



Tidings of Joy



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

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January 2018

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 January 27th

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

Sunday January 28th

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

What a great time it is to be at Joy! We as a congregation have so many wonderful things soon to come. Among them – a new electronic sign, a new roof, a paid off mortgage and . . . a new pastor! In the time I have been at Joy, you have become a wonderful and strong church ready for new pastoral leadership. It has been an excellent and productive time together for me and Teresa. While we will miss Joy, we are excited for you in what lies ahead.

We had an excellent Christmas at Joy. Someone told me it was the best Christmas service they have ever been part of. It was nice to hear that compliment. It was a great service to experience. There were 165 here for the Christmas Eve service! Wow! Thanks to all who helped to make it a special Christmas season. And thanks to all who gave Teresa and me a Christmas card (some with a gift inside!). You were very kind.

The big thing I want to impress upon you in the month of January is for you to be PART of what's going on at Joy. It is most important that we have a strong showing for the Sunday service on January 7th. The new pastoral candidate and his wife will be with us for worship. It is an important time for us to be together as a congregation to welcome and meet our new potential pastor and his spouse. Our enthusiastic participation will speak loudly as to the kind of ministry environment our new pastor will experience and expect. Additionally, I encourage your participation on the next Sunday as well – January 14. On that Sunday you will vote on the call for the new pastor. A representative of the Florida Synod will be at Joy for the vote. I, however, will not be. I will be at my home congregation of Christ the King in Miami as we celebrate my mother's 100th birthday. Those don't come around too often so I think I should be there!

Finally, the Annual Congregational meeting will be January 28th following the service. I fully expect to have the Annual Report out to you AT LEAST ONE WEEK before the meeting. If upon reading the report you have questions, please speak to me or Chris Peters or a Council member.

Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Pastor Ludder



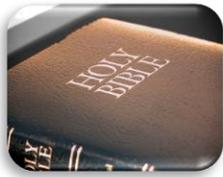
January 28, 2018
(Following the 10a.m.
Worship Service)

Pastor Candidate

The Primary Candidate, to serve as Joy's Pastor, will be introduced to the congregation after our worship service on **January 7th**. A special congregational meeting will be held after our worship service on **January 14th**, to vote on this call.

Please make it a priority to attend these two dates:
January 7th and **January 14th**.

Lectionary "B" for January 2018



Gospel Readings

- January 7th Mark 1: 4-11
- January 14th John 1:43-51
- January 21st Mark 1:14-20
- January 28th Mark 1:21-28

Part of the business at our Annual Meeting, on January 28, 2018, comes elections for Church Council.



The Nominating Committee consisting of Barbara Herndon, Norman Barmen, Bob Getter, Marjorie Maenapaa, Connie Lampel, and Doris Bunker, will be contacting Joy members to serve on the council starting in 2018. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. This is a very important way to serve the church.

Ethan Arner (right), our newest acolyte



Chad and Ethan Arner are wearing our newly purchased acolyte robes.

Thank you, Ethan, for joining Alexis and Chad, as our newest acolyte.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR CHRISTMAS
Athletic Shoes for Kids Outreach
with Turner Elementary



Your generosity has been overwhelming. With your donations nearing **\$2,000**, we are able to place a bulk order of kid's athletic shoes. The school will have this supply of shoes on hand (until they run out) to give to Turner kids when they are most needed throughout the school year. This will allow children to choose their own pair of shoes and make sure the fit is OK.

Many Thanks go out to those that helped install the Christmas “JOY” yard decoration



Epiphany and the Epiphany Season

Epiphany is on January 6. Epiphany means “to show” or “to make known” and is often called the Gentile Christmas because this is the celebration of when the Magi, who were Gentiles, came to worship Jesus. The Epiphany season continues until the day before Ash Wednesday. The color for most of the season of Epiphany is green. White is used on the Day of Epiphany, on the first Sunday after January 6 when we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, and on the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday when we celebrate the Festival of the Transfiguration.

– From *Lutheranism 101*, p. 229

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey

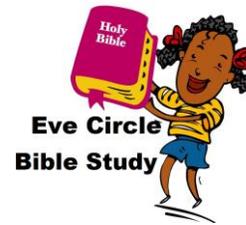


Happy new year to all our friends at Joy Lutheran Church and beyond from Pilgrim Journey Band.

We welcome song suggestions, and hope you will tell us when you hear a good worship song. Tell us the title and who may have recorded it.

We also want to let you know that, due to scheduling around Palm Sunday and Easter, PJB will NOT be playing at JOY in March. We WILL rehearse and come back in April/May with some new music.

Blessings and Peace,
Al Kongsjord



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
Tuesday, January 16th at 11:30 a.m.

New Study starting this month is from the January/February *GATHER* magazine.

Bible Study: Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations by Mark Allan Powell. Session one – Washing hands with distant hearts (Mark 7:1-12). Casting the Bible – a look at how we identify with the characters of the Bible.

