



Tidings of Joy



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

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Staff

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
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 April 28th

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

*Sunday April 29th

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band
(Liturgical Modern Worship)

*Pilgrim Journey will not lead
Worship Service in March.

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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

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant
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

As the day for the installation of Pastor David Bryant draws near, we can look back with great pride and satisfaction at all that we have accomplished together under the leadership of Pastor Ludder. Now that most of the major issues facing the physical plant have been addressed, we will be able to switch our emphasis to expanding and strengthening the Spiritual aspect of the life of the congregation.

Pastor Bryant comes to us with an excellent background and education allowing him to be well equipped to tackle the issues of our spirituality. Jeremiah 3:15 “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

As a family of JOY, it is our responsibility to truly welcome and extend support to our new pastor and his wife as they embark on this new path with all of us at JOY. Together we can make this a successful endeavor as we work with Pastor Bryant and his wife Harriet.

Erik Maenpaa, Congregation President

Installation of Pastor Bryant
Joy Lutheran Church
Saturday March 10th at 4:00pm



Pastor's Point

Pastor Ludder began last month's "Pastor's Point" with these words, *"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."* Let me borrow some of those words to say, "This is my first message written to you in Tidings of Joy since my pastorate began at the end of February." I am incredibly grateful to so many people who have reached out to assist us in our move from NC to FL. The move has not been an easy one, but its challenges have revealed (again and again) that generosity is a core value of this congregation. We are humbled by the kind and generous offers extended by so many. To praise or thank one is to accidentally fail to praise or thank two, so let me simply say a heartfelt general, "THANKS," to all of you.

I had hoped to be with you the first Sunday in Lent, but as Pastor Ludder aptly noted, that eager ambition proved too much. This move has been fraught with the unexpected of every kind. Even now (2/19) we do not have our furniture, clothing, dishes, etc., hopefully we will have those by 6PM tonight. Moves can prove crazy. Transitions can prove a little crazy. The key to managing these is to see them as adventures rather than adversities, as opportunities rather than obstacles.

Both Harriet and I are grateful to be with you, grateful to get to know you, grateful to explore together what it means to be the presence of Christ doing mission from the corner of Eldron and Jupiter. And, it would seem that we've a grand start. With our new sign out front, it appears that we are positioning ourselves to make broad and faithful claims of God's grace to all passersby. I wish YOU the very best in Christ Jesus. Peace, JDB+

2018 Church Council



Front Row: **Secretary** - Kelly Arner, **President** - Erik Maenpaa, **Vice President** - Karen Runk, **Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer
Back Row: *Wahneeta Ryckman, *Connie Thorman, *Judy Garrison, *Ray Shaffer, *John Manaseri
Absent for Photo: **Treasurer** - Kim Tolley and *Sandra Kenyon

* Council Members at Large

Newly Elected Council Members



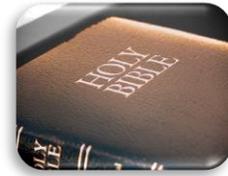
Connie Thorman, Ray Shaffer Wahneeta Ryckman, Karen Runk

Mid-Week Lenten Supper & Service at Joy

Services will be at ~6:30 pm on 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.



Lectionary "B" for March 2018



Gospel Readings

March 4th John 2:13-22
 March 11th John 3:14-21
 March 18th John 12:20-33
 March 25th Mark 14:1-15:47



LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

February 21st Fellowship
 February 28th Worship and Music
 March 7th Men's Group
 March 14th Church Council
 March 21st Joy WELCA

Lenten Services begin on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Starting on February 21st, 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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 11



Don't be late for church!

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."
 Bil Keane

Welcome our newest member



Stacy Bush



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study
Tuesday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m.

Study this month is from the March
GATHER magazine.

Bible Study:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Session three - The Good Samaritan -

Can empathy change how we encounter
Jesus' classic parable?

Bible text: Luke 10:30-37

Check out our new sign!!



Thank you Wahneeta Ryckman for your generosity, in loving memory of Ron.



Our new sign says it all. We wish you and Teresa God's blessings. Pastor Ludder received a new stole (with symbols of the 12 apostles) as a farewell gift, to wear as he continues to share the gospel.





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.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 3rd, 2018 at 8:00am



The cost is \$6.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **March 15th, 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.

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 February 24 and 25, especially those being Pastor Ludder’s last two services.

We want to remind 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

Joy Lutheran Church “Men’s Group/Property Group”

Joy Church is blessed with hard working men that enjoy doing the Lords work for the church, what a great team to be associated with. It proves that age doesn’t matter when doing the Lords work.

On Wednesday January 30th Erik, Bob, John, Dennis, Gary, John, Harold, Jack, and Norman all worked to drive a two-inch pipe under the drive way from one side to the other. It was about fifty feet across. It turned out to be quite an undertaking. But with Gods will and a lot of determination we did it. Then, the men had to go under the side walk with the pipe also. All this work had to be done so the electrician could run power to our new church sign. This part of the project took about six hours.

Friday February 2nd. We returned to dig the trench for the conduit pipe. This also was a back breaking job. There was about two hundred feet of trench to be dug. Once again, by the grace of God, we did it. That afternoon the pipe was put into the trench. This took about four hours to complete.

Saturday February 3rd. the men went back and filled the trench back in and completed the job. We were told that if the electrician had to do the job it would have cost about another three thousand dollars more to run power to our new sign. What a savings. We can all be proud of the work the men of Joy Lutheran Church did. God has blessed them all and I’m blessed to be part of the men’s group. In my heart and on behalf of the congregation, thank you for doing what God has called us to do “His Work”. For there is no greater accomplishment then doing the Lords work. All you have to do is 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...

