



# Tidings of Joy



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

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February 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

## 2018 Church Council

**Interim Pastor** - Rev. C. Judd Ludder

**President** - Erik Maenpaa

**Vice President** - Karen Runk

**Secretary** - Kelly Arner

**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer

### **Council Members at Large:**

Judy Garrison

Sandra Kenyon

John Manaseri

Wahneeta Ryckman

Ray Shaffer

Connie Thorman

## Pastor's Point

This will be my last message to you written in Tidings of Joy as my pastoral interim will come to an end at the end of February. I'd like to thank and recognize Dave Steinhorst for what he does to make Tidings of Joy possible. In fact, it only is possible because of him! Thanks, Dave, for your diligence in providing this valuable resource and information communication at Joy.

Since the last issue, Joy met and then called a new pastor - The Rev. John David Bryant who comes to Joy from Zion Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC. I believe Pastor Bryant's first call was in Lake City and so he is not unfamiliar with this area. That's a plus. I've heard from other pastors who know John that he is an excellent pastor and my initial impression concurs. I congratulate the Call Committee at Joy for doing an excellent job. However, when you listen to the "story" of the Call Committee regarding the process and Pastor Bryant's "story" of how he came to decide on Joy, it seems the Holy Spirit was indeed at work. That's how it should be and how it should work.

Initially, Pastor Bryant determined that his last Sunday in Hickory would be February 11 and his first Sunday at Joy would be February 18. He was going to have his last Sunday at Zion, move, close on a house and start at Joy one week later. While I applaud his eagerness - that's too much. So, on second thought, all concerned thought it best for Pastor Bryant to begin at Joy on Monday, February 26. His first Sunday will be March 4. That will leave me in place for the Ash Wednesday service and the first Mid-week Lenten program. I'm glad for both, but especially the latter. We are going to use Holden Evening Prayer again this year and it's a great liturgy. I will be glad to hear and sing it again.

Joy's Annual Congregational meeting was on January 28. I welcome Joy's new council members - Karen Runk, Wahneeta Ryckman, Ray Shaffer, and Connie Thorman. Please join me in expressing sincere appreciation to our outgoing council members - Melody Shaffer, Rene Harper, Chris Allebaugh and especially our outgoing President - Chris Peters. Joy has had a most productive year under Chris' leadership and many of those things will become a reality in 2018. I mention specifically our new electronic sign and a new roof - a major portion of which will be paid for by insurance.

It has been a wonderful three years for Teresa and I while we were together at Joy. I've had a great time leading this excellent group of people and I am grateful for the opportunity. We will miss the people at Joy, but will leave with joy in our hearts knowing your future is bright with a new pastor and the Lord's continued blessing.

Pastor Ludder



### Ash Wednesday Service

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Services at Joy**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a service of the Imposition of Ashes at Joy. This service will be at 7 pm. On the five following Wednesday evenings, we will have a simple soup and sandwich supper together from 6 until 6:30 pm. Following dinner, we will have a brief service of worship using Holden Evening Prayer.

### LENT

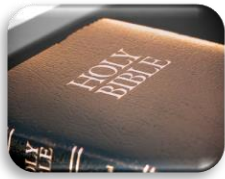
Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

“The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing” Zephaniah 3:17 (NRSV)

Lectionary "B" for February 2018



**Gospel Readings**

- February 4<sup>th</sup> .... Mark 1: 29-39
- February 11<sup>th</sup> .... Mark 9: 2-9
- February 18<sup>th</sup> .... Mark 1: 9-15
- February 25<sup>th</sup> .... Mark 8: 31-38



LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

- February 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Fellowship
- February 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Worship and Music
- March 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Men's Group
- March 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Church Council
- March 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Joy WELCA

Lenten Services will begin on February 14<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday. Starting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a Lenten Supper starting at 6:00 pm followed by the Lenten Service at 6:30 pm.

The above listed committees are asked to provide soup and sandwiches for the Wednesday designated for their committee.

Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Greetings to all Christ followers from your friends in Pilgrim Journey.

It was, as usual, a JOY to play for you on January 27 and 28.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out from us to Bruce Marion (owner of Marion Music here in Palm Bay). Bruce played guitar with us while Dennis French was away. As usual he did a superb job supporting and, at times, leading the song with his guitar. Bruce offers his music as an offering to God just like the rest of us. To God be the glory. Everyday!

If you would like to hear some more music from SOME of us, please mark your calendar for February 9 at 6:00 PM where Angela and Al will be performing with other dedicated musicians (who are also Christ followers) at the Beachside Festival presented by Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Community(HNOJ). Their church and grounds are located just south of Eau Gallie causeway on Highway A1A. There will be food, rides, games and, of course, MUSIC.

The band consists of members of several local churches as follows:

Tom Medwin, Church On The Beach; Don Bourlier, formerly a member of Pilgrim Journey and an active member at HNOJ; Trevor Garvey and Anthony Mobley a members and praise leaders at Eastminster Presbyterian; Angela and Alvin from JOY. PLEASE come out and be sure to say "Hi".

