



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
Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday November 25th

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

Sunday November 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

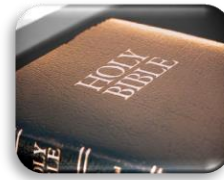
John Manaseri

Melody Shaffer

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends NOVEMBER 5.**



Lectionary "A" for October 2017



Gospel Readings

November 5th Matthew 23:1-12
November 12th Matthew 25:1-13
November 19th Matthew 25:14-30
November 26th Matthew 25:31-46

Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship



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.

Conserve Energy Reminder

Please reset the thermostats back to 79°, if the temperature was modified. We have had record high electric bills the past three months, and excess cooling is likely the cause.

Thanks,

Congregation President,

Chris Peters

Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **January 18th, 2018 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.

Pastor's Point

Last month I wrote to you concerning the length of our time together at Joy. Usually interims are in place for 12 to 18 months. I've been here at Joy considerably longer which, to be honest, has been no hardship and most enjoyable. Joy is a good place to be as I'm sure your new pastor and many future new members will come to realize.

I also wrote to you regarding our Called to Be Faithful stewardship program. If you have responded - thank you. If you haven't as of yet, please do so as soon as you can. Obviously, this upcoming year will be an important one for Joy and we do need to do our planning knowing what our financial resources will be. Your faithfulness to attendance and giving has been quite excellent thus far in 2017 and for that you have my sincere thanks.

There is a radio station I listen to in Orlando - WBDO I think. Their news format says: "The three big things you need to know." Trading on that, here are the three big things I think you need to know concerning Joy right now.

ONE - Thanks to a most generous gift to our congregation, Joy will be moving ahead with a double sided electronic sign to replace our existing one at the entrance to the church. As you know, our current signs are dated and are more of a detraction for visitors than an attraction. Kendal Signs is in charge of this project and the Church Council has approved the funding. What a wonderful thing it will be for Joy to have a modern electronic LED display at the entrance to our church!

TWO - The Call Committee will be interviewing a third candidate in early November. All indications are that the candidate's qualifications and skill set are a good match for Joy. Who knows - this might be the one! Keep our Call Committee in your prayers for theirs is important work.

THREE - Our roof saga is drawing to a close. On November 16, our adjuster and our insurance company and a neutral "umpire" will meet at Joy for a final assessment on our roof. Hopefully, the determination will go in our favor and we will be able to proceed with a new roof over our sanctuary. While our deductible is approximately \$28,000, our roof is compromised and needs attention. While a significant amount of money, it will be money well spent in providing peace of mind for years to come. I or Chris Peters will keep you informed.

Finally - don't forget to come out to the WELCA Fall Craft Show and White Elephant on Saturday, November 4, from 9 am until 2 pm. If nothing else, just come out and browse and have a hot dog. The men will be grilling!

See you in church!

Pastor Ludder



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: hotdog 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



New gas grill purchased, by the WELCA ladies of Joy, for the Men's Group. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do.



“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



Sharing Center

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



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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 From the Men's Group

The year 2017 is coming to a close quickly. We are moving into November and it's that time of year we reflect back and give thanks to our Lord for all that was accomplished through Him at Joy this year. It has been one busy year and we at Joy have a bright future ahead of us with our new pastor in the near future, possibly many changes too.

We must remember:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13: nasb

Our schedule fluctuates every day and we all have a calendar to prove it. Years ago, life was a little slower and pretty much the same from day to day. One might call them the good old days: In today's world we should be glad we live in a time when we can experience new changes and things every day as longing for consistency of yester year. If you get off tract just look to Jesus. His love for us never changes. He is the same yesterday as he is today and forever

We at Joy have a great group of men that give many hours and time doing God's work for our church. Do they do it to receive a pat on the back as a good old boy? Of course not, the answer to that should be No. We do it for the love of God wholehearted with devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. 1 Chronicles 28:9

Serving God has no limits, you can serve God in many ways no calling is too big or small. Let your faith grow and remove anything that limits you, just follow God he will make the impossible, possible.

In writing this I was asked by members of our congregation to give special thanks to Ken Wolf for the fine job he does in mowing and keeping our grounds looking so good in the past two years or so. Thank you for God has blessed you with the gift and ability to serve and bring glory to his name.

