

weekly connections

February 23 – February 29, 2020

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



Join us for worship next Sunday, March 1st for the first week of our new sermon series called "People of the Passion" where we'll explore the people that were with Jesus during his final days. This first week we explore Mary, Jesus's mother.



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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/

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? You can donate directly on Tithely or simply write a check and put Scholarship Fund on the memo.

Confirmation—this year's Confirmation Retreat will be in the held from Friday March 13th at 7:00 pm to noon on the 14th. The students will be confirmed on Sunday, March 15th at the 10:30 service with a cake reception to follow. Sign up on the Youth Ministry page of the Joy! website.

A WAY TO SERVE AT JOY

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 **TODAY** and can be found on the Joy! website or at the information center. Please turn them into the church office.

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.

A WAY TO GROW AND BELONG

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.

 **Sunday Talks...Eat, Learn, Repeat**—3/1-3/29 from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Connections Cafe! You are invited to come and dine with others at Joy! while being led through a 2 question conversation about the sermon focus through Lent. People of all ages welcomed! Nursery provided for kids 5 and under and kids 6-13 will have a movie time to attend. We ask everyone to please sign up in advance for planning. This is a free event! Sign up for 1,2,3,4 or all 5 weeks! Contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org if you have any questions and sign up at the Info Center or on the Joy! website.



NOBODY SITS ALONE

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 **TODAY** from 10:15-11:30 am in 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 (markfroseth@outlook.com) or Rose (rosevansand@comcast.net) Froseth to get a 1 on 1 meeting scheduled with a member of our team.

A WAY TO EXPERIENCE JOY!

Blood Pressure Screenings: TODAY at 10am (between worship services), our Joy! Medical Group will be conducting free blood pressure screenings in the Connections Café. Questions? Contact Laura at laura.kline@joylutheran.org.

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.

Retirement & Financial Planning Workshops—presented by Thrivent Financial

All workshops will be held in the Joy! Connections Café—include hors d'oeuvres & refreshments. Sign up on the Joy! website.

- 8000 Days of Retirement: Tuesday, March 10th; 6:30 - 8pm
- Building Your Retirement Foundation: Thursday, April 23rd; 6:30 - 8pm
- Give Now, Give Later, Give and Receive: Tuesday, May 12th; 6:30 -8pm



Ash Wednesday Supper & Activity—Sign up is required by **TODAY** and can be done at the Info Center or on the Joy! website sign-up page. Join us Wednesday, February 26th for a fried chicken supper and potluck side dishes and desserts followed by a Lenten activity. We will create a container to be used with a daily devotion/activity booklet *Treasure in Jars of Clay* during the holy season of Lent. The jar is a container into which you will place visible signs of your prayers, concerns, requests and offerings as a reminder of your daily Lenten walk with Jesus.



Laura Kline's Ordination Service: Come support Laura by joining Bishop Yehiel Curry, area ELCA pastors, and Laura's family and friends for a special Service of Ordination and Installation on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 4pm at United Lutheran Church, 409 Greenfield Street, Oak Park, IL. All are welcome to attend to support Laura's pastoral call and ministry.



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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		
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*Fiscal Year 7/1/19—6/30/20

**Total Income includes all receipts of gifts, facility usage, program fees, etc.

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