



Tidings of Joy



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

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Staff

The Rev. C. Judd Ludder - Interim
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
Elizabeth Whitlock – Church Secretary

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday October 28th

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

Sunday October 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

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

Pastor's Point

The child's continual question when taking a long trip by car is: "Are we there yet?" Sometimes journeys or trips take longer than expected. Our "trip" of transition at Joy Church which has gone on for a long time now will go on for a bit longer than what we might have expected. Joy's Call Committee after interviewing two candidates for the position of pastor at Joy determined that neither were exactly what Joy Church is looking for. "Are we there yet?" No, not yet.

My 99-year-old mom has a saying: "God's time is best." To be sure in my experience I have found that to be true - even if I didn't always agree with God's time. At times, God seems to move too slowly for my way of thinking. Which - I guess - is why He is God and I'm not. So, the search goes on for a new pastor at Joy which will be fulfilled in God's time. In the meantime, we will continue on together to ensure that Joy remains the strong and healthy church that it is and ready for a new shepherd to come whenever he or she does. I know the story Jesus told of the wise and foolish maidens. Some planned for a longer waiting period and had enough oil to keep their lamps lighted versus others who did not. Joy Church will be ready. I'm at peace with it and I hope you are too.

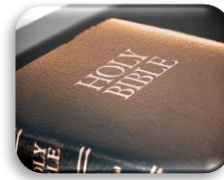
October is stewardship month at Joy. Our campaign theme this year is "Called to Be Faithful." Jesus calls us to faithful with little, with much and with all. This year's program involves a bit of "audience participation." On the Sundays of October 1, 8 and 15 we will ask you to respond to a stewardship reflection on note cards. On the following Sunday, we will share some of the responses with everyone. There are no names involved in this. Just anonymous responses from our congregation. I hope it will be revealing and help us to think more about what it means to be faithful to our Lord. The program will end on October 22 which will be Stewardship Sunday at Joy. On that Sunday we ask that you bring in your pledge and Time and Talent responses that will be mailed to your homes. As children of our heavenly Father, we are **Called to Be Faithful**. My prayer is that you will be as you offer your commitment to Christ through Joy Church.

Pastor Ludder

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 5.**



Lectionary "A" for October 2017



Gospel Readings

- October 1st Matthew 21:23-32
- October 8th Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15th Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22nd ... Matthew 22:15-22
- October 28th Matthew 22:34-46

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Joy Call Committee received a call list from the Synod on August 1, 2018 containing the Rostered Minister Profiles for two candidates. The Call Committee met with, interviewed and heard both candidates preach between August 21, 2017 and September 3, 2017. On Sunday September 17, 2017, following more than a week of dealing with hurricane Irma, the Call Committee met to review the results of the interviews and preaching. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, it was the consensus of the Call Committee to release both candidates back to the Synod and continue our search. This decision was made after careful deliberation and a comprehensive review and alignment of Joy's MSP with the qualities that each candidate brought to the table.

As chair of the Call Committee, Karen has been in contact with Connie Schmucker and is providing her with an overview of the results of the interviews to include an analysis of the characteristics from each candidate that the committee felt aligned most closely with Joy's MSP. Connie informed Karen that, using the feedback from the committee, she will be providing a new call list to the committee in the near future. The Call Committee remains dedicated to searching for a new pastor for Joy Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen F. Runk
Call Committee Chairperson



Sunday School is back in session. **We are in need of additional teachers.** The materials are supplied to you and are very easy to follow. Because we rotate months, you do not have to teach more than 3 times during the year. Please pray about becoming a Sunday School teacher.

NOTE: Children are dismissed for "Children's Education Time" following the Pastor's "Kid's Talk", and return prior to Communion.



ATTENTION

All Joy Crafters (men & women) are invited to help

JOY Lutheran Church Women Annual CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE (fundraiser)

November 4, 2017 9:00 to 2:00 p.m.

- Crafts (all crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, wood working, jewelry making, etc.)
- Bake sale
- White elephant table
- Men's group: hot dogs sale
- Tables for rent for anyone who has crafts/items to sell (not garage sale)

For planning purposes: Please let Marjorie know 1) if you would like to contribute to WELCA's crafts or help with craft sale; 2) \$10.00 rent a table to sell your crafts.

Marjorie Maenpaa at 327-8400

or

email: marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **October 19th 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. October's Young at Heart will be hosted by Marge Maenpaa and Dot Kirsch

Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

October 29, 2017

October Fest



October Fest Menu will be: brats, hot dogs, buns, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and apple strudel. The cost will be \$10.00 a person.



