



Tidings of Joy



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

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April 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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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Easter Sunday April 16th
Service at 10 am



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service:	7:00pm
Good Friday Service:	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Service:	10:00am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, Following
10am Service.

Midweek Lenten Services:

Our Wednesday evening services continue through April 5th. The theme for these mid-week services will be Luther's Major Treatises. 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.

Please join us at:
6:00pm Soup and Sandwiches

6:30pm Evening Worship



LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

April 5th Women of the ELCA

We will have a Lenten Supper starting at 6:00 pm followed by the Lenten Service at 6:30 pm.

The above listed committee is asked to provide soup and sandwiches.

"LIVING LAST SUPPER"



Living Last Supper will be performed at Joy by the men of First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 11th at 7:30pm

Saturday April 15th , 10am

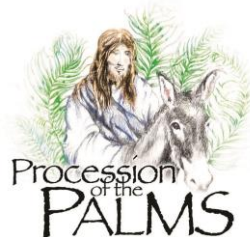
**Join us in preparing the
Sanctuary for Easter.**



Order forms, for Easter Lilies, will be available in the Church Narthex. The cost of lilies is \$6.00 each. If you sign up for more than one plant, please sign for each one ordered. Indicate if you want to designate in honor or in memory of a loved one. Place the form and your check (made out to Joy Lutheran Church) in the provided envelope and place it in the offering plate.

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday – April 9
Service Time - 10:00 AM



BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! In memory of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, our Palm Sunday celebration will begin outdoors at the Remembrance Garden (weather permitting). **WE ASK THAT EVERYONE BRING A PALM BRANCH TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY** to participate in a "Procession with Palms" that will begin our service. A brief opening liturgy will precede the Procession as we carry our palm branches into the sanctuary symbolizing that we, Jesus' followers of today, also hail Him as our Lord and King.

Maundy Thursday Sit-Down Communion Service

Thursday – April 13
Service Time – 7:00 PM

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU! Christ's commandment to love one another as He has loved us is dramatically portrayed in this very special service of Holy Communion. In the glow of candlelight, we gather to hear the words of Jesus and receive the fullness of his presence in body and blood. This powerful liturgy includes the stripping of the altar which symbolizes Christ being stripped of his power and glory and being put into the hands of sinful humanity. Thus the transition is made from Eucharistic celebration to reflection on Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday – April 14
Service Time – 7:00 PM

IT IS ACCOMPLISHED! On this day of sorrows, we remember the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world. In His body broken and His blood shed, we are offered the gift of everlasting life. Joy Church will observe a traditional service of Tenebrae beginning at 7:00 in the evening. Tenebrae means "shadows" and is one of the oldest traditional services of Holy Week. As the Passion story of Christ unfolds, the darkness increases until, with the death of our Lord, only one light remains...the light of God's love. This year, the Passion readings will be expounded upon with brief homilies by Pastor Ludder. You will want to be present for this most important and meaningful service as we follow Christ to the cross and to the tomb.

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

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will NOT meet in April. We will meet again in May; and then not meet again until the fall.

Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



Soon, our "**Friends in Christ**" will be leaving for their homes up north. We will miss you.

You are truly a blessing to our Joy Family. Your support with Daily Bread, Men's Group, Ladies Group, and serving in the church is greatly appreciated. We wish you a safe trip back to your summer homes. We are already looking forward to your return in the fall.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. God's Blessings to each and every one of you.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, Following
10am Service.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Welcome our newest members



Linden Strandberg & Jackie Mertens - Gary & Mary Sherman - Peggy & William Kemmerer

Happy 90th Birthday Luther Radway



Guatemala Benefit Concert





The Spring Shepherds Center session will be held at Riviera United Church of Christ, 415 Riviera Dr, N.E., Palm Bay. On Tuesdays, April 18 - May 9 9:00a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Linda Matthews will present Computers 102: What Else Can I Do With Windows 10? and Computers 103: A Potpourri of Computer Management. Each Tuesday class is limited to 10 students and early registration is recommended.

On Thursdays, April 20 - May 11 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the following classes will be offered:

One Senior Place will present Aging 101; you can learn about Local History with Peter Morton; Dean Martineau will introduce us to Abrahamic Religions After Christianity; Rick Rakauskas will take us on another fabulous Musical History Tour; you can continue studying Ancient Cultures with Mary Anne McMillen or Vikings with Gary Christensen; we will have a new Poetry class with Fay Picardi, TV Nostalgia will feature four different Shepherd's Center presenters sharing favorite shows and trivia; join Chris Rakauskas for April in Paris Basic Conversational French; Val Anderson returns with Stretching; Helga and Liz will present a unique Women of the Bible class; and Jack and Ann Dawkins present another installment of Experiencing America.