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:

January 13, 2018... Annual Meeting

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.

Eve Circle - (Bible Study) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **11:30am** (after quilting).

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, as nominated for the 2018 year:

President: Marjorie Maenpaa, **VP:** Lois Manaseri, **Secretary:** Connie Steinhorst, **Treasurer:** Linda Kratzer. Candidates will be voted on at the January 13, 2018 meeting. At this meeting, the agenda for the year will also be set.

On December 2nd, 2017 WELCA Held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Mansion of Melbourne. Twenty-six ladies were in attendance, with Santa Claus making a surprise visit. There were door prizes and each lady received a Christmas goody bag. It was a great day, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Instead of Secret Santa Gift Exchange, we decided to fill a bag with personal care items for Genesis House. Once again, the ladies came through and we collected over 200 items for Genesis House. What a wonderful Christmas Gift to Genesis House.

On Sunday December 17, 2017 WELCA dedicated the coffee fellowship to Pastor Lynn for all her years of teaching Sunday School and Martha Bible Study Group. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the ladies for bringing all the wonderful Christmas Cookies and Candies. We had a great assortment of items for the congregation to enjoy.

Our soap collection for LWR is a little low, so when you are out Christmas shopping this Holiday Season, remember to add bath soap to your list thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the ladies of WELCA, Pastor Ludder and the JOY Congregation for helping me make this a very successful year. We crossed some hurdles and were able to succeed in meeting our goals for our charities, SWO, and even added a few new ones.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Bob Lindner for helping us to obtain funds from Thrivent. Because of his work, we were able to purchase additional quilting supplies and supplies for the pancake breakfast.

Our campaign for Across the Ocean/Across the Street was an immense success. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to fill all the school supplies as requested by the Turner School for ten kindergarten students and ten first grade students.

These were just a few of the great accomplishments this year. I am confident with the excellent slate of officers 2018 will be another wonderful year full of great accomplishments.

Serving as your president this past year, has been both a distinct pleasure and honor. I look forward to serving you as your president in 2018 and together, we will be able to accomplish so much in 2018.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I wish you and your families all the many blessings and Joy of this Christmas Season and Health and Happiness for the coming New Year.

Marjorie Maenpaa
President of Joy WELCA



Adventures in Learning Keeping Minds Active

"Adventures in Learning" is an adult learning program specifically designed to meet the needs of all adults. It is operated on weekdays between 9:00AM and 1:15PM, when classroom space would normally be vacant.

Experienced retired professionals and senior volunteers teach or facilitate the classes. Most have many additional skills that further prepare them for teaching seniors project organization, working with others, and problem solving. Classes are offered in a variety of topics including Health and Wellness, Religion and Philosophy, Handicrafts, History, Current Events, Computers, Literature, Music, Foreign Languages and Cultures, Etc.

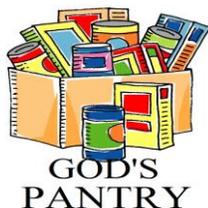
Shepherd's Center of South Brevard Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that uses classrooms in buildings of its sponsoring congregations. Additional congregations are invited to become sponsoring congregations. Financially, the Shepherd's Center is dependent on contributions from sponsoring congregations, private individuals and student's tuition. We are always looking for teachers and topics. If you could be of assistance or have suggestions, please contact us.

Our download page (<http://shepctrsobrev.org/>) includes more information about the Shepherd's Center, updates from the Shepherd's Center of America, and the Winter Session schedule with enrollment form.

The Winter Session (January through February 2018).

Enrichment Classes: Thursdays (Jan 4 – Feb 22) at Wesley Methodist Church, Meadowlane, W. Melbourne.

Computer Classes: Tuesdays (Jan 9 – Feb 27) at United Church of Christ, Rivera Drive, Palm Bay.



Over \$500 was received for our Thanksgiving outreach to support "God's Pantry". Thank you for your generous donations.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)



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.

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 & Greeters



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
- Bernadette Horengic
- John Kirsch
- 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.



January Birthday Blessings

- 01/07 Violet Chin
- 01/14 Sandra Kenyon
- 01/15 Winnie Hall
- 01/17 Joyce Powell
- 01/19 Ruth Holm
- 01/22 Chad Arner
- 01/22 Kelly Bockelman
- 01/30 Haylee Tolley

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-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

NOTE: Member giving statements will be available around the 21st of January 2018

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Meet Joy Pastor Candidate		10am Dorcas Circle 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg. 2:00pm Social Ministry	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	Joy WELCA Annual Meeting (See Sunday Bulletin for time)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Vote on Call of Joy Pastor		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study 6:00pm Worship & Music 7pm Council Mtg	10am Rachel Circle	12:00pm Young-at-Heart	8:30am Property Work Group	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYO Beverage
28	29	30	31			
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey Annual Meeting (Following 10am Service)		10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle			Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.