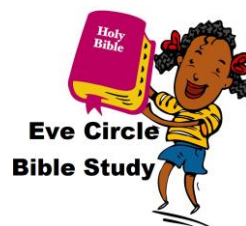
We also want to let you know that, due to scheduling around Palm Sunday and Easter, PJB will NOT be playing at JOY in March. We WILL rehearse and come back in April/May with some new music.

Blessings and Peace,  
The Pilgrim Journey Band

## How to Worship



Be silent.  
Be thoughtful.  
Be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord.  
Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.  
...Unknown



## Eve Circle Bible Study

WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study  
Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

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

### Bible Study:

Prepare the way of the Lord Session two –  
What does the word “meaningful” mean to  
you? Luke 3:3-17

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



## GOD'S PANTRY

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.

## JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

### FEBRUARY:

**Ruth Circle** – arts/crafts – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 10:00 a.m. FIRST MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018 at 10:00. Any women who enjoy arts and crafts please join us. What a great way to have some fun and great fellowship! Please join Jackie Baudek, Betty Lou Nielsen and Connie Thorman with your ideas for craft projects and helping hands.

**Dorcas Circle** – quilts – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Rachel Circle** – knitting/crocheting – every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Eve Circle** – Bible Study – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. February 20. **January/February GATHER magazine**

**Bible Study:** [Prepare the way of the Lord](#), Session two – What does the word “meaningful” mean to you? Luke 3:3-17

New Officers elected for 2018 are:

- ✝ Pres. – Marjorie Maenpaa
- ✝ Vice Pres. – Lois Manaseri
- ✝ Sec. – Connie Steinhorst
- ✝ Treasurer – Linda Kratzer

Events planned for 2018:

- Starting in January: Young at Heart – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (not July-September and December)
- March 3, May 5, August 4 and October 6: Pancake Breakfasts beginning at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be \$6.00.
- March 3, May 5, August 4 and October 6: WELCA meetings for the year will be held following Pancake Breakfasts.
- March 21: Lenten soup night hosted by WELCA
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Spacecoast Conference Spring Gathering to be hosted by JOY, 9:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Registration \$8.00, includes coffee, breakfast snack, and lunch.
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: Rachel’s Day
- May 13<sup>th</sup>: Mother’s Day fellowship
- June 17<sup>th</sup>: Father’s Day fellowship
- September 16<sup>th</sup>: Thankoffering Service
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Craft Sale/Bake Sale
- December 1: Christmas luncheon at the Mansion

The WELCA Love Offering Charity for 2018 will be Turner Elementary School. There are great needs at Turner and we hope to be able to provide monetary support, food for their Food Pantry, and clothing needs for their students.

Once again WELCA will be sponsoring the Across the Ocean/Across the Street school supply campaign beginning in June.

Norman Barmen will not be going on the Guatemala Mission this year, but Josh Bechard will be going. WELCA hopes to be able to continue to supply Health Kits for that mission.

WELCA would like to thank Pastor Ludder for all his valuable help and support during these past three years. He will be greatly missed by one and all. WELCA wishes Pastor Ludder and Teresa all the best and hope once in a while they will surprise us with a visit. God Bless.

## 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.

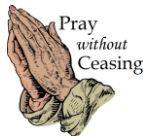
## STEPHEN MINISTRY



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



*<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. <sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup>Many 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  
Ruth Holms  
Bernadette Horengic  
Sandy Kenyon  
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.





## February Birthday Blessings

- 2/01 Kay Small
- 2/03 Brian Getter
- 2/05 George Christensen
- 2/07 Pr. John Green
- 2/16 Kenneth Wolf, Jr.
- 2/17 Don Heine
- 2/20 Roy Chin
- 2/21 Lee Bockelman
- 2/22 Emilio Cruz
- 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey
- 2/23 Maryann Valentine
- 2/23 Leah Bockelman
- 2/24 Luther Radway
- 2/26 Nancy Pagelsdorf
- 2/26 Joy Peters

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 2018 Stewardship

<b>General Fund</b>	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Received in January	\$10,536	Received YTD	\$10,536
<b>Building Fund</b>			
Received in January	\$2,702	Received YTD	\$2,702

## FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					8:30am Property Work Group	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	10am Ruth Circle (crafts)	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle		8:30am Property Work Group	
11	12	13	Ash Wednesday 14	15	16	17
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 12:00pm Social Ministry 1:00pm Fellowship Mtg.	10am Rachel Circle 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	12:00pm Young-at-Heart	8:30am Property Work Group	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service		8:30am Property Meeting 10am-2pm Daily Bread	5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey 6:30pm Pizza & BYO Beverage
25	26	27	28			
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Pilgrim Journey	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service			<b>Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</b>