



Tidings of Joy

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



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March 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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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service

March 1st at 7:00 pm

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 500th Anniversary of Luther's 95 Thesis and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

LENT

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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 (newly elected - 2yr term)

Sandra Kenyon (newly elected - 2yr term)

John Manaseri (newly elected - 2yr term)

Melody Shaffer (newly elected - 1yr term)

Pastor's Perspective

The penitential season of Lent will soon be upon us. It begins on Ash Wednesday - March 1. Normally when we think about Lent, there is behind it the idea of sorrow for sin and amendment of life. We look at our lives and the way we are living in comparison to the example of Christ. Generally, there is a pretty wide gap there and so we need to be about making some changes. We call this repentance - or turning from one way of living to another way more pleasing to God.

A Sunday School teacher was once leading her class on the topic of repentance. After much discussion, the class decided that "true repentance" consisted of two parts. One was feeling sorry for what you have done wrong. The other part was a promise to do better in the future. That decided, the teacher went on to say: "I disagree. I've been repenting like that all my life and I don't think it does much good." I think she was saying that the kind of repentance we do in our hearts or minds seem to fail us. You know, the "spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" problem.

When I think of repentance, I consider it in other terms. I think of it in relation to the prodigal son. Repentance, for me, isn't so much as entering upon a guilt trip about your past or present and then promising to do better in the future. For me, like the prodigal son, it's about a change in location. The prodigal got into trouble when he decided to change his location. He abandoned his family, took his inheritance with him and proceeded to waste it. A kind assessment might be that it was movement toward self-actualization, towards independence, of cutting the apron strings - but it was movement without any significance for his life. The prodigal's real move toward wholeness was when he said to himself: "I will get up and go home." His repentance came about when he decided to change his location and go home.

Most of the trouble we cause ourselves in life comes from being in the wrong location - by choice! During Lent, we follow Jesus to the cross. It's a time of movement. A time of changing locations. If you are in a place in life that is leading you to trouble, its more than likely a time to leave old locations behind and deciding to go home. Jesus will be waiting for you!

Pastor Ludder

¹²Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:12-13 (NRSV)



LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

- March 8th..... Fellowship
- March 15th..... Men's Group
- March 22th..... Worship and Music
- March 29th..... Church Council
- April 5th 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.

**DON'T FORGET!
MARCH 12TH, 2017
SET YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD 1 HOUR**



How to Worship



Be silent.
Be thoughtful.
Be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.
...Unknown

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Remember, 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2017.
Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where you would like Thrivent Financial to distribute some of its charitable outreach funds. Joy Lutheran Church can be a designated place to distribute your "Choice Dollars".



Where were you Bunco Night, on Saturday February 11th? We missed you, and you sure missed out on some good old fashioned fun. We had 5 kids and 23 adults show up for dice rolling and some tasty spaghetti, salad, and desserts. Thank you to our Fellowship Committee for all their hard work.



Be sure to watch for our next Bunco Night.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine," Proverbs 17:22 (NLT)

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will meet on March 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: Doris Bunker @ 321-723-0710, Ruth Holm @ 321-951-7185, or Dot Kirsch @ 321-956-1245. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

Musical Notes from "Pilgrim Journey"



"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 March 25th at 5:30 pm

Sunday March 26th at 10:00 am

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.

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:

- March 4.....WELCA meeting at 10:00
- April 5..... Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinner
- April 22..... Spring Gatherings at Advent Lutheran Church in Melbourne
- May 6..... Pancake Breakfast, followed by a meeting.
- May 7..... Rachel's Day
- May 14..... Sunday Coffee Fellowship (WELCA hosting)
- June 18..... Sunday Coffee Fellowship (WELCA hosting)
- August 5..... Pancake Breakfast, followed by a meeting
- October 7..... Pancake Breakfast, followed by a meeting
- November 4..... Holiday Craft Show
- November 10-13.... Lake Yale
- December 2..... Women's Christmas 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 on Tuesday, the 21st of March, 11:30 a.m., *GATHER* magazine, Winter Study 2017: Session #3: Galatians, Christian Faith & Christian Freedom: Heirs of the promise. For Paul, Jesus Christ is both the cause and the center of the Christian family. In Christ, we become daughters and sons of God, Galatians 3:24-4:31.

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

Congratulations. We have reached our goal of 70 Health Kits for Norman and Josh's trip to Guatemala. Thank you to all who donated items to allow us to meet our goal of 70.

80 quilts, 27 book bags, and 320 bars of soap were delivered on February 14 to St. Timothy's Church in Melbourne to be given to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all the ladies for their hard work so that we were able to donate so many items.

Our first Pancake Breakfast for 2017 was very successful. We served 29 people blueberry or plain pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, coffee and orange juice. Please join us for our next Pancake Breakfast on May 6.

The second Young at Heart pot luck luncheon was well attended with 24 people enjoying delicious food and wonderful fellowship. The next Young at Heart pot luck luncheon will be held on March 16 at 12:00. Please join us.

“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.

“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.

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.



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:

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Crocheters and Knitters for all the gifts you have provided for our residents and patients. The residents as well as the short-term patients are very appreciative of these gifts.

Life Care Center of Palm Bay
Activities Director,

Claire Hart



February Birthday Blessings

- 3/02 Gene Sorensen
- 3/03 Curtis Church
- 3/05 Tamara Embrey
- 3/21 Lois Manaseri
- 3/22 Dan Abrahams
- 3/22 Jane Antonsen
- 3/22 Alex Tolley
- 3/27 Sharon Russell
- 3/29 Bonnie Getter
- 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul

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 2017 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information thru February.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,965	Needed YTD	\$11,9650
Received in June	\$12,631	Received YTD	\$12,631
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$2,720	Needed YTD	\$2,720
Received in June	\$2,134	Received YTD	\$2,134

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Ash Wednesday ¹	2	3	4
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.			10am Rachel Circle 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service		8:30am Property Work Group	10am WELCA Meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Work Group	
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 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	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 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		10am-2pm Daily Bread 8:30am Property Work Group	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYOBeverage
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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