

Spiritual Growth Key

Our focus is on Spiritual Growth. We will incorporate symbols in communications to guide you in determining which activities fall under the six pillars of spiritual growth. Below is the key for your convenience:



Worship



Serving



Prayer



Bible Study



Generosity



Relationships

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.

General Offering Fund as of 12/20/15

MTD Actual - \$45,352

MTD Budget - \$45,693

AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$341)

YTD Actual - \$312,681

YTD Budget - \$323,193

AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$10,512)

STLAC*-2 thru 12/20/15

General Operating Budget

YTD Actual - \$22,500

YTD Budget - \$22,500

AHEAD/(BEHIND) - 0

*So that Lives Are Changed-Phase 2
(Capital Campaign)

Thrivent Choice Receipts for December \$124

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.

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

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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!

January Sermon Series

Join us for worship next Sunday for the last week of our "Money Matters" sermon series. We'll learn how to be specific with our money and plan ahead to budget our resources so that we can live a blessed life.



Registrations/sign-ups currently on the kiosk in the Connections Café:

Book of John Bible Study Baptism Class Chili/Soup Challenge Entry Form

Tables in or near Connections Café:

PADS—food donations and serving opportunities
Adult Retreat—Information & Registration

Attention adults seeking spiritual growth—Exodus Bible Study  begins today at 10:30a.m.

Simply Giving (electronic) Contributions

Just a reminder to log on and update your account, if necessary, for changes to your giving based on your 2016 pledge. If you have any questions or would like information about Simply Giving, please contact Financial Manager, at sue.gearica@joylutheran.org.

2016 "Be Different" Pledge update

135 pledges have been received for \$524,419 pledged to the General Fund

El Salvador Mission Trips in 2016

We would love to have you join us for one of two return trips in 2016: July 16-24 led by Mark and Rose Froseth & November 5-13 led by Mark Flory. If you are interested in being part of either team or have questions, please attend an informational meeting regarding both trips on **today** after the second service or contact Mark Froseth (markfroseth@outlook.com) or Mark Flory (mark.flory@sbcglobal.net).

Slovakia: Come and Hear an Amazing Story

Thursday, January 21 6:30 PM

We know exactly what you are thinking. "Slovakia? Where did this come from?! Isn't our global focus El Salvador?" Well, we believe God is positioning Joy! to be an overwhelming transformative presence in Lake County and beyond (including El Salvador). AND we believe we will benefit when we take a humble posture and learn from people who have and continue to transform their own community. Pastor Mark's friends in Martin, Slovakia are doing just that through what has become the Center for Christian Education (www.cce.sk). So I invite you to Come and hear an amazing story about a car dealership and porn print shop being transformed into Christian centers of learning. Bring a dish to pass so we can welcome our brothers and sister from across the globe with the hospitality Joy! is known for. Looking forward to seeing you and thank you for considering this opportunity. For more information contact mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org

Baptism Class

Join us for a conversation about the sacrament of Baptism on Sat., 1/23/16 at 9:30a.m. Sign up on the kiosk in the Connections Café. If you have any questions, please contact cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.

Soup & Chili Challenge

Sunday, January 24 following single worship service at 9:45am

One of the greatest joys of the early church were the times they spent together in fellowship over a meal. Moments together with our brothers and sisters in Christ matter. Come, make your moments matter while surrounded by community and enjoy: food for everyone, games for the whole family and a photo booth. So bring your appetite and a can of soup or chili for the C.O.O.L.



Food Pantry. And, **if you are up to the challenge, share your favorite recipe** by completing and returning the entry form located on the kiosk in the Connections Café or online via website by 1/17. Contact Katie at Fuko at

nre1265@gmail.com or Cheryl.oneill@joutheran.org if you have any questions.

Soup Chef

DivorceCare

New session starts Monday, 1/25 at 6:30—8:30pm at Joy! This class has supported and helped many who are going through a very difficult time. Register via Joy! website. For more info, please contact maryjorthorson@yahoo.com.

Book of John Bible Study

During the 9:00 service on Sundays in February Pastor Al will continue to study the book of John using prayer, study, discussion, art & film. Please sign up at the kiosk in the Connections Café or online via website if you are interested. If you have questions, please contact markfroseth@outlook.com.

College Cares

We will be packing care packages Feb 9. If you would like your actively enrolled Joy! college student to receive love from home, please complete and return the registration form along with \$15 shipping fee by 1/31. Remember to bring 50 items with you to share on packing night. If you have any questions, please email Pat DeBreau at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net.

Coming This February! Financial Peace University (FPU)

Details coming soon! Don't miss this life-changing class! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Classes meet for 1 1/2 hours weekly for 9 weeks. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Cheryl McCumber @ badgerfamily5@comcast.net.

Meals Ministry

We are in real need of 5-7 people who are willing and able to cook a simple meal (casseroles, soups, stews, crockpot favorite or purchase a rotisserie chicken or frozen pizzas to drop off). We get you the information (allergies, etc.) and you make & deliver based on your availability or bring to church and we will deliver it for you. These meals are a real blessing for people after surgery, having a baby, in the depths of grief, etc. If interested or have questions please contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org or taleab@smithe.com.

Gift of Hospitality?

Join our 1st Impressions Team as a Coach to be a key asset in weekly fellowship and worship. The coach is scheduled one Sunday a month with a partner and helps set up coffee area and communion. If interested, please contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.

Youth Serving Downtown

We are in need of adult hats, scarves, gloves, socks and hand warmers to pass out to the homeless when serving downtown. Please place donations in the cart as you enter worship. Any questions, contact Youth Director, colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org.

COOL Food Pantry

During 2015, pantries served appx 6000 people per month. Food of the month for February is breakfast items. Please leave your donations in the COOL shopping cart as you enter worship. Please contact Becky Valenta at beckilito@gmail.com with any questions.

Adult Spiritual Growth Retreat

March 4—March 6, 2016 Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI
Adults interested in "a focused opportunity for spiritual growth, strengthening relationships, and finding direction for deepening your Christian faith" should plan on attending our new adult retreat! This will be an opportunity to grow in your faith as well as spend time in fellowship with other Joy! members. Cost is \$195/person* which includes Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast and two nights at the resort, as well as retreat materials. For more information please contact Tom Keefe at tomkeefe1@comcast.net or Cynthia Geissberger at cjgeissberger@sbcglobal.net or pick up a flyer on the kiosk in the Connections Café. Register online or at the table in the Connections Café.

*Scholarships are available—do not let the cost keep you away!

**Mark your calendar: Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 10 at 7p.m.**