

## Joy! Mission/Retreat Scholarship Fund

This fund has been established to meet the needs of various individuals, teenagers and adults, who may have a calling to attend mission trips or retreats, but do not have the financial ability to do so. To make a contribution, please make checks payable to Joy! Lutheran Church and write Joy! Mission Scholarship Fund in the memo. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Manager, sue.gearica@joylutheran.org.

## smile.amazon.com

Remember to log on to smile.amazon.com when purchasing items from Amazon. Pick Joy! Lutheran Church, Gurnee, IL as the charitable organization and we will receive a percentage of your purchase! Once you have chosen Joy!, it will become your default organization.

## Communication Plan

Please email laurie.papini@joylutheran.org 3-4 weeks prior to ministry events/needs so we can create an effective, impactful communication plan to help you succeed.

## Room Reservations

When planning meetings or gatherings at Joy!, please remember to reserve a room by emailing laurie.papini@joylutheran.org.

### Total Income\* thru 3/31/17

YTD Actual	\$538,382
YTD Budget	\$541,998
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	(\$3,616)


### Total Expense thru 3/31/17

YTD Actual	\$544,249
YTD Budget	\$555,820
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$11,565

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

Thrivent Choice Receipts	\$317
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$123

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Our Mission is to be a joy-filled, Christ-centered community that is passionate about reaching our neighbors with Christ's radical love so that all our lives are changed!



following God's vision

sermon series | april 23 through may 21

Join us next Sunday for week 4 of our "Focus" sermon series as we reflect on living lives full of purpose and meaning as God intended. It's easy to get caught up in a frantic pace of life filled with distractions and stress that take us away from the important things in life. Instead, let's explore together how to focus on finding the joy and peace that God desires for us.

### TODAY: First Communion Class For children and parents, 1st grade and older Sunday, May 7, 11:45am-1:15pm

**Join us in the conference room after the 10:30 service**  
Parents, if you believe your child is ready to receive their first communion, then join us for the required First Communion class, a time for parents and children to enjoy pizza and explore the wonders of Communion together. First Communion will be May 28th at the 10:30 service.

### Sign Up/Registration Opportunities (see inside for details):

- Leadership Gathering
- Beth Moore Bible Study
- Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast
- Vacation Bible School
- Aim Fore One Golf Event

## Rummage Sale—Save the Dates

The annual rummage sale to support the high school mission trip is coming soon!

### Drop Off Dates

Sunday June 4th, 2pm-6pm  
Monday June 5th, 10am-4pm  
Tuesday June 6th, 12pm-8pm

### Sale Dates

Wednesday June 7th, 10am-4pm  
Thursday June 8th, 10am-4pm  
Friday June 9th, 9am-12pm

## COOL Food Pantry

- **Pick Up or Purchase Plants**

Saturday, May 13th, 11am-2pm

Bethel Lutheran Church, 5110 Grand Ave., Gurnee.

There will be additional plants and flowers for sale that day, in case you weren't able to get your order in. Thank you all for supporting COOL! Questions?

Contact Becky Valenta at 847-752-8898 or bvalenta88@gmail.com

- **Monthly Food Drive—Food of the Month**

Please place your canned food donations COOL Food Ministry Basket

For May, canned fruit.

For June, canned vegetables.

## PADS Volunteer Recognition Dinner

**Monday, May 15, 6:00pm**

**Shepherd of the Lakes, Grayslake, IL**

Please save the date and share with anyone who has volunteered with the PADS ministry this year. Feel free to contact Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net or 224-944-9607.

## Monthly Leadership Gathering

**Topic: Leadership Triangle—Part 2**

**Monday, May 22, 7-8:30pm**

At Joy!, we believe leadership matters, so we invite all those who are interested in leadership development tools and concepts to join us monthly for individual, organizational and community transformation. We encourage you to sign up at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) or at the Info Center kiosk, but feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. Childcare is available. Please contact [alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com](mailto:alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com) with questions.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 12-16, 9am-Noon**

3 years old thru 5th grade

Participant registration via [joylutheran.org](http://joylutheran.org). Paper order forms can be found on the Info Center Kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Fuko at [nre1265@gmail.com](mailto:nre1265@gmail.com) or Kristi James at [kristi.james@ymail.com](mailto:kristi.james@ymail.com) or Robin Flory at [robinannept@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinannept@sbcglobal.net).

**IMPORTANT:** Any size clean tin cans are needed for crafts. Please place in box by VBS table starting 4/30.

## Aim Fore One

*Housing First Golf Charity for the Chronically Homeless*

**Monday June 19, dawn thru dusk**

**Foss Park in North Chicago**

In celebration of being a stage IV cancer survivor, Ed plans to golf 100 holes to raise money for the chronically homeless. Ed will be golfing from dawn to dusk. The event is called "Aim Fore One" since he is trying to raise \$10,800 annually which is the cost to house one homeless person for a year. Ed is doing this event in partnership with PADS and Housing First. To help Ed be successful, he needs people to help throughout the day – golfing partners, caddies, golf cart drivers, etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Ed at 847-691-1808 or [epminor1216@gmail.com](mailto:epminor1216@gmail.com).

## Two Beth Moore Opportunities!

Register for both opportunities at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org). If you have any questions, please contact Alice Kerwin at [alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com](mailto:alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com)

- **Bible Study Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories**

**Tuesdays, June 20 - September 5, 6:30-8:30pm at Joy!**

Themes come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God & the road to freedom. Join us in discovering the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Cost is \$16.

- **Living Proof Live Simulcast Saturday, September 16**

This inspiring one-day event will encourage you to dive deeper into the Word of God. \$30 event fee includes lunch.

## Willow Creek Leadership Summit

**August 10th-11th**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Libertyville, IL**

Join Joy! members and 305,000 other leaders from around the world at The Global Leadership Summit. The Summit is designed for Christians who are committed to leading a life of impact. Cost is \$99. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/LeadershipSummit2017>, priority code SPC17 by 06/27/17. If you have any questions, contact [mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org](mailto:mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org).

## Interfaith Coffee House Presents: Islam 101

**Sunday May 21, 3-5pm**

**St Paul's Lutheran Church, Waukegan, IL**

St Paul's Lutheran Church and the Islamic Foundation North (IFN) invite you to an afternoon of coffee and tea, snacks, and IFN presenting "Islam 101," followed by a time for questions & answers and fellowship. For further information contact St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 847-662-2535 or John Meech at 224-430-4859.