In closing I personally would like to say thank you to everyone in the Property Group or Men's Group, we are one group united to serve our Lord. A great job in doing what God has called us to do, "His work." For there is no greater accomplishment then doing the Lord's work just ask him to guide you, lend you his wisdom, grace and strength. Then go for it, nothing can compare with the joy of accomplishing God's will for your life.

President of the Men's Group,

John Manaseri

JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

November 4..... Holiday Craft Show
November 10-13.... Lake Yale Fall Gathering
December 2..... Women's Christmas luncheon at the Mansion
January 18, 2018... Young at Heart at 12:00 noon
April 21, 2018..... Spring Gathering at Joy Lutheran Church

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).
WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on Tuesday, the 21st of November, 11:30 a.m., November *GATHER* magazine.
Bible Study: The Apostles' Creed (last month of a 3-part Bible Study) Session 3: "We believe in the Holy Spirit..."
The Holy Spirit breathes chaos into order, bringing the whole of creation into line with God's plan.

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:

At the WELCA Meeting held on October 7th it was decided to purchase a new gas grill for the Men's Group and it was also decided to purchase a Banner, to be hung outside, advertising our Holiday Craft Show.

WELCA has 6 representatives going to the Space Coast Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering being held on October 21st at Concordia Lutheran Church in Sebastian, Fl.

WELCA wishes to thank everyone for their donations to the Thank Offering. We collected \$592.00. &296.00 was sent to SWO and \$296.00 was sent to The Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund.

The Nominating Committee announced the following people who were nominated for the 2018 year

President: Marjorie Maenpaa **Secretary:** Connie Steinhorst **Treasurer:** Linda Kratzer

Thank you to Doris Bunker and Maryann Jones for serving on this committee.

The Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday November 4th from 9am-2pm. Help is needed for setup on Friday November 3rd at 9am. Help is also needed the day of the show. Donations of Baked Goods are also needed. They can be dropped off Friday morning or Saturday morning.

We had a great Young at Heart Luncheon on Thursday October 19th. Several people stayed afterwards for a game of Bingo. Everyone had a great time! The next Young at Heart will be held Thursday January 18, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Once again it is time to seriously start collecting soap. There is a basket in the Narthex for donations.

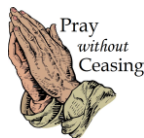
Marjorie Maenpaa



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
- Gunner Heim
- Josh Herndon
- Raymond Holms
- Jackie Mertens
- Sandra Kenyon
- Craig Lattig
- Lois Manaseri
- Pastor Bill Menter
- Jackie Mertens
- Nancy Pagelsdorf
- Mark Russell
- Elaine Simonelli
- Scott Tilton
- 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.



November Birthday Blessings

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| 11/01 | Ed Baltzersen |
| 11/02 | Nicholas Peters |
| 11/02 | Ray Shaffer |
| 11/08 | Dorothy Kirsch |
| 11/13 | Kris Franz |
| 11/14 | Caitlin Getter |
| 11/14 | Trent Thorman |
| 11/18 | Nick Wolf |
| 11/19 | Bonnie French |
| 11/19 | Carolyn Gillett |
| 11/22 | Connie Lampel |
| 11/26 | Joyce Ireland |
| 11/27 | Joy Christensen |
| 11/28 | Martha Carmichael |

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

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| General Fund | (See Sunday bulletin for current information.) | | |
| Needed each Month | \$11,965 | Needed YTD | \$107,685 |
| Received in September | \$10,203 | Received YTD | \$107,124 |
| Building Fund | | | |
| Budgeted each Month | \$2,720 | Budgeted YTD | \$24,480 |
| Received in September | \$2,515 | Received YTD | \$25,078 |

NOVEMBER 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|---|--|------------------------|---|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 10am Rachel Circle | | 8:30am Property Work Group | 9am-2pm Christmas Craft Sale |
| <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 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 | |
| 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 | | 8:30am Property Work Group | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | <i>Thanksgiving</i> 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 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service | | 8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread | 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYO Beverage |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey | | 10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study | 10am Rachel Circle | | | Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule. |