



# 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

February 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 February 25th

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

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

### Sunday February 26th

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

## 2017 Church Council

**Interim Pastor** - Rev. C. Judd Ludder

**President** - Chris Peters

**Vice President** - Erik Maenpaa

**Secretary** - Kelly Arner

**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer

### **Council Members at Large:**

Chris Allebaugh

Rene Harper

Judy Garrison

Sandra Kenyon

John Manaseri

Melody Shaffer

# Congratulations

## Meet the 2017 Church Council



Linda Kratzer (Financial Secretary), Eric Maenpaa (Vice President), Sandra Kenyon, John Manasari, Rene Harper, Judy Garrison, Melody Shaffer, Chris Allebaugh, Kelly Arner (Secretary), Chris Peters (President)  
Not in Photo: Kim Tolley (Treasurer)

### Newly Elected Council Members for 2017



Sandra Kenyon, Melody Shaffer, John Manasari, Judy Garrison

A big thank you goes out to the outgoing members who served 2016.  
Pastor Lynn Ash, Norm Barmen, and Bob Getter.

Pastor's Point

Some thoughts on 2017 at Joy.

I'm writing this after the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29. It was a good meeting. After a productive year as attested by the Ministry Team reports, the congregation received the Annual Report as good news and evidence of excellent progress in 2016. Joy's financial stewardship was quite remarkable in 2016 exceeding planned General Fund income by 10%. We welcomed to the ministry staff a part time paid secretary and a new church musician. We had the church painted at minimal cost and we obtained an amazing new Alhborn Galanti organ at minimal cost to the church. The church is close to full most Sunday mornings. The fellowship is joyous - as it should be! The spirit and mood of the congregation is positive and forward looking. Joy has been blessed. We had a good year.

As I mentioned to the Church Council at its January meeting and at the Annual Congregational meeting, I feel my job at Joy is basically done. The five developmental tasks with which I am charged as an interim pastor have pretty much been accomplished. We've put the past in the past and are ready to move on. In the "Living Lutheran Retreat", we identified our core values in terms of who we are and the dynamics that drive our congregation's life together. We certainly have embraced new congregational leadership. I mean, just look at the newly elected Council members! Our relationship with the Florida Synod is much improved evidenced by our mission support giving. Joy is no longer in a position to have to "take what's convenient or available." Joy can attract and support an excellent new pastoral leader. Finally, we are ready for someone new to come and lead Joy Church on to its next chapter in mission in Palm Bay.

So, with that behind us, we need to be thinking of how we use our remaining time together productively. (That means you and your interim pastor.) David Meisenheimer, the pastor of the huge Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC when I was in that Synod told me once: when you are pushing a rock up a hill, that last thing you want to do is stop to rest. If you knew all the David did when he was pastor at Christ - he was true to that!

So, as we look forward to the Call Committee completing the Mission Site Profile and interviewing candidates for the pastoral position at Joy, I think I will keep on identifying and suggesting things that we can do to make Joy more ready for mission when the new pastor comes. At this point, I think it's all gravy. I mean, there is nothing wrong with Joy advancing before the new pastor comes. Not with major initiatives, of course, but in things that are faithful to the great commission to bring people into relationship with Christ through Joy Lutheran Church. We'll keep each other posted along the way.

See you in church!

Pastor Ludder

### **Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Services at Joy**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, with a service of the Imposition of Ashes at Joy. This service will be at 7 pm. On the five following Wednesday evenings, we will have a simple soup and sandwich supper together from 6 until 6:30 pm. Following dinner, we will have a brief service of worship using Holden Evening Prayer. The theme for these mid-week services will be Luther's Major Treatises - one each Wednesday evening. The Freedom of a Christian / To the German Nobility / Bondage of the Will / Treatise on Good Works and Babylonian Captivity of the Church. This theme was chosen especially this year as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luther's 95 Thesis and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

Pancake Breakfast  
 Saturday February 4th, 2017  
 8:00am - 10:00am



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

For God so loVed the world  
 That he gAve  
 His onLy  
 BegottEn  
 SoN  
 That whosoever  
 Believeth I n Him  
 Shall N ot perish,  
 but have E verlasting life.  
 John 3:16

Are you Ready for some fun?



**Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**, with Spaghetti and Bunco, at 5:30 pm

The evening of fun begins with a free spaghetti dinner at 5:30pm.