In closing I would like to say;

March 4th our new Pastor, John Bryant will be starting. As we say farewell to Pastor Ludder, let us all pray for the new and bright future of Joy Church. Let this not be a sad time, but fill your hearts with lots of love and Joy as we embrace our new Pastor. Like Pastor Ludder has said many a times, “I have done all I can do, to turn Joy around and I’m leaving you in good shape and in a strong position.” God has guided him to lead our congregation for the past three years and has done an outstanding job.

Yes, we regret that he is moving on as we wish him God’s speed. Joy’s future is up to us and in God’s hands like it has been all along.

Now as a congregation we must **“Leave the Irresistible Past in God’s Hands and Step out into the Irresistible Future with Him...”**

Respectfully Submitted
President of the Men’s Group
John Manasari



JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Ruth Circle – arts/crafts – 1st Monday @ 10:00 a.m. 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.

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

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

Eve Circle – Bible Study – 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. March 20. **March GATHER magazine Bible Study:** Prepare the way of the Lord. Session three – The Good Samaritan - Can empathy change how we encounter Jesus' classic parable? Bible text: Luke 10:30-37

Mark Your Calendar:

- March 3. Pancake Breakfast with a Meeting following
- April 21. Space Coast Spring Gathering
- May 6. Rachel's Day
- May 13. Mother's Day coffee Fellowship
- June 17. Father's Day Coffee Fellowship and School Supply Campaign Begins
- Sept 16. Thankoffering Sunday
- Nov 3. Craft Show/Bake Sale/Yard Sale
- Dec 1. Christmas Luncheon at The Mansion.

WELCA's Outreach Charity is Turner Elementary School. On Friday, February 9th Lois Manaseri and I met with the school's Principal, Tanya Knowles to see how Joy can help. Their need is unbelievable!!

Their most critical need right now is food for their Food Pantry and for snacks. Their Food Pantry is used to send food home with families in need during long weekends and breaks like Spring and Christmas.

Pastor Ludder had me get in touch with a local food Pantry. They have been wonderful. We were given cases of grape juice, peanut butter, tuna, freeze dried apple slices, boxes of cereal, and many more items.

Ruth Circle had their first get together on February 5th. They made snowman refrigerator deodorizers out of infant socks and baking soda. The group hopes to make Easter Bunny deodorizers to sell at the Pancake Breakfast.

On February 13th WELCA delivered 90 quilts, 31 school kits, and 381 bars of soap to a church in Winter Park to be shipped to LWR.

Just as a reminder, the cost of the Pancake Breakfasts is now \$6.00. Hope to see you at our first breakfast of 2018 is March 3rd from 8:00-10:00.

Once again WELCA would like to thank Pastor Ludder for all his help and support over the years. He has been a great problem solver. I will miss that. He and Teresa will be greatly missed. We wish them well in their next adventure!!

God Bless!!

Submitted by
Marjorie Maenpaa
WELCA President



Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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January 31, 2018

Dear Members of Joy Lutheran Church,

A common refrain of faith and thanks giving one hears in many churches is, "God is good—all the time!" God's Pantry can certainly give witness to this goodness, a goodness that comes to us in the faithful volunteers who work hard every Wednesday (and often other days of the week as well) to help hungry families and individuals in our area. God has also provided us with faithful supporters in our community, such as Joy Lutheran Church, who enable us to do more than we could otherwise.

Risen Savior is thankful God has given us a food pantry ministry that is making a difference in the lives of many who otherwise would not have enough food, and we are thankful for generous partners and supporters, the kind of people at Joy who are glad to make a difference with us. It is a blessing to be taking this on with your help. God is good. ALL the time!

As we share God's generous provision and give thanks for your congregation, we want you to know your gift is greatly appreciated. We thank you for the contribution you made, and ask that you would continue to remember us in your prayers. Blessings to you in this new year, as we all find opportunities to serve our Lord!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Gary Held". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Gary Held

"Changing Lives by Proclaiming our Risen Savior"

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 Bryant. 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 Holm
Bernadette Horengic
John Kirsch
Craig Lattig
Pr. Bill Menter
Jackie Mertens
Nancy Pagelsdorf
Bob Runk
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.



March Birthday Blessings

- 3/02 Gene Sorensen
- 3/03 Curtis Church
- 3/05 Tamara Embrey
- 03/07 Janie Day
- 3/21 Lois Manaseri
- 3/22 Dan Abrahams
- 3/22 Jane Antonsen
- 3/22 Alex Tolley
- 3/26 Alexis Woods
- 3/27 Sharon Russell
- 3/29 Bonnie Getter
- 3/30 Anita Sherwood-Saul

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.

keep in touch!

Mary Ann Jones has moved.
Her new address is:

Mary Ann Jones
1080 Little Ct. N.E.
Palm Bay, FL 32907



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.

February 2018 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$12,227	Needed YTD	\$24,454
Received in February	\$13,616	Received YTD	\$24,153
Building Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$2,031	Budgeted YTD	\$4,062
Received in February	\$1,990	Received YTD	\$4,692

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Check Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.					8:30am Property Work Group	8:00am Pancake Breakfast (\$6.00) 10am WELCA Meeting
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	4:00pm Installation Service for Pastor Bryant
Daylight Savings Begins 11	12	13	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	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 Work Group 10am-2pm Daily Bread	
Palm Sunday 25	26	27	28	Maundy Thurs.29	Good Friday 30	31
8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle	10am Rachel Circle 6:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	8:30am Property Meeting 6:30pm Good Friday Service	