

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 8/31/17 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	\$62,302
YTD Budget	\$59,793
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$2,509

Total Expense thru 8/31/17


YTD Actual	\$69,915
YTD Budget	\$73,018
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$3,103

Mortgage Balance \$1,982,154

Thrivent Choice Receipts for August \$528.00
smile.amazon.com receipts \$99.21

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

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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, Nov. 19 for the final week of our "How To Eat An Elephant" sermon series. Remember to bring your commitment cards to turn in that day as we celebrate the generosity in our Joy! community.

November 19th is Commitment Sunday.

COOL Thanksgiving Baskets

Donations due TODAY!

COOL is again accepting cash donations to purchase Holiday Gift Baskets that feed a family of 4 for \$20. Give cash or make out a check to COOL Food Pantry, or make the check out to Joy! Lutheran Church and note in the memo: for COOL Holiday Gift Basket and turn in at the Information Center

PLEASE NOTE—No Leadership Gathering on 12/4

The Leadership Gathering for December 4th in the Connections Café has been cancelled. Please invest in yourself and your family by attending either "The Holidays are Coming" Conflict Management Workshop on 11/18 or "Holding On To Hope" Suicide Education and Awareness Seminar on 12/3.

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

- *The Holidays Are Coming—Conflict Management Workshop*
- *Family Celebration Breakfast*
- *Holding On To Hope*
- *PADS Donations or Volunteers*
- *COOL Thanksgiving Baskets*
- *College Cares*

The Holidays are Coming (and so is your family)!

Conflict Management Workshop

Saturday, November 18th from 9—11:30 am

Childcare available nursery through 5th grade (RSVP by 11/15)

Join Pastor Mark and Lisa Pilkington as we address the stress that comes from family holiday gatherings. Come away with a better understanding of the cause of the tension and ways to deal with it. Registration is available on the Joy! website at www.joylutheran.org or at the Information Center.

How To Eat An Elephant

Commitment Sunday—November 19th

Please fill out the One Bite At A Time Pledge Card and bring it with you to services on Commitment Sunday, November 19th. Thank You!

COOL Monthly Food Drive—Food of the Month

Please place your canned food donations in the COOL Food Ministry Basket by the restroom entrances. COOL also accepts donations of toiletries, paper goods & laundry detergent. These items are given to local Veterans in need. The food item for November is canned tuna.

Joy! Giving Tree

Gifts due Sunday, 12/3

The Giving Tree is a Joy! Holiday tradition; you know that Christmas is coming when you see—The Tree! It is now up by the Information Center. Please stop by the tree and pick up a gift request for the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center of Gurnee. Sign up with your name, shop, and return your gift no later than Sunday, 12/3. Thank you for sharing the Joy! of Christmas with community members in need. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Reiling at 847-987-2371 or at mreiling@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Poinsettias—It's Time!

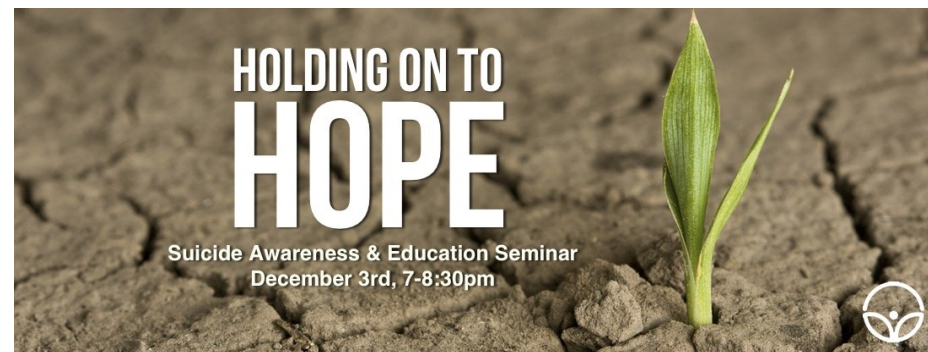
Order now through December 3rd

Take part in the beautifying of our worship space by ordering Christmas Poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available at the Information Center and are due with payment no later than December 3rd.

Family Celebration Worship and Breakfast

Sunday, December 10th at both services

Join Kids Adventure Klub and the Joyful Noise Choir for "T'was The Light Before Christmas" and our annual Family Celebration Breakfast. Help us make this day a success by donating food for our breakfast or help serve! Please contact Cheryl O'Neill at cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org for more information.



Holding On To Hope

December 3rd from 7-8:30 pm

For Adults and High School Age Students

Is suicide preventable? How can we listen and talk to our loved ones about such a scary topic? What do we do when there are no clues but people die by suicide anyway? What do we do after we lose a loved one to suicide? These are important questions that require a public health approach---educating every citizen---just like cancer, diabetes and any other medical problem. This seminar seeks to answer these and other questions about this tragedy that takes over 44,000 lives in the US annually compared to 17,000 by homicide. Register online at www.joylutheran.org and please contact Mark Borgetti at mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org for more information.

Faithful Journey—Registration begins January 2018

Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm—Sunday, February 25th at Noon
Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin

Are you an adult at Joy! who is interested in "A focused opportunity for spiritual growth, strengthening relationships, and finding direction for deepening your Christian faith"? If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity for our all-new adult retreat! Please contact Kristin Herrmann at kdherrmann@att.net with any questions or for more information.

PADS Volunteer and Donation Sign-up

1st and 3rd Monday evenings through April 2018

Please prayerfully consider volunteering this season—contact Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net with any questions.

Joy! Annual Women's Christmas Event

Buon Natale—A Taste of the Holidays!

Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30—8:30

Galati's 142 Cedar Lake Road in Lake Villa

Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! We will each be making a necklace to keep or give away as a gift as well as build relationships and fill our bellies with hearty apps and homemade desserts. Wine & soda included. Cost is \$35.00. Sign up at the Info Center. Limit 50 women. **Questions?** Contact janelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.