

JOY!FUL NOISE

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth... Psalm 98:4

100x10x52 Campaign

The purpose of the 100x10x52 campaign is to meet the challenge of funding our ministries for the 2011-12 fiscal year. In order to meet the budget that was approved by the congregation we need to raise about \$50,000 above the current giving levels. So the challenge is to receive the equivalents of 100 household commitments of \$10 a week for the next year and beyond.

Information and brochures are available through the church office or at the information center on Sunday morning. Members received a packet of information through the mail. If you didn't receive this information please contact the office.

Together we can meet this challenge. At the time of printing this newsletter we have 27 commitments toward the 100. Please pray about how you can respond to fund our ministries this year.



The Go! Project

Over the past several years I've been a part of a group of local pastors who connected through an organization that is now called "Christ Together." We are from different denominations and faith traditions but we all have much in common; faith in Christ, a passion for his church, a desire for lives to be transformed by the gospel, and a vision of the church that is bigger than our congregations or denominations. We have spent time getting to know each other and prayed together. These relationships have been life-giving to me and connected me to an important movement that is going on in our area.

Back in 2009 we realized that we were uniquely positioned in close proximity and because of our strong ties relationally we could dream of taking on one the highest callings of the church together...sharing the gospel with our city...every household. We knew that this was something none of us could do alone and that it was so ambitious that it could only be done by the will of God, but trusting God we have moved forward.

We call it the Go! Project as in Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples..." We have planned and strategized. The basic plan is to train and prepare people in our churches to share the gospel in an authentic and relational way. No soap box preaching. No guilt giving pamphlets. Just Christians reaching out and loving people enough to share the gospel. The training will be done in neighborhood groups throughout Gurnee which is the initial focus. Recently we commissioned those who will host the groups and provide leadership in the neighborhood groups. The first training event also took place.

It has really been an amazing process. The people who have come together to make it happen are amazing. And I look forward with my friends and colleagues to the amazing things that will happen through the Go! Project. You can see the Go! Project web site (www.thego-project.org) to see the whole story and strategy. Training videos that we've done are being posted there along with other training materials. The video that I am a part of is not yet posted but is next in the series. I have connected with some of you to let you know that you have an opportunity to be in these pilot groups that will be starting soon. Another round of groups will kick off in the new year.

Please pray for this project, for the collaboration of the churches in our area and for those who will be reached with the gospel of Christ.

Pastor Scott



October Council Update

The fall season brings cooler temps and beautiful colors. It is also a season of thanksgiving. We are thankful for the many blessings here at Joy! and always begin our meeting time together giving prayers of thanks for our congregation, the abundant resources that God provides, and the work that He is doing in our hearts and in our community.

As our church community grows, so does our staff. We are in the process of implementing a performance management process. This will assist our staff with formulating goals in line with our mission, encouraging them to grow in their positions, and also allow us to measure job performance. Our HR Team presented an initial training session on this topic to staff on October 2.

Pastor Scott provided us with an update on the Gurnee Go! Project and also represented Joy! in a commissioning ceremony held at Lakeland Community Church. We will share more details as this initiative moves forward, including how you can be a part of it.

Our Facilities Improvement project is underway. Council reviewed the initial bids received and discussed options for moving forward. We expect the need for a congregational meeting for final approval of the scope and cost of the project.

Council has chosen a study book for the year, [The Emotionally Healthy Church](#) by Peter Scazzero. Staff will also be reading and discussing the book.

For His Glory,
Church Council

Facilities Goal Team update October 2011

Finally! Our project has begun. As you may have noticed, we have a big pile of dirt in the back of the property near the parking lot. This is because we have started excavating for the new building. The catch pond has been expanded and is now connected to the original pond, we have the bed laid for the Halifax Street extension onto our property and up to the parking lot, and the outline of the round about for the new entrance can be seen just south of the parking lot.

We have completed the movement of our electrical service and the gas service from the southeast corner of the building to the southwest corner so that the building can begin. These services are in full operation now. These are the pipes and conduits you can see in the worship area on the west wall and routing up through the rafters.

The next big project is the installation of a water main extension along the north side of the building. This will be where you see the pink lines in the entry drive. This is required to install a fire hydrant east of the building; a requirement of the village fire protection.

The Architect has submitted the complete plans and drawings to the village for the building permit application and Joy! has addressed a list of questions the village had asked concerning our project. We are now just awaiting the final approval of our project by the village and their permit to begin building.

As you are aware, the bids we have received for our project came in a little above what we were planning. The council and the facilities team have been meeting with the Architect and the Contractor to determine how we can adjust the project to bring it within our budget. We will be getting back with you very shortly with a plan to achieve this.