Musical Notes from "Pilgrim Journey"



Blessings and Peace to the friends and members of JOY Lutheran Church from Pilgrim Journey.

Thank you for your patience during the last month or so when the Pilgrim Journey weekend got moved off the last weekend of August. We REALLY try not to change it, because it is important for those who like what we do and for those who might not prefer our music. This month we will have another change. The last weekend in October is Reformation Sunday and, since it is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation JOY will be having a traditional organ-driven service on that Sunday. Pilgrim Journey will play ONLY on Saturday evening that weekend. Come on out and praise and pray with us.

A personal "Thank you" from Al and Angela to all who have given us such kind words on the event of our marriage. We were SO PLEASED that some of our pictures were included in the last "Tidings of JOY". Thanks to Dennis French who took some really nice pictures.

"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.

"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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink served in the kitchen after worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship", consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

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.

JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

- October 7..... Pancake Breakfast, followed by a meeting
 - November 4..... Holiday Craft Show
 - November 10-13.... Lake Yale Fall Gathering
 - December 2..... Women’s Christmas luncheon at the Mansion
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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 wonderful 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).

REMINDER: WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on Tuesday, the 17th of October, 11:30 a.m., October *GATHER* magazine. New Bible Study: The Apostles’ Creed (this is a 3-month Bible Study: September, October & November) Session 2: We believe in Jesus Christ.....Suffered. Crucified. Died. Rose again. What can we learn about Jesus from the words of the Apostles’ Creed?

WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on Tuesday, the 18th of September, 11:30 a.m., September *GATHER* magazine. Starting NEW Bible Study: The Apostles’ Creed (this is a 3-month Bible Study: September, October & November) Session 1: We believe in God.....The Apostles’ Creed is part of our prayer life, our welcome liturgy and our teaching tools. It connects us to the history of the church and the faith.

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

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

JOY WELCA NEWS:

WELCA’s Holiday Craft Show is being held on November 4th. We need helpers to help with the baked goods, as a cashier, with the white elephant and book sale and setting up for the event.

In-order to make this a huge success, we would like anyone who can contribute to the bake sale, book sale or white elephant sale to help us out. If you are cleaning out your garage, buy a table from us and sell your items or donate them to us. If you are crafty or like to sew items, buy a table and sell your items.

The men’s group will be selling hot dogs for us. All help is welcome.

Please join us.

WELCA would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations for our Thank Offering. We collected \$552.00. Half of that goes to SWO and half to Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund.

Don’t forget the deadline for registration for the Lake Yale Gathering is October 15. You can register on-line or see me for applications.

Marjorie Maenpaa
President

“**Freed and Renewed in Christ**” is the theme used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s (ELCA) churchwide organization in its observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther first made public on Oct. 31, 1517. “500 Years of God’s Grace in Action” is a tagline that has been incorporated with the theme into a single graphic representation.

In “The Freedom of a Christian” (1520) Martin Luther famously wrote “A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.” The ELCA’s theme expresses this message of the Christian faith’s freedom and a renewed life of service to others in Jesus Christ.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

October 28, 1967-2017



Guess Who?

Happy Birthday Pastor Ludder





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



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
- Pastor Lynn Ash
- Linda Bechard
- David Cruz
- Janie Day
- Todd Eagle
- Vita Gardella & Family
- Gunner Heim
- Josh Herndon
- John Kirsch
- Craig Lattig
- Jackie Mertens
- Nancy Pagelsdorf
- Mark Russell
- Elaine Simonelli
- Mary Ann Valentine
- Delores Williams

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.

"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.



October Birthday Blessings

- 10/01 Betty Koykka
- 10/02 Norman Barmen
- 10/07 Carly Wolf
- 10/10 Steve Pooran
- 10/14 Mark Walton
- 10/14 William Stremel
- 10/15 Briana Heine
- 10/16 Lori Embrey
- 10/18 Elizabeth Planding
- 10/23 Bobbie Byrnes
- 10/23 Gary Sherman
- 10/24 Cassie Allebaugh
- 10/27 Elaine Simonelli
- 10/28 Helga Courtney
- 10/30 Joy Sorensen

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 2017 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,965	Needed YTD	\$107,685
Received in September	\$9,152	Received YTD	\$106,453
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,720	Budgeted YTD	\$24,480
Received in September	\$2,515	Received YTD	\$22,294

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	8am-10am Pancake Breakfast 10am WELCA meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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		8:30am Property Work Group	
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		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
29	30	31				
Reformation Sunday 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 11:15am Octoberfest Luncheon						Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.