** (after quilting). Eve Circle will meet November 15th at 11:30am. Bible Study on *GATHER* magazine, Session #3: When God Chooses the Unlikely. Paul was successful at preaching the Gospel to Gentiles despite his failures. Might “weaknesses” – our own or our congregation – help to reveal God’s strength and power? What can we learn from failure? Acts 22:6-21; 1 Cor. 1:25, 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; 2 Cor. 4:5-7.

Rachel Circle - (Knit/Crochet) Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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

Ruth Circle - (Crafts) Not currently active.

WELCA News

We had our last-of-the-year Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 22. Not only did we have great food and great fellowship, we had a huge turnout as well. It was a very good time had by all. A special thank you to those who helped make this day a success.

Christmas Cottage will be held on November 5th between 9 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the church. There will also be a bake sale.

Lake Yale is November 11-13th. President is the Voting Member and will be paid by our unit. Applications will be in the WELCA box.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **November 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.

For further information contact: Patsy Steger @ 676-4187 or Doris Bunker @ 723-0710.

Always check Sunday’s bulletin for any changes.

COMING EVENTS

IT'S A HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE!

NOVEMBER 5TH



We are selling hand crafted giftable items, great for sharing during the holidays. Shop November 5th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for that special gift. Or, grab a hotdog or something sweet from the selection of bake sale items.

Located at Joy Church - corner of Jupiter and Eldron in Palm Bay.
Rent a table for only \$10. Contact Joyce at (321) 591-3794.

NOVEMBER

"Thanksgiving Food Gathering"

A basket will be available to be filled with non-perishable food items that will go to "God's Pantry" at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.



November 20th



Celebration of Pastor Lynn Ash's
25th anniversary of her ordination

December 4th

Advent Night



Joy to the World!

A Potluck Supper starting a 5:00pm will be followed by tree decorating and caroling.

"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.

"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 five families each weekend. The cost is about \$125 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks, especially thank you to Dan and Charlotte Abrahams for your dedication to this great program.



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.



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

"DAILY BREAD"

Feeding
Hungry



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



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.



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 or your spouse struggling with health issues that affect daily living. Senior One Place in Viera has information on services available. If you have Health First insurance so do they. Or do you just need to talk it over. Consider a confidential listening ear with a Stephen Minister. Just ask Pastor Ludder. He'll ask a Stephen Minister to contact you.

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



¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. 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 34:17-19(NRSV)

We especially pray for:

Elsa Antonsen
Marion Bauman
Ernie Church
David Cruz
Janie Day
Todd Eagle
Kathleen Hagen
Josh Herndon
Rachael Herndon
Jack Jones
John Kirsch
Kay Morris
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Vincent Powell
Perla Robinson
Elaine Simonelli
Dorothy Stremel
Rev. Bill Stremel
Thelma Tucker

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.

THANK YOU

Thank You for all the homemade with care items. The residents really love the Wheelchair Bags, Shawls, and Cell Phone Holders.

Sincerely,

Claire Hart,
Activity Director
Life Care Center of Palm Bay



November Birthday Blessings

11/01	Ed Baltzersen
11/02	Nicholas Peters
11/08	Dorothy Kirsch
11/13	Kris Franz
11/14	Caitlin Getter
11/14	Trent Thorman
11/18	Nick Wolf
11/19	Bonnie French
11/19	Carolyn Gillett
11/22	Connie Lampel
11/26	Joyce Ireland
11/27	Joy Christensen
11/28	Martha Carmichael

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-September 2016 Stewardship

General Fund	See Sunday bulletin for current information thru October.		
Needed each Month	\$11,300	Needed YTD	\$101,700
Received in September	\$11,035	Received YTD	\$106,339
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed YTD	\$17,073
Received in September	\$2,146	Received YTD	\$17,506

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>			<p>9am-2pm Christmas Cottage</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>11:30am Bible Study</p> <p>12:30pm Social Ministry</p> <p>1:30pm Fellowship Mtg.</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>		<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Worship & Music</p> <p>7pm Council Mtg.</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>	<p>12pm Young at Heart Luncheon</p>	<p>8:30am Property Work Group</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>Pr. Lynn's Ordination Anniv. Celebration</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p> <p>11:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p> <p>7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>		<p>8:30am Property Meeting</p> <p>10am-2pm Daily Bread</p>	<p>5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey</p> <p>6:30pm Pizza & BYOBeverage</p>
29	30					
<p>8:45am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship Pilgrim Journey</p>		<p>10am Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>10am Rachel Circle</p>			