What's Happening . . . By Jenelle Ancona, Relational Ministries Coordinator**IN** Small Groups ~

Small groups have revved up again with new focus for the fall season. Small groups are a welcoming place where people gather to study Gods Word, and journey with others through daily life. There is a **NEW WOMENS GROUP** being formed called *Made to Crave* to focus on a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make that happen. This group will be DVD led with small group time and a fellowship walk and held on Mondays at Joy! from 6-8pm. Our **MENS GROUP**, To Be Disciples, invites you to join them as they work through the Max Lucado study called *Fearless*. Learn how to face the many challenges in this world with faith vs. fear as a first response. TBD meets 2x/month on Thursdays from 7-830pm. Just starting- **FOR SINGLE PARENTS** – a bible study & support small group which will meet 2 Sundays a month from 630-830pm. There are also many small group opportunities for all- contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org or check out our website for more information.

IN Connections ministry ~

Our Starting Point class has begun with 10 folks participating. This class is held over 3 consecutive Monday evenings and covers the starting points of the Lutheran story, the story of Joy! and has folks looking into their own stories. This class is required for membership at Joy! More to follow about our new members in the next addition.

Also, please note Joy! continues to welcome visitors every Sunday and many returning over and over again. Please continue to keep a watchful eye and welcome hand out for our new friends.

IN First Impressions ~

On Sept 25 we recognized our many volunteers who are essential in helping create an environment on Sundays that allow people to simply worship & praise our awesome God and make connections to the community. We had 22 of those folks (a small portion) gather to enjoy a "thank you" luncheon provided by the Hospitality team that day after services and a good time was had by all. In the spirit of recognition I'd like to thank our 1st Impressions Sept volunteers.....Pat DeBreau, Becky Anderson, Sean & Shelly Colburn, Kim & Greg Forch, Sheri Brizzee, Deanna Horne, Ann Bowman, Rose & Mark Froseth, Kathy Bianchi, Cindy Johnson, Jim Kerwin, Brian Baugh, Steve Jensen, Steve Valenta, Jeremiah Nink, Carlos Landaeta, Pat O'Neill, Dan Dadabo, John Holm, Tom Wiseman, Roland & Jennifer Bellman, Mark Zentner, Alanda Klein, Sean Collet, Penny Stueber, Talea Bloom, Misha Ohrt, Carol Brandon, Dave Pilkington, Dave & Sheilja Lorenz, Helen Main, Jutta Zielinski, Tom & Kim Keefe, Bill Hughes, Holly Fadlovich, Thomas Van Zeyl, Kay Adler, Steve & Jenny Mayer, Chuck & Cheryl McCumber, Kay Wilt, Neal Johnson, Gloria & Gino Ricchio, Kevin & Donna Suchsland, Mary Reiling, Lisa Baker, Mark Rounds, Gail Meyer, Arlene Herrick, Issey Lugo, Alice Cantwell, RaeAnn Mitchell, Carol & Dan Schlevensky, Doug McDade, Bryan & Julie Peterson, Marty & Ann Gallagher, Chad & Angie Sheets, Bob Lenning, Sheri Sato, Mary Quisenberry, Jerry Vrabel, & the Knudtson family.

Joy! Lutheran Church					
Financial Results - AUGUST 2011					
	August 2011		YTD August 2011		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Last Year -2010
What God has provided:					
GENERAL FUND					
Total General Offering	40,933	40,000	74,649	80,000	73,447
Facilities Support Offering	1,120	2,900	3,035	6,000	7,566
Investment and Other Revenue	1,439	1,424	2,774	2,660	5,850
Total Income	43,492	44,324	80,458	88,660	86,862
How we used it to minister:					
UP Ministry	326	795	632	1,575	1,823
IN Ministry	677	975	1,022	1,200	708
OUT Ministry	5,668	5,386	10,181	10,590	12,889
Staffing Expense	30,424	30,343	56,446	63,517	53,202
Building Operations	3,089	3,575	6,236	7,450	6,719
Mortgage Expense	4,199	5,560	8,398	11,150	8,398
Administrative	6,188	1,400	15,375	7,940	6,469
Total Expenses	50,571	48,034	98,289	103,422	90,209
Net Change in our Reserve	(7,079)	(3,710)	(17,831)	(14,762)	(3,347)
BUILDING FUND					
	YTD August 2011				
Beginning Cash Balance	255,843				
Capital Campaign Offering	227,606				
Interest Income	4,742				
Capital Campaign Expense	(33,783)				
Construction Expense	(127,687)				
Ending Cash Balance	326,721				

Our fiscal year begins 7/1/11 and has come in strong despite the summer months and vacations. Simply Giving, the electronic way to provide offerings to Joy! Is a contributor to that strength. Although our offerings were a little over 6% below budget, our cash flow has been steady. Facility Support offerings remain below budget. This offering is intended for the mortgage principal and expense. Administrative Expenses are over budget due to the bulk purchase of office supplies and property insurance.

The So That Lives Are Changed capital campaign pledges received year-to-date are \$227,606. Again, many thanks to those who are contributing to this campaign. Capital Campaign expenses to date are \$161,470.00

Pray boldly to the God who provides all!
The Finance Team

PADS Season Begins

October greets us with cooler weather, football, and hearty food to keep us warm. For others, it's a time rife with anxiety as they must find a warm place to sleep and meal to keep them warm. PADS started October 1, with Joy!'s evening coming up on October 17.

