



JOY REIGNS
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

JANUARY 12 – JANUARY 19, 2018
THIS WEEK'S LESSON: JOHN 1:43-51

WE EXIST THAT ALL MAY KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND BECOME HIS FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS.

A Message from Pastor Sara

What was the last thing you were invited to? Maybe out for a cup of coffee? Maybe it was to watch the big game or for a concert or a special event? Maybe you were invited to a party to buy something or a party to celebrate something? It is wonderful to be invited, to feel valued and important, to be a part of something bigger than oneself.

That is no different for church. Inviting people to be a part of this amazing faith community is more than just about telling

them how great this place is but also telling them how great they are. They are valued and special, and you want them to be part of this thing bigger than any one of us alone.

Who do you want to value and invite, saying "come and see" this week?

God's Peace,

Pastor Sara

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY BETTER!

Have you ever thought that it's hard to get to know people just sitting in church with them? We have the answer for you! We have three wonderful ways for you to get better acquainted with the people you go to church with and also grow in your relationship with the Lord. See the Education and Small Groups sidebar to the right for details of all the opportunities.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Did you like worship today? If you are looking for a place that will help you be a fully devoted follower of Jesus and where everyone is welcome, then Joy Reigns is the right church home for you. Pastor Sara will be offering a New Member Information Session at her home in late January. Please contact Sonya in the church office at officejrc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the next group.

BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES WITH MUSLIM-JEWISH-CHRISTIAN INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS FEBRUARY 5TH

Join others from the Islamic Society of Annapolis, Temple Beth Shalom, and UCC Annapolis for IAF community organizing Relational Meetings on Monday, February 5th at the Makkah Learning Center in Gambrills, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Relational meetings are the building blocks for developing relationships needed to bring improvements to our congregations and communities by establishing and deepening public relationships. The main purpose of these meetings is not to learn more about each other's faith (although that might happen), but to work together and talk about community problems (examples: hunger, transportation, housing) that our faith communities want to help solve. Joy Reigns has been given a limited number of spots for this event. Register with Pastor Sara at sarayotter@gmail.com or with Sarah Adams at sadams@groom.com.

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PRAISE WORSHIP

Every Sunday @ 9:30 am

EDUCATION & SMALL GROUPS

Holy Yoga (for all ages)
Beginning Sunday, January 7th
Galatians (Chapel Conf. Room)
Sundays at 10:30 am

Bible Study with PSY
Thursday 10 am at Panera

Luke-Acts (Chapel Conf. Room)
Thursdays at 7 pm

THRIFT SHOP

Open Mondays and Saturdays
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

BABY PANTRY

1st Saturday of Every Month

LEAD PROGRESS

Joy Reigns is participating in the LEAD (Living Every Day as Disciples) Tune in Process calling people of faith into the neighborhood and world. It is a ten step process.

STEP 8: MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

Please talk to the LEAD team members or learn more about the process at waytolead.org.



EVER WANTED TO COME TO CHURCH IN SWEATPANTS?

Ever wanted to come to church in sweatpants? Now's your chance! Continue on Sunday, January 14th with people of all ages (age 3-103, really all ages) immediately following worship for Holy Yoga, a fun and gentle flow yoga practice connecting our mind, body and spirit though Christ, as we use our breath from Lord God, to move through posture.

Dress in comfy clothes and bring a mat or one can be provided. Sessions will be taught by Wendy Lloyd, regular worship attendee at Joy Reigns and newly certified yoga instructor. For questions, contact Wendy at wendylloydva@gmail.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER AT JOY THRIFT FOR MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities. Joy Thrift has openings for volunteers of all ages (18 and under must have adult) on Monday January 15th, and there are two ways you can help: **DONATE** and **VOLUNTEER**. Joy Thrift takes donations of women's, men's, and children's clothing as well as housewares Mondays and Saturdays from 9 am - 12 noon. Volunteering is important too. It takes 6-8 volunteers each shift to make the thrift shop run smoothly. There are several jobs that currently need filling: Greeter, Intake, Trailer, Cashier and Truck Team. For more information contact Michelle Poole, Joy Thrift Coordinator, at michellepoole@verizon.net.

END OF YEAR PAYPAL DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

Thanks to all who participated in the December 31st PayPal deficit drive. We raised \$10,985. Money will be credited to Joy Reigns in late January!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for upcoming youth ministry events at Joy Reigns! **ROADTRIP HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT** in Ocean City, MD will be from **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST**. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH** we will hold a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after worship to support those attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston.

DAILY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR SARA

Join others for a daily bible verse and conversation each day through social media. Sign up for "FAITH5 with PSY" on Facebook. For more info talk to Pastor Sara.

SCRIP AND AMAZONSMILE FOR ALL OF YOUR PURCHASES

If you are inclined to purchase gift cards or place an order on Amazon purchase, please remember that Joy Reigns can earn a portion of your gift card purchase through Scrip and/or can benefit from Amazon Smile.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these great events coming soon to Joy Reigns!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH through
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST
High School RoadTrip Synod
Retreat in Ocean City

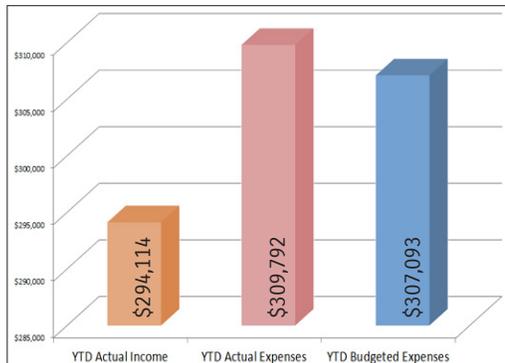
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH
Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
Interfaith IAF Training

Prayers

Prayers of healing for Claudia Garrett. Prayers for all those in the path of Natural Disasters including earthquakes and mudslides. Prayers for those dealing with health struggles and those who are lonely. Prayers for peace in the birthplace of Jesus between Palestine and Israel. Prayers for those who are ill in mind, body or spirit. Prayers of joy that love has come to us through the birth of Jesus.

JOY REIGNS BUDGET AS OF JAN 8, 2018



JOY REIGNS is an ELCA church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. For us, this faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. Liberated by our faith, we embrace everyone as a whole person—questions, complexities and all.



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IF YOU'D LIKE A PRAYER ADDED TO THIS LIST
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FAITH5

January 12th – January 19th

FRIDAY – Romans 12:12
SATURDAY – 1 Corinthians 13:12
SUNDAY – 2 Corinthians 3:5
MONDAY – Luke 1:50
TUESDAY – Luke 12:15
WEDNESDAY – John 1:12
THURSDAY – Ephesians 2:17
FRIDAY – Philippians 2:15-16

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