

weekly connections

February 2 – February 8, 2020

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Reaching our neighbors with Christ's love so all lives are changed.



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Be Liked or Be Like?

Sermon Series | January 5 - February 2, 2020

Join us for worship next Sunday, February 9th (ONE service at 9:45 am) for a new sermon series called "As It Is In Heaven". We'll explore the most common questions people have about heaven and what the Bible really says about the topic.



audiofetch

Having trouble hearing the sermons and music on

Sunday? Download the Audio Fetch app and you will be able to hear everything in your earbuds at a comfortable volume.

Directions are available at the Info Center or from an usher.

Have a baby or toddler? The nursery is available year-round for children under 3 years of age at each service.

Need a different type of worship space?

The Zone (located adjacent to the main space) is our alternative location for those who need or prefer it and is an extension of our Worship Space.

Don't forget to check in to Joy on:



facebook.com/groups/joylutheran/

A WAY TO GROW AND BELONG A WAY TO SERVE AT JOY!

Sunday School

Kids' Adventure Klub (KAK)

September to May—Classes meet during both Sunday morning services for children 3 yrs. old through 5th grade. Questions? Contact Cheryl at cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.

Youth Groups—September to May

Crossroads—For 6th, 7th & 8th graders on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm; **ATF**—For high school students on Sunday nights from 7 to 9 pm. Questions? Contact Colin at colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org.



Starting Point New Member

Class—Mondays 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Connections Café with a light supper served. Please RSVP for childcare by 2/2 (TODAY). All three classes are a requirement for membership at Joy!, BUT are available to any, who want a new start or to simply learn more & get connected. Please sign up on the Joy! website or at the Info Center. For more information, please contact Jenelle at jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org



GriefShare is a 13 week study and support group for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. You'll learn helpful, practical information to ease the pain of grief and loss while processing your loss with a group of caring people going through a similar experience. GriefShare will be offered Sundays, February 9 – May 10 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Visit www.griefshare.org for more details about the program. Cost is \$20 for a participant workbook. Sign up on the Joy! website. Contact Laura at laura.kline@joylutheran.org with any questions.

Counter Needed - We are looking for another person to join our Count Ministry. On a 6-week rotational basis, two people prepare the deposit for the weekly offerings. You will be trained and matched with a seasoned counter. Please contact Sue at sue.gearica@joylutheran.org if you are interested in being a part of this team.

A WAY TO HELP OUR

COMMUNITY

Monthly Opportunities to Donate

Place your donations in the labeled ministry baskets by the restrooms.

COOL: The item for February is breakfast items (cereal, pancake mix, etc). **Love INC:** The item for February is paper napkins (100-300 count).



PADS 2019-20 Season—1st & 3rd Mondays through April—

We have many needs for food and supply donations, as well as open spots to serve. Please stop by the PADS table in the Ministry Hall with any questions or to sign up for donated items or to volunteer. Contact Mike at mmorse7777777@yahoo.com if you have questions or wish to assist.



NOBODY SITS ALONE

Scholarship Fund

Would you be willing to help increase the balance on our Scholarship Account used to help people offset the cost of retreats and mission trips? Our scholarship fund currently has \$110. You can donate directly on Tithely or simply write a check and put Scholarship Fund on the memo.

A WAY TO EXPERIENCE JOY!

College Cares—Tuesday, February 4 from 6-7 pm (deadline TODAY) As a student, there is nothing better than knowing that your friends and family at home are thinking about you. Please participate in letting your student know how important they are to you—and to God! If you have any questions or need more info, please contact suehitchingham@att.net or laurieditmars@gmail.com. Sign up at the Info Center or the Joy! website.

 **You're invited to participate in our TWO SOUP & CHILI challenges!!** The challenge **HERE** at Joy where you can make your favorite soup or chili recipe to share on 2/9 after ONE service at 9:45 am and we will gather to eat and vote on the best of each. Or the challenge **THERE** in your neighborhood where you can make soup or chili and invite over friends to gather during the winter months and be faithful where you are planted. Sign ups are online or at the information center for BOTH of these separate challenges! **Questions?** Email Katie at nre1265@gmail.com or Cheryl at cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org

Canned Food Collection Day 2/9—We are collecting cans of food to benefit the COOL Food Pantry as part of our soup & chili challenge day! Bring your donation on Sunday, Feb 9th during worship. Questions? Please contact cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org



Join us for Joy's Supper Club!

Eating and making new or deeper friendship is what this is about! Whether you are single, married with kids or retired, we want you at the table! You will be put with other folks and eat dinner once a month in February, March, April & May. You may host one of the dinners, have people bring a dish to share or simply make a reservation at a restaurant for all to meet at. Don't miss this opportunity! Sign up available online to be a part of this Supper Club and is due by February 9th.

Joy! Jam – Musicians (vocalists & instrumentalists) age 13 and older are invited to join the Joy! Worship Band on Sunday, March 15th at 11:45am, for a pizza lunch and fun jam session. Sign up online or at the Info Center. If you can't attend this jam but are interested in future events, send your e-mail and we'll add you to our mailing list. Please contact Laura Kline at laura.kline@joylutheran.org for more information.

AtF Pizza Fundraiser—Pizzas for sale before and after worship in the Youth kitchen. Cheese, sausage and pepperoni pizzas are \$7 and specialty pizzas are \$9. All proceeds will help offset the price of this summer's mission trip!

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Council Nominations—There are three Council openings for the 20/21 fiscal year. Please prayerfully nominate someone, or yourself, for this important ministry of Joy! Nominations are due by February 9th and can be found on the Joy! website or at the information center. Please turn them into the church office or Holly Rossmann.

LGBTQIA+ Intentional Inclusivity Vision Team—We'd like to follow up on the survey results with "Listening Sessions" in February so that we can hear your further comments on the survey results and any other input, support or concerns you might have for our team. We plan to hold listening sessions on Saturday 2/22 10:00-11:30 am in Connections Café, Sunday 2/23 10:15-11:30 am the Conference Room and 11:45am-1:00pm in Room 4, and Tuesday 2/25 7:00-8:30pm in Connections Café. Please sign up online to help us know how many people plan to attend each session. For those unable to attend one of these sessions or preferring a different forum, please contact Mark (markfroeth@outlook.com) or Rose (rosevansand@comcast.net) Froeth to get a 1 on 1 meeting scheduled with a member of our team.



**Register now on the Joy! website
 March 6-8, 2020
 Faithful Journey Adult Retreat
 University of St. Mary of the Lake
 \$220 per person
 (scholarships available)**

Year to Date - 12/31/19 *	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead/(Behind) Budget	
Total Offerings **	\$ 393,292	\$ 408,412	\$ (15,120)	☹️
Total Expenses	\$ 397,823	\$ 405,419	\$ (7,596)	😊
Offering Less Expense =	\$ (4,531)	\$ 2,993	\$ (7,525)	☹️
Mortgage Balance	\$1,716,022			
Thrivent Choice Receipts	\$154			
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$153			

*Fiscal Year 7/1/19—6/30/20
 **Total Income includes all receipts of gifts, facility usage, program fees, etc.

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