Brochures are available in the Information area of the narthex and on-line at www.shepctrsobrev.org.

Our casual enrichment classes are for adults who enjoy new learning experiences, meeting people and making new friends. For additional information speak with Patsy Steger or Elaine Heine. They would love to introduce you to the Shepherds Center.

The summer session will be at Joy Church, July 6-27, 2017.



Adventures in Learning
Spring 2017 Term

SHEPHERD'S CENTER
Classes will meet Tuesdays &
Thursdays April 18 – May 11

As a sponsor of this wonderful program, classes for the "Spring 2017 Term" will be held at Riviera Church of Christ.

Registration fee is \$10 for individual or \$15 per couple. <http://shepctrsobrev.org/>

... let the wise also hear and gain in learning... Proverbs 1:5

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 April 29th at 5:30 pm
Sunday April 30th at 10:00 am



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

- April 5..... Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinner
- April 22..... Spring Gathering 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 18th of April, 11:30 a.m., *GATHER* magazine, Session #4: Galatians, Christian Faith & Christian Freedom: For freedom Christ has set us free. For both Paul and Luther, freedom in Christ means living life in service of others. Galatians 5:1-6:18.

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

The Guatemala Mission Health Kits was a huge success. We reached our goal of 70 kits plus some extra. A big thank you to all the wonderful donations and to all who assemble the kits.

Thank You, Joyce Ireland, for taking the position of secretary for WELCA. Welcome aboard!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the April 22 Spring Gathering in the Narthex. Deadline is April 17. Carpooling is available. Registration fee is \$8.00.

Ladies we are still in need of a Joy WELCA Vice President. If anyone is interested in serving please contact Marjorie Maenpaa at marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com or 321-327-8400.

Please join us for our next Pancake Breakfast on May 6.

NOTE: The Dorcas sewing/quilt group is in need of a gently used sewing machine. One of our star sewer's machine has bit the dust and we would be happy to either purchase or receive as a donation a very simple - basic machine - sews straight front and back and maybe zigzag. Nothing fancy.

Florida Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization
SPACECOAST CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA
SPRING GATHERING

On Saturday, April 22, our ladies Spring Gathering will be held at Advent Lutheran Church. ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH is located at 7550 N. Wickham Road, Suntree, Melbourne, FL 32940.

Registration and Coffee Fellowship begins at 9am and the cost is \$8.00

Business Meeting

Communion Service - Rev. Rick Funk and
Rev. Tom Unrath

Lunch

Bible Study – Pr. Lynn Ash

Theme “Feed My Sheep,”

He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”
John 21:17



**"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.

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.



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
Marion Bauman
Linda Bechard
Ernie Church
David Cruz
Janie Day
Todd Eagle
Josh Herndon
John Kirsch
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Elaine Simonelli
Mary Ann Valentine
Delores Williams



SHARING CENTER

"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.



April Birthday Blessings

- 04/07 Janet Blish
- 04/07 Kim Tolley
- 04/07 Alyssa Wolf
- 04/08 Linda Corbin
- 04/08 Wahneeta Ryckman
- 04/09 Judy Franz
- 04/09 Peggy Lindner
- 04/11 Judy Baltzersen
- 04/12 Rene Harper
- 04/12 Orpha Lengel
- 04/15 Barbara Bockelman
- 04/17 Katherine Pagan
- 04/23 Marjorie Maenpaa
- 04/30 Reed Bockelman

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- March 2017 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information thru March.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,965	Needed YTD	\$35,895
Received in March	\$16,592	Received YTD	\$41,978
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,720	Budgeted YTD	\$8,160
Received in March	\$1,862	Received YTD	\$5,703

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	
Palm Sunday 9	10	11	12	Maundy Thurs 13	Good Friday 14	15
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg. 2:00pm Social Ministry 7:30pm Living Last Supper	10am Rachel Circle	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	8:30am Property Work Group 7:00pm Good Friday Service	
Easter 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Easter Worship Service Children's Easter Egg Hunt Following Service		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study 6:00pm Worship & Music 7pm Council Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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