



Tidings of Joy

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



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3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909

January 2017

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 January 28th

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

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

Sunday January 29th

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

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

Epiphany Potluck Dinner Friday, January 6th at 6pm.



Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas and commemorates the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem to see the infant Jesus. There, he is revealed as Savior of the nations. The dinner is at 6pm. Bring a main dish, side dish, or a salad to share. Dessert will be provided. A brief 20 minute Epiphany service will follow.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 29, 2017

(Following 10am. Worship Service)

Along with our Annual Meeting, on January 29, 2017, comes elections for Church Council.



The Nominating Committee consisting of; Chris Allebaugh, Lynn Ash, Barbara Bockelman, Lee Bockelman, Susan Getter and Harold Lengel, will be contacting Joy members to serve on the council for the 2017 year. There are 6 positions available: Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 council positions for 2 year terms. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. This will be an interesting year and a very important way to serve the church.

Barbara Herndon, President

*Women's
Luncheon*



The women's Christmas Luncheon 2016, at the Mansion in Melbourne, was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Elaine Heine for leading us in a Bible Study, as part of our luncheon. We shared in conversation, games, prizes, and prayer pals. And of course, the food was great. Be sure to keep your calendar open for this event December 2017. We wouldn't want you to miss out.



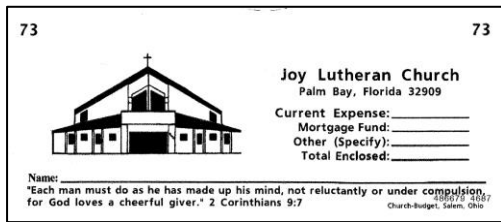
New Organist



Please give our new organist, Steve Weiss, a warm welcome. Many of you may already know Steve. He was our organist, a number of years back. So, I guess we can say "welcome back".

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Psalm 100:1-2 (NLT)

2017 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for pick up



Look for member giving statements around the 15th of January 2017

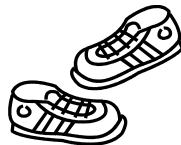


Turner Elementary School has asked for our help in providing clothing items for their school children. Turner Elementary, schools children ages 4-13yr. All sizes (small thru extra large), for both boys and girls, are needed. Clothing items should be new or nearly new and clean.

Donations Account Balances Through December 26, 2016

<u>Giving Account</u>	<u>December Activity</u>	<u>YTD Balance</u>
101 – Envelope	9,348.50	128,626.75
102 – Lent (Includes Easter)	0.00	2,235.50
103 – Christmas Eve & Christmas	1,661.00	1,661.00
104 – Thanksgiving	30.00	212.00
121 – Loose	479.00	5,512.46
201 – Flowers & Candles & Bulletins	396.00	1,627.00
401 – Fellowship	41.00	1,844.05
421 – Hunger Appeal	0.00	600.00
434 – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	0.00	45.00
450 – Mortgage Fund	1,794.50	22,884.50
715 – Bread of Life – Back Pack Kids	45.00	1,270.00
717 – Women of ELCA	0.00	25.00
725 – God’s House Pantry	50.00	632.00
726 – Shoes for Turner	948.00	977.00
<u>Total Giving Accounts</u>	<u>\$14,793.00</u>	<u>\$168,152.26</u>

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR CHRISTMAS
Sneakers for Kids Christmas Outreach with Turner Elementary



Your generosity has been overwhelming. With your donations and Thrivent monies, we have been able to purchase 40 (\$25 gift cards). This will allow 40 children to choose their own pair of shoes and make sure the fit is OK. A welcome Christmas present for so many.

Call Committee Corner

Greetings to all from your call committee. Our chairperson, Karen, is quite busy and I am honored to stand in for her and create this update on behalf of the committee.

We have processed the inputs from the surveys that you filled out. The next job is to create several narratives describing our church, it's goals, chosen ministries and other details that will inform the potential candidates and give them a sense of who we are as a community. This document that we are constructing is called a Ministry Site Profile.

Our initial approach to this daunting task is for EACH of us to write our own draft to answer each of the questions in the profile. Next month I will tell you how well that worked.

We have not yet begun the part of our job where we are obligated to protecting the privacy of potential candidates. Please feel free to talk to us if you have any questions about the process. We will continue to communicate progress even during that part of the process.

Blessings to all in 2017.

Peace,
Al

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Pilgrim Journey will be featured on the debut of a new monthly radio show here in Brevard County featuring Christian music. The show is hosted by our friend and fellow Christian church musician, Ken Green, and his friend, gifted singer and pianist, Angelia Bell.

The first show will have been on Christmas Morning. Go to www.radio1300.com and there is a link to listen live. All local talent. The shows are also archived and can be accessed anytime after the original broadcast.

Best wishes for 2017 from Pilgrim Journey
Al, Dennis, Bob, Lisa and Ray

Peace,
Al

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will meet on January 19th. 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: Doris Bunker @ 723-0710 or Mary Ann Jones @ 984-7528. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

Annual Joy WELCA meeting January 14, at 10:30 AM.

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 on Tuesday, the 17th of January, 11:30 a.m., *GATHER* magazine, Winter Study 2017: Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom. Session 1. No other Gospel (Galatians 1:1 – 2:21)

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

Annual Joy WELCA meeting January 14, at 10:30 AM.

*Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth. ~ Martin Luther*

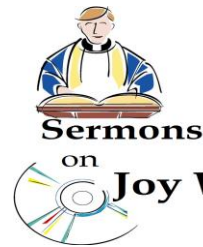


Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?

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.



Lend a Hand
Joy Men's Group

The men continue to be very busy. It takes a lot of work 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.

"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 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.



Sometimes it is difficult to see your way ahead in the new year due health or aging concerns. There are confidential listeners in Stephen Ministry who will listen to your concerns. Ask Pastor Ludder. Remember Senior One Place can offer alternatives and Health First can also.

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.



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
Linda Bechard
Ernie Church
David Cruz
Janie Day
Matthew Dretzka
Todd Eagle
Josh Herndon
John Kirsch
Kay Morris
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Elaine Simonelli
Rev. Bill Stremel
Thelma Tucker
Mary Ann Valentine
Deloris Williams

THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for the cards and support during Jack's illness and his passing. It has been a rough couple of months, but your care and concern helped.

Thank you,
Mary Ann Jones & Family



December Birthday Blessings

01/07	Violet Chin
01/14	Sandra Kenyon
01/15	Winnie Hall
01/17	Joyce Powell
01/19	Ruth Holm
01/22	Chad Arner
01/22	Kelly Bockelman
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.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year ¹	2	3	4	5	Epiphany 6	7
10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group 6pm Epiphany Potluck Dinner	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study 12:30pm Social Ministry 1:30pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	10:30am Annual WELCA Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study 6:00pm Worship & Music 7pm Council Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYOBeverage
29	30	31				
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey		10am Dorcas Circle				Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.