

## 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](mailto: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 [joanne.hoff@joylutheran.org](mailto:joanne.hoff@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 [joanne.hoff@joylutheran.org](mailto:joanne.hoff@joylutheran.org).

### Total Income\* thru 6/30/17

YTD Actual	\$743,865
YTD Budget	\$744,017
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	(\$152)


### Total Expense thru 6/30/17

YTD Actual	\$729,627
YTD Budget	\$743,817
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	(\$14,037)

Thrivent Choice Receipts	\$24.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$135.95

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

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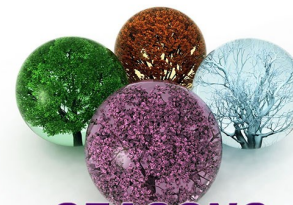
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# weekly connections

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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!



## SEASONS

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

Join us for worship next Sunday for the last week of our "Seasons" sermon series. There comes a time in our lives where we feel stuck in a rut and need to analyze our lives to find a new direction or fresh start. Let's explore together how God can help guide our steps to free us from being stuck.

## Joy!Serve

### Sunday, August 27

Many volunteers are needed to make Joy!'s annual day of service a success. There are a wide variety of projects to choose from for ALL ages! Please sign up at the Info Center Kiosk. If you have any questions, contact [jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org](mailto:jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org).

**NOTE:** There is only one service at 9:45 am on 8/27 (hot dog lunch to follow!)

## Children's Ministry

Volunteers need to teach at 9:00 PS-K class & 1st-5th Grade class beginning in September. For more information contact [cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org](mailto:cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org).

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

- Let's Eat Together Gatherings
- Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast
- Joy!Serve
- 4for4 Fellowship

## **Special Needs Ministry Discussion Panel**

**Sunday, August 20, Noon**

Joy! Is going to begin the conversation of starting a Special Needs Ministry and would love to have you be part of it. Join us for a discussion and light lunch to offer any experience and ideas to help make this successful. Contact Cheryl O'Neill at [Cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org](mailto:Cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org) or Holly Rossmann at [hollyrossmann11@gmail.com](mailto:hollyrossmann11@gmail.com) if interested in being part of this discussion or for any questions!

## **COOL Food Pantry**

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

Please place your canned food donations in the COOL Food Ministry Basket by the restroom entrances

For July, peanut butter

For August, pasta and rice

If you have questions, contact Becky Valenta at [bvalenta88@gmail.com](mailto:bvalenta88@gmail.com).

## **Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast**

**Saturday, September 16, 9:15 am – 4:15 pm**

This year's theme is *Captivated: The Wonder of Christ on The Winding Road*. Gather with women from around the world for this inspiring one-day simulcast event that will encourage you to dive deeper into the Word of God. \$30 event fee includes lunch.

Register 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).

## **2017 Contribution Statements as of 6/30/17**

are available by request. Please submit your request to [sue.gearica@joylutheran.org](mailto:sue.gearica@joylutheran.org) and it will be emailed to you. We hope this will save resources for this mid-year statement. Please let Sue Gearica know if you have any questions.

## **4for4 Fellowship for Fall!!**

**The Fall 2017 session, running from August-November, is now open.**

If you're interested in getting to know others in the Joy! community, 4for4 Fellowship is 4 you! The premise is simple: 4 individuals or couples share a meal together once a month for 4 months. Each household will host and the hosting home will name the cuisine or theme for the evening and prepare the main dish. Others in the group will bring appetizer, side dish, and dessert. Each group will collectively agree upon the dates for each of the 4 meals. For more information, please contact Amy Bothmann at [abothmann@att.net](mailto:abothmann@att.net) or 847-542-0462. Sign-up at the Info Center Kiosk or online at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org).

## **Let's Eat Together**

**When: Anytime now through Labor Day**

**Where: In YOUR neighborhood!**

Want to make a difference in the world? Start in your neighborhood with your neighbors. Get to know them a little more. Now through Labor Day the congregations of GO! Together churches are hosting BBQ's, picnics and parties in their neighborhoods. The goal is 100 events in Gurnee neighborhoods and the surrounding communities. Maybe a cookout. Or a dinner at your house. Or an impromptu gathering on your driveway Friday after work. We have only two requests

- 1) Make sure to invite some of the neighbors you could get to know better (or don't know at all)
- 2) Help us keep track of all your gatherings by registering it at [tinyurl.com/GOEatTogether](http://tinyurl.com/GOEatTogether)

*"So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." Matthew 22:9*