**Note:** If you have a card table, we could use it.



LENT SUPPER SCHEDULE

- March 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Fellowship
- March 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Men's Group
- March 22<sup>th</sup> ..... Worship and Music
- March 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Church Council
- April 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Women of the ELCA

Lenten Services will begin on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. Starting on March 8th, we will have a Lenten Supper starting at 6:00 pm followed by the Lenten Service at 6:30 pm.

The above listed committees are asked to provide soup and sandwiches for the Wednesday designated for their committee.

February 26 at 3 pm  
 Concert to help sponsor trip to Guatemala



## NEW ORGAN AND ORGANIST



Our organist, Steve Weiss, is very familiar with our newly acquired Alhborn Gananti AG3200 organ. You could say that it followed him from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer from where we acquired it, using our Memorial Funds. This amazing instrument is an outstanding upgrade from our current organ, which we have had since 1988 and is of limited capability. Our “new” AG3200 is truly an organ for the future at Joy. It literally has over 10 times the sounds and capabilities of our older organ. Wait until you hear it!

### STEVE WEISS:

*I and my family were part of the original members of Joy in the 1980s. I was one of the original musicians playing the keyboard and helped during the period of building the current church building and setting up the original sound system. Upon graduating high school I attended Concordia University, River Forest, IL, where I received a BA with three majors, two in computer science and one in church music. My primary instrument was the organ with the minor instrument of strings but I also studied and played all instruments, had a pipe organ design and registration class, choir and orchestra conducting as well as music composition. Upon completion of college I returned to Palm Bay and was the organist and choir director at Joy until approximately 2000. During my time at Joy I directed the choir which included several cantata's featuring local high school musicians, selected the Galanti organ that is/was still in the church as well as other routine music director responsibilities. Upon leaving Joy I became the music specialist at Redeemer Lutheran in Melbourne, FL and have been responsible for weekly services playing the organ and directing the choir and tone chime choir and selecting the hymns and service setting when needed. I have previously been a member, and served as vice-president of the local American Guild of Organist (AGO) chapter. Steve Weiss*

Be sure to check out Alexi's new "cute" hairdo. This young lady has shown a real act of kindness, by donating her hair to Children With Hair Loss (CWHL) to "cover young heads to heal young hearts." We should all be proud of Alexi.



## Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on February 16th. 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 one of the hosts for this month: Donna Burdick @ 860-379-3858, Margorie Maenpaa @ 321-327-8400, or Novella Lengel @ 321-676-0499. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

## Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Greetings all. Today I have *Good* news and *Bad* news.

### *Good*

Pilgrim Journey and many other musical groups and individuals are banding together to produce a Benefit Concert to help fund a mission trip to Guatemala. More info to come and if you have not already done so please like the Pilgrim Journey Facebook page. I will bring news to that space first.

### *Bad*

Ray Hummel, our singer, songwriter and newest member is taking time off from Pilgrim Journey. He is a true servant of Christ and I am sure he is singing praises with another church.

### *Good*

Angela Porto, a singer who helped us in November will be singing with us again. Please welcome her when you see her.

Blessings and peace to you all from us in Pilgrim Journey.

Peace,  
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## **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.



**JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA**

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.....Pancake Breakfast (8:00 - 10:00am)  
Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Spring Gathering at Advent Lutheran, 9:30am

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at **11:30am** (after quilting).  
Eve Circle will meet on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 11:30 a.m., *GATHER* magazine, Winter Study 2017: Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom. Session 2. Children of God Through Faith. God’s grace and the new life we have in Christ are gifts we receive rather than things we can earn or accomplish. Study Text is (Galatians 2:19 – 3:29).

**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**

JOY WELCA held their annual meeting on January 14, 2017.

Marjorie Maenpaa was elected President and Linda Kratzer was elected Treasurer.  
Schedule/Agenda was set for 2017.

☺ WELCA's Pancake breakfast will be held on February 4th from 8:00 to 10:00am. After the breakfast, the Men's Group will have their meeting.

☺ Norman Barmen is off to Guatemala again this year. Traveling with him will be Josh Bechard. They leave March 22nd. WELCA will sponsor a collection of money for their trip, by inserting donation envelopes in the Sunday Bulletin, on February 5th.

☺ WELCA will once again make health kits for Norm to take. Anyone wishing to donate items for the kit will be appreciated . The items needed are: bars of soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, wash cloths, combs, band aids, and hand towels.

More JOY WELCA News

Rachel's Circle

Hi Ladies of Joy!

