Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is administered by Pastor Mark Borgetti and used to help members and attenders of Joy! in need. This fund is always in need of donations. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you may give it to Pastor Mark, bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate labeled as Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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 jori.maguire@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 jori.maguire@joylutheran.org.

Total Income* thru 12/31/17 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	$438,248
YTD Budget	$375,738
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	$62,510

Total Expense thru 12/31/17

YTD Actual	$375,200
YTD Budget	$381,519
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	$6,319
Mortgage Balance	$1,952,779
Thrivent Choice Receipts for January	$75.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	$98.69

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

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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!

Join us for worship next Sunday, Feb. 4th for the last week of our sermon series called "Your Best Yes" as we focus on making wise choices to have a better life balance. This week will focus on our spiritual health & how God desires to be in a relationship with us.

Habitat for Humanity El Salvador Informational Meeting

Today immediately following the 10:30 service in the Conference Room

Faithful Journey—Registration Ends TODAY

Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm - Sunday, February 25th at Noon

Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin

Registration is available at the Joy! website and if you have any questions, please contact Kristin Herrmann at kdherrmann@att.net

4for4 Fellowship—Sign-up Ends TODAY

Registration for Spring 2018 (February-May) is now open.

If you're interested in getting to know others in the Joy! community, 4for4 Fellowship is 4 you! For more information, please contact Amy Bothmann at abothmann@att.net or 847-542-0462. Sign-up at the Info Center or online at www.joylutheran.org.

Sign-ups and Registrations

- *Faithful Journey—Ends Today!*
- *Griefshare*
- *College Cares*
- *ATF Pasta Fundraiser*
- *Soup & Chili Challenge*
- *30 Day Bible Experience*
- *4for4 Fellowship*
- *Ash Wednesday Supper & Activity*

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Light Supper and Family Activity for all ages before 7pm worship service:

- Supper - 5:30
- Activity - 6:15
- Families start in worship, movie for kids following children's message. **Sign up** at www.joylutheran.org or at the Info Center **by Sunday, 2/9.** Contact cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org if you have any questions.

PADS Volunteer and Donation Sign-up

1st and 3rd Monday pm through April 2018 at Shepherd of the Lakes

Please prayerfully consider volunteering this season - Sign-up for volunteering is available on the Joy! website. Please contact Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net to donate food and supplies and Amy Bothmann at abothmann@att.net to volunteer or with volunteering questions.

COOL Monthly Food Drive—Food of the Month

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

- The food item for January is peanut butter.
- The food item for February is breakfast items (cereal, granola bars, etc.)

As always all non-perishable food items are welcome. COOL also accepts toiletries, paper goods & laundry soap to help Veterans in need. Please contact Becky Valenta at bvalenta88@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Joy!ful Noise Choir

Do you like to sing? Joyful Noise Choir has regular rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm in the worship space. Come check it out! Questions contact Jen Marvin - jen.marvin@joylutheran.org or 262-358-3368

Join the Weekly Connections Team!

Would you like to support Sunday morning worship? Join us on Thursday mornings at 11:30 for about an hour! Sign up at the Information Center for every week or as many times a month as you'd like! Please contact Jori in the church office or at jori.maguire@joylutheran.org with any questions.

Ways to serve on Sundays…

If you have been looking for an easy on ramp into service at Joy! considering our First Impressions Ministry. You control when you sign up to serve by using our SignUp.com link at http://signup.com/go/EMSLLq. Training for roles are available. Any questions, please contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org

Save the Date—COOL 35th Anniversary Gala

April 7, 2018 Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center

More information will be coming soon!

The Bible 30 Day Experience

5 week bible study starting soon!

Thursday nights Feb 22-Mar 22 from 6:30 to 8 pm

Join us on Thursday nights from to work through the study called: ***The Bible 30 Day Experience.*** This five-week study is based on some of the epic stories of the Bible. It features video clips from The Bible, a powerful miniseries that aired on the History Channel. Cost is $5.00 and includes a workbook with thirty lessons and daily readings. Come experience a greater insight into God's love for you. Any questions contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.

GriefShare starting Monday February 5th at 6 pm

GriefShare is a group that meets weekly to support those who have lost a family member or friend. Group will be Mondays Feb 5-May 7 from 6-8pm. During GriefShare...

- You'll discover there are people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences.
- You'll learn helpful, practical information that will help you recover from the pain of grief and loss.
- You'll have the chance to talk about your experiences.
- You'll have a workbook for personal study and to write down things you've learned.
- You'll begin to gain closure in your loss.
- You'll discover hope for the future.

Online signups are open NOW at joylutheran.org. Questions? Contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org or Dean at dthorson.griefshare@gmail.com

Soup/Chili Challenge is On!

February 11 following our 9:45am worship

Don't miss this year's excitement: 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 COOL Food Pantry. If you are up to the challenge, share your favorite recipe by completing and returning the entry form located on the kiosk or www.joylutheran.org. Contact Katie Fuko at nre1265@gmail.com or Cheryl at cheryl.oneill@joutheran.org if you have any questions.

College Cares—Valentine's Day Edition!

Sign up now through February 4th

Sign-up at the Info Center or online at www.joylutheran.org and show your college student how Joy! is praying for them! Contact Pat at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

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COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES