



OCTOBER 13, 2017 – OCTOBER 20, 2017
THIS WEEK'S LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

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

A Message from Pastor Sara

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter the circumstance.

God's Peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around do not seem peaceful.

Following an ancient tried and true pattern, we will let Paul guide us in worship to find

strength and courage together, for all that makes us anxious or overwhelmed.

God's Peace,
Pastor Sara

P.S. Who else needs to hear this Good News? Invite them to join you for worship personally and by sharing the Saturday Joy Reigns Facebook invite on your own page!

EDUCATION LISTENING SESSION FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON 10/15

Dee Thoren, Congregational Council Member, for Youth and Family invites all interested to a listening session about education/learning opportunities for all ages following worship on Sunday October 15th. Questions to be discussed are: What do you want to learn/want your children to learn about Jesus? What formats/styles are most successful for you/your children to learn about God? How can the congregation help you/your children catch the Holy Spirit in their daily lives? This feedback session will help the planning team to effectively create education opportunities that are meaningful, informative and life giving for all households of Joy Reigns. Any questions, please contact Dee at dee.thoren@gmail.com.

LIGHT HOUSE PUMPKIN PATCH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Each year Joy Reigns and other congregations help to support Light House volunteering at their pumpkin patch located at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Annapolis. We have been assigned Wednesday, October 25th from 12-6. If you can help out, for a 1-2 hour shift, please contact Sonya in the office at officejrc@gmail.com. To learn more about Light House, a homeless prevention support center, go to www.annapolislighthouse.org.



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REFORMATION FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...Part of Lucas Cranach the Elder's altarpiece of the Church of St. Mary in Wittenberg, the *Wittenberg Altarpiece*, *Predella* depicts Luther preaching in the pulpit, with the crucified Jesus in the center to represent the need for Christ to be the center of a sermon.

Throughout 2017 we will present various facts about the Protestant Reformation begun by Martin Luther in 1517 in celebration for the upcoming 500th Anniversary!

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PRAISE WORSHIP

Every Sunday @ 9:30 am

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Study with PSY

Thursday 10 am at Panera

Small Groups

Parables of Jesus (lead by the Talbotts) Thursday Chapel Conference Room at 7 pm

All Ages Education resumes in the Fall

THRIFT SHOP

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

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.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ON STEP 7:
REFLECTING ON THE
NEIGHBORHOOD LISTENING

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

MD CONGREGATION FEATURED IN ANNUAL ELCA PUBLICATION

At 109 years old, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore had deep roots in the community but was in danger of closing. The congregation's unstable situation was akin to many others in southeast Baltimore in 2009, the year Mark Parker, their current pastor, arrived. At the time there were approximately 25 to 30 commuter members.

Parker said it was their synod's director for evangelical mission that suggested rapidly transforming the congregation by focusing on the surrounding community. This changed St. Paul into what is now known as Breath of God Lutheran Church.



To read more go to page 13 of the digital copy of *Stories of Faith in Action* found here:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_SOFA_2017.pdf?](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_SOFA_2017.pdf?ga=2.255770056.1712517415.1507827569-1735709518.1359663523)

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

Again this year, hosts and hostesses are needed for Christmas by Candlelight on Friday, December 1st. This is a fellowship and outreach evening event providing the opportunity to pause and focus on Jesus during this busy season. Hosts/Hostesses are asked to invite 6-8 people, decorate the table, and provide dessert. If you are interested, talk with Kenneth Graham or Pastor Sara.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BUILDING RELATIONAL POWER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

"What is Power?" is an IAF leadership training being offered to congregations in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County who want to make a difference together. IAF is a non-partisan community organizing group that has made a huge difference in the communities where there are local chapters. A new chapter is organizing here and Joy Reigns is exploring what that means with dozens of other congregations. After attending a 400 person worship-filled, passionate event, we are continuing to explore more of what this means for us as a congregation. Organizations thrive when people commit to act. One of those commitments is learning how to be highly effective at building authentic relationships with people in our communities and congregations. The first training is on Thursday, November 2nd at St. Philip's Episcopal at 730 Bestgate Rd. from 7-8:30 pm. Contact Pastor Sara, Claudia Garrett, Jenny Corkill, or Lenore Liller to learn more and attend with us.

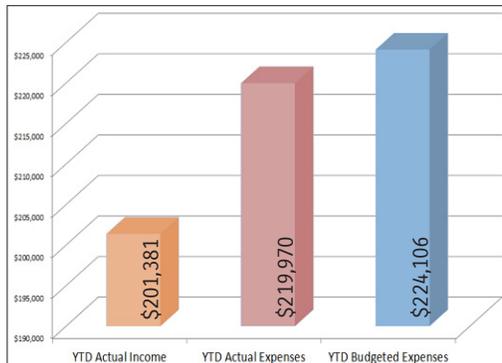
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP & DONATE TO JOY REIGNS AT THE SAME TIME ON AMAZON SMILE

We are happy to announce that Joy Reigns Lutheran Church is now an available charity on Amazon Smile! That means that you can do your regular shopping on Amazon.com, and a portion of the money you spend will be donated directly to the church. Need to know how to set up your account? Just visit smile.amazon.com, and it will walk you through the process!

Prayers

Healing prayers for Shirley Welch (mother of Tracey Welch) who is hospitalized. Prayers for Tina Boyd and Robert Fantom (Paula Emminizer's father) recovering from surgery. Healing prayers for Mike Cyrus (family member of Roxanne Lastoria). Prayers for those who are ill in mind, body or spirit. Prayers for peace in the Holy Land and throughout the world.

JOY REIGNS BUDGET AS OF OCT 10, 2017



FAITH⁵

October 13th – October 20th

FRIDAY – Luke 6:21
SATURDAY – Luke 3:10-11
SUNDAY – Luke 22:40
MONDAY – 1 Thessalonians 5:9
TUESDAY – Joel 2:32
WEDNESDAY – 2 Samuel 12:9
THURSDAY – Colossians 2:7
FRIDAY – Romans 12:10

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH5? VISIT WWW.FAITH5.ORG.

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 PLEASE
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