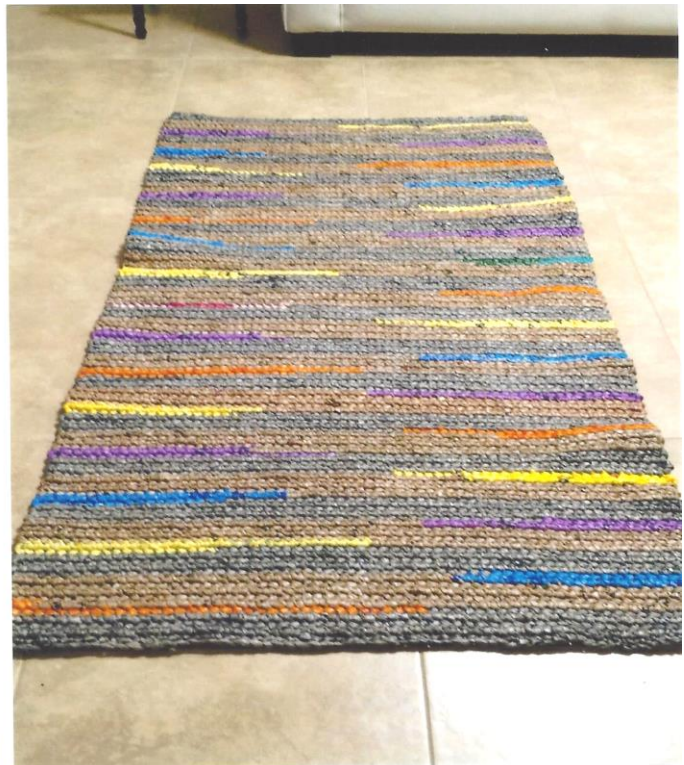
We just want to keep you posted on what the knitting and crocheting circle is doing. Some of the projects include:

- Crocheting mattresses for the homeless at Daily Bread out of shopping bags which keep the homeless from having to lay on wet and cold ground and knitted and crocheted hats.
- Knitted and crocheted shawls, lap robes, prayer shawls, heart monitor bags and walker bags for The Palms and Life Care Center.
- Crocheting and knitting baby hats, booties, crocheted stuffed animals and assembling baby kits which include hats, booties, onesies, and a special toy for Holmes Regional Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Boggy Creek, and Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Illinois.

When a picture of this years "first baby" at Holmes Regional was published in the local paper, we were pleased to see that the hat the baby was wearing was one that was made by one of our crafty ladies! Please join us for on Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. If you knit or crochet great, but if not, we would be happy to teach you. We have a selection of patterns to learn from along with lots of donated yarn. If you know of some place that is in need, please let us know so we can add them to our list of donation sites.

Betty Lou Nielsen and Linda Kratzer

Pictured below are two of the plastic bag mats made by our ladies and given to the homeless at Daily Bread.







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

## THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and thoughtfulness while I was healing from my fall.

*Maryann Valentine*

## "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.



*<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. <sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.*

Psalm 34:17-19(NRSV)

### We especially pray for:

Dan Abrahams  
Elsa Antonsen  
Marion Bauman  
Linda Bechard  
Ernie Church  
David Cruz  
Janie Day  
Todd Eagle  
Josh Herndon  
John Kirsch  
Nancy Pagelsdorf  
Elaine Simonelli  
Mary Ann Valentine

## 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.



### February Birthday Blessings

- 2/01 Kay Small
- 2/03 Brian Getter
- 2/05 George Christensen
- 2/07 Pr. John Green
- 2/16 Kenneth Wolf, Jr.
- 2/17 Don Heine
- 2/20 Roy Chin
- 2/21 Lee Bockelman
- 2/22 Emilio Cruz
- 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey
- 2/23 Maryann Valentine
- 2/23 Leah Bockelman
- 2/24 Luther Radway
- 2/26 Nancy Pagelsdorf
- 2/26 Joy Peters

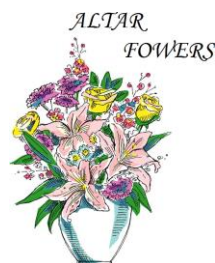
Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.

### "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.,



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- 2017 Stewardship

<b>See Sunday bulletin for current information</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
Received in January	\$12,631
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Received in January	\$2,134

## FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	8am-10am Pancake Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	5:30pm Spaghetti & Bunco Night
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg. 2:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle	12pm Young at Heart Luncheon	8:30am Property Work Group	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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		8:30am Property Meeting  10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey  6:30pm Pizza & BYOBeverage
26	27	28				
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey 3:00pm Guatemala Concert		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study				<b>Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</b>