



Tidings of Joy



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

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December 2017

Staff

The Rev. C. Judd Ludder - Interim
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
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Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School

Children's Education Time
(During the Sermon)

Saturday December 30th

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

Sunday December 31st

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

A New Church Year Begins



On the 1st Sunday in Advent, December 3rd, our service liturgy will change to the St. James Christmas Mass. It is a liturgy set to the tune of Christmas carols. We will be using this liturgy through the season of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:00pm



Joy to the World

ADVENT NIGHT

December 3rd

A Potluck Supper, starting at 5:00pm. The church will provide the main course (honey-baked ham)! Those coming, provide a side-dish/salad or dessert. The meal will be followed by tree decorating and caroling.



Joy to the World!

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGEND



Because it stays green all through the year, the evergreen tree is symbolic of the eternal life offered to Christians through faith in Christ.

The treetop points up to heaven.

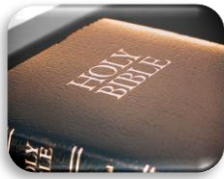
A star signifies the star which guided the Wise men to Bethlehem.

The lights represent Christ, the "Light of the World."

Gifts beneath the tree are representative of God's gift of his only begotten son, who brings Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy.



Lectionary "B" for December 2017



Gospel Readings

- December 3rd Mark 13:24-37
- December 10th Mark 1:1-8
- December 17th John 1:6-8,19-28
- December 24th Luke 1:26-38
- December 31st John 1:1-18

**December 2nd at 11:30am
at
The Mansion in Melbourne**



All women of Joy are invited to come and bring a friend! We can carpool from the church or meet there.



Order forms and envelopes will be provided in the bulletin or also in the narthex.
Cost is \$6 per plant.

NOTE: Please be sure to take your poinsettias home, following Christmas Eve service on December 24th.



**January 28, 2018
12:00 p.m.
(Following the Service)**

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee at Joy in the past two months interviewed 3 candidates to be the new pastor at Joy. At this point, they have identified a primary candidate. They have met with the Church Council to indicate who this is and why they feel this individual would be a good match for Joy. They have recommended the candidate for approval. The next step in the process is for the Church Council to interview the candidate and, if the Council votes to approve, they will recommend the candidate to the congregation for call. The Council will then arrange a time for the congregation to meet the candidate in an informal setting where they are able to hear the candidate speak and ask questions. Until this meeting, candidates names need to remain confidential so as not to jeopardize the candidate's current pastoral position. Following that, a special congregational meeting will be called at which the pastoral call must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote. Exciting times at Joy Lutheran Church to come!

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Greetings friends and members of JOY Lutheran Church from Pilgrim Journey.

It is the season of the year when we get to do the song written by my deceased wife, Juanita Kongsjord. I hope you all enjoy singing “While We Wait” again this year. It is an Advent song but, since Pilgrim Journey only plays on the last weekend of the month we will be using it in November and December.

Our guitar man is again performing as Santa at local venues. Say “Hi” to Dennis (Santa) and Bonnie (Mrs. Claus) when you see them.

4EvRChanged (Angela and Al Kongsjord) will be singing for the God’s Pantry Volunteer Christmas party on December 1 and some other observations of Christmas (and generic Holiday) yet to be determined.

All the best to you from the Pilgrim Journey Band.

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



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.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Dec. 3rd - No Sunday School
Dec. 24th - No Sunday School
Dec. 31st - No Sunday School

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.



*“JOY”, a church where everybody knows your name.
If they don’t, introduce yourself and wear a name tag.*

JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark the following date(s) on your calendar:

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).

Note: WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study Will Not meet during the month of December.

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:

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 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

2018 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Narthex on December 17th, 2017, for pick up

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Palm Bay, Florida 32909

Current Expense: _____
Mortgage Fund: _____
Other (Specify): _____
Total Enclosed: _____

Name: _____
*Each man must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9:7
Church-Budget, Salem, Ohio

Member giving statements will not be available until after the first of the year. Look for them around the 21st of January 2018

On Saturday November 4th WELCA held their annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Our craft vendors were:

- Rachel Circle with their beautifully knitted and crochet items.
- Dorcas Circle with their beautiful quilts.
- Jackie Baudeck and Lois Manaseri with beautiful unique gift items.
- Marjorie Maenpaa with her delicious dip mixes.
- Kathleen Hagen and Millie Spiers with beautifully knitted and sewn items.
- Mary Hime with jewelry.
- Erik Maenpaa with matted photos.
- Mary Sherman with beautifully embroidered clothing items.
- A returning crafter with calligraphy gift items.

In addition to the crafters, we received a great number of wonderful baked goods donated by our congregation members for the bake sale, as well as donations for the yard sale.

The Men's Group sold chips, snacks, soft drinks and grilled hot dogs for us. They also help setup the tents for the yard sale, arrange the tables and chairs for the crafters in the church. Without the help from the men, we could not have succeeded as well as we did at the event.

Despite the low number of participating crafters/vendors (six), the net profit from the event ended up at \$314.60. These proceeds will help us meet our obligations to SWO, the community and our church.



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.



Ushers and Greeters are needed to serve on Sundays. If you are able and willing, please sign up in the narthex. Or, talk to Barbara Herndon and she will see to it that you are scheduled.



We are also in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. If you would be willing to do this, please sign up in the narthex. You will be scheduled per availability.

“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.

Church Cleaning



Your help is needed. Can you offer some of your Time, as part of your Stewardship, to assist with the church cleaning??

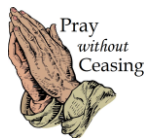
Please give Jackie Baudek a call at (321) 723-4503 or 321-795-7853; with the time and day you are available. Or, just show up on Friday mornings.



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



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
Linda Bechard
David Cruz
Janie Day
Todd Eagle
Gunner Heim
Josh Herndon
Raymond Holms
Jackie Mertens
Sandra Kenyon
Craig Lattig
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Mark Russell
Elaine Simonelli
Scott Tilton
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.

"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.



December Birthday Blessings

- 12/02 Hannah Herndon
- 12/06 Linda Kratzer
- 12/07 Jim Breeden
- 12/10 John Kirsch
- 12/14 Stuart Lengel
- 12/19 Bob Getter
- 12/20 Charles Cox
- 12/24 Kristina Deyette
- 12/25 Antoinette Gillett
- 12/26 Robyn MacKenzie
- 12/26 Rochelle Wolf
- 12/27 Brayden Beam
- 12/31 Susan Getter

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.
 General. \$12,868.06
 Mortgage \$2,199.00



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-November 2017 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,965	Needed YTD	\$131,615
Received in November	\$12,868	Received YTD	\$131,949
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,720	Budgeted YTD	\$29,920
Received in November	\$2,199	Received YTD	\$30,537

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					8:30am Property Work Group	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 5pm Advent Night Potluck & Tree Trim		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 6:00pm Worship & Music 7pm Council Mtg	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	
Christmas Eve 24	Christmas 25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30pm Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYO Beverage
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8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey						Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.