A huge THANK YOU to the small groups who have already committed to cook dinner. We received a great response and we are so grateful! There are still ways to volunteer for each third Monday of the month, from now until April. Please see the clipboards located at the kiosk or contact us for details.

Please continue to pray for the PADS ministry. The power of prayer moved us through last year's season. Your prayers would again be appreciated. There are so many involved – the volunteers, the coordinators, and most importantly, the guests.

Donations Welcome: If you have any spare heavy coats, we would happily take them to distribute to our guests in need. Feel free to drop them off at church.

Throughout the entire PADS season, there will be a need monthly for breakfast and lunch food items. Please see the kiosk for the list of necessities. Prayerfully consider signing up for the same item for several months. For instance, sign up to contribute eggs for October, November, and December. This would help out immensely.

Coordinators Needed: Are you interested in getting further involved with this ministry? Could you see yourself coordinating Joy!'s efforts next year? We could use your help. Please contact us!

Again, THANK YOU for your support. We look forward to another season of working as the hands and feet of Jesus in this vital ministry.

Joy!fully Serving the Lord,

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Dale and Andy Arnold will be leading a team of twenty three people on a mission trip to El Salvador from October 15th to the 23rd. The team will include seven members from Joy! and three extended family members. People interested in following the team's daily events can subscribe to the team's blog at : <http://teamelsalvador.wordpress.com/>.

You can subscribe to the blog on the right side of the page under EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION. Once the team is in El Salvador and starts blogging their daily updates will automatically go to the email in box of subscribers. Subscribers will not have to keep checking for updates on the blog.

Did you know that Joy! has a church library with a collection of over 3,000 items?

WHERE IS IT HIDING?

It's currently located in our very own Power House!! We have a great collection of books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs for the whole family! Unfortunately because of our current construction project, dropping in for a visit has become rather challenging. Thus, we'll be bringing a collection of our newest materials directly to you...be looking for it on a cart in the lobby soon!!



Children & Family Ministry . . . From the desk of Cheryl O'Neill

Congratulations!

The mission of Family Ministry is to partner with the parents of children, birth through 5th grade, in their child's faith journey! One of the promises parents make at their child's baptism is that they will place a Bible into their child's hand. We had the honor and privilege to give 11 children their own Adventure Bible for young readers and truly partner with parents. These are incredible stepping stones for all members of God's family!



The children who received a Bible are: Elijah Baugh, Kyle Carpenter, Sage Coleman, Grant Fadlovich, Sam Flory, Tyler Glowinski, Chase Mittlestaedt, Trey Sato, Dylan Van-Zeyl, William LaCroix & Madeline Fullerton.

I had the opportunity to highlight 5 Bible Verses in each child's Bible, 3 in the Old Testament and 2 in the New Testament. My challenge to both children & parents was to find those verses and show me these scriptures next week and they could pick



out a little gift from my treasure box in my office. They are also encouraged to bring their Bible each week to Kids' Adventure Klub! I will keep you posted on how they did next month!

We also have an opportunity to support our families by offering a First Communion class which will be held Saturday, October 15th at 10 am (parent & child should both attend). This will be followed by First Communion Sunday, October 30th at both services. Again this is a special stepping stone in a child's faith journey that we can celebrate as a community. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the lobby or email me at cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org if interested.

“The Greatest Gift”

Christmas Family Worship Service

Sunday, December 11th at 9:00 & 10:30

Christmas is coming and so is our reminder of the greatest gift, Jesus. Practices for the Family Worship Service, December 11th at both services, will begin on Tuesday evening November 8th. Practices will run for 5 weeks from 6:15-7:15pm. This is for anyone who would like to participate from Kindergarteners through adults. During the practices we will go over lines for speaking parts along with the non-speaking acting parts and singing a few songs. Kids Adventure Klub children will start music the end of October learning some of the songs too. In addition, the choir will be participating in this Worship service for any adults who would like to join their practices from 7:30-9pm on Tuesday evenings.

If you have additional questions please contact Stacey Van Zeyl at 847-543-7259, yecats77@hotmail.com.

Kids' Adventure Klub

We are off to a great start! We have over 75 children registered and learning about the “B-I-B-L-E...That's the Book for Me”, Bible Teachings of the Shema & the Beatitudes and later this month we will learn Teach us to Pray the Lord's Prayer. Make sure you take time to check out our children and how God made them special in the hallway! We are so very blessed!

A very special thank you to Tom Strenger for helping us with supplies for our new preschool room. The change to having children visit centers during the rotation lesson has helped our young ones adjust very well!

Are you Hungry?

We feed you more than one way!

Join us for our next rotation workshop on November 13, following the 10:30 worship service for lunch. Kid's Adventure Klub feeds you the information, knowledge, and support that you need to be able to easily feed the word of God to you and to the children of Joy! Have any questions? Contact Cheryl O'Neill at 847.362.4569 or email cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org Sign-up sheets will be available to volunteer at the meeting. We need you and our kids need you!